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Grandma Millie's Kosher Dog



When I was 8 years old my father brought home many different dogs. I loved them all but after a day or two my mother would say she didn't like the dog. One was a Police dog, one was a Pitbull, one was too big, one was too small and finally he brought home a dog named Spotty during the Great Depression. Spotty got that name because he was white and had spots on his ears and on his back. He was a Fox Terrier and the perfect size.

Back in those days, you couldn't buy ready made dog food and most families did not have any extra money. My mother had to come up with a way to feed the dog without taking away food from her children. She figured the dog could eat any meat, so she went to a non kosher butcher to get a little meat for the dog. She brought the meat home, she carefully kept it away from all the kosher food and dishes. She added some ingredients to make it taste good and put it in a bowl for Spotty.

Spotty sniffed the special meat that my mother bought him and refused to eat it. My mother gave him some bread and warm milk so that he wouldn't starve. Over the next few days she tried different things and he kept refusing to eat the non kosher food. Finally she went to the Kosher butcher and bought 1/8 pound of ground beef. Remember during the Great Depression, people didn't have money to even buy things for their families but she didn't want the dog to starve. She prepared the Kosher ground meat for him. He sniffed it and this time he ate it all up. When he finished eating, he took a nap and was very happy. My mother decided this must be a Jewish dog! A Jewish dog needs a Jewish name! Spotty became Muttel.

Muttel was very smart. We lived in an apartment building on the second floor. We never walked Muttel and he didn't even own a leash. He'd leave on his own, go down the stairs and wait for someone to open the door. He'd come back and wait for someone to let him in and then he'd go up the stairs and scratch on the door to be let in. We had Muttel until I was 15. The only time he ever misbehaved, was on July 4th when he got scared of the loud fireworks. Muttel was a great dog. He was very smart and we enjoyed him very much.



In Pursuit of an Astute Reboot

By Rabbi Yisroel Isaacs

Headlines today announced that in contrast to the United States, in Canada employment has returned to pre-pandemic levels. While we can hardly wait to return to the employment levels and myriad other elements and facets of pre-pandemic life, there remain parts of pandemic life that we might miss once this whole thing is finally over. Once the pandemic moves into our rearview mirror, for example, will we be able to preserve the reduced stress and feeling of equilibrium that we may have enjoyed for several months? Three figures in Tanach serve as a model in our confrontation with the challenge of recreating and reimagining life after epic change.

Noach experienced three vastly different worlds: before the flood, during the flood, and after the flood. In his prophecy about destruction and the few righteous who can withstand it, Yechezkel¹ lists Noach along with the prophet Daniel and Iyov². The latter two have in common with Noach that they all lived through three similar processes of experiencing something very positive but fragile, its loss, and its restoration³. Daniel saw the Beis Hamikdash in its beauty and glory, he lived through the violence of its destruction and the period in which it lay dormant, and he finally saw it rebuilt. Iyov also experienced a similar although entirely personal process

in which he enjoyed great prosperity, then the loss of his family, health, and fortune, followed by an eventual happy conclusion. As Noach's post-flood intoxication may demonstrate at least in his case, there is little doubt that the trauma these three survivors experienced profoundly affected them. Looking forward, they each faced the challenge of how to rebuild. The prophecy of Yechezkel testified that their righteousness enabled them to escape the destruction that they faced. Perhaps that same righteousness also informed their approach to the new worlds they experienced and empowered them to avoid the mistakes and shortcomings of their earlier lives, communities, and worlds.

There will (someday!) be a time when we can say that the pandemic is behind us. Aside from the challenge of addressing the trauma it leaves in its wake, we will be faced with the challenge of how we will handle the opportunity of a fresh start. We will not be able to avoid a struggle with the inertia that will direct our habits and behaviors to return to their former grooves and paradigms. We possess the good fortune if not the righteousness that aided the three historic survivors, but we will need their wisdom, grit, and determination to push forward successfully into our own new and rebooted reality.

Wishing you a wonderful, healthy, peaceful, and rejuvenating Shabbos.

