

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Hanukkah Cat*** by Chaya Burstein

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. This book is divided into eight sections. If you are reading it during Hanukkah, you may want to read one section per night.
2. How is the Hanukkah cat like Judah Maccabee?
3. Why did Lenny's mom and dad not want to keep the cat? Were they good reasons? How did they resolve the problem in the end?

Words to Watch

latke Judah Maccabee dreidel menorah

Jewish Concepts

1. Tsa'ar Baalei Hayim: taking care of all living creatures.
2. miracle
3. Holy Temple: the central place of worship in Israel

Beyond the Book

1. How do you show a pet that you love it?
2. How does a pet show love for its owner?
3. Can you remember a time I made up my mind about something and then changed it? What makes you change your mind?
4. Discuss different ways to get someone to change his/her mind.

Complementary Activities

1. Can you help make up another adventure for Lenny and the Hanukkah cat-maybe about Purim?
2. Choose your favorite chapter and act it out for the rest of your family.
3. Find a name for the Hanukkah cat.

✓ ***Please check those activities completed.***