

REVERSE TASHLICH

לֹא יִרְעוּ וְלֹא יִשְׁחִיתוּ בְּכָל־הָרֶקֶדֶשׁ כִּי־מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ דַּעַה אֶת־יְהוָה כַּמַּיִם לְיָם מְכַסִּים:

Lo Yarayu V'Lo Yashchitu B'Chol Har Kodshee Kee Malah HaAretz Dayah Et Adonai KaMayyim LaYam M'chasim.

None shall hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the knowledge of that which is truly Divine shall fill the earth, as the water fills the sea. - Isaiah 11:9

When we perform Tashlich, we cast our sins into the water. For the Reverse Tashlich, we remove “sins” created by humans from the water. As we prepare to enter the new year with pure hearts and good intentions, let’s look at the other “sins” in the water* and fulfill the Mitzvah of Bal Tashchit, the prohibition against needless waste and destruction. *[For those not at a waterfront location replace this with “let’s look at the other sins that could make their way to the water.”]

After your team leader has explained the Reverse Tashlich Cleanup, start removing the human sins that are polluting the water's edge and, just as we cast off our own negativity, continue to do so as you remove the sins of humanity.

- With each plastic bottle you collect, ask yourself: How many plastic bottles have I used in the past year? Resolve to use a reusable bottle.
- With each plastic fork, knife or spoon that you collect, ask yourself: How many pieces of single use plastic cutlery have I used in the past year? Resolve to utilize reusable cutlery.
- With each plastic shopping bag you find, ask yourself: How many single use plastic shopping bags have I taken in the past year? Resolve to use reusable shopping bags.
- With every snack bag you find, ask yourself: How many snacks have I eaten from bags like these during the past year? Resolve to start eating healthier for you and the Planet. Choose fresh fruits that aren’t wrapped in plastic.
- With every cigarette butt, every piece of styrofoam, every piece of microplastic that you find, resolve to raise your voice to promote change within your community

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ: וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תוֹהוּ וָבוֹהוּ וְחָשֶׁךְ
עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

Bereshit Bara Elohim Et HaShamayim V'Et HaAretz. V'HaAretz Haitah Tohu VaVohu, V'Choshech Al P'nai Tahom, V'Ruach Elohim Mirachefet Al P'nai HaMayyim.

In the Beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. And the Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep... and the Spirit of God hovers on the water.

- Genesis 1:1-2

The Spirit of God is on the Water.

