

January טבת/שבט

February שבט/אדר א'

Hebrew Phrase:

Beyachad Nenatzeach
ביחד ננצח!

It means: Together we shall win

Beyachad
Nenatzeach



Jewish Holidays

Tu Bi'Shevat



Tu Bi'Shevat - is known as the 'birthday' of the trees. It occurs on the fifteenth ("tu") day of the month of Shevat. This year, the holiday begins on the evening of Wednesday January 24. It is all about celebrating trees, thinking about them, honouring them, thanking them for all that they do - and they do a lot! They clean the air, give us shade, feed us, feed other animals, provide a home for so many creatures big and small. Today, many people mark this holiday by planting saplings and participating in a Tu Bi'Shevat Seder, where fruits, nuts and wine or grape juice are on the menu.

In Israel, the holiday of Tu Bi'Shevat became a symbol of both Zionist attachment to the land of Israel as well as an example of Jewish sensitivity to the environment; an opportunity to strengthen our connection to the environment. The holiday arrives along with the first signs of spring.

Did You Know?

During the months of January and February, Israel can be cold and rainy, but it can also be warm and sunny. Israel has so many different climate zones in a small geographical area that, in the winter months, you can enjoy the hiking in snow (up north) and basking in the sun (down south).

Head to the Galilee to see cranes and white pelicans in Hula Valley. By mid-February, you will see early spring migrators such as steppe eagles swooping in over Eilat. The Hula Valley is an important stop for millions of birds migrating south for the winter!

On These Dates:

February 21, 1980 - Egypt opens its Embassy in Tel Aviv. This was an important moment signifying the peace-making efforts and improved relationship between Israel and Egypt.

February 19, 2009 - Israel sends a secret mission to bring Yemenite Jews to Israel.

January 14, 2010 - IDF begin rescue operations after a mega earthquake (category 7.0) hit Haiti. The IDF regularly responds to disaster relief and aid efforts around the world.



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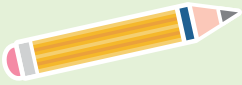
JNF Canada Project

For our annual Tu B'Shevat School Campaign, we are planting trees for the Be'eri Memorial Forest, to honour those who lost their lives on October 7th.

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Blue's Favourite Activities



1. Make a Gem Sun-Catcher
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2. Chocolate Pretzel Trees
[Link to Activity](#)

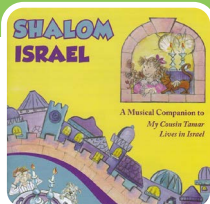


3. Tu B'shevat Seder Plate Craft
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Blue's Favourite Playlist

1. Israel Lives in Every Jewish Heart (Children's Song)
2. Eitz Chayim (Tree of Life) by Naomi Less ft Matthew Check
3. Kids Tu Bi'Shevat Song Playlist (29 min) by Reuti
4. Tu Bi'Shevat Music and Videos for the Family



Blue's Recipes!



Pom-Mango Salad

The colors of this salad provide a gorgeous presentation for any occasion.



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Squash and Pear Soup

Squash, zucchini, and pears? Trust us, this one's a keeper.



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Moroccan Couscous with Mixed Dried Fruits

This is a very kid-friendly recipe and a great way to get those iron-packed fruits into their diet.



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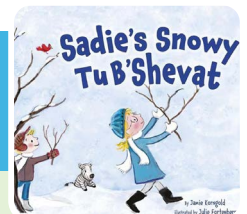
Candied Stuffed Dates

Easy and healthy, need we say more? Dates are a popular and ancient Israeli treat.



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Blue's Favourite Books



1. **Sadie's Snowy Tu Bi'Shevat** by Jamie Korngold
2. **The Abba Tree** by Debora Busheri
3. **The Gift That I Can Give** by Kathie Lee Gifford
4. **Rabbi Rocketpower in a Tooty Fruity Tale for Tu Bi'Shevat - A Mystery** by Susan Abramson



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