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As with planting the carob, so is the caring for our planet a forward-looking notion, thinking of the next generations. Our deeds today are going to have an impact for years to come, affecting how our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are going to be able to live their lives here on Earth.

sapling. He asked the man why he was planting a tree that would only be bearing fruit in another 70 years^{*} – fruit the man would not be able to enjoy. The man replied: "As my ancestors planted for me, so shall I plant for my offspring". Miraculously, Honi fell into a deep sleep and woke up 70 years later to find the man's grandchild collecting the tree's fruit. (*When there are two carob trees, a male and female, the tree can also bear fruit after several years. But if there's only one tree, this can indeed take a very long time).

However there's another story attributed to him: One day Honi was out walking when he saw a man planting a carob

was known as Honi the Circler. One famous story, which gave him his name, was the story of how he drew a circle around himself and did not step out of it until the rains came.

A sage and wizard lived in the Land of Israel in the first century CE, who

Pleased to meet you - Honi the Circler

"Rabbi Simon said: There is not a blade of grass lacking a star in the heavens that strikes it and orders it to grow" (Beresheet Rabba).

Quote

Food for Thought

dress smartly and celebrate with the family. "spoilt" than that - we rest once every seven days: we put down our tools, Once every seven years we allow the land to rest, but we humans are more

us? Once a week we rest, rejuvenate to have the strength to face another six for the next six years to better raise the crops in its fields. And what about Every seven years the earth lies fallow, rests, breathes and gathers strength

breath", rest and rejuvenate? What do you like doing on the Sabbath to allow your soul to "take a deep days of work.

Singing Together

re-emerges as the same material, but sometimes the outcome is a brand materials to make new products. After being broken down it sometimes Recycling actually means taking an existing product apart and re-using the

know, but instead of singing it to its original tune, try to sing it to the tune of Our challenge is to try and recycle... Songs: Choose a song whose words you baskets or fleece - the fabric we use to make our jackets. Plastic bottles, for example, after processing, can by turned into fruit and veg

Sounds pretty easy - can you do it? a different song.

> Although this year there are going to be no plantings in the Land of Israel due to the Fallow Year, this prayer, penned by Rabbi Ben Zion Hai Uziel offers us a glimpse into the farmers' innermost prayers. Rabbi Ben Zion Hai Uziel was the "First to Zion" and the first Sephardi Chief Rabbi of the State of Israel. He was born in Jerusalem and held this office for 14 years. He wrote in his will: "Guard diligently the peace of the People and Amen the peace of the State... Pursue Truth and Peace."

May Your land, Lord, please you And bless it with the fruits of Your grace.

And bless Your people Israel And the land You have bequeathed us And may these plantings In Your covenant with our forefathers. Which we plant before You today

Our Father who art in Heaven, Builder of Zion and Jerusalem Founder of the Kingdom of Israel. Gaze from Your Holy abode in the its valleys Heavens

he Planters' Prayer / Rabbi Ben Zion Hai Uziel

Bless it with dew

To willingly bloom

our brethren

And shower it with timely rains

To quench the mountains of Israel and

With them to water each plant and

Sink deep roots and flourish proudly

Among the rest of the trees of Israel

And may You embolden the hands of all

To endow and to glorify it.

Toiling on the sacred Land

To make its Wilderness bloom.

Bless, O Lord, their numbers

And may their labors please You.

eyes.

MPO am I under me is always in the dark

Fun Fact - the Butterfly Effect

most probably you won't feel anything On the other hand, should a butterfly pass 5 cm away from your face, you'll be able to feel the immense blast of wind it generates. Should you be standing near a place where a helicopter is landing,

every good deed we do for our planet, can immensely improve our for better or for worse, may cause a tremendous change in future. And , applies to our ecosystem as well. Any tiny change, which, given certain conditions, can have an immense impact. This is where the term 'Butterfly Effect' comes from - small changes eventually can cause a powerful storm on the other side of the world. create minute disturbances in the atmosphere, disturbances which Even so, a butterfly wing flapping on one side of the world is able to

future state!

Rethink is yet another tool that can save waste. Before we buy any item at all, we pause and think: Do we really need this product, or can we perhaps use a product we already have? Is there a more environmentally-friendly alternative?

