



GROWTORAH Q3 FIELD REPORT

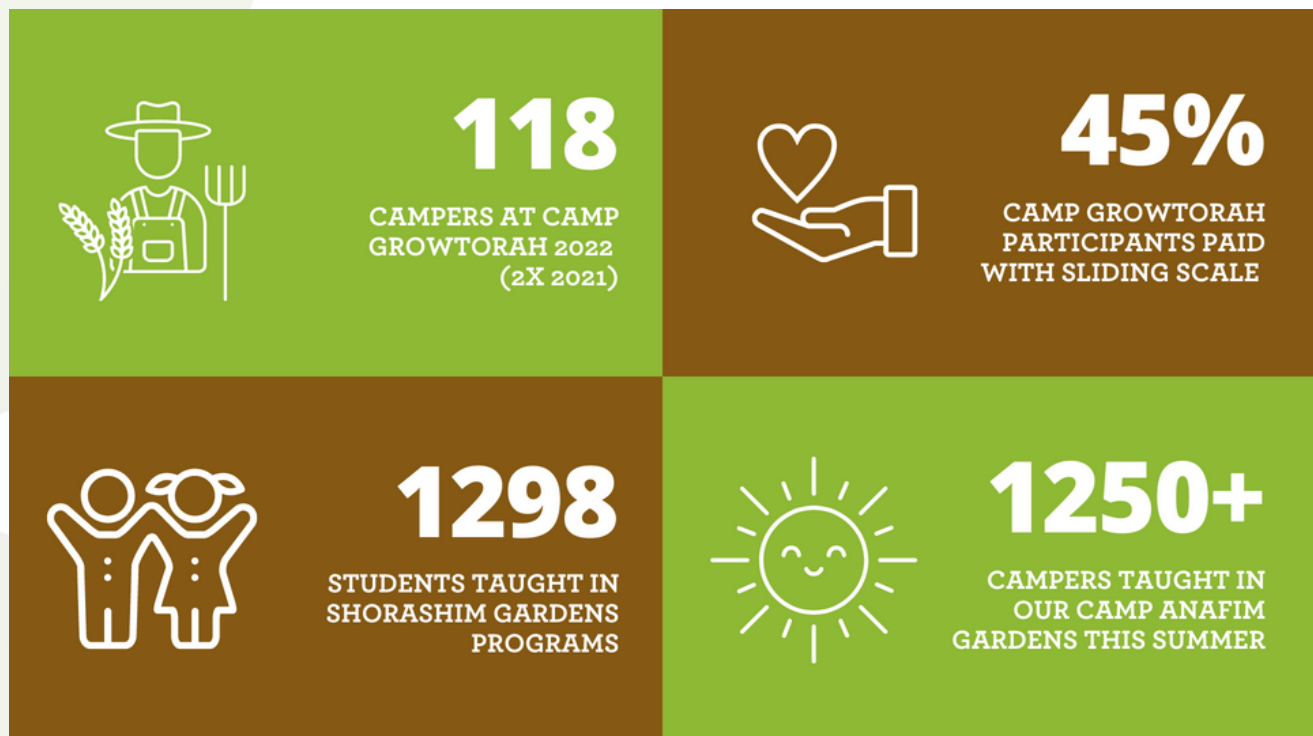
Welcome to the Q3 Field Report, where we share with you highlights from the 3rd quarter at GrowTorah, where we develop experiential & environmental Torah education programs for Jewish institutions.

Our mission is to cultivate a more passionate, compassionate, and sustainable future driven by Torah values.

Your support enables us to turn this mission into action. This quarterly report is one way we hold ourselves accountable to you, our stakeholders, while also celebrating the impact of your partnership with us.

We enjoyed a beautiful Summer and early Fall in Quarter 3. We built 5 new gardens for Shorashim partners, we worked with 2 summer camps reaching over 1,250 campers, we delved deep into curriculum work with our college interns, and we doubled our camp size with 1118 campers over 2 weeks at Camp GrowTorah.

In the early fall, we taught hundreds of lessons to thousands of students in our Shorashim and Anafim school garden programs. The numbers below reflect but a snapshot of the work that we do. Keep reading to go deeper.



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118 CAMPERS AT CAMP GROWTORAH

We spent a gorgeous 2 week on the farm for the two sessions of Camp GrowTorah 2022. This year's theme was Shmita, and each day we explored a different element of the mitzvah. Specifically, we learned about how Shmita affects the land, the animals, the needy among us, and of course, our relationship with Hashem. We did this through nature exploration, arts & crafts, and farm chores in both the learning garden and in the farm fields.



"Children belong in nature, the problem is that we, adults put so many restrictions that they forget that connection. This is the place for each child to be and reconnect We love being part of this as a family! Can't wait for more opportunities. Great job"

"Our daughter has never been so excited about avocado pits, pickles, or beeswax."

"My child had a wonderful week, was engaged and happy, learned and enjoyed the activities...it was a 10/10."

"Thank you for running this wonderful program! We can't wait to sign up for next year!"

"Love love love how you imbue torah into nature; also such great activities & art projects."

— Camp GrowTorah 2022 Parents via Anonymous Feedback Form





SHORASHIM SAMPLES FROM GROWTORAH STAFF

Our Shorashim partner garden programs are thriving under the guidance of our educators: For Rosh Hashana Farmer Yosef taught “teshuva weeding” at Yeshivat Frisch, Ben Porat Yosef and SAR Academy; Farmer Sara led life-cycle explorations and said goodbye to our experiential shmita garden beds at Yavneh Academy and The Moriah School. For Sukkot, Farmer Menuchah explored the Arba Minim and other plant-based mitzvot at Kushner Hebrew Academy, Mercaz Academy, The Leffell School and HALB’s Lev Chana. At Yeshiva of Flatbush, Barkai Yeshiva, North Shore Hebrew Academy and the Kaplen JCC’s Ginat Yachad, Farmer Spence guided students through Parshat Beresheit with examples of creation in our gardens.



ANAFIM ACROSS THE USA

Each month our Anafim educators gather for our cohort-wide professional development workshops. This month we focused on seed-saving for parshat Beresheit, cover cropping during shmita and fall planting to learn shabbos melachot. Each school customizes their program to fit their community and we are honored to partner with all of these schools: Akiba Yavneh Academy (Dallas, TX), Berman Hebrew Academy (Silver Spring, MD); Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns of Rockaway - HAFTR (Lawrence, NY); Hebrew Academy of Nassau County - HANC (West Hempstead, NY); Hillel Torah (Skokie, IL); Ohr Hatorah (Atlanta, GA); and Yeshiva Har Torah (Queens, NY).

