

Parsha Pearls

Behar

"On the mount"

Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

32.1 - The Shmitah and Yobel
Leviticus 25



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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Lev. 25:1-9	Land Sabbath Instruction
Tuesday:	Lev. 25:10-19	Jubilee Year Instruction - land
Wednesday:	Lev. 25:20-34	Jubilee Year Instruction - land, poor brother, houses, cities of Lewites
Thursday:	Lev. 25:35-39	Jubilee Year Instruction - poor brother
Friday:	Lev. 25:40-55	Jubilee Year Instruction - servant or sojourner

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be studying the instruction and right-rulings to the children of Yisra'el regarding land rest every 7th year (shmitah) and the Jubilee year (Yobel - an event that happens every 50 years) when entering the land of Kena'an. Now, let's read Lev. 25.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh spoke to Mosheh on Mt. Sinai instructing him to speak to the children of Yisra'el - 25:1-2
- Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to them regarding a Sabbath rest for the land when entering the land of Kena'an - 25:2
- Yahweh told them that He was the one who brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, to give them the land of Kena'an and be their Elohim - 25:38

Years 1-7

- Yahweh said to them regarding years 1-6: (25:3; Ex. 23:10)

- 6 (**shesh**) years you sow (**tizra**) your field (**sadeh**)
- 6 years you prune (**tizmor**) your vineyard (**kerem**) and gather its fruit



- Yahweh said to them regarding the 7th year: (25:4-5; Ex. 23:11)

- Do NOT sow your field
- Do NOT prune your vineyard
- Do NOT reap what grows of its own of your harvest
- Do NOT gather the grapes of your unpruned vine



- Yahweh told them that the Sabbath rest for the land would provide sustenance (food) for: (25:6-7)
 - oneself and family
 - male and female and hired servants
 - stranger within their gates
 - animals in their lands

Jubilee Year - Yobel

- Count 7 (**sheva**) Sabbaths of years; $7 \times 7 = 49$ years - 25:8
- Sound a shofar on the 10th (**eser**) day of the 7th month (Yom HaKippurim) to be heard throughout the land to proclaim this - 25:9
- The 50th (**chamishim**) year is a Jubilee (Yobel) to you - 25:11
- Set the 50th year apart - 25:10, 12
- Proclaim a release throughout the land for everyone for a Yobel - 25:10
- Everyone shall return to their possession (land and homes) and their clan - 25:10, 13
- Do NOT sow in the 50th year - 25:11
- Do NOT reap what grows of its own in the 50th year - 25:11
- Do NOT gather its unpruned vine in the 50th year - 25:11
- You may eat from the field its crops - 25:12



Right-Rulings Regarding Your Neighbor's Property or Possessions

- Do NOT exploit one another (interest or profit), when you do a business transaction with your neighbor in the years between the Yobel - 25:14-16
- Do NOT oppress one another - 25:17
- When someone falls upon hard times and you purchase something of their possession:
 - their relative (redeemer) will be allowed the opportunity to purchase the possession back - 25:23-25
 - they themselves will be allowed to purchase the possession back when they are able - 25:26-27
 - if they are not able to purchase it back, you must hold onto the possession until the Yobel and give it back to them - 25:28
- When someone falls upon hard times and you purchase their house in a walled city:
 - they may purchase it back within a year - 25:29
 - if they are not able to purchase it back within a year, then it is yours and you do not have to give it back in the Yobel - 25:30
- When someone falls upon hard times and you purchase their house in a village but NOT a walled city:
 - a right of redemption belongs to it, if possible - 25:31
 - it must be released in the Yobel, if it is not able to be redeemed before that - 25:31

Right-Rulings Regarding Your Brother

- When your brother has become poor, you are to strengthen him - 25:35
- When your brother has become poor, he shall live with you - 25:35-36
- When your brother has become poor, do NOT take interest or obtain profit from him regarding silver or food - 25:36-37
- When your brother who dwells by you becomes poor and sells himself to you, do NOT make him a slave, but a hired servant, until the year of the Yobel wherein he will return to his own clan and family - 25:39-42
- You are NOT to rule over your brother with harshness - 25:43, 46b



Blessings for Obedience Regarding the Land Sabbath

- You shall dwell in the land in safety - 25:18, 19
- The land will yield its fruit - 25:19
- You will eat to satisfaction/fullness - 25:19
- Starting in the 6th year and for 3 (**shalosh**) years, the land will grow it's crops - 25:21
- You may sow in the 8th (**shmoneh**) year and eat the old crop until the 9th (**tesha**) year - 25:22

Right-Rulings Regarding Lewites

- The Lewites have a right of redemption forever regarding cities and houses in their possession - 25:32
- In the year of the Yobel, their house and city will be released - 25:33
- The field of the open land in their cities is never to be sold - 25:34

Right-Rulings Regarding the Nations or Foreigner in Your Land

- Your male and female servants from the nations that are around you, are yours as an inheritance for all time - 25:44-46
- If a sojourner or settler becomes rich in your land and if a native Yisra'elite becomes his servant, the poor man can be redeemed by a family member before the year of Jubilee by paying back his debt - 25:49-50
- The sojourner or settler living in the land who acquired a native Yisra'elite as his servant must not treat him with harshness - 25:53
- If a native Yisra'elite is not able to be redeemed before the year of Jubilee by a family member, he will be released along with his children in the year of Jubilee, because the children of Yisra'el are Yahweh's servants - 25:54-55

DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- What trust and reliance would the children of Yisra'el have to have in order to believe that Yahweh would provide enough in the harvest of six years to see them through the seventh year of land rest, as well as the 8th year when they are sowing again?
- What benefits are there to giving the land a rest every 7 years? Discuss nutrients and depletion if there is no rest.
- How do you think someone of a wealthy stature would feel the 7th year when they are not sowing or plowing and living like everyone else, trusting in Yahweh's instructions to sustain them as He does the poor of the land? How do you think someone of a wealthy stature would feel the 50th year when they had to release the person or property they had acquired?
- Discuss how kind and merciful Yahweh is that He would designate the year of Jubilee as a time for all servants to be released from their servitude unless they chose to stay (Ex. 21:2-6; Deut. 15:12-18).
- Discuss how kind and merciful Yahweh is that everyone was able to start over again in the 50th year.
- Discuss the fairness to the purchaser (whether a native or foreigner) that Yahweh put in place for when a relative is redeeming a property or person found in Lev. 25:14-17, 50-52 and how the price of redemption is calculated depending on how many years are left until the Yobel.
- Discuss the difference between a servant and a slave according to Scripture.
- Notice that Yahweh says that the land is His (v. 23), not ours and that we are His servants (v. 42, 55). What does that mean?



Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Tizra (**תזרע**) - sow

Sadeh (**שדה**) - field

Tizmor (**תזמר**) - prune

Kerem (**כרם**) - vineyard

NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

3 - shalosh

6 - shesh

7 - sheva

8 - shmoneh

9 - tesha

10 - eser

50 - chamishim

WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Kerem

Field

Sadeh

Prune

Tizmor

Sow

Tizra

Vineyard



FLASHCARDS

שדה

Sadeh

Sa-deh

field

כרם

Kerem

Ke-rem

vineyard

תזרע

Tizra

Tiz-ra

sow

תזמר

Tizmor

Tiz-mor

prune



WRITING HEBREW

Sadeh (field)

שדה

Hey Dalet Sin
ה ד ש

Kerem (vineyard)

כרם

Mem Soft Resh Kaf
ם ר כ

Tizra (sow)

תזרע

Ayin Resh Zayin Tav
ע ר ז ת

Tizmor (prune)

תזמר

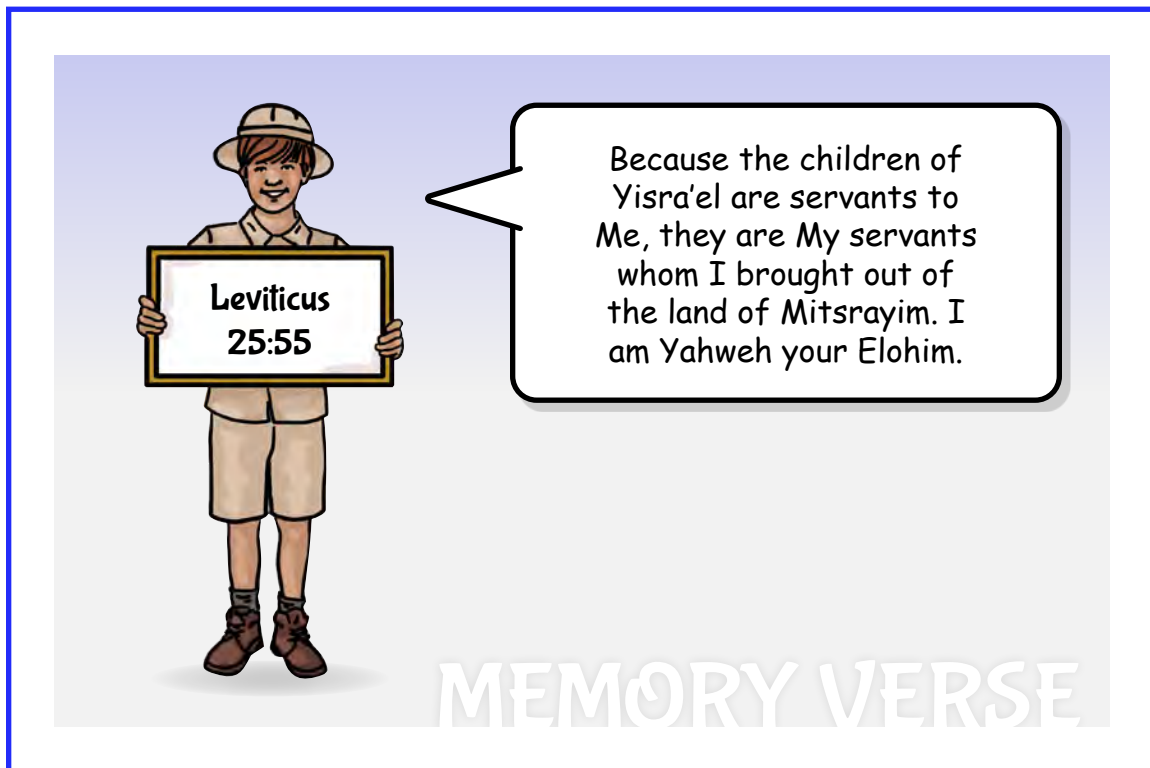
Resh Mem Zayin Tav
ר מ ז ת

Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Bet and Gadol memory verse is Lev. 25:55. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Leviticus
25:55

Because the children of Yisra'el are servants to Me, they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Mitsrayim. I am Yahweh your Elohim.

