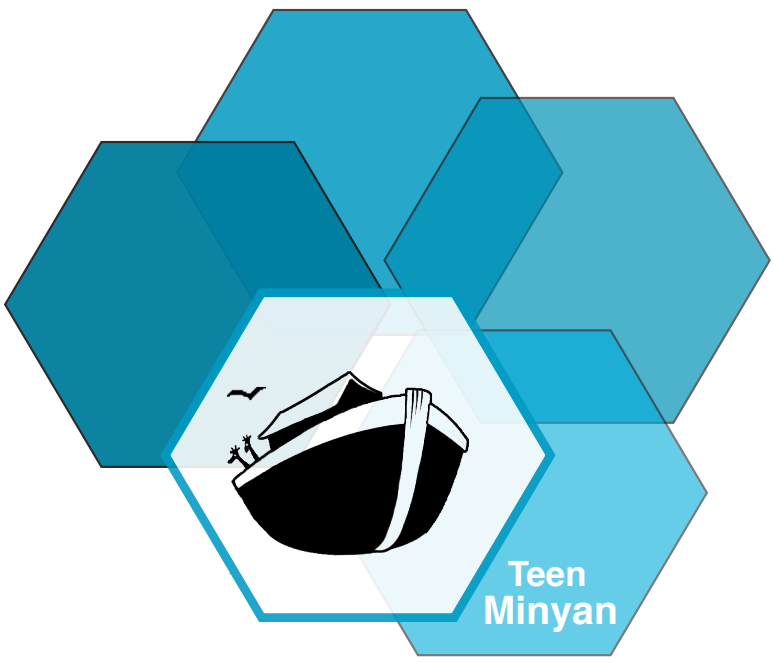


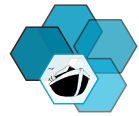


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Think about this...

G-d could have destroyed the world and saved Noach, his family and the pairs of animals with a miraculous snap of His finger with no human involvement. He could have, but He didn't. He could have left Noach on his own, to do the whole job of saving his family and sample pairs of all the animals. He didn't do that either. (It probably would have been humanly impossible for Noach to have done the whole job on his own.)

What G-d did do was command Noach to build an ark of a specific size, a three-tiered floating structure, and to gather all the food necessary to feed many, many animals and his family for a year. This, say some commentaries, cannot be done without a heavy dose of miracle, of suspension of the laws of nature. But it wasn't all supernatural. Noach was part of it. And that is what G-d usually wants when it comes to miracles.

We, as humans, relate so much better to that kind of miracle. Nachshon ben Aminadav needed to jump into the Sea before it would split. We need to see some familiar nature inside a miracle... and we also need to see the miracle inside nature.

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