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By: **Shlomit Cohen Asif**
Illustrations: **Inbal Leitner, Embroidery: Elina Zashkevich-Chipiga**
הוֹצָאָה: צלטנר
Age Group: **Preschool (3-5)**

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Proposed Family Activities:

- Unlike stories, a collection of poetry can be read in any order. Which poems were your favorite? And your child's? Feel free to read the book over and over again, asking your child to pick just one or two poems at a time, and returning to your favorites time after time. After a while, your child will know the poems, and join in on your reading, completing the rhyming lines.

- Each of the poems in the book can be acted out using items found in every home. You may want to select one of your favorite poems and act it out together. You could also put it to music, or a certain rhythm, using a musical instrument. You may also enjoy putting together a small dance to go with your favorite poem.

- You may like to ask your child to place their head on your lap and close their eyes. As you read, ask your child to imagine the poem, and try to think how they might have illustrated it. When your child opens their eyes again, show them Inbal

Leitner's illustration, and ask them whether they had imagined the poem as Inbal had. Perhaps you would then like to draw the illustration as you imagined it would be.

- If you look at the illustrations, you will notice the embroidery by Elina Zashkevich-Chipiga. Perhaps you could also take out colorful thread, and embroider your child's name onto their backpack, or decorate a pillow cover.

- Shlomit Cohen Asif's poems provides us with insight into a child's inner world, as well as a wonderful opportunity to hold an open discussion on feelings. In the poem Fear sat on the blue chair, even Fear is scared of being alone. You may want to share your fears with one another, and try to find ways to overcome them together.

- White sheet, what will you become? Let your imagination run wild with a white sheet of paper. You could write, paint, or doodle on it, roll it into a ball, make a tiara out of it, or perhaps a kite, or pirate ship, being creative and drawing inspiration from the poems in the book.

- Shlomit Cohen Asif has written over 70 books. Do you know any other work by her? You may want to look for more stories and poems by her at home, in your kindergarten library, or the public one, and enjoy reading them together.

Enjoy reading and discussing the book together!

Shlomit Cohen Asif was born in Iraq in 1949, and immigrated to Israel with her family at

the age of 18 months. She wrote dozens of children's books containing tales, stories, and poems. Among her well-loved works are *Mamushi the Rabbit*, *Three Nice Mice Birthdays*, and *When the Star fell into a Puddle*. Shlomit Cohen Asif is a well-loved and respected writer, and many of her poems have been put to music, translated into foreign languages, and adapted to stage productions. Over the years Cohen Asif has won many awards for her work, among them the Ze'ev Prize for Children's Literature, the Bialik Prize, and the ACUM Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Children's Literature.

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