MEMORY VERSE

SEEKING TREASURE



1.

The instructions that Yahweh gave to Mosheh in Leviticus 25 are for when they enter the land of Kena'an only.

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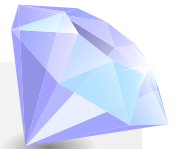
(25:2)



2.

_____ years you sow your
_____, and _____ years
you prune your _____,
and gather its _____.

(25:3)



3.

Circle the correct choices regarding the instruction for the 7th year.

sow your land you can gather the grapes of your unpruned vine
you cannot reap what grows of itself land is to have a rest
prune your vineyard

(25:4-5)

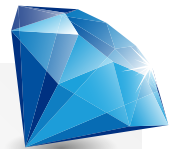


4.

During the Sabbath land rest, there shall be food for you and your servants male and female, and for the stranger who sojourns with you, but not for your animals.

T / F

(25:6-7)



5.

What instrument was sounded on the 1st day of the Yobel?

(25:9)



6.



The 49th year is a Yobel to you.

T / F

(25:11)

7.



What does Yahweh say the children of Yisra'el will have if they do His laws and guard His right-rulings?

dwell in the land in safety

land will yield its fruit

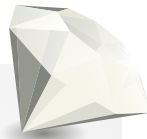
rain will fall abundantly

you shall eat to satisfaction

no one will be poor

(25:18-19)

8.



I am _____ your
_____ who brought you out of
the land of _____, to
give you the land of _____,
to be your _____.

(25:38)

10.

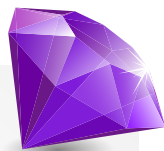


The children of Yisra'el are Yahweh's servants forever.

T / F

(25:55)

9.



The price of redeeming a property is based on how many years there are left until the Yobel.

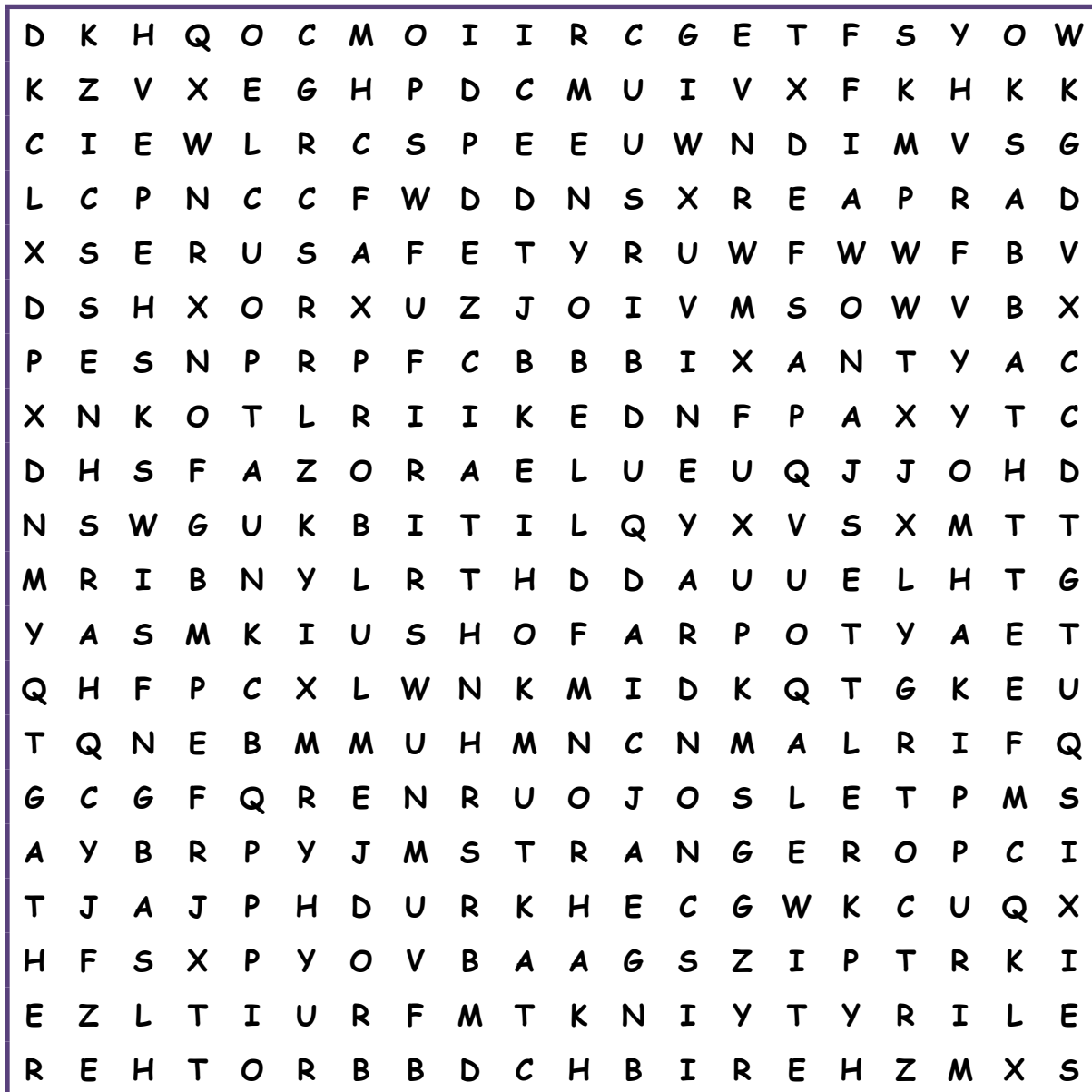
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(25:16, 50-52)



WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



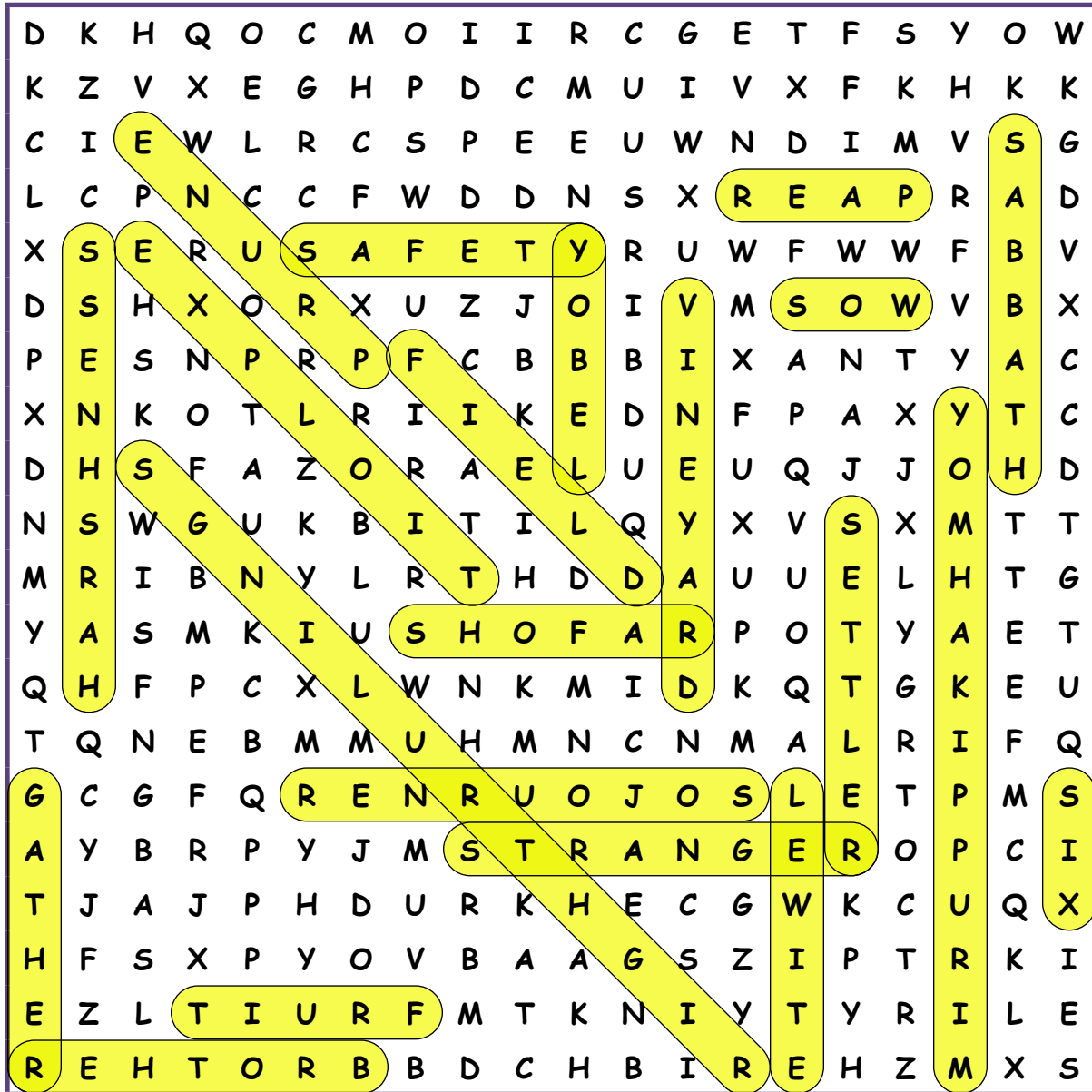
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FIELD
FRUIT
SHOFAR
EXPLOIT
SAFETY
STRANGER

SIX
PRUNE
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HARSHNESS
SOJOURNER
LEWITE

SOW
VINEYARD
GATHER
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Answer Key



