



## A KID'S GUIDE TO: THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT FAIR TRADE

**Did you know that the most well-known and common fair trade items include:**

- Avocados
- Bananas
- Chocolate/Cocoa
- Clothes
- Coffee
- Cotton
- Flowers
- Gold
- Grapefruit
- Handicrafts
- Herbs
- Nuts
- Pineapple
- Spices
- Sport balls
- Sugar
- Tea
- Wine

### **Why is fair trade something I would care about?**

See the attached sheet top 10 reasons to support fair trade!

### **YOU can support fair trade by:**

- Buying fair trade items; [look for these logos](#) to assure that the products abide by fair trade standards and are being monitored
- Telling your friends about fair trade and suggesting that they buy fair trade items
- Let your family know about this and suggest family projects that can support fair trade
- Speak up for the thousands of kids who can't speak up for themselves. There are many kids who work on farms and plantations and are exploited (taken advantage of – not paid a fair amount, not given fair working conditions, forced to work instead of going to school). Fair trade made items protect kids from these working conditions (see more on the back about Child Labor)
- Every month read something new about fair trade (the Fair Trade Judaica website has lots of interesting things to read with links to cool facts and organizations!)
- Create your own book of inspirational quotes about fair trade
- If asked to do a school project on a world problem, choose to do the project on fair trade
- Create a page of connections you made from fair trade to Jewish holidays, Jewish customs and traditions. See this week's Parasha quote connections for an example.

**Find more information and resources on [www.FairTradeJudaica.org](http://www.FairTradeJudaica.org)**



## Child Labor in the Cocoa Fields\*



### What you can do

Purchase only Fair Trade certified chocolate, which was grown under standards that prohibit child labor.

Look for one of these labels which indicate that the specific product has been certified Fair Trade.



- Child labor in cocoa fields has been documented in the following countries: Cameroon, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, (leading supplier, accounting for around 40% of production) Guinea and Nigeria.
- Hundreds of thousands of children work in cocoa fields, and many of them are exposed to hazardous conditions, where they:
  - Spray pesticides and apply fertilizers without protective gear
  - Use sharp tools, like machetes
  - Sustain injuries from transporting heavy loads beyond permissible weight
  - Do strenuous work like felling trees, and clearing and burning vegetation
- These children are treated with the "worst forms of child labor" (defined by the International Labor Organization), including
  - forms of slavery,
  - the sale of a child and
  - trafficking of children (recruiting children to work far away from families)
  - debt bondage
- Most children who travel to work in cocoa fields are not accompanied by their parents
- Over 40% of children working in cocoa fields do not attend school
- Children as young as five (5) years old work on cocoa farms

\*Sources of Information: Payson Center for International Development, Tulane University "Overnight of Public and Private Initiatives to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor in the Cocoa Sector in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana", 9/30/10. U.S. Dept. of Labor "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor - 3rd and 4th Annual Reports", 10/2009 and 9/2010.

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