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HIGHLIGHTS

Tu B'shevat Tibits

Everyone looks forward to Betenu's annual Tu B'shevat seder, which will occur this year on Friday, February 2, at 6 pm. Watch your weekly newsletter and notices at Betenu to sign up for seder items and the potluck dinner. But what are some other Tu B'shevat facts to know?

- The Tu B'shevat seder dates back to the 16th Century, when Kabbalists created a ritual similar to the Passover seder. Originally a Sephardic tradition, this seder has now spread to Ashkenazi Jews as well.
- Other customs include: eating a new fruit and eating from the shivat hamminim or seven species that the Torah mentions growing in Israel: wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.
- The Torah does not mention Tu B'shevat, however.
- Some people observe the holiday by making a vegetarian meal featuring the seven species.

Dining and Donations

Coming to the Tu B'shevat seder lets you dine and help Betenu. You can also do this via our restaurant fundraisers, held most months at favorite area restaurants. Show the flyer with our name and the restaurant donates a percentage of your check to Betenu.

- If you have a favorite restaurant, let us know, so that we can schedule a fundraiser there.
- Volunteer to set up a restaurant fundraiser. With just a few calls or emails, you can expand our budget for activities (and more food!).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Lay-led Shabbat service, 7:30 pm	6 <i>Shemot</i>
7 Sunday School, 9 am	8	9	10	11	12 Rav Sam-led Shabbat service, 7:30 pm Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm	13 <i>Vayera</i>
14 Sunday School, 9 am Adult Education with Rav Sam, 1 pm	15 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm	16	17 Bertucci's fundraiser, all day	18	19 Lay-led Shabbat service, 7:30 pm	20 <i>Bo</i>
21 Sunday School, 9 am Family sing with Shlichah Noam Wolf, noon	22	23	24	25	26 Lay-led family-friendly service, 7 pm	27 <i>Beshalach</i>
28 Sunday School, 9 am	29	30 Tu B'shevat begins at sunset	31 Tu B'shevat			