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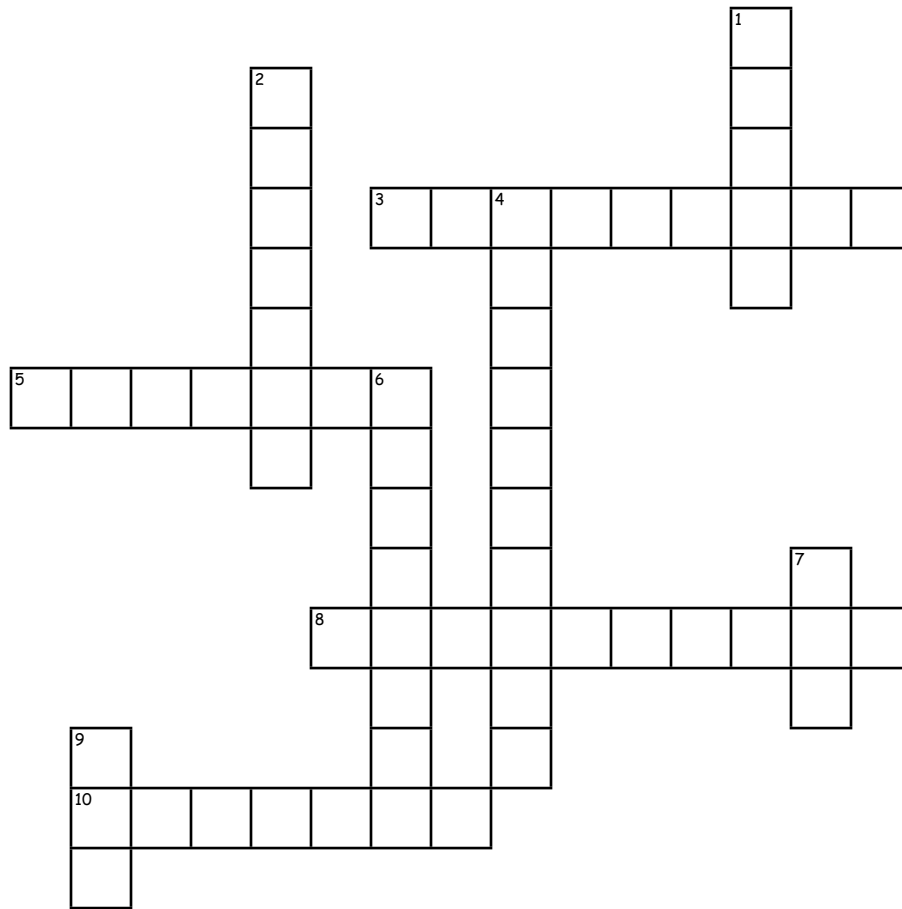
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



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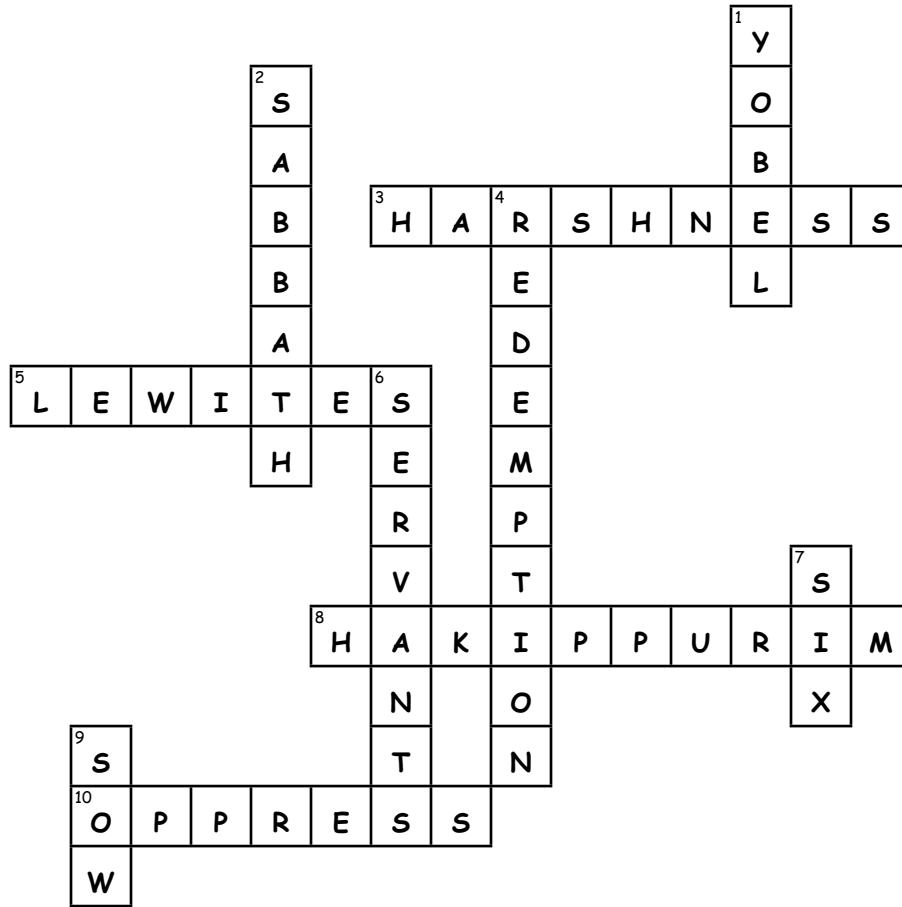
3. Do not rule over him with _____.
5. The _____ have a right of redemption forever.
8. You shall sound a shofar on Yom _____.
10. Do not _____ one another, but you shall fear Yahweh your Elohim.

Down

1. The 50th year is a _____ to you.
2. The 7th year the land is to have a _____ of rest.
4. His right of _____ lasts a year.
6. The children of Yisra'el are _____ to Me.
7. _____ years you sow your field.
9. You shall _____ in the 8th year.