¹ Ezekiel

² Job

³ Baker, Menachem. Parperat Latora, Vol. I. Jerusalem, Omen, 1983. Pg. 34.

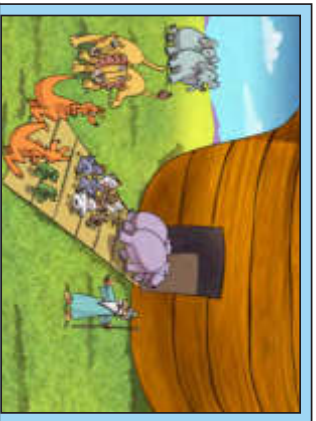
Noach - תנ"ך



1. Noach: A Good Man



2. An Amazing Ark



3. The Great Flood Begins



4. It's Drizzling...
It's Raining... It's Pouring



5. Noach the Zookeeper



6. The Raven's Mission



7. The Dove's Mission



8. The Dove's Mission... Again



9. The Dove's Return... Again



10. The First Rainbow



11. Let's Build a Tower!



12. The Tower of Bavel

Interview with Dr. Nechama Bloom, DVM

What inspired you to work as a Veterinarian?

Veterinary medicine is a fun and exciting field.

I've always loved animals and I love spending everyday with cute dogs and cats.

The thing that really made me fall in love with veterinary medicine was the opportunity to perform numerous and diverse medical procedures.

Veterinary medicine is always changing, there are always so many new things to learn and do.

Life as a veterinarian never gets boring because you never know what will walk through the door each day.

You, and you alone, are responsible to figure it out with whatever tools you have.

