

Just as my ancestors planted trees for me, so I plant trees for my children.  
--Babylonian Talmud Taanit 23a

כִּי־תִצְוֹר אֶל־עֵיר יָמִים רַבִּים לְהִלָּחֵם עָלֶיךָ לְתַפְּשָׁהּ לֹא־תִשְׁחִית  
אֶת־עֵצָהּ לְגִדּוֹחַ עָלָיו גִּרְזֹן כִּי מִמֶּנּוּ תֹאכַל וְאֵתוּ לֹא תִכְרֹת כִּי  
הָאָדָם עַץ הַשָּׂדֶה לְבֹא מִפְּנֵיךָ בַּמְצֹר:

From this text we learn that we should not waste our natural resources.  
Deut. 20:19

It is forbidden to live in a city that does not have a garden or greenery.  
--Mishnah, Kiddushin 4:12

כִּי־לֹכָה אֱמַר־יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא הַשָּׁמַיִם הוּא הֵאֱלֵהִים יִצֵר הָאָרֶץ וְעָשָׂה  
הוּא כּוֹנֵנָהּ לֹא־תִהְיֶה בְּרָאָה לְשֶׁבֶת יִצְרָה אֲנִי יְהוָה וְאִין עוֹד:  
God did not create the earth a wasteland, but formed it for habitation.  
--Isaiah 45:18

הוּי מְגִיעֵי בַּיִת בְּבַיִת שָׂדֶה בְּשָׂדֶה יִקְרִיבוּ עַד אָפֶס מְקוֹם  
וְהוֹשְׁבֹתָם לְבַדְּכֶם בְּקֶרֶב הָאָרֶץ:

Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field,  
till there is room for no one but you to dwell in the land.  
--Isaiah 5:8

וַיִּקַּח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּגַן־עֵדֶן לְעֲבֹדָה וּלְשִׁמְרָה:

And God took Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden, to work it and to tend it.

--Beresheet 2:15

כִּי הָאָדָם עֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה

For the human is as the tree of the field.--Deut. 20:19

If not for trees, human life could not exist.

--Midrash Sifri on Deut. 20:19

עֵץ־חַיִּים הִיא לַמְחַזְקִים בָּהּ וְתִמְכֶיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר:

It's a tree of life to those who hold fast to it,  
and everyone who upholds it is happy.

--Proverbs 3:18 and Siddur

Every blade of grass has an angel assigned to it.

--Midrash Beresheet Rabbah, ch. 10

One glorious chain of love, of giving and receiving, unites all living things.

--Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch