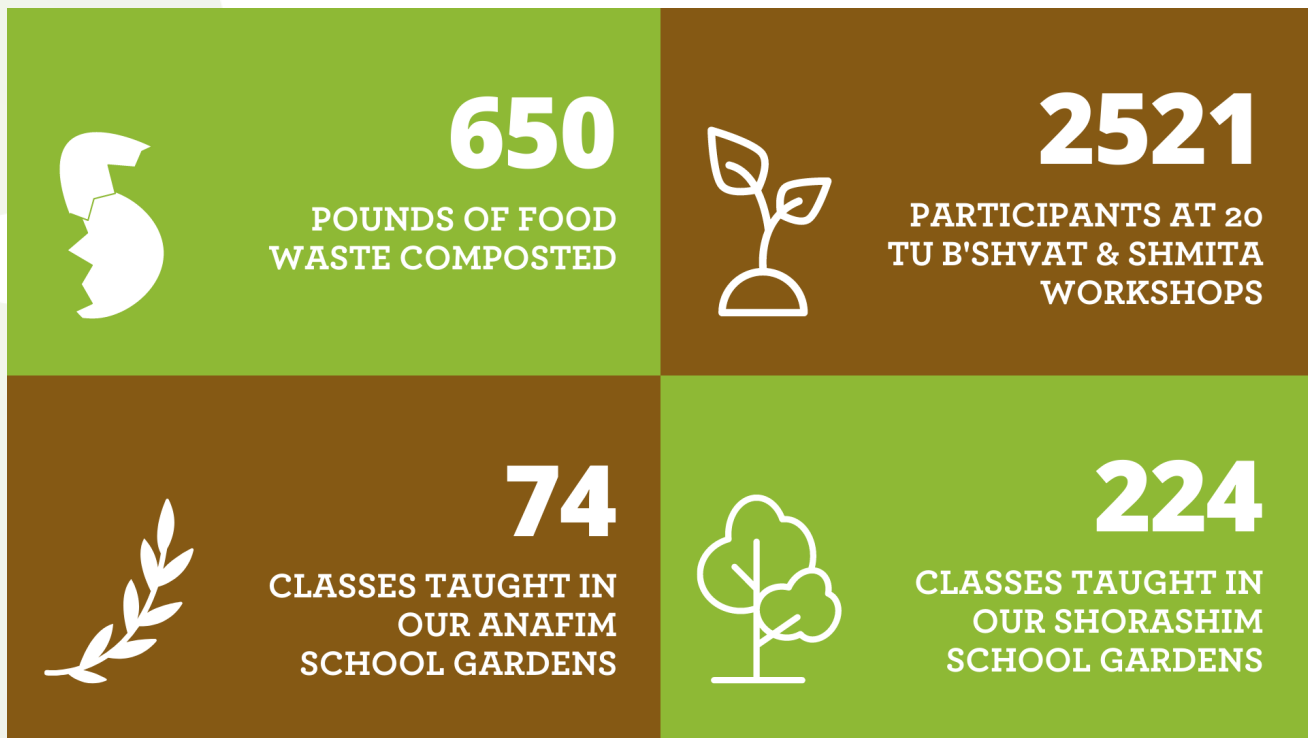




GrowTorah Quarterly Field Report

Welcome to the first-ever GrowTorah Quarterly Field Report, where we highlight our work at GrowTorah over the past 3 months. We want to show you the impact your dollars have on our community and celebrate together with you. In addition, we want to hold ourselves accountable to you, our stakeholders.

GrowTorah develops experiential & environmental Torah education programs for Jewish institutions. We aim to cultivate a more passionate, compassionate, and sustainable future driven by Torah values. Your support enables us to turn this mission into action. Thank you.



* Workshop partners included: Beit Rabban Day School, Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, Congregation Ohr HaTorah Atlanta, East Hill Synagogue, Gan Aliya NY, Island Quest Day Camp, Jewish Center of Teaneck, Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, Manhattan Day School, Mercaz Academy, NCSY, OU Women's Initiative, SAR High School, Schechter Queens, The Bayit—Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, The Moriah School, Yachad Chicago, Yeshiva University, and Young Israel of New Rochelle.



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Shorashim and Anafim, our school partner programs, use the garden as an experiential classroom to teach students Torah related to and rooted in gardening activities. Every session in our gardens involves students encountering the natural world with awe, wonder, and curiosity. We offer a garden-based lesson for every parsha, every Jewish holiday, and for a broad range of Torah values.

The Shorashim program includes a GrowTorah Garden Educator visiting each school weekly during the growing season to teach the lessons. The Anafim program is led by a teacher in each school, trained and coached by the GrowTorah team remotely. We pause our garden lessons during the winter and started returning on March 1. In just one month, we are so glad to have welcomed thousands of students into our gardens.



In addition to the numbers above, we wanted you to hear from our program partners directly:

Rebbetzin Dr. Adina Shmidman, Director of The Department of Women's Initiatives at the Orthodox Union, told us that “Grow Torah provided an impactful experiential Tu B'Shevat program for the OU Women's Initiative Ideas and Inspiration series. Sara Just-Michael's warmth created a community around nature and Torah.”

Uri Herzog, Owner of Chopstix restaurant in Teaneck, NJ describes how he collaborates with us to reduce his restaurant's environmental footprint:

“Last Spring, I was seeking a way to compost our significant vegetable scrap waste. Being introduced to Yosef was a groundbreaking moment for Chopstix. After one year of trial, a few bumps along the way, but mostly smooth transitioning for both of us, we all at Chopstix now feel better about what we do. Helping to contribute to a circular economy is increasingly vital for our environment and society, and GrowTorah has helped to make it viable on a larger scale. I still have the dream of getting all local restaurants to compost their waste, and in the process make available nutrient-rich soil for Bergen County residents to use. One day...”

We continue to dream with Uri; and thanks to the support from generous individuals like you, we are gradually making these dreams a reality.

