Continue activities following the story – The Clock



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Family Activities

- You may want to flip through the illustrations accompanying the story together, and look for the series of images in which Levin makes a wooden watch for himself. Following the illustration, perhaps you would like to make a "pretend" watch too. Which material would you choose for it? Would you prefer to make a pocket watch, as in the picture, or a wrist watch?
- The watch in the story ticks loudly and is kept in father's pocket. These days, people wear wrist watches that do not tick at all, and digital clocks on mobile phone screens are prevalent. How many types of clocks and watches does your child know? You can go through each room of the house looking for all the clocks and watches you can find. Perhaps you'd enjoy discussing the various types of clocks and watches with your child – analog, digital, cuckoo, and even the hourglass and sun dial.
- Little Levin longed for a watch or clock of his own and dreamed of owning one. You might talk about your child's strong desires, anticipation and waiting. You may want to share with your child an incident in which you had longed for something and received it at long last.
- You can make a family clock together. Cut a large circle out of cardboard, write

the numbers 1 to 12 to represent the hours, and use a split pin to fasten the clock hands to the center of it. Move the hands to denote daily activities such as when we leave for school in the morning, when we eat dinner, and what time we settle down to bed.

- Have you ever visited the famous clock exhibition at the Museum for Islamic Art in Jerusalem? If feasible you could visit it with your child and view the vast collection of clocks and watches from different periods of time that are on display there.
- Levin Kipnis wrote hundreds of well-beloved children's poems and stories that form part of Israeli culture. You may wish to look for them at home, in kindergarten, or at the library, and read them together. Some of his poems have been rendered into songs. Do you know the tune composed by Moshe Wilensky for Shaon Ben Hayil? You could sing it with your child.

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