



CHILDREN – TREES OF LIFE Children's Rally – 20 Iyar, 5740-1980

The very first Tuesday was during the Seven Days of Creation, when the world was first created.

Torah relates to us that on that day G-d declared: "Let the earth sprout vegetation, herbage yielding seed," and "fruit trees yielding fruit."

As soon as G-d uttered those words, He had immediate results. The earth "brought forth vegetation," and "trees yielding fruit." The earth immediately released and produced all kinds of vegetation and trees.

Our Sages explain that at that point every tree was fruit-bearing; there were no barren trees, no trees that did not bear fruit ready to eat and provide benefit. Every tree bore good fruit.

The obvious lesson: As soon as a Jewish child is born to Jewish parents in the manner G-d desires and in accordance with His commands, G-d blesses the parents: "Your children bring forth vegetation" and "bear fruit," bring to mankind the blessings of a field. A field is used to grow staples such as bread, which sustains human life – "Who brings forth bread from the earth" – and assures human health – "bread satiates the heart of man."

The children should also bring the blessings of "trees yielding fruit." As mentioned, this refers to *every single* tree. Hence, *every* Jewish child will yield, "fruit" of the orchard which brings delight to life: Beyond the the basic necessities without which one cannot survive, such as bread which grows in the fields; the child brings to the world the pleasure of life.

Since G-d created each child with a will of his own, and freedom of choice, He must provide the requisite ability, will and desire, so that all Jewish children – who are compared to wheat, and fruit trees – should utilize all of their abilities, their will, delight and all the other attributes, so that they live up to their potential that G-d has given them, in accordance with His command. G-d blesses each one of them to be successful in doing so.

Just as it was on the first Tuesday, that "G-d saw all that He had done, and behold it was good," so, too, does He look down every Tuesday – including this Tuesday – upon Jewish children; those who are comparable to vegetation, as well as those who are compared to fruit-bearing trees. Though they are still children – they are at a very early stage in their development – G-d is already able to see that they are good.

A further connection is the fact that Tuesday is when G-d said "it is good" twice, representing "Good for Heaven and good for the creations."



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Every Jewish child is “good” as an individual, in his own home, and does all he can to do good to all those around him. This increases the success and blessing from G-d. Similarly, at the end of this Farbrengen we will fulfill the Mitzvah of giving charity, which is “good for creations.” Then we will have the “triple thread”: We prayed together, we recited phrases from the Written and Oral Torah together, and we gave charity together. This triple thread “will not be torn”; it will never be disrupted, an eternal bond. The eternal Torah, eternal Mitzvot, and the eternal Nation.

And very soon, we will go to the eternal Redemption, never again to be exiled. —we will be eternally redeemed by our righteous Moshiach, “on the third day,” with the building of the third Holy Temple. May it be speedily in our days.

