

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Pearl Plants a Tree*** by Jane Breskin Zalben

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Why does Pearl's Grandpa think his apple tree is so special?
2. What did Pearl have to do to the apple seed before she could plant it outside?
3. Why did Pearl want to plant the tree even though she knew it would take many years to grow?

Words to Watch

Tu B'Shvat Torah

Jewish Concepts

1. It is a Jewish custom to plant a tree when a baby is born.
2. The Torah is often referred to as the "Tree of Life."
3. Tu B'Shvat is the New Year of the Trees.

Beyond the Book

How do trees make the world a better place?

Complementary Activities

1. Look and see what kind of trees are in your yard. How long do you think it took them to grow?
2. See if you can find a tree that's younger than you are. What do you think it will be like when your children look at it?
3. Plant a tree at home or in Israel.

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