Fantastical Creature Flip Cards

- 1. The pictures on these sheets are all fantastical creatures from Jewish Lore.
- 2. Print out all the images.
- 3. Color in the Ziz Bird.
- 4. Cut the pictures on the dashed lines. (Do not cut all the way through the pages.)
- 5. Staple the pages together to make a booklet.
- 6. Explore your creativity by making your own mix-and-match creatures to add to your booklet.
- 7. Name each new creature you create. Maybe you made a "Sha-levi-gol" or a "Ziz-behe-sham".



ZIZ – King of the birds, an enormous bird whose head touches the sky while its feet rest on the ground, its wings eclipse the sun and protect the earth from wind storms."



LEVIATHAN – King of the fish, this creature is described as holding the world on his fins. His lustrous scales shine in the waters of the Mediterranean.



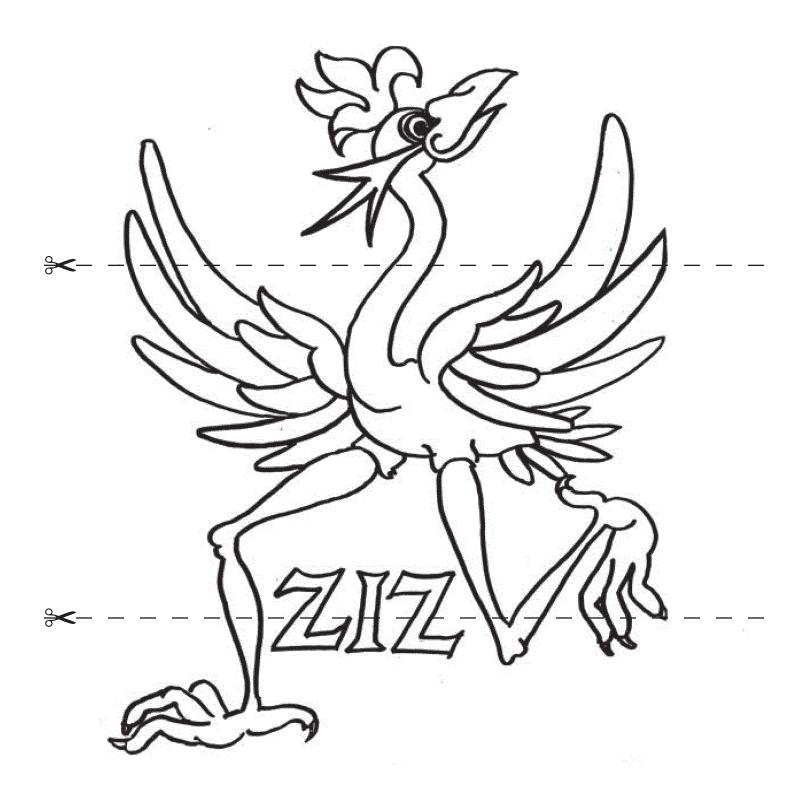
BEHEMOTH – King of the land animals, this creature was formed on the fifth day of creation, and is powerful and ox-like.



GOLEM – This magical man-like creation made of clay can come to life to protect others. Described in the 16th century, the Golem story inspired Shelley to write "Frankenstein".



SHAMIR – This small worm-like creature hewed the massive stones used in the creation of the Temple in Jerusalem, proving that small can still be mighty!



The ZIZ is the star of *The Hardest Word* by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn Kar-Ben Publishing, 2001. To read this book and other books about the Ziz, visit <u>www.karben.com</u>