On any given day, I have to be ready to perform

dental procedures

psychiatric evaluations

sedation and anesthesia,

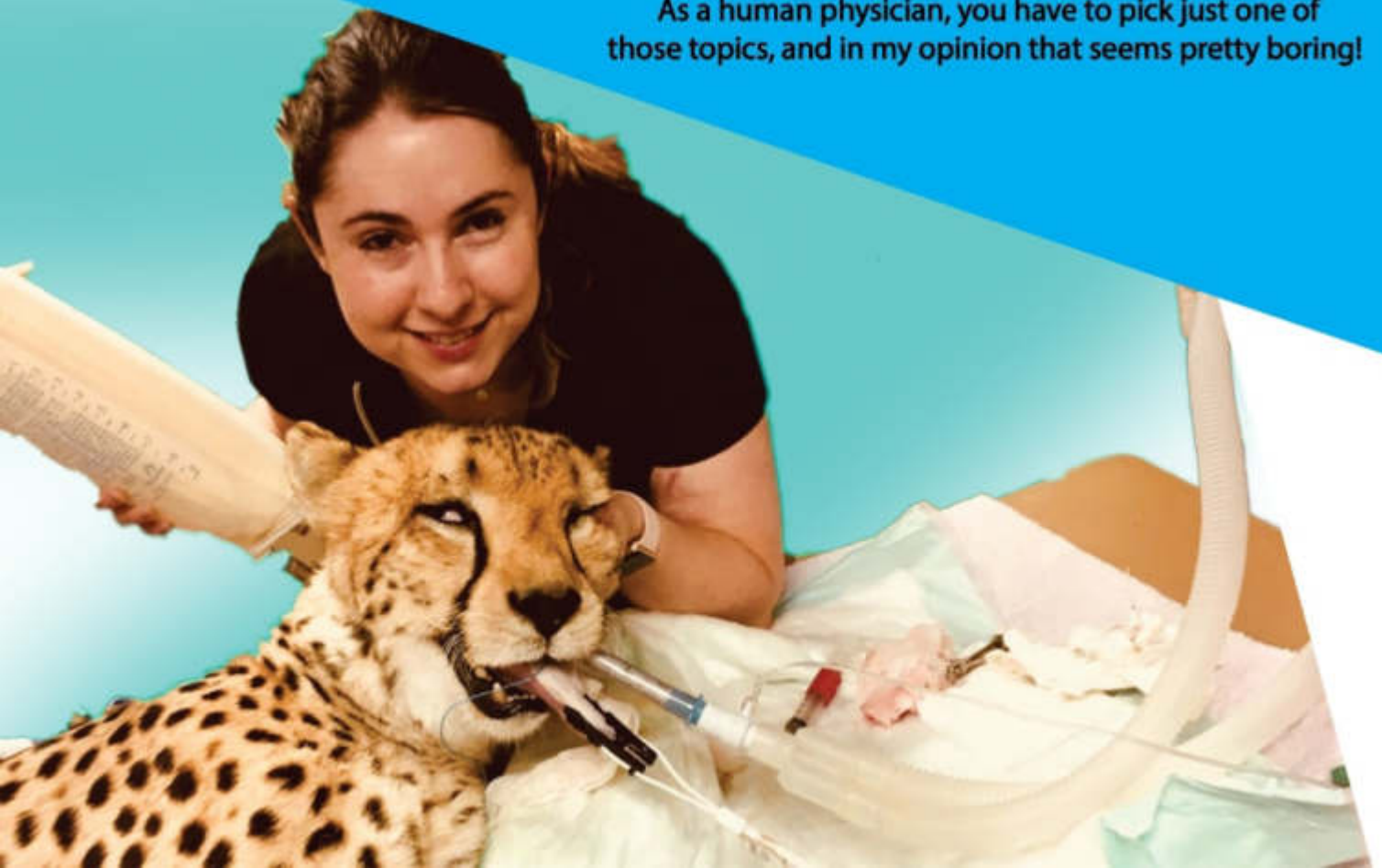
surgery

neurologic exams,

emergency procedures,

internal medicine.... and the list goes on and on.

As a human physician, you have to pick just one of those topics, and in my opinion that seems pretty boring!



What advice do you give families that would like to adopt a pet?

Pets can add so much richness to your life. It doesn't matter what type of animal you adopt, it can be a dog, a bird, a snake, or any animal. There are so many lessons and skills you can learn from each and every living thing. Pets teach you responsibility, empathy, caring, love, and unfortunately, loss. Prior to getting any pet, **DO YOUR RESEARCH!** It is so easy to do research these days and there is no excuse for being ignorant about your pets' needs. Some pets require little hands on care while others require a specific and detailed approach. Make sure you are ready for the responsibility! These are living and feeling creatures. They need to be treated with the same respect as any other member of your family.



What was the largest animal you worked with and how did you help it?

When I was in vet school, I did a rotation at the Phoenix Zoo and got to work with so many cool animals. The largest (and maybe coolest) was a cheetah. We did a physical exam, took blood samples and cleaned his teeth!

What was the smallest animal you worked with and how did you help it?

I surgically removed a tumor from a hamster.



What animals do you work with most frequently?

I work with dogs and cats every day.

What is the most preventable case you see?

Animals that are overweight and obese. People think that feeding their animals more will make them happier and love them more but it ends up causing serious illnesses. Not only do fat animals have a shorter life span but they also get serious diseases like arthritis and diabetes.



How should we interact with stray animals we see on the street?

Leave them alone! Do not feed them and do not get attached to them. You do not know if they are dangerous or if they are carrying diseases. If you see a domestic animal (dog or cat) that appears injured or distressed, please contact your local animal control for help.

Do you have any pets of your own?

We have 2 dogs, Tux and Coco.
One sulcata tortoise named Winston,
and 3 fish.





Believing is Seeing

By Rabbi Sholom Twerski

וַיָּבֵא נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי-
בָנָיו אִתּוֹ אֶל-הַתֵּבָה מִפְּנֵי מִי
הַמַּבּוּל:

Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark **because of the waters of the Flood.**

Rashi comments on the last words of the verse:

מפני מי המבול:
אף נח מקטני
אמנה היה, מאמין
ואינו מאמין שיבא
המבול ולא נכנס

לתיבה עד שדחקוהו המים

Noah, too, was of those who had little faith, believing and not believing that the Flood would come, and he did not enter the ark until the waters forced him to do so.

