

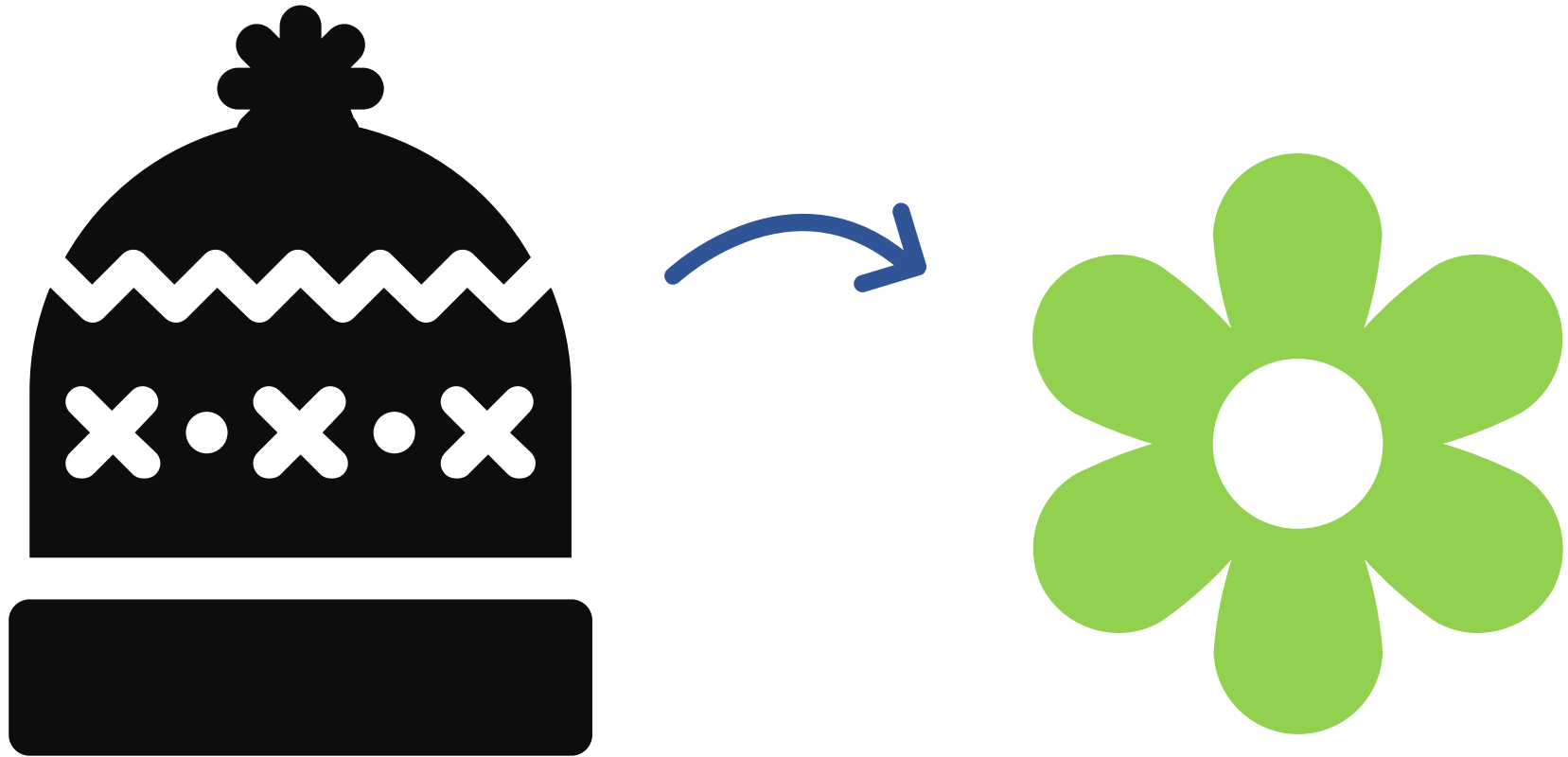
# Tu BiShvat

## טו בשבט

Jewish New Year of the Trees  
ראש השנה לאילנות

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From winter to spring



**Almond trees  
(Shkedim) are  
starting to  
bud**



# Full Moon.

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TU = 15<sup>th</sup> of Jewish  
month Shvat

9 = ט

6 = ו

Why not say: Yod (=10) י  
and Hei (=5) ה ?