Answer Key



Across

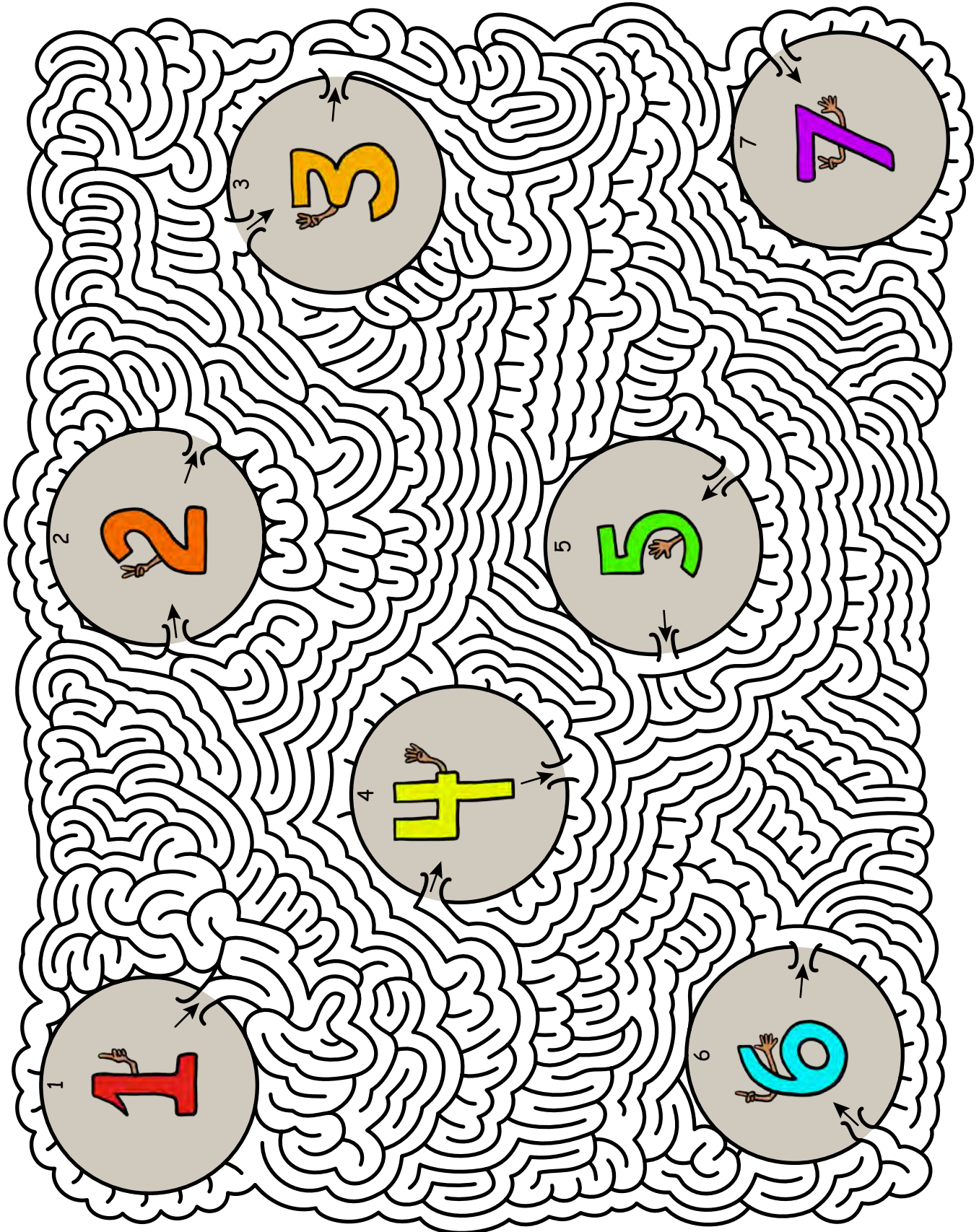
3. Do not rule over him with **harshness**.
5. The **Lewites** have a right of redemption forever.
8. You shall sound a shofar on Yom **HaKippurim**.
10. Do not **oppress** one another, but you shall fear Yahweh your Elohim.

Down

1. The 50th year is a **Yobel** to you.
2. The 7th year the land is to have a **Sabbath** of rest.
4. His right of **redemption** lasts a year.
6. The children of Yisra'el are **servants** to Me.
7. **Six** years you sow your field.
9. You shall **sow** in the 8th year.



MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - regular
- Craft tissue paper - shades of green
- Decorative balls - gold (for date palm)
- Seed beads (for grapes & olives)
- Wheat kernels (for wheat)
- Puffy paint - yellow (for etrog)
- X-acto knife
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensional
- Glue
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons, or markers
- Notebook Page Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Shmitah

Deuteronomy 25:3-4



Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Page Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Notebook Templates. (P1)
- Using an X-acto knife, make a slit through the dotted line on the Main Page. (P2)
- Adhere a double-sided adhesive foam dimensional to the back of the man resting. (P3)
- Glue a craft stick to the back of the man sowing seed. (P4)
- Set aside to dry.



P1



P2



P3



P4

Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

Embellishing the Page

- If desired, you can use any item you want to embellish the crops or leave as is.

