Invite someone over for Shabbat dinner.

Create a welcome sign for your room.

Who is someone that has made you feel welcomed?

What does a welcoming space look like?

What is it like to be in a new place? What makes you excited? Nervous? What could support you?

Why is welcoming others important?

What actions create a friendly environment?

What are 3 things you can do to be welcoming outside your space?
Invite someone to sit with you at lunch.

Collage a welcoming face? What facial expressions does one have when they are welcoming?

Create a blessing to offer your guests.

How can you remain welcoming when you disagree with your guest?

Write a thank you note to someone who visited you thanking them for joining.

How can you be welcoming towards yourself?
Offer your guests a drink and snack when they arrive.

Hospitality/Hachnasat Orchim

Hachnasat Orchim means to be welcoming. The root hachnasah means to “bring in.” The mitzvah of welcoming guests instructs us to take an active role in welcoming in others and treating people with respect. It is not just about standing at the door, but actually going outside to bring people in and taking an active role in inviting people in. The challenge is to build a home by completing the task on each of the pieces. As you answer the discussion question as a family or complete the action item, cut out the piece and decorate it. After you complete all the challenges, you are ready to build your home. The number on the piece corresponds with the description below and you must utilize the tabs to connect the pieces to each other. Have fun!

1,2- Front and back of home
3,4- Sides of home
5,6- Roof
7- Mat to place on pathway
8-14- Windows
15- Pathway in front of door
16,17- Trees for either side of door
18- Door

Send an invitation to join your family for a holiday celebration.