

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Once, while the sage Honi was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked him, "How many years will it take for this tree to bear fruit."

The man answered that it would take 70 years.

Honi asked, "Are you so healthy that you expect to live that long and eat of its fruit?"

The man answered, "I found a fruitful world because my forebears planted for me. So will I do for my children."

–Ta'anit 23