



Six Words on Jewish Life: Identity, Community, Connection

In 2006, Larry Smith tweeted a simple question: “Can you tell your life story in six words?” Now more than 1.5 million Six-Word Memoirs has sparked a short-form movement that have been shared on sixwordmemoirs.com, with countless more from classrooms, conferences, festivals, dinner table discussions, and anywhere people gather. Jewish organizations have been among the most enthusiastic groups to adopt the six-word form.

Threat of extinction breeds Jewish excellence.

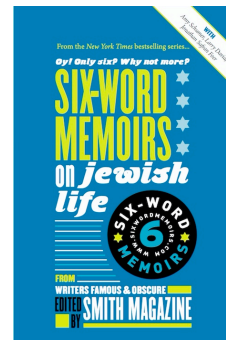
—Tovah Feldshuh

Israel means “to wrestle”—explains everything.

—Tiffany Shlain

I should have had the chicken.

—Larry David



“We are not a concise people.” So starts *Oy! Only Six? Why Not More? Six-Word Memoirs on Jewish Life*, a book from Larry Smith with the support of the nonprofit Jewish cultural organization, Reboot. As Larry has discovered in a decade running the Six- Word Memoir project, this short form of storytelling is an effective, fun, and meaningful way to distill the essence of faith.

In an interactive presentation created specifically for each group, Larry will take you a journey from the small-town pharmacy where his grandfather “Smitty” inspired his love of storytelling to his work creating a platform for expression that has captivated people across the world.

Presentations and workshops include:

- Keynotes at JCCs, Jewish philanthropies, and Federations
- Programming at synagogues, Hebrew schools, and elder centers
- Board meeting facilitation (team-building, mission-building, focus)

During his talk, Larry will share stories from the Jewish life book, including contributions from Jonathan Safran Foer, Amy Schumer, Larry David, Henry Winkler, and many first-time writers. Together, writers famous and unknown offer stories of food and family (“We spend meals discussing other meals”), duty and identity (“I did not stand idly by”), celebration and tsuris (“Bar Mitzvah video used as blackmail”).

Participants will also be invited to share their own six-word stories:

1. What’s my Six-Word Memoir?
2. In six words, what does Judaism mean to me?
3. A family story, lesson learned, or advice from a loved one in six words

As the “sixes” fly across the room, people will feel a deeper connection to their faith and learn new things about their peers. And it doesn’t end there: participants will leave their time with Larry with a new tool to apply to their identity, work, and family.

ABOUT LARRY SMITH

Called on “a quest to spark the creativity in everyone” by *Oprah Magazine*, Larry Smith is the founder of the Six-Word Memoir® project, a bestselling series of nine books, board game, live event program, and a global phenomenon found in classrooms, conferences, and corporate settings alike.

Larry speaks on the power of personal storytelling across the world. He has been invited to work with teams at Twitter, Levi’s, JPMorgan Chase, Snapchat, Dell, Shutterfly, ESPN and Google; nonprofits including the Zen Hospice Project and Dress For Success, as well as foundations, philanthropies, and schools. He’s a frequent speaker at conferences such as TEDx, PopTech, Summit Series (called “Davos for the Millennials”), the AARP 50+ Convention. He teaches the class, “What’s Your Story? How to Deliver an Authentic Elevator Pitch” in private sessions and on-site at companies. He lives in Berkeley, CA, with his wife, the writer Piper Kerman, and their son.

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