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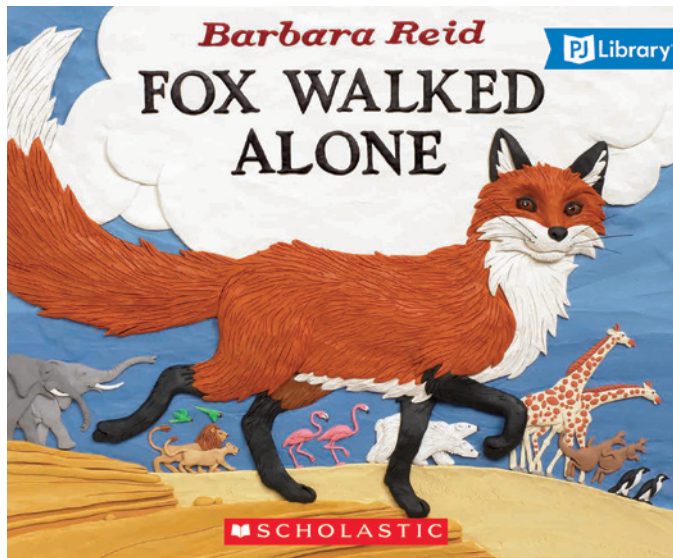
Fox Walked Alone

We understand that how we gather looks different these days. Whether you are coming together in person or online, PJ Library will continue to provide content to connect with your community. Inside you'll find ways to:



- **Use Jewish text in everyday occurrences**
- **Make meaningful connections to families through Jewish values**
- **Enrich learning experiences for all ages**





Fox Walked Alone

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Fox joins other animals walking two-by-two toward a mysterious destination. Where in the world are they headed?

When Have You Been on a Journey?

When Fox begins his journey, he's unsure of his destination. As many of us are emerging from a long period of not being able to travel, we may have travel on our minds. Use your organization's social media platforms to share examples of journeys that we see in the Torah, starting with this one, Noah's Ark. When you share the story, ask members of your community to chime in with ideas for travel that may be inspired by this tale. Encourage people to share images of past travel that may share some themes with the story you post.

Kehillah

The animals in *Fox Walked Alone* exhibit various unique traits which are highlighted in this beautiful story. Despite their differences, the animals manage to get along in order to achieve a common goal. This could be an interesting theme to explore in an adult education class. Dig into news stories where people from disparate backgrounds work together to achieve something great. Find examples in literature where characters see beyond what divides them to accomplish a task. And of course, you can always tie back to places in the Torah where folks overcame a conflict to move forward.

All the Animals

Use this question from the book flap to inspire conversation in a class with children about endangered and extinct animals: There are many animals on the ark – and of course, many more in the ocean. How many animals do you see in your world on a daily basis – indoors and out? How would the world be different without pets and wild animals? Invite experts from your community – professionals who work at a zoo, farm or aquarium or an academic studying animals – to add to the conversation and share what they know about how animals coexist and benefit each other, and how things may be different with fewer animals around.

Making Midrash

The images in this book are made with Plasticine that was shaped and pressed into illustration board and photographed, giving the pictures such rich texture and dimension. Creating art like this is just one way to explore *midrash* – writing additional stories about the tales in the Torah. Consider how your community might come together to create a piece of modern midrash. This project can bring together those from many cohorts within your organization. A Torah Study group may start the work by digging into pieces of text that they feel are missing something, a theater group could act out and improvise what may have been left out, and the artists in your community can help depict those scenes for all to see.

For a fun piece of modern midrash from the PJ Library podcast, *Have I Got a Story For You*: pjlibrary.org/podcast/og-the-giant