FRUIT TREES: SPECIAL LAWS

FRUIT TREES: BLESSING OVER BLOSSOMS

When To Say Blessing over New Fruit Blossoms

The first time each year that you see blossoms on an edible-fruit tree, say the blessing "*shelo chisar ba'olamo davar*…." It may be anytime throughout the year, not only in *Nisan*. If you live in a region in which fruit trees blossom all year round, you should say "*shelo chisar"*... in *Nisan* after you see some new blossoms.

NOTE You may say the blessing on a single tree, even though the blessing says "trees" (plural).

FRUIT TREES: REMOVING

Laws on Removal of Fruit Tree

You may not remove a fruit tree that is still producing fruit, even

- For lumber,
- If the tree is diseased,
- If a replacement tree would yield more fruit.

EXCEPTION A fruit tree may be uprooted or cut down if it is not producing at least 46 oz. (2 lbs., 14 oz.--about 1.3 kg) of fruit each year.

Removal of Productive Fruit Tree

To remove from your property a fruit tree that produces at least 46 oz. of fruit each year, you must sell the tree to a non-Jew. The non-Jew may then remove it.

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