



## TU B'SHEVAT TIC-TAC-TOE INSTRUCTION SHEET

This game is used to review the facts about Tu B'Shevat. The game can be played as a class or individually between students. There are enough questions for three games.

### **Class Game:**

1. Use the blackboard as the Tic-Tac-Toe board.
2. Divide the class into 2 teams. One team is represented by "X" and the other team is "O".
3. The teacher asks the "X" team questions from "Sheet #1" and the "O" team questions from "Sheet #2".
4. If the answer is correct, the team places an "X" or an "O" on the board. If incorrect, the play passes to the other team.
5. Play continues until "Tic-Tac'Toe" is achieved.

### **Individual Game:**

1. Divide the students into pairs. One student is represented by "X" and the other by "O".
2. Use 8-1/2" x 11" blank paper and draw a Tic-Tac-Toe grid.
3. Student "X" uses "Sheet #1" to ask Student "O" a Tu B'Shevat question and student "O" uses "Sheet #2" to ask questions.
4. Continue with directions 4 and 5 above.

## TU B'SHEVAT TIC-TAC-TOE QUESTION SHEET #1

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| 1. What is the Hebrew date of the Jewish Arbor Day?                            | Tu B'Shevat                            |
| 2. Which book of the Torah teaches about Tu B'Shevat?                          | It is not mentioned in the Torah       |
| 3. Who were the Halutzim?  | Early pioneers of Israel               |
| 4. What is Tu B'Shevat also called?  | The New Year of Trees                  |
| 5. What happened on Tu B'Shevat in ancient Israel?                             | The fruit was donated to the Temple    |
| 6. What type of tree was traditionally planted for baby boys on Tu B'Shevat?   | Cedar                                  |
| 7. What is the color and symbolism of the second cup of wine?                  | Light red, symbolizing spring          |
| 8. What is the color and symbolism of the fourth cup of wine?                  | Red mixed with white, symbolizing fall |
| 9. What does the Tu stand for in Tu B'Shevat?                                  | The number 15                          |
| 10. In which season is Tu B'Shevat in Israel?                                  | Spring                                 |
| 11. Traditionally what is said to happen to trees on Tu B'Shevat?              | They are judged by Gd                  |
| 12. It is customary to eat fruit from which country on Tu B'Shevat?            | Israel                                 |
| 13. Which organization has been chiefly in charge of planting trees in Israel? | Jewish National Fund (JNF)             |
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| 2. What was done with the trees planted on Tu B'Shevat marking the birth of children? | The trees were used as poles for<br>For the wedding canopy     |
| 3. When did the tradition of a Tu B'Shevat seder arise?                               | 16 <sup>th</sup> century Israel                                |
| 4. How many cups of wine make up the Tu B'Shevat Seder?                               | 4  |
| 5. What is the color and symbolism of the first cup of wine?                          | White, symbolizing winter                                      |
| 6. What type of tree was traditionally planted for baby girls on Tu B'Shevat?         | Cypress  |
| 7. What is the color and symbolism of the third cup of wine?                          | Deep red, symbolizing summer                                   |
| 8. What type of holiday was Tu B'Shevat?  | An Agricultural Holiday  |
| 9. What is Maot Perot?  | A special fund to provide fruit for the<br>poor on Tu B'Shevat |
| 10. Which book in Judaism first mentions Tu B'Shevat?                                 | The Mishnah (written about 200 c.e.)                           |
| 11. What is the connection between the Halutzim and Tu B'Shevat?                      | The Halutzim planted many trees in Israel                      |
| 12. What is the Hebrew name for Tu B'Shevat?  | Rosh Hashana La'elonot   |
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