This seems to paint Noah as one who was ambivalent of G-d's ability to follow through on His word. The problem is that this seems to be inconsistent with the description that the Torah provides us of Noah being a righteous individual. Furthermore, our sages tell us that Noah himself worked on the construction of the Ark for 120 years straight- all the while urging the people of his generation to do teshuva! How could he have doubted that the Flood would come?

One answer I have heard is that Noah was torn. Not that he doubted in any which way G-d ability. He completely believed in G-d's word. On the other hand, he was concerned that his absolute belief would, in and of itself, have an impact and further G-d's decision to cause the Flood to occur. Noah didn't want to have any part in

bringing about the Flood.

Sometimes our very belief about something-

particularly with regards to ourselves- has the power to make it come true. Say, for example, someone is extremely ill and the doctors despair, giving him six weeks to live. Six weeks later, the patient indeed dies. While it might be a testimony to the expertise of those in the medical field, it also might have come as a result of the patient's *belief* in the doctors and their words.

My great-uncle Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski tells of a tribe in Africa. When one of its members does something deserving of capital punishment, the Medicine Man points a certain bone at him, and he dies within 24 hours. What kills him? The absolute belief in the power of the Medicine Man!

Another explanation I've seen from my great-grandfather is that Noah had



such belief in the potential of humanity, that he thought that the Flood would never come to pass. Hashem creates each of us "B'tzelem Elokim- in the image of G-d". Our potential for greatness is unbelievable! Noach believed so much in the inherent goodness of mankind, he was sure they would do teshuva.

We must understand that each of us possesses untapped potential that, if released, can spring us to unimagined heights.

Rav Zalman Sender Shapira was known not just for his *geonus* (brilliance) in Torah, but also as a *tzaddik*, one whose *berachos* were fulfilled.

In his town, there lived a simple water carrier, an unsophisticated, unlearned sort. One day, the water carrier came to the rav with a request. He had been watching a local talmid chacham and he felt inspired to try to emulate him. He, too, wanted to be a talmid chacham.

Rav Zalman Sender did not laugh and did not tell the water carrier that he had his unique *shelichus* (mission) to fulfill. Instead, he said, "Tell me that you want to be a talmid chacham."

The water carrier announced his intentions and hope, loud and clear.

"Shout it out," said the rav.

The water carrier raised his voice and bellowed it out: "I want to learn Torah and be a talmid chacham!"

Upon hearing that, Rav Zalman Sender gave him a warm *berachah* for success in his learning.

Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer, who repeated the story, would describe how

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marvelous it was to watch a middle-aged man suddenly shift identities, learning and learning some more, and in time, becoming a genuine talmid chacham, with

all the wisdom and grace that accompany the title.

Rav Yeruchem Olshin asks, "Why did Rav Zalman Sender make the water carrier express it? Surely the rav's *berachah* would have worked regardless.

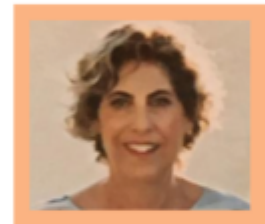
Rav Yeruchem explained that Rav Zalman Sender wanted the man to perceive his own ability, to contemplate the possibility of growth and realize this truth himself and express it. It can happen if you believe it. (Story taken from [Rav Yaakov Bender on Chumash](#) by Artscroll)

It can happen- if you believe it.

Chat with Mrs. Ungar

Where did you volunteer with animals and for how long?

I volunteered at the Phoenix Zoo beginning in 1979 and was asked to join Auxiliary in 1980. We gave guided tours to school children. We each had 10 kids and set animals to cover. We went to classes to learn things we didn't know. Animals are fascinating and except for scorpions I love them all. But maybe I favor mammals. I love cats of all sizes. We used to go on special behind scene tours a lot. When the lion and tiger were in opposite exhibits they shared a nighthouse. The lion was on one side and the tiger the other. There was a narrow walkway between the animals. I hadn't realized how huge they were until I was up close with them.



What is the most interesting thing you learned about animals?

I got to know Ruby the Painting Elephant. She was very famous as an artist. News crews came from all over the world to film her. I was able to see her paint several times and it was fascinating. They originally thought elephants couldn't see colors but she always picked colors from people watching. She picked her colors with her trunk and when she was done she put her trunk in the air and wouldn't paint anymore. She had gallery showings.



