

Species Protection and Conservation

Noah cared for creation

עשה לך תיבת עצי גפר תעשה את התיבה; וכפרת אתה מבית ומחוץ בפקר בראשית ו' י"ד

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood, make it an ark with compartments, and cover it inside and out with pitch. Genesis 6, 14

The Midrash teaches that during these 120 years, Noah planted, watered, and cut down trees to make the ark.

Midrash Tanchuma, Parshat Noah



For the twelve months that Noah was in the Ark, he didn't taste the taste of sleep, not him, and not his children, not during the day and not during the night, because he was busy feeding the animals and the birds that were with him.

Midrash Tanchuma, Noach 9

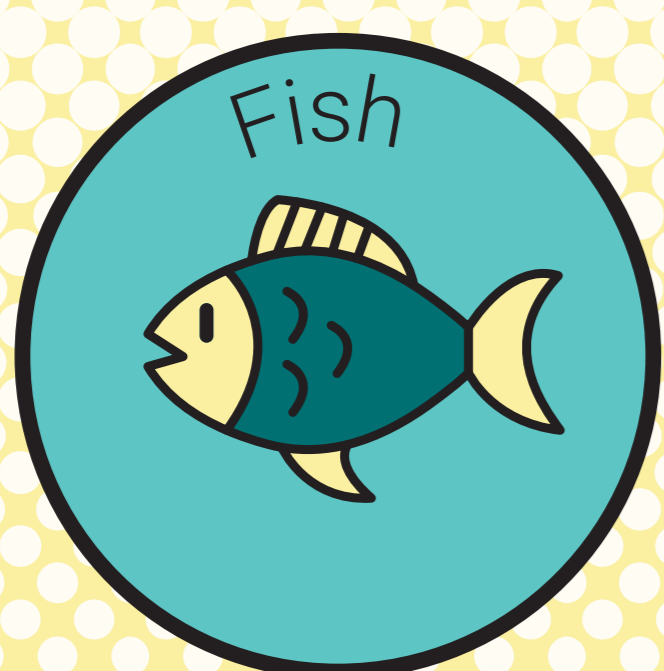
ומכל החי מכל בשר שנים מכל תביא אל התיבה להחית אתה זכר ונקבה יהיו
 בראשית ו' ט

And of all that lives, of all flesh, you shall take two of each into the ark to keep alive with you they shall be male and female. Genesis 6:19



God created 10 million species on earth and asked humans to protect them.

Animal Groups



What do the animals teach us?

מלפנו מבהמות ארץ ומעוף השמים יחכמנו איוב לה י"א

God teaches us by the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser by the birds of the sky. Job 35:11

הוי עז כנמר, וקל כנשר, ורץ כצבי, וגבור כארי לעשות רצון אביך שבשמים

משנה אבות ה' כ"ג

Be brazen like the leopard, light like the eagle, swift like the deer, and mighty like the lion to do the Will of your Father Who is in Heaven.

Pirkei Avot 5:20

