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On Tu B'Shvat we celebrate trees and the wonderful gifts that trees give us. The tree below has many things growing on it. Circle the objects that come from trees. Draw an "X" over the things that do not.



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RECIPE CORNER

Tu B'Shvat Fruit Head Guy

Meet the newest member of your family

WHAT YOU NEED:

1 grapefruit; golden raisins; dried papaya; dried apricots; dried apple rings; fruit roll ups/fruit leather; toothpicks

DIRECTIONS:

Assemble your "Fruit Head Guy" as creatively as possible. Use toothpicks to secure the dried fruit to the head.

*Use the grapefruit as your base (head)

*Dried apples can serve as the eye sockets with raisins as the eyes.

*Papaya can be the nose, and fruit roll ups can be the hair."

Fruit Head Guy makes an excellent appetizer on Tu B'Shvat.

Tu B'Shvat Fruit Tree

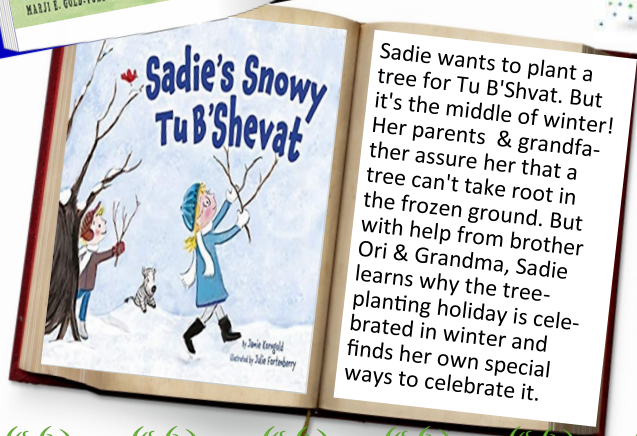
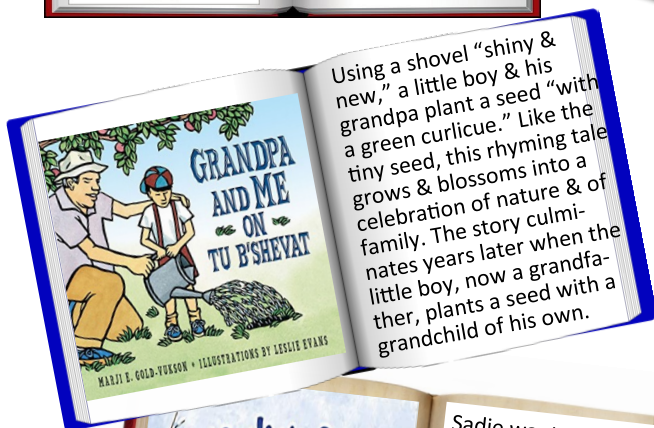
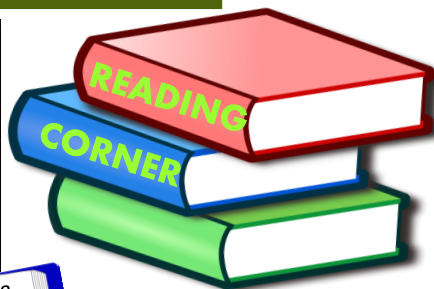
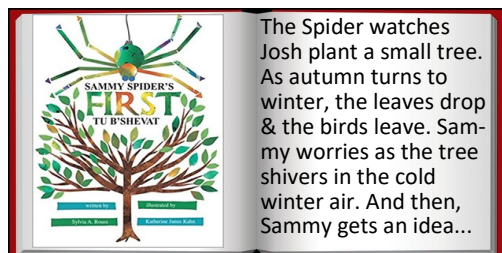
Make your tree with: apples; blood oranges; plums; pears; figs; cherries; kiwi; kumquats; star fruit; satsuma oranges; nectarines.



Dry Bones



HOLIDAY HUMOR



Making Judaism Real

What do trees contribute to our lives?

What would life be like without trees?

If you were a tree, what kind would you be? Why?

If you were a tree & could talk, what would you tell people?

What do these ??? have to do with Tu B'Shvat?



