

The Parent Connection



Guide for: *The House on the Roof* by David A. Adler

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Look at the cover picture. What does the child see in this picture that is unusual?
2. Notice the many preparations for building a sukkah.
3. Why did the judge allow the old man to leave the sukkah up for 10 more days? Why was it so important to the man?

Words to Watch

Sukkah: temporary both (tiny house) with branches for a roof; similar to ones used by Israelites wandering the desert after Exodus from Egypt.

Jewish Concepts

1. Sukkot: a festival lasting 7 or 8 days.
2. The Exodus from Egypt- slavery "You shall live in huts seven days, all citizens of Israel shall live in huts, in order that future generations may know that the Israelite people lived in huts when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the Lord your God." (Leviticus 23; 42, 43)

Beyond the Book

1. Long ago (and sometimes even today), people really lived in their sukkah for all of Sukkot. Some people think that one reason for living in a sukkah is to show they trust God to take care them. Have you ever felt that God is taking care of you?
2. Sometime we run into people who act mean, like the landlady. How did the old man deal with her? What do you think is the best way to deal with people who are being mean?
3. Discuss the differences between having company for holidays and visiting relatives.

Complementary Activities

1. If you never built a family sukkah, decide together with your child (and the rest of the family) where it might be possible to build one.
2. Build a sukkah for your family. You may choose to follow the same procedure as the old man.

3. Have a meal in a friend's sukkah; invite friends to yours.
4. Go to a Jewish books store or market and watch the people selecting Etrogim and Lulavim.
5. Ask a grandparent or other relative to share memories of Sukkot.

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