



Game Time

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According to the Torah, the Land of Israel was blessed with Seven Species: wheat, barley, grape, fig, pomegranate, olive, and date.

Each of the species is hidden somewhere around the runner. Can you find them all? Which ones can you find twice?



Did You Know?

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The world's tallest tree is the Hyperion.

It is 380 feet (115.85 meters) tall according to the latest measurement – as tall as a 35-story building!

The tree belongs to the Sequoia Sempervirens species, and it grows in the Redwood National Park, near the Pacific coast in northern California.

It is thought to be 600 years old, and since it is still alive, it is still growing!

What is the tallest thing you have ever seen?



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Singing together



Divide yourselves into two groups
 Each group will take turns coming up with a song containing an
 element from nature – a fruit, a vegetable, a tree, a flower, etc.
 If a team does not find a new song within 15 seconds, the opposing
 team wins.
 To make the game more challenging, you can decide on one
 element per round (only songs about fruit, or only songs about
 trees) and choose which group wins each round. Good luck!

I'm taller than a tree,
 But I can't grow any taller
 I'm strongly connected to
 the ground
 But I have no roots
 Who am I?

The answer is hidden somewhere on the runner.

Puzzle



Quote

I Have an Idea – The Tu B'Shvat Seder



Just like the Passover Seder, many people celebrate a Tu
 B'Shvat Seder by telling stories about the Land of Israel;
 eating its fruits; drinking four cups of wine (symbolizing the
 four seasons); saying prayers for a good harvest; and
 reading Jewish texts comparing a tree's roots to the roots of
 the Jewish people in the land of Israel. The first Tu B'Shvat
 Seder was organized by the sages of Tzfat in the 16th
 century. Gradually, the custom spread to the Diaspora as
 well – to pass on the love to the Land of Israel to Jews living
 all over the world.



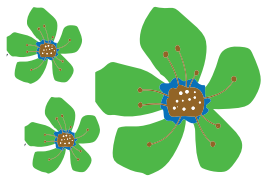
Did You Know?



Trees are some of Earth's largest, most complex and most active creatures (metabolically speaking). There are over 60 thousand species of trees on Earth. Their roots can reach hundreds of feet underground. A mature oak tree consumes almost 100 gallons (400 liters) of water each day!

The State of Israel is one of the only two countries in the world (!) to enter the 21st century with more trees than it had a century before, following the planting of over 240 million trees since the country's founding.

The largest forest planted in Israel is the Yatir Forest, located on the southern slopes of the Hebron Mountain, covering a territory of some 7,400 acres.



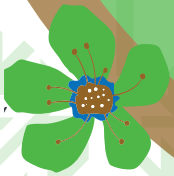
Food for thought



We celebrate Earth Day once a year to raise awareness for environmental protection and to remind us of our impact on the environment. Shabbat is our weekly Earth Day. According to the kiddush prayer, Shabbat is "a memory of the act of creation," in which we commemorate the creation that came before us, and our role in protecting and preserving it.

Throughout the week, we work and "use" nature. On Shabbat, we and nature are one, enjoying the fruits of our labor and resting. How does this manifest itself in your Shabbat?





A Moment of Discussion

The Torah says that Shabbat commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, but the connection between the two is not fully understood.

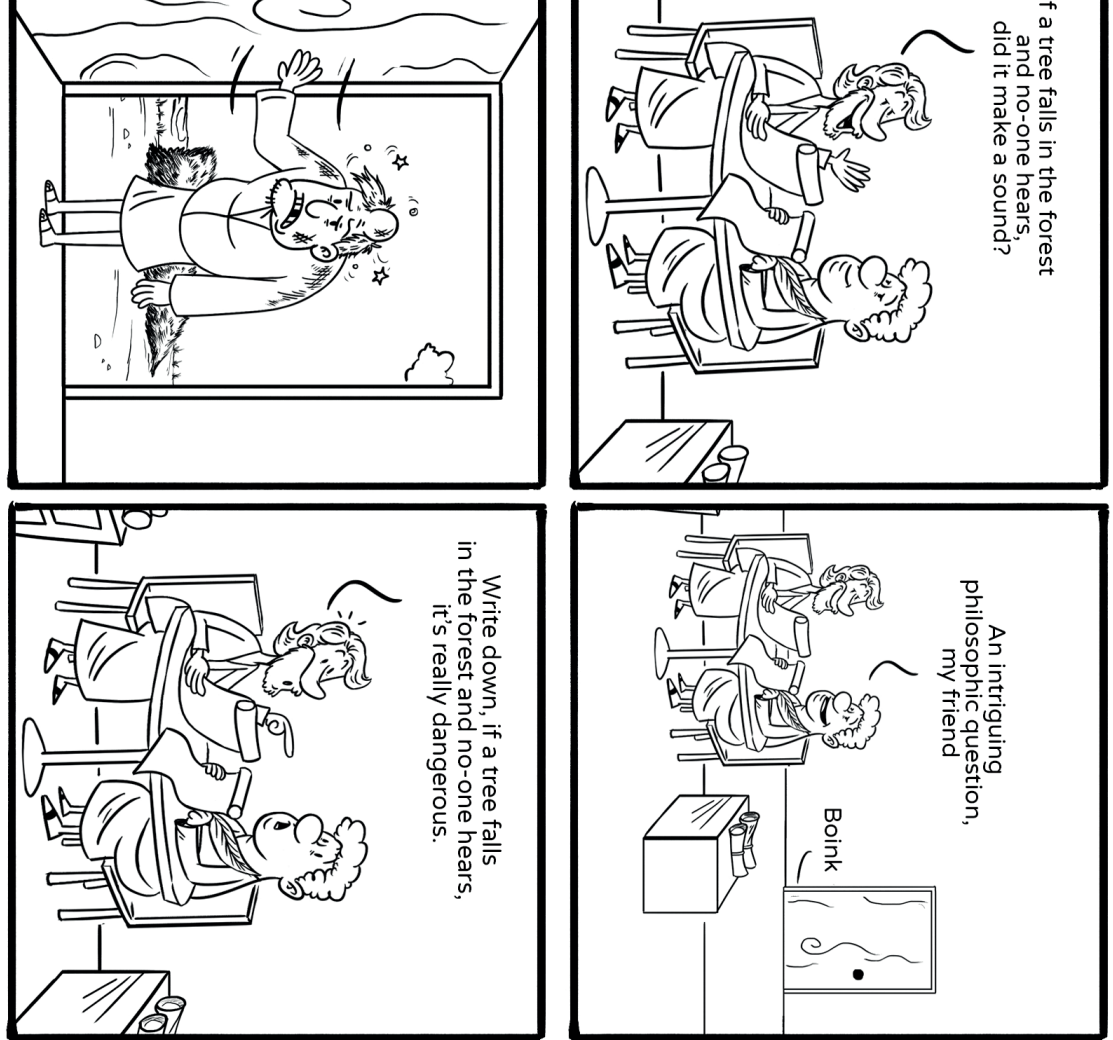
Some interpretations suggest that, since we toiled in hard labor as slaves in Egypt all week long, Shabbat is here to remind us of the freedom we enjoy today.

