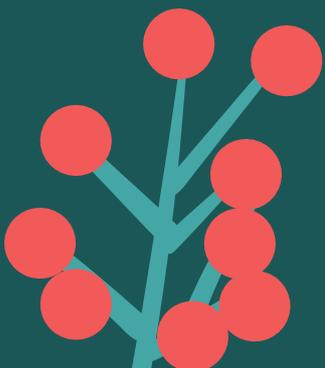
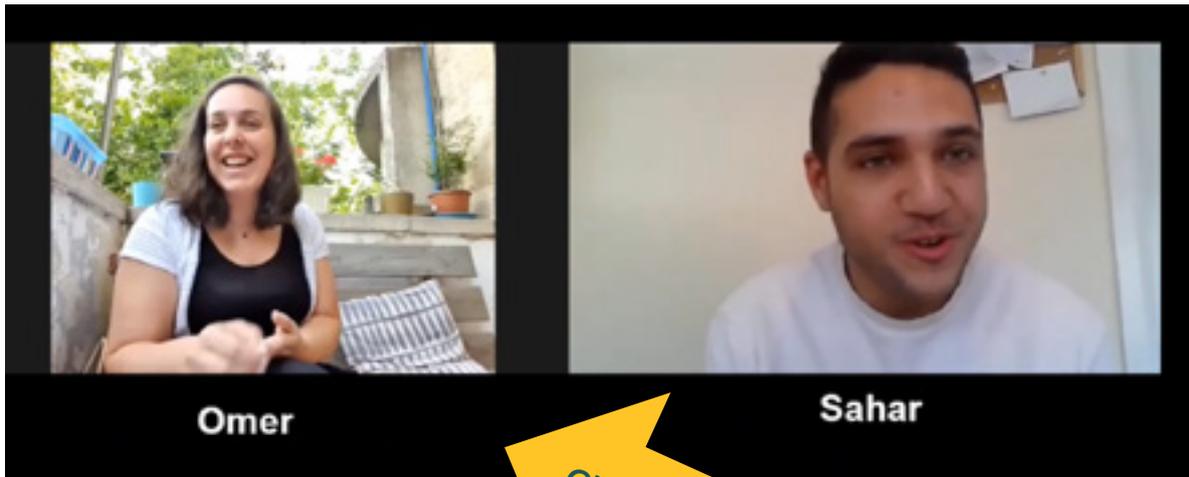




Shavuot in Israel

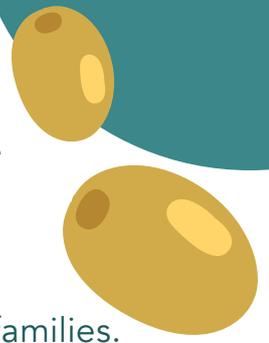


We're happy to share this lovely video conversation between Sahar Sazgar, our UJIA and Jewish Agency Shaliach in 2020 and his friend Omer Drori. Omer grew up on a Kibbutz in Southern Israel and reflects on the very special way that Shavuot is celebrated on Kibbutzim and the way it features in the history of the Kibbutz Movement.





The Seven Species – Let's put it into pieces!



A game designed to be played in groups of 4-8 people or at home with families.

The game teaches about the 7 Species of fruits and grains mentioned in the Torah and featured prominently in the Shavuot rituals. We'll gain an understanding of how these species are still part of our everyday lives.

Print out and cut the attached cards with images of the 7 species as mentioned in the Torah. Additionally, print out and cut the attached cards with an explanation of each of the species. You will need 7 small boxes in advance. Place all the cards in one of the boxes.

Mission 1

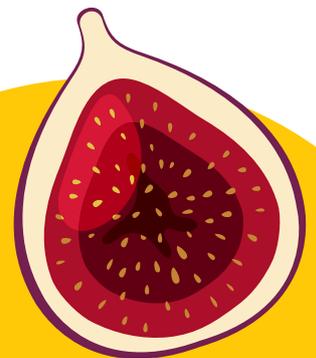
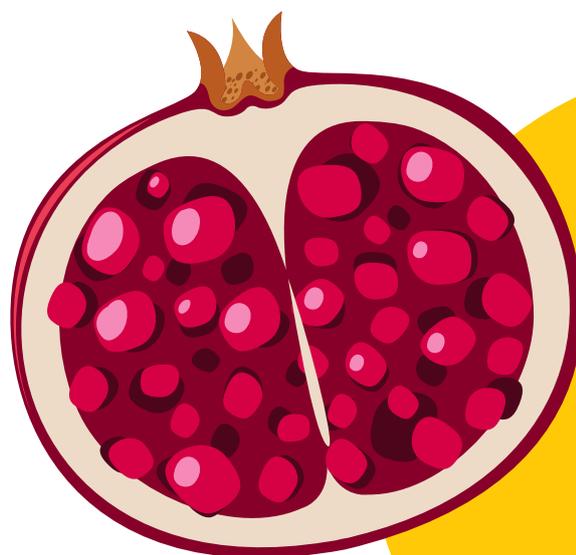
Your task is to place in each box the image and text card for each species matched correctly. You'll notice that each explanation card is missing the name of the fruit or grain that it belongs to. Your mission is to match each card to its correct image. Receive 1 point for each correct match. If you're stuck there's an answer link at the end of this resource.

