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Clear the way for us, we come bearing Bikkurim (First Fruits)

Bikkurim, JNF Poster

Look closely at the poster:

- Who is bringing the *bikkurim*? Who is waiting to greet the children with their *bikkurim*?
- How many different types of *bikkurim* are the children bringing? In how many different ways are they holding the *bikkurim*?
- Where are the children going with the *bikkurim*? Hint: Look closely at the hints in the poster and the quote



underneath it: "*bikkurim*, the fruit of our thanksgiving. We have brought a gift, a gift to the people."

- The *bikkurim* ceremony is a happy event in which people express thanks for the new produce. What is new for you this year? What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful to? Use this poster as a holiday greeting card. Cut out the poster and decorate it with words of thanks. Then take a photograph of the card and send it to a friend or family member for Shavuot.



When in Rome, do as the Romans do

Shavuot Prayers, Rome Machzor, 1450



- There are a lot of details in this illustration. Try and count how many shofars, birds, and children you can see. What other interesting details do you notice?
- Who is standing at the top of the mountain? What is he holding? What is coming down from heaven?
- Do you recognize the event being illustrated here? How is it connected to Shavuot?
- Look at the clothing of the characters standing at the bottom of the mountain. Which time period do you think they belong to?
- A deeper look into the illustration: Which characters do you identify with? What would you change in the picture? Take a photo of the illustration with your phone or upload it to the computer. Edit the image using a photo editor and filters. You can add yourself, family members, or friends and even dress yourselves to fit in with the other characters!

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