



February 2017 shevet/adar 5777

HIGHLIGHTS

Prepare to celebrate Tu B'shevat

Amaze Rav Bryan with your encyclopedic knowledge at Betenu's Tu B'shevat seder on Friday, February 10. Try these challenges:

- Name the seven "fruit" categories of plant specified in Deuteronomy that people try to eat: wheat, barley, grape vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive trees, honey (from dates!)
- Tu B'shevat is one of four "new years" in the Jewish calendar. The other three are Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Nissan (start of spring, associated with Passover later that month), and the first day of Elul, which used to be the day to establish tithes (think: biblical taxes). This last is no longer observed.
- Because Tu B'shevat is the "birthday" of the trees, taxes on trees were determined by the year in which a tree was planted. If you planted a tree right before Tu B'shevat, it would come of age a year earlier than one planted right after.

Keep us supplied!

Looking for an easy way to help Betenu? Add an inexpensive item or two to your shopping list this month. Ongoing needs include:

- Bottled water (1/2 liter or smaller bottles)
- Bottles of grape juice and juice boxes
- Paper towels and tissues
- Stamps
- Watch the weekly newsletter for special needs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	4 <i>Bo</i>
5 Sunday School, 9 am	6	7	8	9	10 Rav Bryan led Tu B'shevat seder (potluck) 6:00,	11 <i>Beshalach</i> Tu B'shevat
12 Sunday School, 9 am	13	14	15	16	17 Rav Bryan led service, 7:30 pm	18 <i>Yitro</i>
19 Sunday School, 9 am Adult Ed, noon	20 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	21	22	23	24 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	25 <i>Mishpatim</i>
26 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	27	28				