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## Tu Beshvat Tree-Planting Ceremony Symbolizes Ongoing Growth at Seeach Sod

In recent years, horticulture therapy has earned increasing recognition as a valuable rehabilitative tool, particularly in the field of special education. Horticulture therapy has been proven to help improve memory, cognitive abilities, task initiation, language skills, and socialization.

In honor of Tu Beshvat, the students of Seeach Sod participated in a large-scale tree planting ceremony, as part of the Horticulture Program. A total of 60 fruit trees, including fig, pomegranate, olive, orange, and lemon trees, will be planted over the course of this month in the courtyards of Seeach Sod's various campuses. The saplings were donated by generous donors from the United States, who hope to see the students of Seeach Sod blossom and grow, just like the trees they have planted.

These newly planted trees will provide another dimension to Seeach Sod student's horticulture experience – they will be in charge of watering and tending to the trees while exercising their patience as they wait for the first shoots to bloom. Seeach Sod's CEO Rabbi Shimon Levy said during the Tu Beshvat ceremony: "The planting of these trees is a poignant representation of our students' blossoming growth. May these trees yield abundant fruits, which we should merit eating in the Beis Hamikdash!"

Participating as guests of honor were Rabbi and Mrs. Ginzburg, the Rav of the Chofetz Chaim Torah Center in Cedarhurst, New York and Shmuel Sackett, an activist who promotes tree planting in Israel.



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