

The Parent Connection



Guide for: *The Sign in Mendel's Window* by Mildred Phillips

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Why did Mendel decide to rent out a part of the store?
2. How did Tinker try to steal Mendel's money?
3. How did Mendel's wife prove her husband's innocence?

Words to Watch

zloty (money)

eloquent

prosperous

groszy (coins)

Jewish Concepts

1. Caring for each other
2. Honesty

Beyond the Book

1. What do you think Mendel meant when he said, "It hurts in my heart to know that I was fooled by fancy manners"? Has this ever happened to you?
2. Can you think of a time when something or someone was not what it/he/she seemed? How did you feel when you found out the truth?

Complementary Activities

1. Using small cardboard boxes make a model of the little town of Kosnov. What shops are mentioned in the story?
2. With help from a parent, cook some chicken soup. Look for the layer of fat on the top of the soup.

✓ *Please check those activities completed.*