

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Joshua's Dream*** by Sheila F. Segal

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Explain that the trip to Israel for the early immigrants was long and difficult (e.g., no airplanes).
2. Make sure children understand that Israel is not a wilderness today, but many people who believed in the land helped to create a thriving country.

Words to Watch

swamp

dune

Rivka, Hebrew for Rebecca

gear

Jewish Concepts

1. Eretz Yisrael
2. Aliyah: Going "up" means going to live in Israel.

Beyond the Book

1. Discuss: Aunt Rivka was somebody Joshua wanted to be like. Is there anyone you want to be like? Why?
2. Imagine you are starting a new town in the desert in Israel. What would you build first? Second...?

Complementary Activities

1. Look at pictures of modern-day Israel together. Look for and discuss the differences.
2. Look at pictures of relatives and share stories about them.
3. Plant a tree in Israel through the Jewish National Fund. Tu b'Shevat is the holiday when many people donate to plant trees in Israel.
4. Eat "Israeli" fruits, such as dates, figs, olives, oranges, etc.

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