



# TU B'SHEVAT RESOURCES

in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

## PINSOF CHILDREN'S READING ROOM:

### ***Behold the Trees* by Sue Alexander (E240.8)**

Israel, once protected by all sorts of wonderful trees is reduced over time by war and environmental neglect, until new inhabitants plant trees and slowly make it bloom again.

### ***A Seder for Tu B'Shevat* by Harlene Appelman (E240.8)**

Describes the celebration of Tu B'Shevat and explains its history.

### ***Solomon and the Trees* by Matt Biers-Ariel (J220)**

In this environmental *midrash*, Solomon comes to understand the price that must be paid when we don't take care of the earth and its blessings.

### ***The Kids' Catalog of Animals and the Earth* by Chaya M. Burstein (J240.8)**

This resource guide contains information, eco-activities, and ideas to help students become partners with God in caring for our world.

### ***Listen to the Trees* by Molly Cone (J240.8)**

Through quotations, sayings, and stories, Cone provides young readers with an inspiring view of the Jewish connection to the natural world.

### ***NEW!* *Netta and Her Plant* by Ellie Gellman (E240.8)**

When Netta is very small, her preschool teacher gives her a plant for Tu B'Shevat and as the years pass, both Netta and her plant grow and change.

### ***Grandpa and Me on Tu B'Shevat* by Marjie Gold Vukson (E240.8)**

With cumulative, repetitive, and rhyming text a young boy plants a tree with his grandfather for Tu B'Shevat.

### ***Honi's Circle of Tress* by Phyllis Gershator (E240.8)**

Retells the wondrous deeds of Honi the Circle Maker who wandered over the land of ancient Israel planting carob seeds.

### ***Thank You, Trees!* by Gail Langer Karwoski (E240.8)**

Rhyming board book giving thanks for the gifts trees provide.

### ***NEW!* *Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too) Return!* by Leslie Kimmelman (JF)**

Sam and Charlie and Charlie's sister play in the snow, plant trees, celebrate Jewish holidays, and make new friends.

### ***Green Bible Stories* by Tami Lehman-Wilzig (J220)**

Recounts Bible stories with an emphasis on their environmental aspects, and suggests related crafts, recipes, and other activities.

### ***Pearl Moscowitz's Last Stand* by Arthur Levine (EF)**

Pearl Moscowitz takes a stand when the city government tries to chop down the last ginkgo tree on her street.

### ***Curious George Plants a Tree* by Monica Perez (E240.8)**

The mischievous monkey learns about protecting the environment by planting trees and recycling paper.

### ***Happy Birthday, Tree* by Madelyn Rosenberg (E240.8)**

Joni and Nate figure out how to celebrate a tree's birthday for Tu B'Shevat.

### ***Sammy Spider's 1st Tu B'Shevat* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.8)**

Sammy Spider participates in the holiday of Tu B'Shevat by spinning a special web for his friend the tree.

### ***A Prayer for the Earth* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (E220)**

Noah's wife is called upon by God to gather the seeds of every type of plant on Earth and bring them safely onto the ark before the great flood.

### ***The Apple Tree's Discovery* by Peninnah Schram (E240.8)**

A little apple tree in the middle of a forest of majestic oaks longs to have stars in its branches like the other trees seem to have, but God says that the apple tree should be satisfied with what it has.

### ***The Day the Rabbi Disappeared* by Howard Schwartz (J240)**

This collection of magical Jewish holiday tales includes a Tu B'Shevat story, "The Souls of Trees."

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**continued**

***The Man Who Flies with Birds***

**by Carole G. Vogel & Yossi Leshem (J910)**

Discusses the work of the Israeli bird expert whose lifelong study of the patterns of bird migration has led to a significant reduction in the number of collisions between aircraft and bird flocks.

***The Never-Ending Greenness* by Neil Waldman (E240.8)**

When his family comes to Israel after the end of World War II, a young boy begins planting and caring for trees, a practice that spreads across the whole country.

***Dear Tree* by Doba Rivka Weber (E240.8)**

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, a little boy has so many good wishes for his beloved, favorite tree.

***Pearl Plants a Tree* by Jane Breskin Zalben (E240.8)**

In the spring, Pearl and Grandpa plant an apple tree. Discusses the celebration of Tu B'Shevat and other tree-planting festivals around the world.

***It's Tu B'Shevat* by Edie Stoltz Zolkower (E240.8)**

In simplified, rhyming text, this board book tells about the tradition of celebrating Tu B'Shevat by planting trees.

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***The Way into Judaism and the Environment* by Jeremy Benstein (500)**

An accessible introduction to the Jewish understanding of the natural world and the key concepts central to Jewish environmentalism.

***Claiming Earth as Common Ground* by Andrea Cohen-Kiener (500)**

Gathers insights from ecology coalitions, emerging theologies, and spiritual and environmental activists to rally and inspire us to work across denominational lines in order to fulfill our sacred imperative to care for God's creation.

***A Wild Faith* by Mike Comins (500)**

This comprehensive how-to guide to the theory and practice of Jewish wilderness spirituality unravels the mystery of Judaism's connection to the natural world and offers ways for you to enliven and deepen your spiritual life through wilderness experience.

***Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet* by Dov Peretz Elkins (500)**

As God commands Adam in Genesis to protect the garden, Rabbi Elkins challenges readers to be protectors of God's good earth and everything that exists on it.

***Trees, Earth, and Torah: A Tu B'Shvat Anthology* by Ari Elon (240.8)**

This anthology draws from biblical, rabbinical, medieval, and modern sources about the significance and historical developments of Tu B'Shevat, and includes mystical writings along with Zionist and Eco-Jewish pieces.

***Seder Tu Bishevat* by Adam Fisher (240.8)**

Explores the range of traditions pertaining to Tu B'Shevat, from its origins through the Kabbalistic tradition and into the modern era. Includes a *seder* for families with very young children.

***Sharing Eden: Green Teachings from Jews, Christians and Muslims* by Natan Levy (500)**

Six "green" issues, including climate change, energy, and food, are discussed in terms of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religious imperatives to care for the world.

***Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays* by Paul Steinberg (240)**

Bursting with primary sources, poems, prayers, rituals, and stories for Hanukkah, Tu B'Shevat, and Purim, this guide will help you create a holiday experience rich in meaning and spirit.

**RECIPES:**

The following cookbooks in our collection include recipes especially for Tu B'Shevat:

*Light Jewish Holiday Desserts* by Penny Wantuck Eisenberg (741.1)

*The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking* by Phyllis Glazer (741)

*The New Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Gloria Kaufer Greene (741.3)

*Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook* (741.3)

*Beni's Family Cookbook for the Jewish Holidays* by Jane Breskin Zalben (J741)

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