

LIMTZO MANOACH - WHERE WERE YOU?

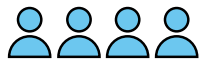
A Midrash tells that when Noah heard this, he stood up, repented and began planting trees. The people said to him, 'What are these trees for?' 'God seeks to bring a flood upon the world and he told me to make an ark to which my family and I will take refuge,' He replied.

The people laughed at him and mocked his words.

Noah tended to his trees. He watered them and watched them grow. The people asked him again, 'What are you doing?' He answered in a similar manner as before, and they continued laughing at him. After a while he cut down the trees and started making them into planks, and the people asked, 'What are you doing now?'

And since the people did not repent, God swiftly brought a flood upon them.

Noah listened to the voice above him and did what he needed to do to prepare for what was coming. Although others around him laughed, he continued on.



THE PEOPLE
"KEEP THE STATUS QUO"



NOAH
"ADAPT TO CHANGING REALITIES"



Note for yourself where you were. Were you on the left, like the people who were grounded in their ways and didn't see the destruction coming? Or were you more to the right towards Noah who was willing to adapt to the changing reality. Or were you somewhere in the middle?

As you reflect on where you placed yourself on the spectrum, consider the following questions. If you are with others, take a few minutes to discuss.

- When was the moment that you realized it was time to prepare? In retrospect, was it premature, just at the right time, or too late?
- In the early stages of preparing for the New Normal, what did you have to give up? What was the hardest aspect of change you had to contend with?
- What helped you feel grounded during those hard moments?