



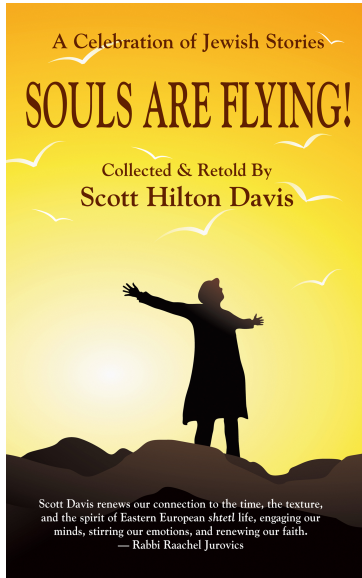
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Scott Hilton Davis is a life-long storyteller, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, author, and collector of Jewish short stories from 19th century Eastern Europe. Convinced of the historical, cultural, and ethical significance of stories by Sholem Aleichem, I. L. Peretz, Sholem Abramovitsh, and Jacob Dinezon, Scott began using storytelling to bring these beloved Jewish writers' works to new audiences. He is the author of a collection of eight original short stories called *Chanukah Tales from Oykvetchnik*, and *Between Heaven and Earth*, four one-act plays based on the stories of I. L. Peretz. He lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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