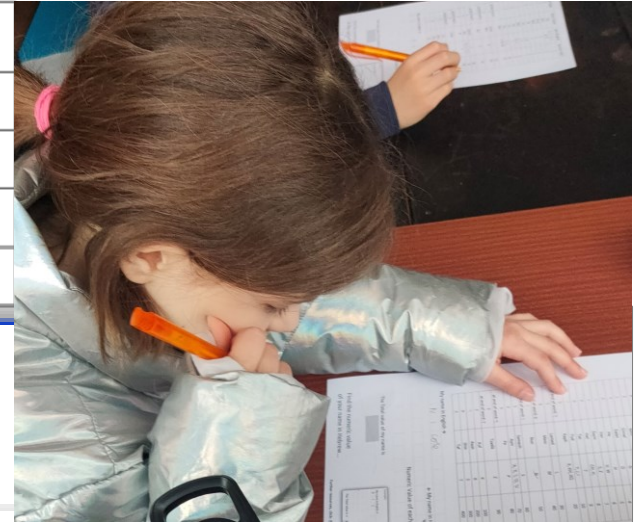
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# Numeric value of your name - Hebrew

Hebrew Letter	Letter's Name	Latin (English)	Numeric value
א	Alef	A, E, I, O, U	1
ב	Beth	B, W	2
ג	Gimel	G	3
ד	Dalet	D	4
ה	He		
ו	Vav		
ז	Zayin		
ח	Het		
ט	Tet		
י	Yud		



**Example:**

My name in English →

G I L

← My name in Hebrew

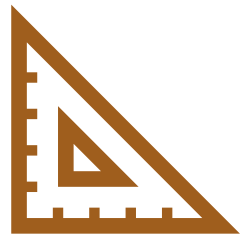
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Numeric Value of each letter:

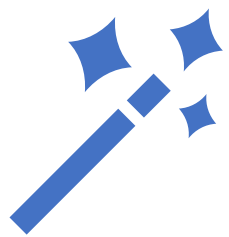
30 10 3

The Total value is → **43**

Tu BiShvat represents  
2 sides of life:



**Practical**



**Magical**



# Practical

Beit HaMikdash.  
Day of end business year, pay tax  
מעשר 'MaAser' from the fruits.

משנה, במסכת ראש שנה, פרק א' משנה א':

"בְּאַחַד בְּשָׁבָט, ראש השנה לאילן, כְּדַבְּרֵי בֵּית שְׁמַאי. בֵּית הַלֵּל אוֹמְרִים, בְּחֻמְשָׁה עֶשְׂרֵי בּוֹ."

Jerusalem. Painting 'Jerusalem Temple is waiting for you' [detail] by Alex Levin <https://artlevin.com> Used with the artist's permission.





# Magical

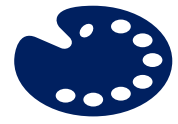


# Magical



Still cold, but in Israel, the heavy rain has ended, and the sap is starting to flow.

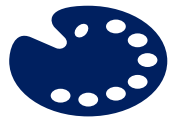
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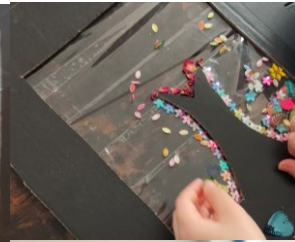
# Gems stickers on leaves



ACTIVITY



# Nature scene on clear cello-tape



# Honi HaMeAgel

## חוני המעגל

Born 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE

## Ecological Holiday

תרבות ימינו שכחה את סוד "היום לעשותם ומחר לקבל שכר". היא מבוססת על משולש מסוכן: אני, כאן, ועכשיו. ט"ו בשבט מציין את המאבק כנגד משולש זה.

הוא יום האחריות האקולוגית, המוציאה אותנו מהמעגל של האני והכאן. הוא גם יום האחריות לדורות העתידיים, המנוגד ל"עכשיו".

זעקת האילנות, פרופ' שלום רוזנברג



# חרוב

## Carob tree



אני מצאתי את העולם בחרובים, כשם שנטעו אבותי לי כך אטע אני לבני (תענית כג, ע"א).

