



THE ANIMALS ARK

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You've heard the story of Noah's Ark before -- but have you ever heard it from the animals' perspective? With all those species sharing such tight quarters, it had its challenges. But Noah set an example for everyone to follow.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

HIRWKHEHWNRLEOHWRULHLWKDW RIRDKN
 DGMWKHORRGRDKDSDUWRWKHWHWK
 JHHUDWLRDIWHUWKHEFUHDWLRRIWKHRUD
 UHERUGHGGLWKHRUDKIUWIIYHERRNRIWKHEFU
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 CUDFOHDERGLWKLWRURGEDHGD
 POWLWGHRIFUHDWUHWRRHHINDIHWRWKEDUN
 RHPDOHDGRHIHPDOHIURPHYHUSHFLAKE
 EDPHWRRDKLWRWKHUNWREWRRIDOOOIK
 CKLEKWKHUHDDEUHDWKRIOLTHIHL
 HIKDJHERPPHWWKDWEKDHRUPR
 PEHURIDLPOLOFOGLRPHWKDWHUHKJH
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 RUPDOFLUEPWDEHIGGLWLRDOODOWKRJKW
 DLPDOCKHLPDOUNHUHIULHGEHIRUHWKHE
 IORRGHUHOEDRWDIWKHDPIRUWKHUHDODHRE
 OLRDGKHHSEHDUDGDEELWKDWWKHEHUHO
 DEOHWRERHLWSDHEHIOOLWKHDEFKRWKHUJG
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USING THIS BOOK AT HOME

Noah's care for the animals on the ark is a beautiful example of respect and compassion for all living things. The Jewish value of avoiding ba alei (causing pain to living creatures), is one that is taught to even young children. If you have children, involve your children in caring for them. Explain that the Torah teaches that we have a responsibility to feed our animals before we feed ourselves, since they depend on us. Teach them to touch pets gently. (How do you feel when someone pulls your hair) The whole family can help by giving the dog some exercise by walking together or playing in the yard. Consider visiting a zoo or aquarium as a family, where your children can learn about more exotic members of the animal kingdom. Discuss how each creature is, and that they need food, shelter, and rest, just as people do. The more your children learn about the unique qualities of all creatures and our responsibility for their care, the more compassion they will have for all living things.

