



In the living room, Mrs. Klein told Reuven a story, and then she took the children to the park. She didn't come into the kitchen at all.*

At 5:00 in the afternoon, all the food was ready.* "Girls, you did a great job! It smells delicious* and the kitchen is so clean!" Mrs. Klein was very happy.

"Remember, Ima, that this is a secret. It's a surprise for everybody," Rikki said.

Sari smiled. She was surprised herself that she could cook.



*at all = בכלל

*ready = מוכן

*delicious = טעים

Chapter Nine

Everyone was sitting at the Seder table and reading the Haggadah. Esty asked good questions and read from her notebook. Only Sari sat quietly and looked sad. Finally,*Mr. Klein said, "*Shulchan Orech*. Please bring out dinner, girls."

Sari and Rikki served the meal together. Everyone said that it was delicious and that it looked beautiful. The girls smiled. There was fish and soup and chicken and *kugel* and salads.

"Now, I want to tell you a secret," Rikki said. They were all eating the delicious strawberry ice cream. "Sari cooked and baked everything that we ate tonight. She did it alone, without any help!"

Aunt Devora was very surprised. Abba said, "Tell us the truth, Rikki. You helped her, right?"

"No," Rikki answered, "I sat and watched, but Sari cooked and baked everything!"

"I can't believe it!" Aunt Devora said. "A ten-year-old girl who can cook a whole* meal for so many people!"

"I could never do that," Esty said. "I've never cooked or baked anything in my life!"

Rikki looked at Sari. She had a big smile on her face.

*finally = סוף-סוף

*meal = סעודה

*whole = שלם