Lessons for the short film and story of Yossi Leshem
This guide includes lessons and activities for use in both formal and informal educational settings as a companion to "The Man Who Taught Me To Fly" video. The units have been designed to be adaptable for use across a wide range of ages. Some of the activities focus on connections to Jewish life or life in Israel, while others relate more to the broad human questions in the story. The first page features some broad discussion questions about the general themes of the video.

**Key Discussion Questions**

i. What’s your calling?
   a. Yossi Leshem knew from an early age that he wanted to devote his life to the birds and people of Israel. How did he do it?
   b. Do you know other people who have made their passion into their life’s work?
   c. Do you care about something as much as Yossi cares about birds? How could you imagine making your passion into your life’s work?

ii. For whom are we responsible?
   a. For whom does Yossi feel responsible?
   b. Do Yossi’s responsibilities ever conflict with each other? How does he resolve the conflict?
   c. Do you feel more responsible for certain people or groups? Do you feel responsible for an animal or for a group of animals? Do you feel responsible for the environment?
      i. Has there ever been a time when these responsibilities conflicted? What happened?

iii. What do we choose to ignore?
   a. From an early age, Yossi warned people about the danger of airplanes and birds sharing the same airspace. Yet few people listened. What made people finally hear his message? Why did they not listen before? Why did they listen now?
   b. Do you know of other stories of people who aren’t listened to? Did they see something differently? What happened?

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