

Tza'ar Ba'aley Chayim

This week, our *Mitzvah* of the Week focuses on *Tza'ar Ba'aley Chayim*, taking care of animals. This concept is inspired, as usual, from a verse in this week's Torah portion, *Parashat Noach*, Genesis, Chapter 8, Verse 1. While people were doing all kinds of corrupt activities in this Torah portion, animals were not. Noah helped to save many animals by allowing them on his ark. The rabbis learn from several passages in the Torah that we are commanded to take care of animals. For those of us who have pets, this comes as an obvious *mitzvah*. Those who do not have pets might be surprised to know that the Torah sees this as one of the 613 commandments. Either way, hopefully we will all give a little extra TLC to our animals.

Tza'ar Ba'aley Chayim Books

179ANI

The Animal rights handbook: everyday ways to save animal lives. Los Angeles: Living Planet Press, c1990.

A step-by-step guide to saving animal lives, including facts about animal abuse, consumer guidance on where to buy cruelty-free products, and tips for protecting endangered wildlife.

179 BAR

Barton, Miles. Why do people harm animals? [U.S. ed.]. New York: Gloucester, 1989. Examines why people sometimes harm animals and the various ways people should treat animals.

179 NEW

Newkirk, Ingrid. Save the animals! : 101 easy things you can do. New York: Warner Books, c1990.

Discusses ways people can help protect animals including buying products that are not tested on animals or that do not use animal ingredients, becoming a vegetarian, writing letters to government leaders, and working with animal rights and environmental organizations.

179 STE

Steffens, Bradley, 1956-. Animal rights: distinguishing between fact and opinion. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, c1989.

Presents opposing viewpoints on the treatment of animals. Includes critical thinking skill activities.

179.3 NEW

Newkirk, Ingrid. Kids can save the animals!: 101 easy things to do. New York, NY: Warner Books, c1991.

Discusses the many ways in which people can help animals, ease their living conditions, and make sure they receive the proper treatment which is their right.

179.309 SEQ

Sequoia, Anna. 67 ways to save the animals. 1st ed. New York, N.Y.: Harper & Row, c1990.

Suggests practical ways of becoming involved in the fight against animal exploitation and suffering.

591 NAT

National Geographic Society (U.S.). Animals in danger: trying to save our wildlife. [Washington]: National Geographic Society, c1978.

Brief text and pictures describe the habits and behavior of a variety of endangered animals. Cartoons explain some of the efforts being made to protect these animals.

636.089 GRE

Greene, Carol. Veterinarians help animals. [Plymouth, MN]: Child's World, c1997.

Briefly describes the work of veterinarians and includes information about their education, qualifications, and possible financial earnings.

E BRE

Brett, Jan, 1949-. Annie and the wild animals. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, c1985.

Young Annie gets more than she bargained for when her cat disappears and, lonely, she tries to lure a new pet out of the woods.

E BRE

Brett, Jan, 1949-. On Noah's ark. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2003.

Noah's granddaughter helps him bring the animals onto the ark, calm them down, and get them to sleep.

E EHL

Ehlert, Lois. Oodles of animals. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt, c2008.

Short, easy to read rhymes reveal what is unique about various animals, from ape to wolf.

E FLE

Fleischman, Paul. The animal hedge. 1st Candlewick Press ed. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003.

After being forced to sell the animals he loves, a farmer cuts his hedge to look like them and teaches his sons about following their hearts.

E McF

McFall, Gardner. Naming the animals. New York: Viking, c1994.

When the world was brand-new, the animals gather around Adam so that he can give them their names.

E REY

Margret & H.A. Rey's Curious George feeds the animals. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1998.

Curious George gets in trouble by feeding the animals at the zoo, but when a parrot escapes from the rainforest exhibit he is able to save the day.

E SAM

Sams, Carl R. Stranger in the woods : a photographic fantasy. Milford, MI: Carl Sams II Photography, c2000.

The resident birds and animals react to a snowman appearing in their woods after a winter storm.

E WIN

Winch, John, 1944-. The old woman who loved to read. New York: Holiday House, 1997.

An old woman moves to the country in order to have a peaceful life with lots of time to read but soon finds that each season brings other tasks to keep her busy.

F BAG

Baglio, Ben. Puppies in the Pantry.

F BAG

Baglio, Ben. Sheepdog in the Snow.

F HOR

Hornik, Laurie Miller. Zoo School. New York: Clarion Books, c2004.

The students at the strange new Zoo School have never seen a school like it before, but when inspectors try to close it down because of irregularities, the students are surprised to find out how much they have learned.

F LOF

Lofting, Hugh, 1886-1947. Doctor Dolittle: a treasury. Cutchogue, N.Y.: Buccaneer Books, c1922.

A treasury of stories in which Doctor Dolittle, along with his animal friends, joins a circus, becomes king of a floating island, and explores the world, the bottom of the sea, and the moon.

F NAY

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Shiloh. 1st ed. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1991.

Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

JRC F LOF

Lofting, Hugh, 1886-1947. The story of Doctor Dolittle. New York: William Morrow and Co., c1997.

The adventures of a kind-hearted doctor, who is fond of animals and understands their language, as he travels to Africa with some of his favorite pets to cure the monkeys of a terrible sickness.