



TU B'SHEVAT RESOURCES

in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

IN THE PINSOFF 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 lushly illustrated 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)**

Written from a Jewish perspective, 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.

***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.

***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.

***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.

***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."

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

When his family comes to live in 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.

***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.

IN THE MAXWELL ABBELL LIBRARY:

***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.

Contact Rachel Kamin at 847/432-8900 x242
or rkamin@nssbethel.org for more
information on these and other available
resources.

INTERNET RESOURCES:

www.babaganewz.com - Click on “Holiday Central” and then “Tu B’Shevat” to access a printable Tu B’Shevat Seder, learn about Tu B’Shevat, and play some fun, inter-active games.

www.canfeinesharim.org - Canfei Nesharim (“the wings of eagles”) is dedicated to building a better world by learning and acting on the wisdom of our Jewish tradition to protect the environment. Explore the website for information, resources, and Tu B’Shevat activities.

www.jnf.org - Learn about the Jewish National Fund’s efforts to rebuild and renew northern Israel and plant a tree in honor of Tu B’Shevat.

www.n-k.org.il - Visit Neot Kedumim, the Biblical Landscape Reserve in Israel, to learn about the trees that grew in Biblical times.