The Exodus from slavery to freedom was the first step for the Jews in becoming a people. Zionism, in whose spirit the KKL-JNF was founded, is another pivotal step in that long process.

Almost 120 years after the KKL-JNF's foundation, what do you think Zionism means today?



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The answer

Cypress, oak, madrones, ficus, acacia, cedar, pistacia, pine, tamarisk.

"The care of the earth is our most ancient
and most worthy and, after all, our most
pleasing responsibility."

Wendell Berry

120 שנה של חזון ועשייה

Good to Know

Tu BiShvat is one of four "New Years" mentioned in the Jewish sources. The first source mentioning Tu BiShvat is the Mishnah: "The first of Shevat is the new year for trees, according to the words of Bet Shammai. Bet Hillel says: on the fifteenth of that month."

Game Time

Below is a string of letters. Can you find each of the ten trees hiding within it?

pocypressmnlthisoakkrktivlmadronestmakvdficuskt
ulnalacaciabetdltjmcedarsgurgnmafpistaciahtrklvp
latanusprsuszmnhpinenmkhlihtamariskptigdol



I have an idea! The Blue Box

The Blue Box is the coin box used to collect donations for the KKL-JNF, as well as an educational tool to connect us to Zionism. The boxes were sent to Jewish communities around the world beginning in 1904. The use of the Blue Box spread rapidly, in part thanks to the box's resemblance to the well-known charity (tzedaka) boxes prevalent in Jewish culture for generations. By World War II, around one million boxes had been distributed throughout Europe. The Blue Box became a symbol and a brand associated with the KKL-JNF and Zionism. Recently, in addition to donations, the KKL-JNF also began collecting notes containing good deeds done for the environment.

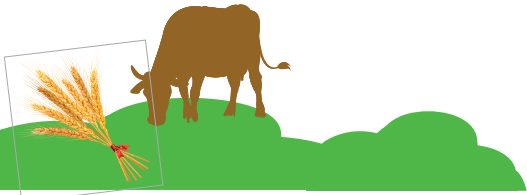
BiShvat – Happy KKL-JNF Holiday

"For man is like a tree of life."
(Deuteronomy 20:19)



Nice to meet you – Rabbi Ze'ev Yavetz

Rabbi Ze'ev Yavetz was an author, historian, educator, and a leading figure in the revival of the Hebrew language. He was considered the founder of the tradition of planting trees on Tu BiShvat, taking his students to plant trees in Zikhron Ya'akov back in 1890. The village of Kfar Yavetz, in Israel's Sharon region, is named after him.



Riddle

I have forests, but no trees.
I have lakes and seas, but
not a single drop of water.
I have paths, but not one
grain of dirt.

Who am I?

The answer is hidden somewhere on the runner.



A Moment of Hebrew



How did the word "keren" (horn) find its way to the Hebrew name of the Keren Kayemeth LeYisrael – the Jewish National Fund's Hebrew name?

In Hebrew, the word "keren" is used in many financial terms, such as "keren hisachon" (savings fund), "keren pensia" (pension fund) – as well as in idioms, such as "laying his fortune in the deer's horn (keren)," meaning to invest money in a dubious venture. Why?

Before purses were invented, many people used horns to store coins, because most horns had a wide opening that became narrower and narrower, which enabled one to store coins in it without them falling out the other side.

Someone who lays their fortune in the deer's horn, hollow on both sides, is using a "hollow purse" and thereby risks their fortune.



answer:
1. a map
2. a mountain



Spot the Difference

Jonathan and Rachel went looking for their father, a forest ranger, to bring him a birthday present, and he was delighted to see them.

Their mother

commemorated this special moment in the forest by taking 2 photos, one after the other. She noticed that, despite being quite similar, there were **5 differences** between the photos. Can you find them?

