

Tu Bi-Shevat: A Mid-Winter Spring Celebration

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and adults use the traditional JNF blue box to collect funds for the planting of trees, thus strengthening the ties between Israel and the Diaspora.

When Israelis plant trees at Tu Bi-Shevat sites, they too are participating in a most meaningful Tu Bi-Shevat tradition. And it is most appropriate that these activities occur under the auspices of JNF. JNF, after all, is the agency whose afforestation and land reclamation projects have transformed Israel from its former arid desolation to a country which is 90% self-sufficient agriculturally and is known for the lush vegetation of its hills and forests.

Just as Israelis are aware that Tu-Bi-Shevat symbolizes the resettlement and regeneration of the land, they also cannot help but associate the holiday with the extraordinary accomplishments of JNF's afforestation program. This program has resulted in 170 million trees being planted since 1901, and an additional four to five million planted each year. Afforestation, however, has meant more to Israel's land than just the aesthetic beauty which trees provide to JNF forests, parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas. Trees have played a major role in all of JNF's efforts to reclaim the entire land of Israel.

In the Negev, trees increase oxygen and break the fierce desert wind velocity, thereby preserving the soil. In the Galilee, in northern Israel, trees stand as barriers against winds that ravage slopes of their fertile layers of top soil. The eucalyptus tree, which absorbs enormous amounts of water, has been of great aid in swamp drainage and making the land fit for agricultural use. When one considers it, the benefits of trees are innumerable, especially to a small country like Israel, which needs to make maximum use of its natural resources. Trees mean more moisture in the soil, prevent a rapid run-off of rain water, provide shade, reinvigorate the soil and air, help shelter border communities, and provide shelter for wildlife. In addition, they provide raw materials for farms and factories, and offer immigrants, many of whom work in JNF forests, their first economic foothold in their new land.

Strange as it may seem, the rites of spring will be celebrated on January 25, 1986. All Jews, including those still shivering under winter's deep freeze, can take part this Tu Bi-Shevat in a spiritual communion with the forces of rebirth, helping preserve the land of our heritage for future generations.

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Hadassah Congratulations include:
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Perlove on the marriage of your daughter from Anne & Julius Walker.
 Mr. & Mrs. Sol Bottfeld on the birth of your grandchild from Lynn Rush.
 Bob Ackerman on your 70th birthday from Faye & Willy Levine.
 Lynn Rush on the marriage of your son Todd to Iris from Pearl & Sol Bottfeld.
 Alene Hepler on the birth of granddaughter from Pauline Stein.
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Evans on your 50th Anniversary from Joe Freidman and Helen Korsen.
 Mr. & Mrs. Murray Ginsberg on the birth of your grandson from Pearl & Sol Bottfeld.
 Happy Birthday Etta Harmell from Emma & Abe Weidenfeld.
 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Canavan on your 50th Anniversary from Judy & Mel Golden.
 Sara Saltzman on the birth of your great granddaughter from Dora Raizin.
 Ann Moskowitz on the birth of your great granddaughter from Dora Raizin.
 Les & Bunny Finver on the marriage of their son from Mickey & Harry Phillips.
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 Les Finver on his birthday from Mickey & Harry Phillips.
 Karen & Hank Bremer on the birth of their son from Alice & Harry Goldberg.
 Dave & Belle Greenspun on the birth of their grandson from Alice & Harry Goldberg.
 Doty & Sonny Shaver on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson from Fay & Nathan Bloomberg and Betty & Leon Blumfeld.
 Emma Weidenfeld happy birthday from Sally & Sol Kostova.
 Sylvia Taub happy birthday from Eleanor, Joe & Lee Zaichick.
 Celine Rosenthal happy birthday from Eleanor & Joe Zaichick.
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Evans on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, with love from Frieda & Lou Niedelson.
 Shirley Chaolin in honor of your birthday from Sophia Eisner.
 Mazel tov one and all.

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood Tributes in-

clude:
 In memory of sister of Dora Raizin from Ann Moskowitz, Sara Saltzman and Frances Blut.
 In memory of brother of Freda King from Irene Dvorak.
 In memory of father of Joan Kreisler from Libby Spector, Jeanne Caplan and Shirley Chaplin.
 In memory of Sophie Gruly from Mini Goldsmith and Lilyan Banks.
 In memory of Yahrzeit of Esther Dvorak from Irene Dvorak.
 In memory of Yahrzeit of Robert Lewis from Syd Apper.
 In memory of Yahrzeit of Samuel Frush from Irene Dvorak.
 In memory of Yahrzeit of Harry Moll from Anita Moll.
 In memory of Yahrzeit of Benjamin Dvorak from Irene Dvorak.
 Get Well to Max Waldman and Harry Levy from Sara Saltzman.
 Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goldman, Happy 50th Anniversary from Harriet Elman.
 Congratulations to Anne Moskowitz - great grandchild from Frances Blut.
 Congratulations to Lila Steinberg - grandson from Pauline Flack.

 ORT Simchas & Warmest Wishes include:
 From Florence Bloom to All - A Healthy & Happy New Year.
 From Rose Branca - In memory of all those who are gone.
 From Ida Glass To Mollie & Mark Loewy - Good health and joy in your new apartment.
 From Lillian Hilde to Mollie & Mark Loewy - Good luck and best wishes in your new home.
 From Frances Hoffman to Chapter - A Healthy & Happy New Year.
 From Pearl Kling - In honor of my sister Lillie from New York. Wishing her long life.
 From Fannie B. Levin - A great vacation in Hawaii for my dear children Gene & Peggy.
 From Fannie B. Levin - Good luck to my grandson Adam Levin, promoted to Sundance Hotel & Casino.
 From Dan Longworth - Prosperity, health and abundance in all our lives.
 From Mollie Robbins - Good luck to Mollie & Mark Loewy in their new apartment.
 From Cele Rose to Chapter, Good health to all.
 From Thelma Rosenberg to Chapter, Healthy & Happy New Year to all.
 From Leah Rutkin to Chapter, Wishing everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year.

Spiritual Thought For The Week

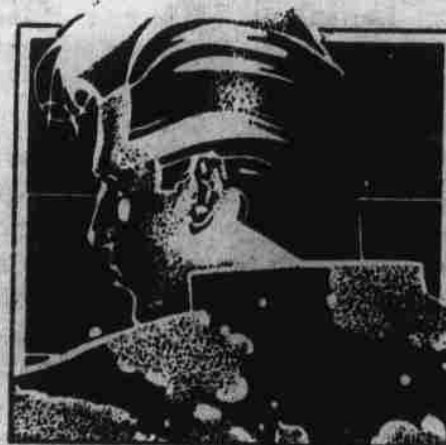
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