"Tu B’Shevat" means the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat. (Kind of like we call Independence day “the 4th of July.”)

Tu B’Shevat is a holiday that goes back over 2,000 years.

One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day.

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.

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

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.

In Israel, Tu B’Shevat marks the end of winter turning into spring--the first tree to blossom in Israel is the almond tree.

In Israel, it is a custom to plant trees on Tu B’Shevat.

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.

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.

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