

## The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Modi'in Motel: an Idol Tale for Chanukah*** by Deborah U. Miller

**Child's Name**

**Date Completed:**

### Understanding the Story

1. Why didn't the Jews bow down and worship the King's statue?
2. Discuss the everlasting light in Temples today and the miracle of the oil.

### Words to Watch

1. Antiochus: Greek King who led the Syrian army and who destroyed the Temple, but was defeated by the Maccabees.
2. Modi'in: Where Mattathias and his sons lived.
3. Judah Maccabee: The leader of the army, (literally Maccabee means hammer.)
4. Miracle of the oil

### Jewish Concepts

Jews worship one God not idols. The Maccabees fought for the right to worship according to their own beliefs.

### Beyond the Book

Give your child a chance to tell the story to a relative.

### Complementary Activities

1. Learn the song Rock of Ages (Maoz tzur). Song sheet included.
2. Learn what the Hebrew letters on the dreidel mean.  
Nes (Nun)  
Gadol (Gimmel)  
Hayah (Hay)  
Sham (Shin)  
*A great miracle happened there.*
3. Play dreidel and learn rules. If it lands on:  
Nun-You get none.  
Gimmel-You get all.  
Hay-You get half.  
Shin-You put one in.

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