

The Parent Connection



Guide for: *The Secret Shofar of Barcelona* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Explain why the Jewish people were hiding their faith and pretending to be Catholic.
2. How did people react to the concert?
3. Did the Duke understand the meaning of the shofar?
4. When would Rafael blow the shofar again?

Words to Watch

1. Conversos: Jews who pretended to convert to Catholicism, while practicing Judaism in secret.
2. Conquistadors: Soldiers during the Spanish Inquisition.

Jewish Concepts

It is important to remember and keep your Jewish heritage and traditions, no matter what the circumstances.

Beyond the Book

1. Rafael liked to play with the instruments his father had in the house. What instruments are you interested in learning to play?
2. Discuss what the phrase, "to hide in plain sight" means.

Complementary Activities

1. Listen carefully next Rosh Hashanah to the shofar sounds to see if you can recognize the four different notes.
2. Discuss the different instruments in the symphony.
3. Look at a map to see where Spain is.

✓ *Please check those activities completed.*