

Layla

חַנּוּלָה וְשַׁמְרַת הַשַּׁבָּת

Cast:

Chanele

Mother

Cat

Dog

Bird

Woodsman

Moon

Mother:

בוקר טוב, Chanele. Would you like to see your new שַׁמְרַת?

Chanele:

Yes!

(Mother holds out the Shabbat dress)

It's beautiful! Can I wear it?

Mother:

No, it has to stay clean. We are having guests tonight for Shabbat dinner.

Chanele:

Please?

Mother:

O.k. But be very careful!

(Chanele puts on the dress, and then goes out to play. As she is walking, the cat comes up to her)

Cat:

Shalom, Chanele. Your שַׁמְרַת is beautiful! Can I paw at it?

Chanele:

Please don't. It has to stay clean for Shabbat.

Cat:

O.k.

(Cat walks off stage, and Chanele keeps walking. The dog walks on stage.)

Dog:

Shalom, Chanele. I love your שמלה! Can I lick it?

Chanele:

Please don't. It has to stay clean for Shabbat.

Dog:

O.k.

(Cat walks off stage, and Chanele keeps walking. The bird walks on stage.)

Bird:

Shalom Chanele. Your שמלה is so pretty! Can I peck at it?

Chanele:

Please don't. It has to stay clean for Shabbat.

Bird:

O.k.

(Bird walks off stage, and Chanele keeps walking. The woodsman walks on stage, carrying a very heavy pile of wood. He sees Chanele and puts down the wood.)

Woodsman:

Shalom, Chanele. What a beautiful new שמלה you have.

Chanele:

Thank you! Can I help you carry your wood?

Woodsman:

No, I don't want your שמלה to get dirty.

Chanele:

Please? I want to help.

Woodsman:

Alright. But be very careful with your שְׂמֵלָה.

(Chanele and the woodsman carry the wood together. They get to the Woodsman's home, and put down the wood.)

Woodsman:

Thank you, Chanele.

(Woodsman walks off stage. Chanele looks at her dress)

Chanele:

Oh no! My new שְׂמֵלָה is dirty! My mother will be so mad!

(Chanele cries)

Moon:

Chanele, why are you crying?

Chanele:

My new שְׂמֵלָה is dirty! My mother will be mad at me.

Moon:

Don't cry. Your שְׂמֵלָה got dirty because you were doing a mitzvah by helping someone else. Go home. Everything will be ok.

(Chanele walks home. She arrives, and walks into her house. All the dirt from her dress has disappeared. All the Shabbat guests are already there.)

Mother:

Chanele, you look so beautiful! Your שְׂמֵלָה looks even cleaner than before! Come sit down. It's time to welcome Shabbat.

(Chanele, mother, and all the guests sing a Shabbat song together.)