Nature – our  
heritage

Gold coin photo: © Holy Land Mint <https://il.israelmint.com/he/31891310.html>

Carob tree plant photo: [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/34/Young\\_carob\\_tree.JPG](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/34/Young_carob_tree.JPG)

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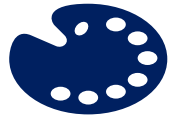
People are a tree in the field

כי האדם עץ השדה

"וַיֹּטֵעַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים גֶּן בְּעֵדֶן מִקְדָּם וַיִּשֶׂם שֵׁם  
אֶת הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר יָצָר" (בראשית ב', ח').

"וַיִּקַּח ה' אֱלֹהִים אֶת הָאָדָם וַיְנַיִחוּהוּ בְּגֵן עֵדֶן  
לְעַבְדָּה וּלְשִׁמְרָה" (בראשית ב', 15).

ACTIVITY



# A pencil tree



Photos: © Gil Dekel



# Haiku - tree

- A haiku poem describes nature.
- It doesn't rhyme.
- It contains 3 lines.

Every seed becomes a tree.  
Every tree is a memory of a  
seed.

A man came to the trees  
with a leaf in his heart.

Look at the leaf  
To see the whole  
tree.



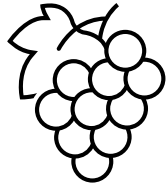


Ecological Holiday.

We eat the fruits of the  
earth's abundance.

Reflect on our relationship  
with nature.

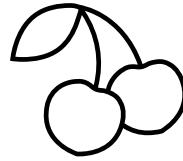
Dry fruits – dried to preserve while  
shipping from Israel to abroad.



## World of Creation

עולם הבריאה BriA

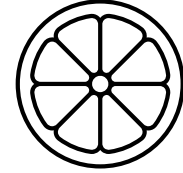
Soft fruits, no shells –  
grapes, figs, apples,  
citrons, pears,  
strawberries.



## World of Formation

עולם היצירה YeTsiRa

Fruit soft outside, but have a  
pit inside, hard stone inside  
(seed) - dates, cherries,  
plums, apricots, olives.



## World of Actions

עולם העשייה AsiYa

Hard shell, but soft inside -  
coconut, passion fruit,  
pineapple, easy peelers like  
mandarins, lychee.

The fruits represent three worlds... Kaballah  
Abstract idea made tangible and edible.

# 10 Spheres

Sapir.

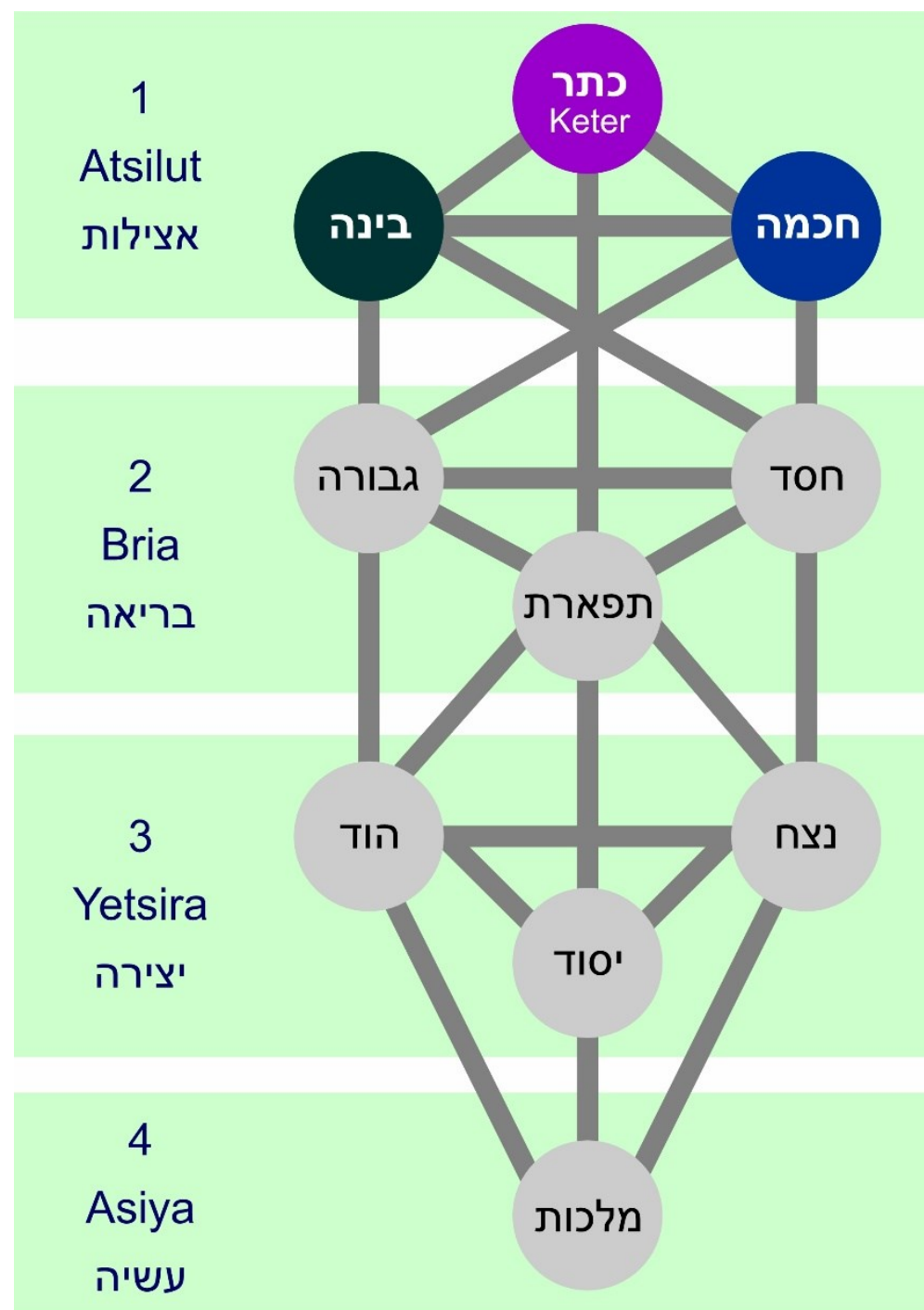
Sapphire.




