Small Medium at Large, by Joanne Levy, is a book about Lilah, a girl who can hear ghosts. It begins at her mom’s wedding with her new stepdad. As Lilah walks around, she is hit by lightning. When she wakes up in the hospital, she can hear her dead grandmother Dora’s voice. Her grandmother wants her to help get Lilah’s dad married, and she enlists Lilah to find him a wife.

After Lilah goes back to school, and is in music class, a dead bandmate of her music teacher comes by and tells her to tell the music teacher, Mr. Robertson, to start the band again.

Later, Lilah comes across Dolly Madison, who has been acting very mean towards her. Eventually, they make up when a very famous, but dead, fashionista takes control of Lilah’s body. With the fashion designer's help they make beautiful dresses for a fashion show that Dolly was hosting, where all proceeds went to help cancer research.

The main Jewish value in this book is talking about Bat Mitzvahs. Both Lilah, and her best friend, Alex, are having a Bat Mitzvah’s. While they don’t directly say it, they demonstrated another Jewish value when they gave Tzedakah, in the form of the money they raised from the fashion show. While I haven't given tzedakah in the form of money recently, I have given other things, such as food to a food bank. As well, most years when I celebrate Hanukkah, my sister and I give one night instead of getting. On that one night we don't receive a gift, but instead find a gift and send it to a kid in need.

The book has a pair of themes, one being that you should never give up. Lilah tries to find multiple people for his dad to go out with before she finds the right one. Another theme is that you should also follow your heart. Mr. Robertson said he had been thinking about getting the
band back together for a while, and when he does he is finally following his heart. Also, Lilah has a crush on a boy named Andrew. When the 7th grade dance comes around, she goes there with him and follows her heart.

The book has a few connections to my life. One, they are having Bat Mitzvahs, I just had my Bar Mitzvah. Also, the main characters are in 7th grade, which I am also in.

In general, I really liked this book. The plot kept getting more interesting, which made the book a fun read. However, I’m not sure younger readers will understand the book as much as older ones, so I highly recommend this book to an older audience.