Animal Tashlich: Jewish Nature, Love, and Loss

By Rabbi David Wolpe

In the Jewish tradition, Tashlich is a ritual performed on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It involves casting away one's sins by symbolically throwing bread crumbs into a body of water. Traditionally, this ritual is performed near a river or stream, but it can also be done at the ocean or even a lake.



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In recent years, there has been a growing interest in exploring the environmental and animal-related aspects of Tashlich. This is due in part to the increasing awareness of the impact of human activity on the natural world, as well as the growing popularity of veganism and other animalfriendly lifestyles. In his new book, *Animal Tashlich: Jewish Nature, Love, and Loss*, Rabbi David Wolpe explores the ancient ritual of Tashlich through the lens of our relationship with animals. Wolpe argues that animals are not merely creatures to be used or exploited, but rather sentient beings with whom we share a deep connection.

Wolpe draws on a variety of sources to support his argument, including Jewish texts, philosophy, and science. He also shares personal stories of his own experiences with animals, both joyful and heartbreaking. The result is a book that is both intellectually stimulating and deeply moving.

Animal Tashlich is a must-read for anyone interested in Judaism, nature, or the human-animal bond. It is a book that will challenge your assumptions, open your heart, and inspire you to live a more compassionate and sustainable life.

Here is an excerpt from the book:

"The Tashlich ritual is a powerful reminder that we are all interconnected, and that our actions have consequences for both ourselves and the world around us. When we throw our sins into the water, we are not only symbolically casting them away, but we are also acknowledging our responsibility to care for the environment and all its creatures.

In a time when the natural world is facing unprecedented challenges, the message of Animal Tashlich is more important than ever. We must all learn to live in harmony with nature, and to respect the animals with whom we share this planet. Only then can we hope to create a more just and sustainable world for all.

About the Author

Rabbi David Wolpe is the senior rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, California. He is the author of several books, including *Making Loss Matter: Creating Meaning in Grief Through the Jewish Tradition* and *Why Faith Matters*. He is also a regular columnist for the *Huffington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

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