



Announcing the From Soil to Soul: Farm-to-Table Across the Ages in Israel Series - January 7, 2026

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new winter learning series, ***From Soil to Soul: Farm-to-Table Across the Ages in Israel***. This four-part online program invites us to explore the deep connections between land, food, culture, and community—from biblical times to the present day.

Following the completion of our popular *Walkabout Tel Aviv: Tel to Towers* series. Gila Levitan is returning to lead this new series that examines agriculture not only as sustenance, but as a lens through which to understand history, innovation, migration, and social responsibility. Through images, stories, and discussion, we will trace how Israel's agricultural practices have shaped identity and continue to influence contemporary life.

Series Sessions (All Online at 7:00 pm ET):

Ancient Practices – Agriculture of the Ancestors, Wednesday, January 28

An exploration of ancient terracing, irrigation, and the Seven Species that sustained early communities.

Cultural Traditions – The Flavors of the Land, Wednesday, February 4

How geography, migration, and biodiversity shaped the foods **that define Israeli cuisine**.

Modern Innovation – Tech Meets Tradition, Wednesday, February 11

A look at how cutting-edge technologies such as drip irrigation, hydroponics, and vertical farming grow out of ancient wisdom.

Farm to Community – Food Justice & Urban Agriculture, Wednesday, February 18

An examination of food rescue, community gardens, and grassroots efforts to address food insecurity.

A complete description of the series and each individual session, along with registration links, is available on our website at walnutstreetsynagogue.org/from-soil-to-soul. Please note that separate registration is required for each session. This program is free and open to the community. Zoom links will be emailed to registered participants a few days before each session.

This series is generously supported by a grant from the Congregation Ahabat Shalom Religious Fund and by other generous donors. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available, with details provided on our website and in the attached sponsorship form.

We hope you will join us for this engaging and timely series that connects past to present, land to community. Please feel free to share this announcement with friends and family who may be interested.

L'Shalom,

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