

It isn't fair
That I have miss so much school so early in the year
That I constantly have to explain the basics of my faith
That I'm the only one who seems to care

It isn't easy
To be the only one not singing Christmas songs
To constantly be the person you turn to
whenever you need a Jewish perspective
To miss content then have to make it up
in my own time

And no,
I'm not ashamed
I love being Jewish
I love the culture
I love the people
I love the community

But it is hard
To feel like you're the only one
And a lot of the time
To be right

Still,
I push through
And I *want* you to ask me questions
I *want* to help you understand
And I *want* to give my religion a voice

I just wish I didn't *have* to
I wish it wasn't *just* me

But I'll keep answering questions
I'll keep reminding you of the basics

Because I hope that
Maybe someday
I won't have to

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