**GWN Community: Baka Gharbia-Jat**

**Name of project: Outdoor Classroom, Tapuh HaPayis**

Environmental & Educational Benefits:
- Building facilities from recycled waste reduces the volume of waste that goes to the landfills, but it also means decreasing the amount of dangerous chemicals that seep into the soil and pollute the water and air due to improper waste disposal.
- Learning about ecological building practices help youth understand how to cater to the everyday needs of communities while minimizing negative environmental impacts and creating and sustaining mutually beneficial relationships with all elements of the local ecology.

Date of Construction: 2010

Team: Planning & Guidance: FoEME Community Coordinator. Supervision: Construction Company: Baka Gharbia Youth Water Trustees

Materials: 250 recycled tires, recycled plastic waste, plaster, recycled ceramic scraps, shade canopy, palm leaves

Description:
- Benches were constructed from the recycled tires and plastic waste, and covered in a protective plaster coating and colorful ceramic pieces.
- A canopy for shade, covered in palm leaves, was safely constructed for the benefit of teachers and students.
- The facility was built during the month of Ramadan, therefore the building took place in the early morning hours and late evening.

Pictures: