

The Parent Connection



Guide for: **Zishe the Strongman** by Robert Rubinstein

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. Why is it so important that Zishe is strong and gentle?
2. Zishe is called "...a new Samson". Who was Samson?
3. Zishe says he stays strong by training hard, eating good foods, and praying to God. Do you think one is more important than another?
4. What were two of the names that people called Zishe?

Words to Watch

anvil astound feat Vaudeville

Jewish Concepts

Samson-heroic exploits recounted in Judges 13-16

Shmirat ha'Guf-taking care of the body

Bikur cholim-visiting the sick

Beyond the Book

Do you think Zishe was really strong when the elephant walked on his chest, or could he just tolerate pain really well?

Who are your heroes?

Zishe came to New York on an ocean liner. Would you like to travel across the ocean on a ship?

Complementary Activities

Work out together as a family.

Visit Animal Friends.

✓ **Please check those activities completed.**