Year 1 - Grapes

- Apply glue to the grapes and place purple seed beads on the glue, using tweezers if needed to assist in placement. (P5a, P5b)
- Allow to dry. (P6)



P5a



P5b



P6

Year 2 - Olives

- Apply glue to the olives and place green seed beads on the glue, using tweezers if needed to assist in placement. (P7a, P7b)
- Allow to dry. (P8)



P7a



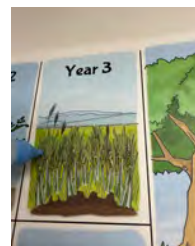
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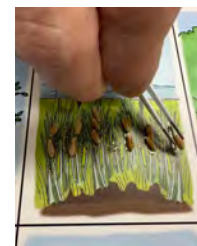
P8

Year 3 - Wheat

- Apply glue to the stalks and place wheat kernels on the glue, using tweezers if needed to assist in placement. (P9a, P9b)
- Allow to dry. (P10)



P9a



P9b



P10

Year 4 - Corn

- Apply glue to the stalks and place shredded green tissue on the glue. (P11a, P11b)
- Allow to dry. (P12)



P11a



P11b



P12

Year 5 - Etrog

- Use yellow puffy paint to dimensionalize the etrogs. (P13)
- Allow to dry. (P14)



P13



P14

Year 6 - Dates

- Apply glue to the dates and place gold decorative balls over them. (P15a, P15b)
- Allow to dry. (P16)



P15a



P15b



P16

Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

Year 7 - Shmitah

- Place the resting man on the blanket on the Main Page. (P17)

Hebrew Words

- Write the following directly on the Main Page or onto a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:

- 1) Kerem 2) תרוע 3) Vineyard (P18)
- 1) Sadeh 2) שדה 3) Field (P19)
- 1) Tizra 2) תזרע 3) Sow (P20)

You now have a visual representation of the instruction to sow your field for 6 years, but in the 7th year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest.



P17



P18



P19



P20

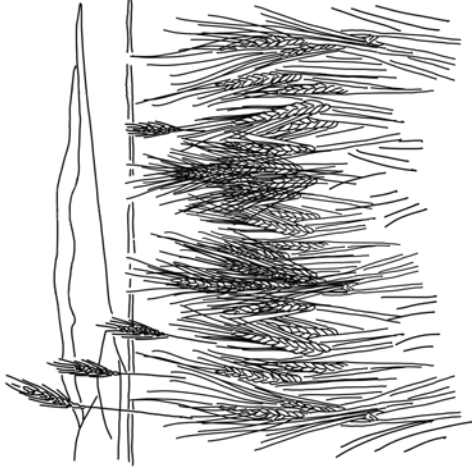
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



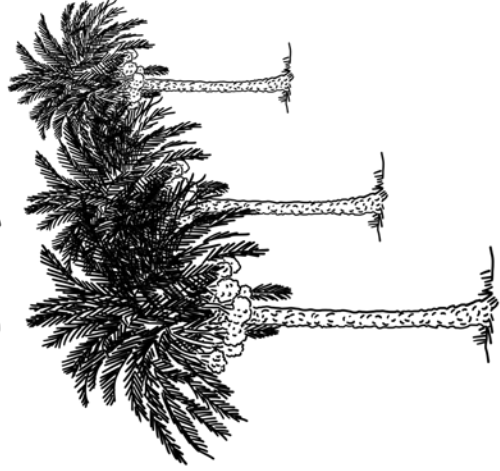
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Year 5



Year 6



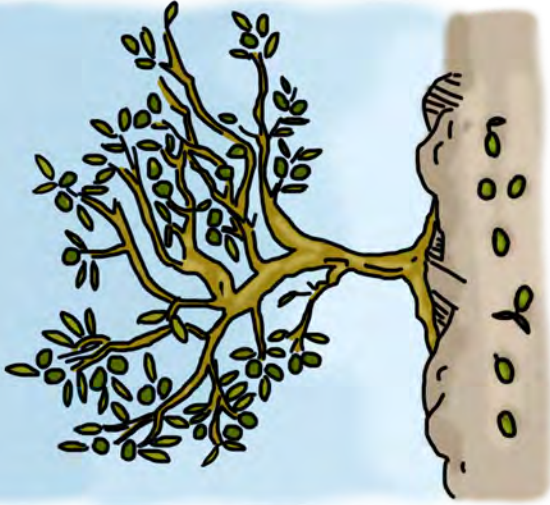
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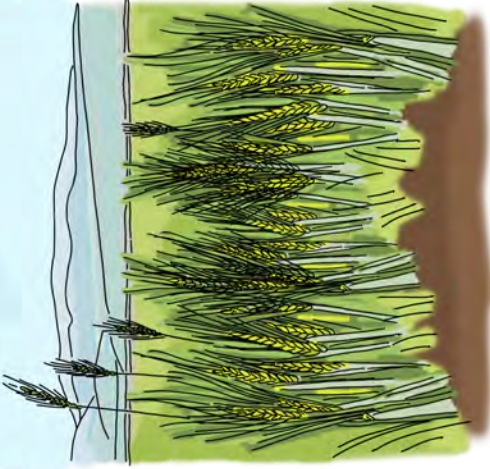
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Year 2



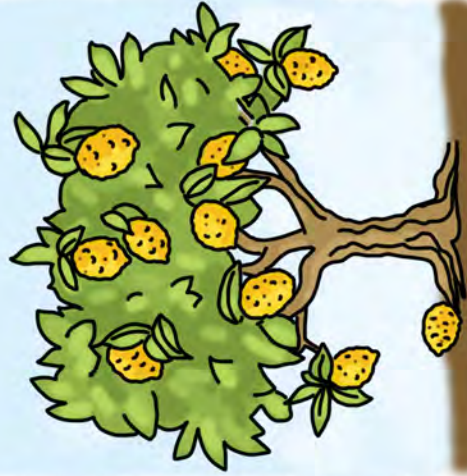
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Year 5



