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תרגום לאנגלית של ההצעות לפעילות בחיק המשפחה

## Tail for Yoav / Tova Schonberg

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Dear Parents,



By observing their surroundings, young children get to know themselves, and discern the similarities and differences between them and those around them. That is how Yoav notices that, unlike the animals he comes across, he has no tail. His mother helps him get his own tail in the simplest way.

### Self-Searching and Dressing up

The custom of dressing up on Purim beckons us to choose who we want to be like, and by so doing, to get to know ourselves better. Many young children enjoy playing dress-up games. When we join them, we increase their fun, foster their imagination and creativity, and promote their familiarization with themselves.

Enjoy reading this book and have a Happy Purim!

### Family Activities

- Yoav wants a tail "right here, right **NOW**". You may want to point out the larger font and ask your child why they thought this word was bigger than the others. Do you or your child ever want anything **RIGHT NOW**? Perhaps you would like to discuss desires, wishes and patience together.



- What does Yoav do with his tail? He wags it, tickles with it, waves it and so on. You may want to look through the book and find all the gestures Yoav makes. Perhaps you would like to invite your child to make the same gestures Yoav makes, or invent new ones together.
- Many children like to dress up, and not only on Purim! You may want to make a basket or a box filled with different pieces of fabric, scarves, and maybe even a tail! You could sew a tail as Yoav's mother did, attach a tail-like belt, or stuff a sock full of pieces of fabric and pin it onto your pants using a safety pin.
- You may want to join Yoav and look for your own tails. You couldn't find them? Perhaps instead you'll find your arms, knees, elbows...? There are many ways of getting to know our bodies: through pleasant touch, conversation, song, play and movement.
- Does your child, much like Yoav, like animals? Have they ever wondered what they need a tail for? You may want to look around you and in pictures for animals with various kinds of tails. You could tell your child about the uses animals have for their tails (impressing other animals or threatening them, shooing away flies, helping them keep their balance etc.). The story calls for observing and comparing humans to the animals around us. What similarities are there between them? And what differences?

