



## יום נפלא

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תרגום לאנגלית של ההצעות לפעילות בחיק המשפחה

Dear Parents,

A bird, dog, fox and squirrel start off their day "on the wrong foot": one loses its nut, the other gets its leash tangled, the fox cannot find its mother, and the bird loses a prized tail feather. We can all identify with the feeling that a day gone wrong stirs in us: when the children wake up late, and you rush out of the house, say a tearful goodbye, and it seems everyone is headed for a bad day.

The belief that things can change and improve is rooted in Jewish tradition. Rabbi Yisroel Salanter was quoted as saying "**as long as the candle is burning, you can still mend**", meaning, anyone can turn a situation around for the better.

The book *A Good Day* demonstrates how left can turn into right, and a day that began with a tear can end in a smile.



## Family Activities



You may want to read this story several times, pointing out the various animals, the feather, dog leash, and nut. As you read it a second and third time, your child will be able to point at the illustrations instead of you, and know the name of each item depicted.



You may want to pay attention to the details drawn by author and illustrator Kevin Henkes. Did you notice that the dog, squirrel, fox and bird are all part of the little girl's good day at the end of the book?



You may enjoy looking for the picture in which the bird looks for its lost feather. Can your child reveal the feather's hiding-place?



You may want to use puppets or stuffed animals and act the story out.



Perhaps you would enjoy looking at the final illustration and guess how the little girl's day had begun. Did she also get off to the wrong start?



At the end of the story, the little girl finds a feather. You could buy synthetic feathers and glue in an arts & crafts store with which to decorate your own colorful bird.



You may enjoy taking a yellow feather, much like the one the little girl found in the story, curling up with your child and tickling them with it.

**Have a good day!!!**

