

Garden State- Tickle

This clip highlights some important issues that will resonate with teens.

The clip is taken from the movie “Garden State”

About the Movie

The film centers on Andrew Largeman (Braff), a 26-year-old actor/waiter who returns to his hometown in New Jersey after his mother dies after being estranged from his family for a decade.

Use this clip to discuss the following:

The Western wall- The only thing left of the Holy Temple-

Andrew compares Sam’s blanket Tickle to the Western wall?

- ❖ Why do you think he makes this comparison?

How Jewish are you?

Andrew doesn’t identify himself as “really Jewish” – how do you define how “Jewish” you are?

- ❖ If Andrew doesn’t really think he is Jewish- Why do you think he compared Tickle to the Western Wall?

Yom Kippur

Andrew explained to Sam that most of the Jews he knows are “Yom Kippur Jews”- they just come to shul once a year to repent.

- ❖ Why do you think so many Jews hold on to Yom Kippur more than any other festival? Why Yom Kippur which is a heavy day as opposed to something more fun and easy like Purim?