

## Bumps in the Night!!!!

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#### Dybbuk Box

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The term "dybbuk box" is a reference to an antique wine box that was owned by an antique shop owner named Kevin Mannis, whose shop is located in Portland Oregon. He used the name, dybbuk, upon hearing the story that this antique wine box had some type of negative spirit attached to it. The original owner of the wine box was a holocaust survivor, and as the story goes, she purposely put a dybbuk spirit into the antique wine box before coming to live in the United States.

In Jewish mythology, the dybbuk is a malicious spirit or demon that is the dislocated soul of a dead person. The dybbuk enters the body of a living person who then controls the behaviors of that host body. The only way to rid the body of this demon spirit is through the rites of exorcism. Some people are familiar with this story and term from Syfy channel's, *Paranormal Witness*, Episode 204, which originally aired on August 29, 2012. It is a rather fantastic story of how the presence of this box was quite disturbing to his business. Figuring out that the problems were stemming from the wine box, he tried selling it on eBay making potential buyers fully aware of the events around it. Eventually, he sold it to a curious gentleman wishing to experience these dark events .

The story goes on with the box continuing to bring trouble to all the people who come around it and the environments in which it is stored. Finally, the current owner, passes the box on to the director of a medical museum who also experiences difficulties. Jason Haxton, the director, consults with local rabbis who help to seal the box properly at which time the negative experiences stopped. It is currently stored at an undisclosed location.

Interestingly enough, there is an opposite type of possession called an *Ibbur*. An *ibbur* is when the soul of a righteous person temporarily possesses a person, always with permission, so this person can perform a mitzvah, a moral deed performed as a religious duty.

The dybbuk has also been a part of popular culture with it being part of three theatrical releases: *A Serious Man* (2009), *The Unborn* (2009), and *The Possession* (2012).

For me, the fun of this story is the connection to old world folklore and mythology. Despite whether this story is true or not, there is some comfort in knowing that the things many of us think about, and even believe in, are things that people have thought about and believed in for hundreds of years. Certainly, knowing that, it causes me to think that the truth is out there.

For more information, you may wish to visit these web sites:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dybbuk\\_box](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dybbuk_box)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dybbuk>

<http://www.syfy/paranormalwitness/episode204>