Tell us more about the animals that you have encountered during your time as a volunteer.

I loved watching orangutans. They were a very cool family unit. They are bright and big and get bored so they had a tv in their nighthouse and liked to watch game shows.

I think it's cool that flamingos get their pink coloring by eating shrimp.

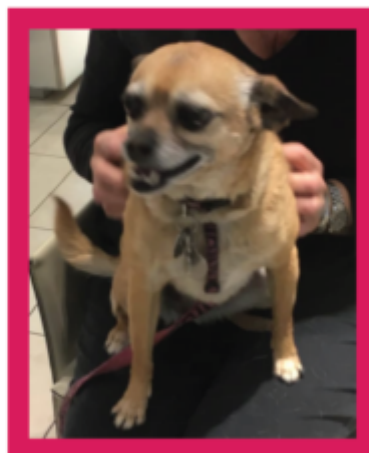
The oryx was the zoo's claim to fame. They are Arabian oryx. Last I knew there weren't any in the wild. The Phoenix Zoo was picked to save them because of our climate. We were very successful. They are in game preserves now and some zoos. They are also thought to be the source of the mythical unicorn.

Giraffes are beautiful with the same number of neck bones as humans.

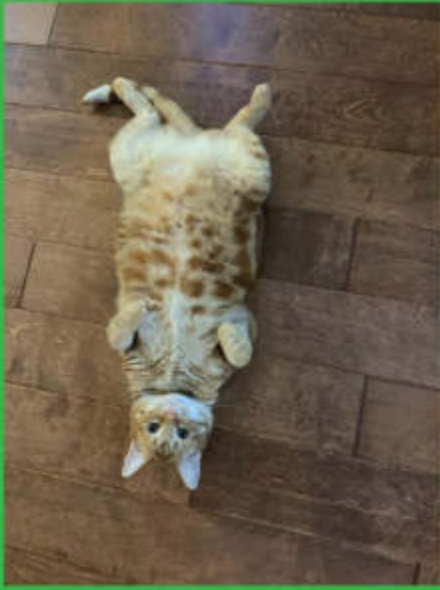
I also worked at the Phoenix Zoo gift shop and information booth. I stopped volunteering in 2007.

What do you recommend for people that are considering volunteering?

If someone loves animals there is the humane society to volunteer and many cat and dog shelters.



Roxy Ungar making everyone happy



Sriracha Lewis likes to relax on her back.



Frankie and Lola spence



Hi, my name is Zoey Kluger.
I hide all of my balls in places
I can't reach on purpose
so my human family
has to begrudgingly
retrieve them for me.
Favorite hiding place:
under the dishwasher.



Half, Spot and Charcoal Isaacs

Interview with Ahuva Isaacs

Do you own any pets?

Yes! I own a new goldfish named Half.

What do you enjoy most about your pet?

I like watching him swim and eat.

Does your pet have any friends?

Yes, it has 2 friends.

One belongs to my sister and is named Spot and the other belongs to my brother and is named Charcoal.

**I will be 2 in December.
I love to eat shoes
(the more expensive the tastier),
long shabbos walks and to play fetch.
I would like to thank-
Rachel Isaacs for the
delicious Kiddush-
to go my owner brings home-
every shabbos morning.
I look forward to having
my Bark Mitzvah in the Shul!**



Patches Weintraub

Parsha Summary

While society as a whole descended into a state of anarchy and utter corruption, only Noach remained righteous and faithful to Hashem's ways. Noach was informed by Hashem that a mabul ("flood") will soon destroy all of civilization, and only Noach and his immediate family would survive in a teivah ("ark," boat) that he was to build. Hashem gave Noach the exact dimensions of the teivah he was to build, and commanded Noach to bring along into the teivah specimens of every species of animal and bird to repopulate the world after the mabul, and to stock the boat with food to feed all its inhabitants. Of kosher animals and birds, Noach was commanded to take seven pairs of each species (as opposed to one pair of all other species).

