

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Potato Pancakes All Around*** by Marilyn Hirsh

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. In the story, Samuel the peddler knocked on the door and was warmly welcomed. How can we observe the mitzvah of “welcoming strangers” in today’s world?
2. If the peddler hadn’t come, whose recipe would they have used?
3. Why wouldn’t the grandmothers “even look?”
4. What (whose) recipe did the peddler use? His own? Who told him what to put in?

Words to Watch

Peddler Tale

Jewish Concepts

1. Haknusat Orhim: Welcoming strangers
2. Hanukkah gelt: Custom of giving children coins on Hanukkah.
3. Frying food in oil (latkes in America, doughnuts in Israel) commemorates the miracle of the oil which burned for eight days according to the Hanukkah legend.

Beyond the Book

1. Stress the idea of the importance of each person’s contributions; that process is sometimes as important as the end result.
2. Ask your child to think of something he/she has helped to do or make.
3. Discuss the difference between participating in the process and having something done or made for you.

Complementary Activities

1. Make potato pancakes. Improvise!
2. Make a chart of your relatives and friends. Draw pictures of the special foods they make.

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