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Illustrations: **Ora Ayal**
הוֹצָאָה: מודן
Age Group: **Preschool (3-5)**

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Suggested Family Activities

- Ora Ayal has illustrated many famous Israeli children's books. Her style is simple and easy to identify, and her books have put smiles on the faces of thousands of children around the country. You can set off on a journey through the story's charming illustrations, and follow Tali as she turns the "yellow-and-black something" into an imaginary lion.
- Take a look at the front and back covers of the book. What is portrayed on the front, what is on the back, and how are they connected?
- You can look for the illustration of Tali and the lion swinging from a branch. Notice the expressions on their faces. Now who is afraid?
- Can you discover the faces hiding in the colored illustrations? Who are they?
- What are Tali's daddy and the other people in the waiting room doing while Tali and the lion set off on their adventure?
- The imaginary lion transforms as Tali approaches him, takes control, and eventually befriends him. You can stand together in front of a mirror and imitate the lion's facial expressions on each page.
- Things we fear often seem large and forceful at first. As we overcome our fear they become lighter and we sense relief. After her visit to the dentist Tali was no longer afraid, and the lion returned to his bag and once again became a "yellow-

and-black something". You can look for a colorful shawl, piece of material or blanket that can be contained inside a handbag. Your children can remove the shawl or material from the bag, don it on their shoulders and pretend they are a lion.

- What did you fear when you were young? Sharing your life experiences with your children and telling them how you overcame your fears can help them expand their "tool box" for overcoming their own fears.
- "Something Yellow and Black" is the last book distributed this year through Sifriyat Pijama. The school year is coming to an end and soon your children will set off on new experiences – whether they move to a different kindergarten or start elementary school, or join the group of older children in the same setting. We hope that this story and the ensuing family discussion will help your children in their adjustment to the new circumstances. Wishing you a wonderful vacation from Sifriyat Pijama!

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