

Lilyville: Mother, Daughter and Other Roles I've Played by Tovah Feldshuh is a heartwarming and hilarious memoir. After reading this book, I became reacquainted with Tovah on screen by watching a 1977 episode of *Newhart*. Beautiful, talented, and tiny, she stole the spotlight from *Newhart* and *Pleshette*. Her career took off after starring as the original Yentl on Broadway. She was also the lead in *Holocaust*, the groundbreaking TV mini-series, and has 110 acting credits listed on IMDB. As an actor, she has always embraced her Jewish heritage and claims portraying Golda Meir as the greatest role of her career. Tovah, born Terri Sue, grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y. in the 1950s. Her father Sidney was a prominent NYC attorney and her mother Lily's job was to dress well, maintain a beautiful home, and keep Sidney happy. She also insured Terri Sue and her older brother David always looked presentable and that they adhered to her strict rules. Lily is the star of this story.

As well as her dedication to her acting career, Tovah spends much of her adult life seeking Lily's approval and trying to improve their relationship. Tovah marries a wonderful Jewish man who is also a Harvard educated lawyer and they have two children. Lily's prayers have been answered. When Sidney dies, Lily's, true personality is finally revealed. Tovah has successfully lived a life in the spotlight without forgetting that being a beloved wife, mother, and daughter are the most important roles of her life.