

"Are the trees in the field human,
that they should be besieged by you?"
D'varim 20:19



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Wednesday, January 19

at 7:00 PM

On Wednesday we will celebrate Tu biShvat with a Seder. Rabbi Klapheck has made a Haggadah for us, which she introduces with these words:

This coming Wednesday evening is the beginning of Tu Bi'shvat (15. Shvat) – the Jewish new year of the trees, with which we celebrate the new shoots and buds that appear at the end of winter. The Kabbalists in Zefat developed a Seder with four glasses of wine. In Israel the reforestation of the land is celebrated. Today Tu biShvat symbolizes environmental awareness. The Egalitarian Minyan will mark the occasion with a Seder.

Food is once again in your hands. Please bring one of the symbolic fruits or something to go with them. It should be neutral so as not to overpower the taste of the fruits. The symbolic fruits are:

1. with hard shell: nuts of all kinds
2. soft, with a pit: dates, olives etc.
3. soft, and completely edible: figs, grapes, raisins etc.
4. tough, non-edible shell, soft inside: bananas, avocados, oranges etc.

Here in the north of Europe, we are still in the throes of winter, but on Wednesday evening spring will pay us a short visit!