



It is forbidden to live in a town  
in which there is no garden or greenery.

*Jerusalem Talmud, Kodashim 4:12*



And the earth brought forth  
grass, and herb yielding seed  
after its kind, and tree  
yielding fruit, whose seed  
was in itself, after its kind;  
and God saw that it was good.

-Genesis 1:12



And God said, Behold, I  
have given you every herb  
bearing seed, which is upon  
the face of all the earth, and  
every tree, on which is the  
fruit of a tree yielding seed;  
to you it shall be for food.

-Genesis 1:29



And out of the ground made  
the Lord God every tree to  
grow that is pleasant to the  
sight, and good for food; the  
tree of life also in the midst of  
the garden, and the tree of  
knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9



And the Lord God commanded  
the man, saying, Of every tree  
of the garden you may freely eat;

- Genesis 2:16



And when you shall come into  
the land, and shall have planted  
all kinds of trees for food, then  
you shall count its fruit as  
uncircumcised; three years shall  
it be uncircumcised to you;  
it shall not be eaten.

Leviticus 19:23



A land of wheat, and barley,  
and vines, and fig trees, and  
pomegranates; a land of  
olive oil, and honey;

-Deuteronomy 8:8



Only the trees which you know  
do not yield food may be destroyed,  
you may cut them down for  
constructing siegeworks against the city  
that is waging war on you  
until it has been reduced.

-Deuteronomy 20:20





It is a tree of life to those  
that hold fast to it and all  
of its supporters are happy.  
Its ways are pleasant ways,  
and all its paths peaceful.

-Proverbs 3:18



And all the tithe of the land,  
whether of the seed of the  
land, or of the fruit of the  
tree, is the Lord's; it is holy  
to the Lord.

-Leviticus 27:30



And God said, Let the earth  
bring forth grass, herb yielding  
seed, and fruit tree yielding  
fruit after his kind, whose seed  
is in itself, upon the earth;  
and it was so.

- Genesis 1:11



When you come to the land  
and plant trees each tree shall  
give its fruit and the land  
shall give its abundance.  
It is time to plant trees.

-Leviticus Rabbah 25:5



When you besiege a city for a long time...  
you shall not destroy its trees...  
For you may eat of them  
but you may not cut them down.

-Deuteronomy 20:19



Once an old man was planting a fig tree when a Roman General happened to pass by. He laughed at the old man and said, “You Jews are stupid. Don’t you realize it will take twenty years before that tree will grow enough to give fruit, and you will be long dead by then?” The old man answered, when I was a small child I could eat fruit because those who came before me planted trees. Shouldn’t I do the same thing for those who come after me?

-Leviticus Rabba 25:5



If a man kills a tree before it's time  
it is as though he has murdered a soul.

-Rabbi Nahman of Bratzlav



One generation goes, another comes,  
But the earth remains forever.

- Ecclesiastes 1:4





## A Bushel of projects to use with Tu B'Shevat quotes to be used with the Giant Trees poster

Pick a leaf off the tree and choose an activity:

1. When you read your quote, what images come to mind? Use charcoal and pastels to illustrate your passage. Hang your artwork on the classroom wall with your leaf next to it.
2. Debaters wanted! Team up with a friend and make a list all of the ways your quotes may be used to defend why people today should take better care of the earth. Present your arguments to the class.
3. Is your quote from the Torah? Locate the passage in the Torah and record the verses that come before and after. How does reading your quote in context change your understanding?
4. What question does your quote answer? Write a really detailed question and attach it to your leaf.
5. Memorize your quote and recite it to the class.
6. Design a postage a stamp that reflects the meaning of the verse you chose. Post your stamp on a classroom wall.
7. Re-write your quote into a modern day rap. Perform it for the class.