Year 6



Year 7

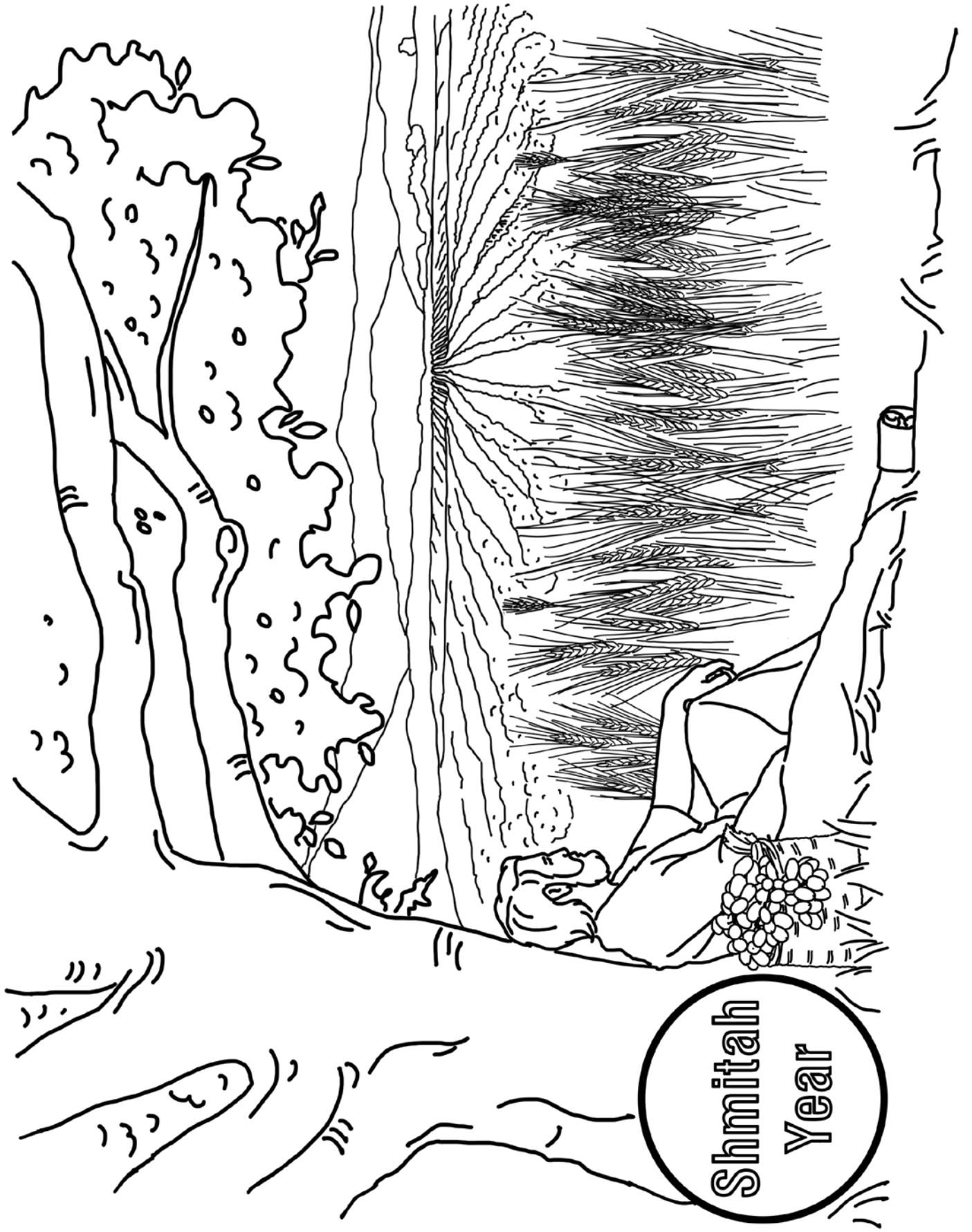






YEARS
1-6





Shmitah
Year

BISHOP

"On the mount"
Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

LEI

Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2026-05-01T03_58_10-07_00

The Year of Jubilee

Leviticus 25

The shofar sounds across the land
The people return to their own clan
Yahweh declares a Jubilee year
Rest and freedom are drawing near
The debts are gone, the fields restored
The slave returns to his own home
A time of safety, joy and peace
The trumpet proclaims the day of release

The year of Jubilee, the time of grace
The shofar echoes in every place
The people rejoice, the heavens shine
Yahweh restores what once was mine

Through every street the praises rise
The song of freedom fills the skies
From age to age, His truth remains
The love of Yahweh forever reigns!

The year of Jubilee, the time of grace
The shofar echoes in every place
The people rejoice, the heavens shine
Yahweh restores what once... was... mine!



SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Edible Fruit Tree

Lev. 25:19



Ingredients:

- Pretzel rod
- Pretzel sticks
- Green grapes
- Red raspberries

Instructions:

Lay a pretzel rod upright on a plate. Add pretzel sticks to create branches. Make leaves using green grapes and lay the raspberries in between the leaves to represent abundant fruit that Yahweh blesses His people with during the shmitah year.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Lev. 26:1-13	Blessings for obedience
Tuesday:	Lev. 26:14-39	Curses for disobedience
Wednesday:	Lev. 26:40-46	Returning to Yahweh
Thursday:	Lev. 27:1-13	The redeeming of beings, property and vows
Friday:	Lev. 27:14-34	The redeeming of beings, property and vows