TU B'SHVAT ACTIVITIES

HANDPRINT TREE



Supplies:

- *White or green card stock
- *Acrylic paint: brown, green, orange, yellow and red
- *Plastic plate or palette

Directions:

1. Use brown paint to cover child's fingers, palm and forearm.
2. Have child place his/her arm gently down on the paper. Make sure the fingers are spread out. The hand should be placed in the middle of the paper to give plenty of room for the leaves.

3. Press down on each finger, the palm and forearm. Lift the arm straight up off the paper (*wash the paint off child's arm and hand*)

4. On a paint palette or plastic plate, put small dabs of green, orange, yellow and red paints.

5. Have child dip his/her fingertips into the paint. The fingertips are making the leaves around the tree. (*Note: kids can add more to their trees such as grass, flowers and a sky*)

6. Frame the tree using seasonal colors, with a green, red or yellow background.

I Went to Israel and Planted a.....

In a variant of "going on a picnic," each person in your group adds one kind of tree grown in Israel. In addition, each person must also repeat all things previously "planted" so far. This is a good review game of some of what grows in Israel.

SO THE GAME GOES LIKE THIS.....the 1st person might say, "I went to Israel and planted a date tree." The 2nd person might say, "I went to Israel and planted an almond tree and (*adds what the 1st person says*) a date tree." The 3rd person might say, "I went to Israel and planted a banana tree and (*adds what the 2nd person and the 1st person says*) and an almond tree and a date tree and so on..... To make it more challenging, add in the fruits and nuts of Israel. (*see partial list on page 1 of this news letter*)

CARDBOARD ROLL FINGERPRINT TREE

Supplies needed:

- *Cardboard rolls
- *Acrylic paint – red, orange, yellow, green, brown
- *Cardstock – green, orange, red
- *Scissors

How To:

1. Begin by deciding what kind of fall tree you're creating. (Green cardstock for apple trees, orange or red for regular fall trees)

2. Then cut a sheet of cardstock into a large cloud shape.

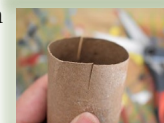
3. Cut two slits in a cardboard roll, one on each side. (*cut a paper towel roll in thirds in slightly different sizes, too, for some variation in height*)

4. Now, gather your paints and begin making fingerprints of leaves over the cardstock. Red apples on the green cardstock and multi colors of yellow, brown, orange, and red on the orange as well as red cardstock.

5. Let the paint dry.

6. Once the paint is dry, simply insert the tree tops into the slits in the cardboard roll.

You can have an entire forest of sweet, fingerprint fall trees in very little time! A perfect afternoon autumn craft!



TU B'SHVAT CANDY TREE

Too cold to plant a tree outside? This tree can be the centerpiece at your Tu B'Shvat party.



MATERIALS:

- 1 foam ball for the tree (a 2 ½ inch diameter makes a small tree)
- 1 terra cotta planter (size of your choice)
- 1/2 foam ball (to fill the planter & hold up the tree)
- A popsicle stick & green tape for the stem
- Toothpicks
- Gumdrops (for the berries)
- Candy to fill the planter (e.g., caramels, jelly beans, chocolate chips, rock candy. Be creative!)

DIRECTIONS

1. Stick toothpicks into the foam ball. Push a gumdrop on to the protruding end. Repeat until the foam ball is mostly covered.
2. When you are two-thirds done, cover the popsicle stick with the green tape and insert it into the bottom of the ball. Finish covering the ball with gumdrop "berries."
3. Take one foam ball and slice it in half. Place into the terra cotta planter flat side up. Push "tree" into the planter. Fill the bottom with candy.

SEE HOW GOOD YOUR MEMORY IS AND HOW WELL YOU KNOW THE TREES, FRUITS AND NUTS OF ISRAEL.



TOILET PAPER ROLL BIRD FEEDER

SUPPLIES:

- *Toilet paper rolls
- *Bird seed
- *Peanut butter
- *String

DIRECTIONS:

- Cover TP roll with peanut butter
- Roll the peanut butter covered roll in birdseed
- Put string through the roll and tie in a knot
- Hang the bird seed feeder an outside tree

