

**SacramentoBethlehem Sister City  
Palestinian Heirloom Eggplant Project  
Welcome (ahlan wa sahlan)**

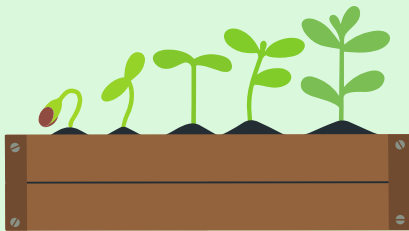
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**Thank you for participating in this “agri-cultural” exchange with the Palestine Heirloom Seed Library! The Seed Library works to salvage and propagate Palestinian “agri-cultural heritage through story, seed and art.”**

**Your eggplant seedling(s) germinated from the seeds of a Battiri eggplant. Battir is a beautiful village in the Bethlehem district of Palestine. It is recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site, owing to the careful stewardship by generations of Palestinians of the ancient terraces and irrigation systems still practiced today.**

## ***What do I do now?***

- **Plant in a sunny, well-drained location.**
- **Plant only this variety of eggplant to avoid cross-pollination with other types of eggplant.**
- **Water regularly - but don't create soggy soil.**
- **Check in regularly to give updates on your plant(s), to share photos, video, comments, questions.**



## ***How do I check in and share?***

**We will use a WhatsApp group to share. To join, send your cell number to SacramentoBethlehem@yahoo.com, or, 916.225.8511**

## ***Why share?***

**Sharing is an important part of this exchange. We will learn from each other AND we will learn more about the place where these seeds first originated, “through story, seed and art” - and food! Yes! We will share recipes and instructions on how to save seeds from your Battiri eggplant.**

**Special thanks to the SCC Global Studies Program for helping to facilitate this exchange!**

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**SacramentoBethlehem is a member of Sister Cities International and supports “people to people” connections between the Sacramento area and the region of Bethlehem, Palestine.**

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