

When guests come calling at your front door, you're about to practice the time-honored value of *hachnasat orchim*, Welcoming Guests.

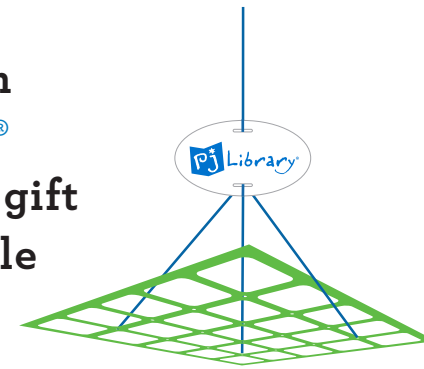
In the tradition of the biblical Abraham and Sarah, who opened their tent to desert visitors, we model *hachnasat orchim* for our children to teach them:

generosity of spirit;
an *appreciation* of family and friends;
an *openness* to meeting new people;
and a *sensitivity* to the needs of others.

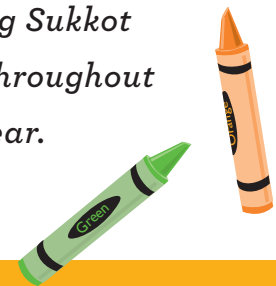
*And to top it off,
it's usually a lot of fun.*



This month
PJ Library®
provides a gift
– a hangable
**Welcome
Mobile.**



Whether it's hanging in your house or your sukkah (temporary hut for the holiday of Sukkot), the mobile can serve as an “interactive guestbook” as you and your children enjoy hosting guests – during Sukkot and throughout the year.



*“Let your house
be open wide.”
– Pirkei Avot 1:5
(collection of ethical teachings)*

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 HANG** the plastic frame where your guests will see it – in your house, on your porch, or in your sukkah. Tighten the knot before you hang.
- 2** When guests come over, ask them to **FILL OUT** a Guest Card. They can draw a picture, write a message – or both.
- 3** Use string to **DANGLE** the new Guest Card. Hang it from the plastic frame or from another card.



Need some conversation starters?

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Ask a first-time guest if they remember all the names of your family members (including pets).
Have your child help them.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Ask a guest (who is not a child):
“Who do you remember visiting when YOU were a child?”



Welcome, everyone! Post a picture of your mobile on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using **#PJLibrary**.
Visit pjlibrary.org/welcome to learn more about Welcoming Guests and Sukkot and to download additional Guest Cards.

*Who are you planning to invite next?
Enjoy your guests, and watch your mobile grow.*





*Knock
knock!*



*Who's
there?*