

# Talking Tales- September Meeting

## Peace Tales

### “Yossle The Holy Miser”

1. Tzedakah--what is it? Where does it come from? Do other religions have comparable concepts?
2. Jews have a long and storied history in Poland, far too long to cover here! But can you give us a quick glance at their history in Polish society?
3. Often you see the word "ghetto" associated with Jews, including this story, set in the ghettos of Krakow. What is the history of Jewish Ghettos?
4. What can we learn about peace from this story?

### “Old Joe and the Carpenter”

1. Many sources state that this story comes from the Appalachian Mountain area of America. The people living in Appalachia have developed their own dialect, culture, and music. Tell us just a bit about Appalachian culture!
2. Tell us some other famous Appalachian folktales!
3. This version comes from Margaret MacDonald's collection *Peace Tales*. Who is the editor Margaret MacDonald? What is some other favorite stories from that collection?
4. What can we learn about peace from this story?

### “Two Warriors” and the “Christmas Truce of 1914”

1. This story was written by storyteller Dan Keding. Can you tell us a bit about this teller?
2. What was the cultural impact of the 1914 Christmas Truce? What allowed this sort of odd occurrence to happen during one of the bloodiest conflicts in human history?
3. Are there any legends, myths, etc. surrounding the First World War?
4. What can we learn about peace from this story?