Fun Fact - RRRR

Each one of these words represents one way of protecting our environment and reducing the

The term **RRRR** is short for: Reuse, Recycle, Reduce, Rethink.

any significant changes to it. For example, wearing second-hand clothes.

If we shred plastic bottles, for example, we can use the shreds to make cloth.

Reduce – the minute we reduce our consumption – of products and of energy – whether this is done by using the tools we mentioned earlier or otherwise, we will substantially reduce the amount of waste we produce, meaning we will be reducing the amount of environmental pollution we are causing. The "zero waste" approach applies this principle both at the individual level and at the community level, and sometimes even at the municipal level. Kfar Sava, for example, is one example of a town applying this approach at the municipal level.

And what about you? how are you helping to protect our environment? share a case where you changed your habits to reuse, recycle, rethink or reduce use for the sake of the environment.

_ots of our expressions come from nature and in particular from trees and forest **Reuse** is our way of avoiding waste through finding another use for a product without having to make If someone is sawing off the branch he's sitting on, this means his action is eventually going to be harmful to that someone. When we say someone is relying on tall trees, this means what he has been saying is based on greater, more **Recycle** is also a form of reuse, except that this one is done after the material has been processed important people than himself. And if after the presentation someone tells you

A Hebrew Moment

detail and the main point gets lost.

A Game Moment

tomato, cucumber, orange, grapes, pomegranate, carrots and lettuce.

Can you find all of these?



damage caused to nature.

somehow and turned into a different product.

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l can shed tears but I have nc I can fly but I have no wings. sol Siddle No. 2

sometimes gray whatever is Sometimes I wear white,

Learn The Term ! "The Fallow Year"

Purpuests and task one standing.

Anyone lifting a tork or spoon at the sound of the wrong word is out of the game.

The caller can try to mislead the players by calling similar-sounding words.

If he calls Woods, the players lift both the fork and the spoon.

If he calls Earth, the players lift the fork.

If he calls Water, the players lift the spoon.

words: Water, Earth, Woods.

Choose someone to be the 'caller'. In each turn, the caller will call out one of these

Each player holds a fork in one hand and a spoon in the other.

Play the Water, Earth, Woods game:

A Game Moment

."itself, rebalance itself, and set off on the next six harvest years – "full steam ahead". In many ways, the Fallow Year is like an environmental "reset", where nature is allowed to replenish allows whoever wants, to harvest what has grown on it - free of charge! Another teature of the Fallow Year is the "Hetker": the farmer relinquishes ownership of the field and harvesting and ploughing, all of which are activities intended to cultivate the crop. During the Fallow Year, farmers abstain from most of their field work. This includes sowing, The Fallow Year is intended to allow the land to rest. The Fallow Year occurs once every seven years throughout the Land of Israel.

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Let's see how many you can get - Yuomam mort snoitsaup the runner, try to answer these no sməti əht lla baər pnivah rəth

c. How frequently does the Fallow nade from recycled plastic . What new products can be a. Where did Honi the Circler live?

ti si ərəhw bra and where is it d. How old is the oldest tree in Year year recur?

e. What is the Jubilee Year? growing?

of Fallow Years) every 50 years (the year at the end of seven cycles The Jubilee Year is a sacred year that occurs once

freed and land would be returned to their original In Biblical times slaves and prisoners would be

the Jewish calenda Year occurred in 2004–2005, or in the year 5765 in books and concluded that the most recent Jubilee but the Rambam did a calculation in one of his question – many people believe we have lost coun be? or have we lost count? That's a wonderful Do we know when the next Jubilee Year is going to nuoje dənini

Quote "Know that each and every shepherd plays his own tune. Know that each and every blade of grass plays its own tune And from the song of the grasses comes the song of the shepherd" (Naomi Shemer, according to Rabbi Nachman of Braslav). And what is your tune? that you can't see the forest for the trees, this means you've included too much What other nature-based expressions do you know and what do they mean? For the Fallow Year, KKL–JNF sent its emissaries abroad a box filled with fruits and vegetables from the Land of Israel. When the Brazil emissary got home, the box fell and the fruits and vegetables got strewn over the entire runner:

The Jubilee Year? I uoY rof mret A

he owns nothing – that the whole process has been vtiliser ni tent exiliser and realize that in reality power, who owns lands and slaves, to alter his state the "owners", the buyer, the person of means and This is a very interesting social concept, requiring

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(Answer: A cloud)