



## Nisan - Sivan 5783 (April - June 2023)

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday April 26, 5pm-7pm: [Lessons for Change from the Bee Hive](#)  
Tuesday May 2, 10am-1pm: [Bed Prep Volunteer Day](#)  
Sunday May 7, 1pm-4pm: [Bed Prep Volunteer Day](#)  
Monday May 8, afternoon/evening: Lag B'Omer Bonfire (save the date)  
Thursday May 25, dusk to dawn: Tikkun Leil Shavuot (save the date)  
Sunday June 4, 1pm-4pm: [Planting Volunteer Day](#)  
Tuesday June 6, 10am-1pm: [Planting Volunteer Day](#)

#### Lessons for Change from the Bees

Ang Roell of [They Keep Bees](#) uses bees as metaphor to examine what humans can learn about adaptation in times of transition and transformation. In this session, Ang will use the swarm (honeybee's reproductive process) as a metaphor for succession, pause, and planning towards abundance. This workshop will include a knowledge share, small group discussion, and large group debrief. There will also be an opportunity to engage with different elements of the hive (wax, honey, propolis). Ang will have honey from their hives in Florida for sale. [Sign up for Ang's workshop at Yesod Farm+Kitchen.](#)

#### Volunteer on the Farm

Join us in the field. We'll host volunteer days twice a month (Sundays 1-4pm and Tuesdays 10am-1pm) from May through September. We'd love to have your help in May to get beds ready to plant.

All ages are welcome. Bring water, sun and rain protection, good shoes, clothes to get dirty in, and any snacks you might need. We will provide gloves and tools, but feel free to bring your own as well. [Sign up to volunteer.](#)



Image description: The goat Latte lays down to rest with her two newborns.

### Naming Baby Goats

On the 5th of Nisan, March 27, on day 161(!) of her pregnancy, Latte gave birth to two healthy bucklings. The newborns were enormous, weighing more than 7 pounds each. The doe and her kids are doing well.

Latte gave birth at pasture in the honeysuckle and multi-flora rose. The bucklings' first steps were through tall tangles on a steep slope. It's been an incredible joy watching these newborn creatures come into their bodies, their surroundings, their family, their herd, and their home.

**Do you have ideas for names? Send them to [info@yesod.org](mailto:info@yesod.org).** Things to think about: their mom is named Latte and dad is Kahuna. One is brown and one is black. Neither will live at Yesod longer than a year, as we are not keeping bucks. Their birthday is in the first week of Nisan. They are diaspora babies – 3rd generation in a row to be born thousands of miles from where their parents were born.

### Tithing and Resource Redistribution

Yesod experiments with ancient Jewish agricultural practices to find their relevance to us today. One practice is the tithe system described in the Torah and Mishnah. It began in communities where most people were farmers, and it obligated everyone to contribute part of their crops for communal benefit. There are annual tithes ("ma'aser") for the six years leading up to the shmita year. In the time of the Temple, this included giving produce to the priests who ran the Temple, bringing produce to festivals, and giving produce to people experiencing poverty.

It was understood that this produce already belonged to the people receiving it. Farmers were responsible for distributing a portion of crops they grew to those recipients. The tithe system guides Yesod to share produce grown here.

We redistribute food for six years of the shmita cycle. Our partner organizations Root Cause Farm, Bounty & Soul, and Food for Fairview help get the food to people. We bring them a portion of every crop. Based on the seven-year tithing cycle, we donate more in some years, while in other years we donate less in order to keep more food to serve visitors meals at events. Thanks to everyone who supports Yesod so that we can share food with our communities. If you would like to contribute to this work, you can [make a donation](#).



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