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1. The Bald Eagle was chosen to represent the U.S.A. because an eagle has the ability to fly higher and faster than any other bird, a clear symbol of great freedom.



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2. In Jewish tradition the eagle is a symbol of true greatness. The greatest Jewish leaders, like the Rambam for example, are compared to eagles.

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3. Eagles have many wonderful traits, for example they can always find their way home even from very far away places.



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4. In this week's Torah portion, G-d himself is compared to an eagle "As an eagle awakens its nest, hovering over its fledglings etc."

G-d is compared to an eagle for two reasons:



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5. a. Because the eagle is also a symbol of mercy, just as an eagle does not enter its nest suddenly G-d too, reveals Himself slowly.

-An example of G-d's kindness is the gradual process of Tzara'as.



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6. b. Eagles carry their young on their backs to protect them from hunters; G-d also 'puts himself aside' for our sake.

-An example would be the cloud protecting the Yiddin from the Egyptians' arrows.

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7. Jews are also like eagles, for three reasons:



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8. a. Jews, just like eagles can always find their way back home.



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9. b. A Jew through his Mitzvos can, like the eagles, soar up higher than any outside influences.



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10. Most important! Eagles carry their young with them as they soar up high. We too must carry our families as we soar up to the heights of spirituality and never leave them behind.

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