

## Tz'ar Ba'alei Chayim in Action: Bird Feeders

Today we learned about *tz'ar ba'alei chayim*, compassion or kindness to animals. Like Rebecca offered water to the thirsty camels, we are offering bird seed to hungry birds!

To make your bird feeder ready, tie the strands of twine around a tree branch. (Do you see how beautiful your child's bird feeder is? We also practiced the Jewish value of *hiddur mitzvah*, beautifying objects!). Then pour the bird seed from the bag into the plate.  
Perfecto!

Why are we not using peanut butter like we did when we were kids? It turns out peanut butter is too sticky and gets stuck in the poor little birds' mouths. That's pretty much the opposite of *tz'ar ba'alei chayim*! The bird seed should stay just fine on the plate.

Happy bird watching! The birds will thank you and your kind animal care 😊