Noach, his family, and the required animals boarded the teivah and the mabul began: "The springs of the great depths burst forth and the windows of the heavens



opened." The torrential rains lasted for forty days and nights. The waters rose to great heights and covered even the highest mountains, killing all humans and animals; everything died aside for Noach and the other occupants of the teivah.

After the waters raged on the earth another 150 days, Hashem caused the waters to subside. The teivah eventually rested on the Ararat Mountains, and

shortly thereafter the mountain peaks came into view. Noach opened the window of the teivah and dispatched birds to see whether it was time to leave the teivah.

First he sent a raven, which refused to execute its mission and just circled the ark. He then sent out a dove. On its third attempt the dove went and did not return, signaling that the earth was once again habitable. After one full year in the teivah, the earth had dried.

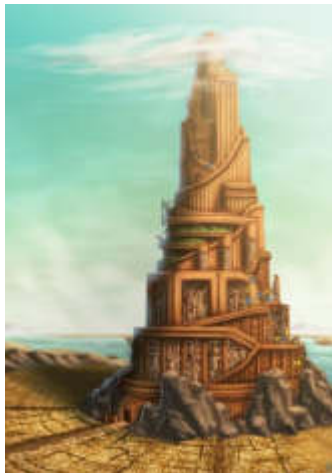
Hashem commanded Noach to leave the teivah, along with all his fellow teivah-

Parsha Summary

mates. Noach built an altar and offered sacrifices. This pleased Hashem, who then promised to never again curse the earth as He had just done. Instead, the regular seasons (which had not functioned during the year of the mabul) would continue perpetually. Hashem then blessed Noach and his sons: "Be fruitful and multiply upon the earth." Hashem allowed mankind to eat meat, but prohibited murder, suicide, and the consumption of a limb ripped from a living animal.



Hashem told Noach that He is establishing a covenant to never again bring a flood to destroy the world. Hashem designated the rainbow as the sign of this covenant: "And it shall come to pass, when I cause clouds to come upon the earth, that the rainbow will appear in the cloud. And I will remember My covenant..."



Noach planted a vineyard, made wine, became drunk and fell into a deep

drunken slumber — while naked.

Noach's son, Cham, saw his father naked, assaulted him, and informed his two brothers of their father's state. The brothers, Shem and Yefes, modestly approached their father and covered him. When Noach awakened, he cursed Cham's son, Canaan, and blessed Shem and Yefes. Noach had seventy grandsons and great-grandsons,

the antecedents of the "seventy nations," and their adopted homelands.

Noach's descendants gathered in the Babylonian valley and started building a tower, in an attempt to reach the heavens and battle Hashem. Hashem

disrupted their "plan" by causing them each to speak a different language, thus destroying their communications. This caused them to disperse and settle in different lands. The Torah then lists the ten generations of Shem's descendents. The tenth generation is Abram (later to be known as Abraham), who married Sarai (later to be known as Sarah).



Issue #2

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The Parsha Post

BOAT BUILDER PREDICTS WORLD FLOOD

A massive wooden rectangular structure is being built by a multi-talented man by the name of Noach. The builder, who started the project at the age of 480, claims that it will float, and that G-d will bring a massive flood to destroy the entire world, unless the people repent for their sins.

Noach has become the laughing stock of Planet Earth. "Ha! Ha! It's a hoax!" "What a joke!" "One big, fat joke!" "I'm laughing so hard it hurts!" It has been reported that after over 100 years, not even one person has repented from their evil ways, yet Noach continues his decades long building project, "Your ticket to enter my unsinkable boat is repentance," he was heard saying, "REPENT! REPENT!"



BIG BABYLON BUILDING BOOM BUSTED

Breaking News: The universal Babylon communication system has been hacked! Officials are baffled that this international language has been transformed into:

babble, gobbledygook, miscommunication, gibberish
!@#\$%&*^&ys*^%\$##! hak
noa!d mir nisht a nj(lue
#asdfgg\$nk chinak
hachoo Gezuntheit
Shazak oyvaizmir
ingantzan. Hok mir
nisht a chinak hachoo
Gezuntheit....



