

The Parent Connection



Guide for: *Ima on the Bima* by Mindy Avra Portnoy

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Note the ways that Jews honor God.
2. Look for events of the Jewish year.
3. How many different "jobs" does the rabbi do?

Words to Watch

See the glossary at the back of the book.

Jewish Concepts

1. "Books, books, books" (p.5): Jews are the people of the book. Learning is one of the three pillars of Judaism (along with prayer and acts of loving kindness).
2. The Sabbath is a day of rest, study and prayer.

Beyond the Book

1. Discuss: Is a woman rabbi unusual?
2. Discuss: Are there special jobs for men and women?
3. Explore your child's feelings at times when your outside obligations conflict with their wishes.
4. How would you like it if one of your parents were a rabbi? What would be fun? What wouldn't be?

Complementary Activities

1. Go to services at a synagogue where there is a woman rabbi.
2. Bring your child to visit you at work.
3. Make a list of the jobs a rabbi does. How many of them do people in your family do?
4. Visit the sanctuary at Temple Emanuel. Stand on the Bima and see how it feels.

✓ *Please check those activities completed.*