

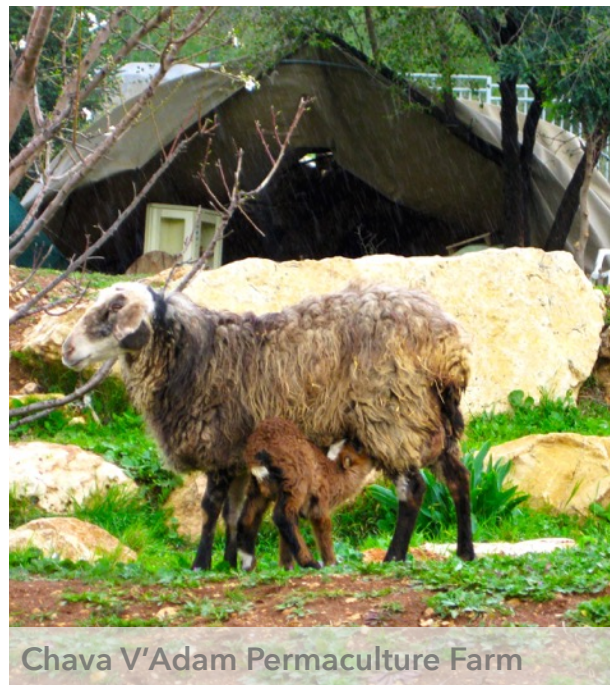
EXPLORING *SHMITA*:

historical context, land connection,
& contemporary applications

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Moshav in Modi'in, Israel



Chava V'Adam Permaculture Farm

What is *Shmita*?

Shmita is the Hebrew word for 'release,' wherein every seven years Jews in Israel observe an agricultural and economic release. It is also known as the sabbatical year or the Shabbat of the Land, the *Shabbat Shabbaton*.

Morning Session: Context & Land Connection

- engage with historical texts
- explore our own connection to the land, both its cultivated and wild places

Afternoon Session: Contemporary Applications

- identify our existing practices that embody the principles of *Shmita*
- articulate acts of solidarity and ways to reestablish our connection to the commons as a way to consciously honor *Shmita*

When: Sunday, May 31, 2015

Where: Temple Israel Greenfield
27 Pierce Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

Time: 10a-4:30p

Cost: Sliding Scale \$15 - \$50

Other: Please bring your own lunch

Call 413-773-5884 to register

Questions? Contact workshop
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