LION BITES CARETAKER

News Flash:

Noach, chief caretaker of animals aboard the ark, was bitten by an angry lion. "I really don't deserve this," he complained, "I overslept and came a few minutes late to give him his breakfast. And I'm not lion lyin'!" Noach was wounded but luckily managed to escape with his life.



MYSTERIOUS COLORFUL ARC SEEN IN SKY



Following the recent world-wide flooding, a new phenomenon was observed amidst the clouds - a colorful bow of colors extending across the sky. G-d, Creator of the rainbow, has declared that it is called a Keshes (or "rainbow")

due to its similarity to a hunter's bow. He further explained that it is a sign of His commitment never to flood the earth again.

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Parasha Questions



Questions

1. Why did Hashem want to destroy the world?
2. Who did Hashem save?
3. How long did it take for Noach to build the teivah?
4. Why did Hashem trouble Noach to spend so much time building the teivah?
5. How many floors were there on the teivah and what was on each floor?
6. How many of each animal did Noach take on the teivah?
7. Why did Hashem command Noach to take more than two pairs of the kosher animals?
8. How long did it rain for?
9. How long were Noach and his family in the teivah?
10. How did Noach know when the land was dry?
11. What did Noach do as soon as he left the teivah to thank Hashem for saving him?
12. What was allowed to be eaten after the flood that wasn't allowed to be eaten before the flood?
13. What sign did Hashem give when He promised to never bring another flood to destroy the world?
14. How did Hashem punish the people who tried to build a tower to fight against Hashem (Migdal Bavel)?
15. What are the Sheva Mitzvot Bnei Noach?

Answers

1. Because the people were killing and stealing
2. Noach, his wife Na'amah, his three sons- Shem, Cham, Yafet, and their wives
3. 120 years
4. So that it would give the people a chance to ask Noach what he was doing and do teshuvah.
5. 3: Top- people, Middle- animals, Bottom-garbage
6. 7 pairs of kosher animals and one pair of non-kosher animals
7. So that Noach could give korbanot to Hashem when he left the teivah.
8. 40 days and 40 nights
9. One year
10. He sent out a crow, and then he sent out a dove three times. The third time the dove didn't come back.
11. Built a mizbeach and offered korbanot
12. Meat
13. A rainbow
14. He mixed up the way they spoke into 70 languages so that they couldn't understand each other and moved apart.
15.
 1. Not to eat from a live animal
 2. Not to curse Hashem
 3. Not to steal
 4. Not to kill
 5. Not to believe in idols
 6. Not to marry close relatives or married women
 7. To set up courts



We hope you enjoy the FLASHBACK pages from last year's Noach **BJC Kids Parsha Booklet** about animals and pets!

Friday, October 8	Candle lighting	5:45 PM
	Mincha	5:50 PM

Shabbat, Parashat Noach , October 9	Shacharit*	8:45 AM
	Recite Shema before	9:22 AM
	Mincha/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv	5:30 PM
	Havdalah	6:39 PM

* *Davening will commence with ברכות;*
עד שוכן עד will not begin before 9:05 AM

Sunday, October 10	Shacharit	7:45 AM
	Mincha/Maariv	5:50 PM

Mon.-Thurs., October 11-14	Shacharit	6:30 AM
	Mincha/Maariv	5:45 PM

This week repeat Shema every evening after 6:40 PM.

Beginning this Shabbos, **Kiddush** will take place in the Sukkah.

This week, **Seudah Shelishit** will be in the Sukkah as well.

THE SEVEN NOAHIDE LAWS – שבע מצוות בני נח (Sanhedrin 56a; Rambam, Hil. Melachim 9:1)		
1	IDOLATRY	עבודה זרה
2	"BLESSING" THE DIVINE NAME	ברכת השם
3	MURDER	שפיכות דמים
4	SEXUAL TRANSGRESSIONS	גלוי עריות
5	THEFT (AND CIVIL LAW)	גזל
6	COURTS SYSTEM	דינים
7	EATING A LIMB TORN FROM A LIVE ANIMAL	אבר מן החי