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HIGHLIGHTS

Prepare to celebrate Tu B'shevat

Amaze Rav Giulia with your encyclopedic knowledge at Betenu's Tu B'shevat seder on Friday, January 14. Read on!

- 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!

One way Betenu can keep to its budget is by members donating some supplies. Adding an inexpensive item or two to your shopping list really helps. Specific needs are listed in our weekly e-mail. Ongoing needs include:

- Bottled water (1/2 liter or smaller bottles)
- Paper towels and tissues
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes
- Stamps

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 NO SERVICE	1 <i>Va'era</i> Havdallah service, 4 pm (Zoom)
2 Sunday School, 9 am	3	4	5	6	7 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm on Zoom	8 <i>Bo</i>
9 Sunday School, 9 am Tu B'shevat box pickup, 11:30am	10	11	12 UNO's Fundraiser, all day	13	14 Rav Giulia-led Tu B'shevat seder, 6 pm on Zoom	15 <i>Beshalach</i>
16 Sunday School, 9 am Adult Ed, 1 pm on Zoom	17 Betenu board, 5 pm on Zoom	18	19	20	21 No service	22 <i>Yitro</i>
23 Sunday School, 9 am	24	25	26 UNO's Fundraiser, all day	27	28 Lay-led family friendly service, 7 pm on Zoom	29 <i>Mishpatim</i>
30 Sunday School, 9 am	31					