Read aloud to your family each card in the boxes.

Mission 2 Only 10 minutes!

For this task set 10 minutes on a timer to complete the whole mission.

Your challenge now is to gather into each box products from around your house or classroom (probably mostly found in your kitchen) that are connected to the species in the box. Each player that puts the right product in the right box receives a point!



For example

In the box with the card about Grapes you can place fresh grapes, kiddush wine, raisins, sultanas, vinegar, or grape juice.

For Olives: olive oil, olives, or olive skin cream.

For Wheat: bread, flour, pasta, couscous (if you're playing with older participants include Beer or Whiskey!)

The winner is the player who managed to collate the most points from Mission 1 and 2 combined. Enjoy!

Answers - if you need them!

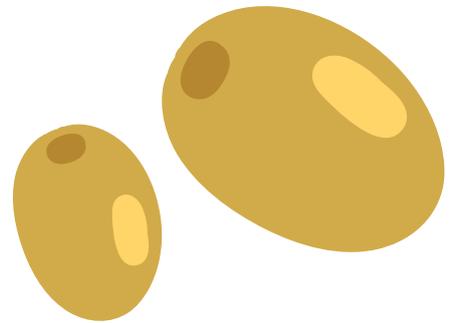
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- Card 2 Wheat and Barley
- Card 3 Dates
- Card 4 Olive
- Card 5 Fig
- Card 6 Grapes



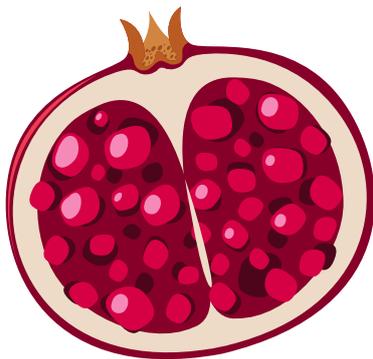
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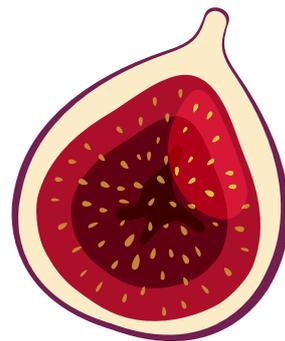
Olives
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Pomegranates
רימונים



Figs
תאנים



Wheat and Barley
חיטה ושעורה



Grapes
גפן



Card 1

The _____ is reputed to have 613 seeds.

(There is a tradition that the Torah contains 613 mitzvot - 248 positive commandments and 365 negative commandments.) In eating this fruit, we aspire to become as full of mitzvot as the _____ is full of seeds.

Card 2

_____ represents the endeavour to nourish our physical bodies as well as our spiritual aspirations. It must be planted, cared for, harvested, winnowed, sifted, ground, kneaded and baked: a long and difficult process. Similarly, when we are far away from the land, our connection to Israel needs to be nurtured throughout our lives.

Card 3

Symbolic of "Netzach," endurance and longevity, the _____ is believed by some to be the tree that best represents Israelis, reflecting the everlasting fruitfulness of the Jewish people and our capacity to endure and survive in spite of every hardship.

Card 4

_____ are of great importance in Israel's history. More than any other fruit! The gnarled barks of the ancient _____ trees on Israel's terraced hillsides seem to exude a wisdom accumulated from witnessing centuries of human history. Due to its usefulness and sturdiness the _____ is often used as an analogy for the Jewish people.

Card 5

We eat _____ to celebrate the sweetness of the reunification of ancient and modern Israel. Borne of trees that now grow in the ancient sands of our homeland. A fruit that is mentioned in the stories of Moses, David, and Tamar, whose branches provided food, shelter and sustenance for our people for so many years and was the recognized symbol of the Kingdom of Judea.

Card 6

The Torah tells us that when Moshe Rabbenu sent the twelve scouts to spy out the Promised Land, they brought back with them samples of the fruit grown there. The weight of a bunch of _____, which they had brought, is described as requiring two men at each side of a pole to carry it. Today, Israeli wines are a celebration of our beautiful vineyards scattered in various regions throughout the country.