Precious gem stone.

Kaballah.

God created life.

People's job is to help fix the world.



	World's Name (Hebrew)	Name	יש / אין	Dependency	Fruit/nuts that represent this world	Governing angels	cup	Level of teaching	Hebrew passage
1	אצילות <u>AtSilut</u>	World of <b>Emanation</b> .	אין. Ayin. United with its source.	בטול במציאות.	No fruits, as this world is pure emanation, beyond everything. Some traditions do celebrate and represent this world with sweet smells like cinnamon, bay.	No specific angels, as All is united with God.	White wine.	סוד Sod - Secret, mystical meaning.	כל הנקרא בשמי All that are called by my name.
2	עולם הבריאה <u>BriA</u>	World of <b>Creation</b> .	יש היולי (ראשוני קדמוני).	אפשרי המציאות.	Completely soft, no shells, open on all levels. Completely edible – grapes, figs, apples, citrons, pears, strawberries. 	Serafim. <u>סרפים</u>	White with drop of red.	<u>דרש</u> Drash - Mythic meaning, poetry, midrash.	וּלְכַבֹּדִי בְרֵאתִי Bara - Created.
3	עולם היצירה <u>YeTsiRa</u>	World of <b>Formation</b> .	יש כללי.	מציאות כללית.	Fruit with pit. Soft outside, with hard stone inside (pit, seed) - dates, cherries, plums, apricots, olives. 	<u>Hayut Kodesh</u> . חיות קודש.	Half white half red	רמז Remez - Moral, ethical meaning, parable, allegory.	יְצַרְתִּי <u>Yatsar</u> - Made into a form.
4	עולם העשייה <u>AsiYa</u>	World of <b>Actions</b> . Deeds, doing.	יש פרטי.	תחושת פרט, מציאות פרטית.	Hard shell, protecting the soft inside – lychee, passion fruit, pineapple, coco nut, easy peelers like <u>mandarins</u> ; <u>walnuts</u> , almonds, pistachio, chestnuts, hazelnuts, pine nuts, peanut. 	<u>Ofanim</u> . אופנים.	Red wine.	<u>פשט</u> Pshat - Simple, Literal meaning.	עָשִׂיתִי Asa - Did.

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"כל הנקרא בשמי וּלְכַבֹּדִי בְרֵאתִי יְצַרְתִּי אֶף עָשִׂיתִי" (ישעיה, מג, ז.)

A stylized illustration of an elderly man with a long, white beard and hair, wearing a yellow garment with a red border. The background is a gradient of blue and teal. The man's face is detailed with wrinkles and a serious expression.

משה

Moshe

and the Angels  
of Tu BiShvat.

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