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Rebecca’s Journey Home
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This is one family’s story of adopting a Vietnamese child, and how they thought deeply about meshing the child’s heritage with their own.

DISCUSS

What’s in a name? Tell your children about the origin of their names.

Jewish Values
Significance of names – Names can convey meaning; family history; and emotional ties to people, places, or Biblical heroes.
Each person is unique – According to a Hassidic saying, within every person is something precious that can be found in no one else.

DO

Namegrams: Using the letter tiles from Scrabble or Bananagrams, spend a few moments constructing a family crossword puzzle that displays the names of your family members and a few unique characteristics about your family.

MORE

PJ Library books related to choosing names and unique family structures:
The Schmutzy Family
My Name is Aviva
An argument about the psychology of names: http://bit.ly/names-matter