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הוצאה: דני ספרים

Age Group: **Preschool (4-6)**



#### Family Activities

- Ben-Tzion made up the word “s’vimon” (dreidle) for a toy that spun around. Your children, too, can invent Hebrew names for their toys! Try to think together of Hebrew names for some of their toys and games at home such as Lego, Playmobile or dominoes – or any other toy or game that doesn’t yet have a Hebrew name. We would be happy to hear your ideas!
- Even adults continue to learn new words. If you read or heard a new word recently, you can share it with your children and ask them about new words that they have learned.
- The toys that Ben-Tzion played with were different from those that children play with today. This is an opportunity for you to tell your children about the toys with which you liked to play when you were a child. You can also describe the s’vimonim (plural) that you had when you were young, and compare them with those of
- Preparing a s’vimon: Just like Dvora, the mother of Ben-Tzion, you too can make a s’vimon at home. Take an old disk or cut out a circle from cardboard and paint it with pretty colors. Push a pencil through a hole in the center, and you have the “first” s’vimon that Ben-Tzion played

- The little s'vivon brought a lot of light and joy to the life of Ben-Tzion during times of difficulty and loneliness. The winter season is particularly suitable for family fun at home. You might want to organize a family gathering one evening and enjoy playing together with simple games and toys – just as during the time of Ben-Tzion Ben- Yehuda.

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