

## Discussion Questions for Bubbie's Magical Hair

- 1- As a parent or grandparent, what do you want your children or grandchildren to know about you?
- 2- How are the activities you share with your children or grandchildren connected to your life and others?
- 3- Placing yourself within your own traditions – cultural and religious—how does sharing the tales or activities connect these teachings.
- 4- Explore the themes of living and dying, in the context of the world in which the children and grandchildren live.
- 5- One of the themes of Bubbie's Magical Hair, is the cycle of life, not only with people but nature. What does this say about our environment? How does what we observe and do impact where we live and those living far away?
- 6- "Thoughts realign, now puffed with purpose." The illustrations infer education and the future expressed visually. This is an opportunity to discuss the concepts of responsibility, life learning, and our children's importance for the future. How do the roles reverse themselves, with Bubbie shedding tears? Discuss feelings of change.
- 7- I describe this book as a metaphor— aging and growing, as well to release legacies into the world. What other purpose does the idea of magic convey? "Ribbons, stars, and dandelions spread magic."
- 8- As I grew up, my hair preceded me into any room. What other features do we have but can't be changed? How can they be seen as wonderful and magical? Explore the idea of self-esteem.
- 9- I learned my religion with the activities my Bubbie and I shared. Baking strudel and dunking cookies was one of the ways we did this. But I also made gefilte fish and matzo balls as well as talked about my Bubbie's arrival from Russia, the reasons for coming and the difficulties she experienced. How can we modernize these activities to make sense in this world?
- 10- One of the themes in Bubbie's Magical Hair was to express the multicultural similarities we all share. "Bubbie has many names." The illustrations reveal more throughout the book with geographic locations that show differences in dress and lifestyle. How does this theme exemplify the core ideas of joy, comfort, and inspiration?