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10 things to know about Tu B'Shevat

- 1** "Tu B'Shevat" means the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat. (Kind of like we call Independence day "the 4th of July.")
- 2** Tu B'Shevat is a holiday that goes back over 2,000 years.
- 3** One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day.
- 4** Another custom is to eat one of the Seven Species (Shivat Haminim) described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel. They are: wheat, barley, figs, dates, grapes, pomegranates, and olives.
- 5** There's a custom to have a seder for Tu B'Shevat in which we eat different kinds of fruits. Here is one from PJ Library: <https://pjlibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/blog/2010-Rekindle-Shabbat-Tu-BShevat.pdf>
- 6** At the Tu B'Shevat seder, we drink 4 cups of juice (or wine for grown-ups) that are 4 different colors to remind us of the 4 seasons.
- 7** In Israel, Tu B'Shevat marks the end of winter turning into spring--the first tree to blossom in Israel is the almond tree.
- 8** In Israel, it is a custom to plant trees on Tu B'Shevat.
- 9** Many people think of Tu B'Shevat as a "Jewish Earth Day" and like to learn about how we can all help to take care of the earth.
- 10** There are so many fun ways to celebrate Tu B'Shevat--join jkidphilly for a special Tu B'Shevat storytime or learn more at: <https://jkidphilly.org/tubshvat>.