



# The Grow Torah Leaf

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## פרשת תזריע / מצורע - Parshat Tazriah / Metzorah

This weeks Parshiot say that to purify someone who has spoken badly of another, the Kohen uses a piece of erez wood (cedar of Lebanon) and a branch of ezov (hyssop). Erez is one of the biggest trees in Eretz Yisrael, and ezov is a tiny shrub. Rashi says that if we remember to be humble like a little bush and not too proud like a big tree, we will not speak badly of others (leshon ha-ra).

### What's Growing On?

It is time to start planting carrots! Carrots need soft and deep soil, so it is important to dig deep and break up hard chunks of soil, called clods. We are also planting radishes, lettuce, and other spring plants. It's also time for spring flowers: We are planting violets, also called pansies. We will continue to tend to our wheat growing through all of Sefirat Haomer too!

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### Garden Fun:

Q. How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

A. You never see rabbits wearing glasses!

### Unjumble the Veggies:

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### Plant of the Week: Carrot

(Daucus carota ; גַּזְרִי)

Carrots are a root vegetable full of vitamins and sugars. They come in colors like red, purple, yellow and of course orange. Carrots and parsley are cousins: If you look at the leaves, you can see the similarities. Fun fact: Bugs Bunny ate the roots in the cartoons, but real-life rabbits like the green tops best!



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