

TU B'SHVAT SEDER KIT

What is Tu B'Shvat? Tu B'Shvat (ט"ו בשבט - also spelled Tu Bishvat), the 15th day of the month of Shevat, is known in Jewish tradition as **The Birthday of the Trees**. Traditionally, it's regarded as one of four Jewish New Years within each calendar cycle (the others being Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and Rosh Hashanah LaBehema, a minor holiday in late summer).

We celebrate Tu B'Shvat by having a **Seder** together. In Jewish ritual, a *seder* — *seder* being the Hebrew word for "order" — is a ceremonial meal that follows a predetermined structure (they're not just for Passover!).

Let's Get Fruity!!

Fruit

A blessing: in the Presence of the Infinite, we are grateful for the trees that sustain us with fruit, and for every hand that works to feed us.

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Baruch atah Havaya Eloheinu ruach ha'olam bore p'ri ha'etz

Wine

A toast: in the Presence of the Infinite, we savor the blessing of transformation, vine to wine.

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Wonder

A blessing: In the Presence of the Infinite, we pause with gratitude for the journeys that have brought us to the here and now.

ברוך אתה הויה אלהינו רוח העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Havaya Eloheinu ruach ha'olam she'he'chayanu v'ki'imanu v'hi'gianu laz'man hazeh