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TU B'SHVAAT



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Hi, kids!

Can you believe it? It's already Tu b'Shvat!

It feels like just yesterday we huddled inside with mugs of hot cocoa. But now the trees are starting to blossom, flowers are poking their heads out of the ground, and the temperature is rising.

Here's a fun fact about this month's issue: it's #12. That means that

BH Kids Magazine is 12! Happy birthday to us!

So get ready for another fun-filled issue of the BH Kids.

Love,

Miriam Tamar

Questions or comments are welcome to be sent to
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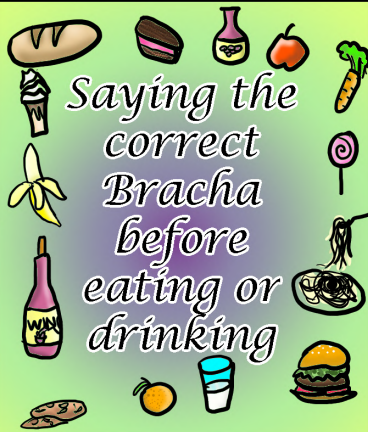
Doing Mitzvot with Danny



Hi, kids! It's been quite a while that we have been learning together how to do Mitzvot! We got to learn about so many Mitzvot together...

Goodbye!

Saying 'Modeh Ani' in the morning and 'Shema Yisrael' at night



Saying the correct Bracha before eating or drinking

Doing Netilat Yadayim in the morning and before eating bread

Being a good friend, and much more!



I am so proud of you!

Now it's time to say goodbye. Will I be back? Maybe...

STAY TUNED!

Dear children, It was a pleasure teaching you how doing Mitzvot can be easy and fun!

I'd love to hear from you if you have any question about doing Mitzvot, or if you'd like to share your Mitzvot fun with me!

Please email me at BTKids@BeEzratHaShem.org and don't forget to write 'For Danny' in the subject :)



Hedgehog



Animal Kingdom

Are you cold in the winter? Me too. When we are cold, we have different ways of warming up; wearing warm clothes, turning a heater on, or cuddle up under a blanket.

But what can animals do when it's cold? Some of them grow thick fur, some make themselves warm nest or hide in caves, but some animals don't really have something to protect them when they're cold, and they must find ways to keep themselves from freezing.

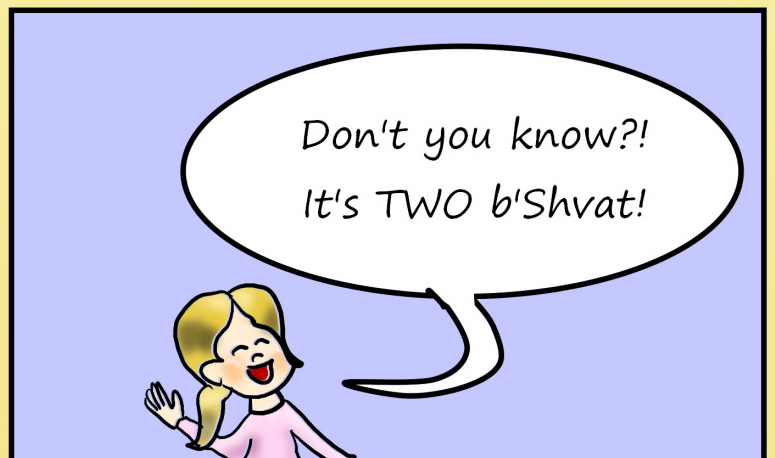
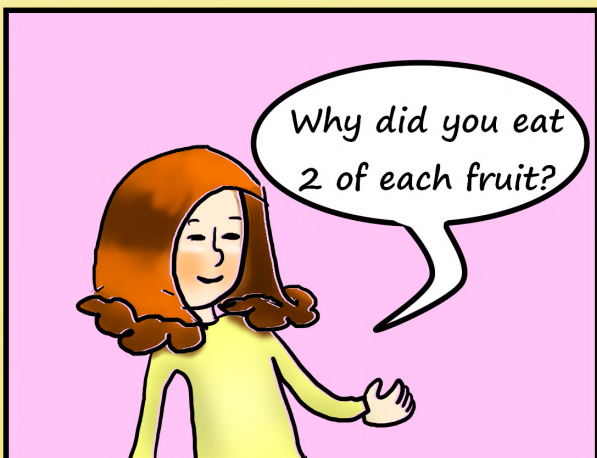
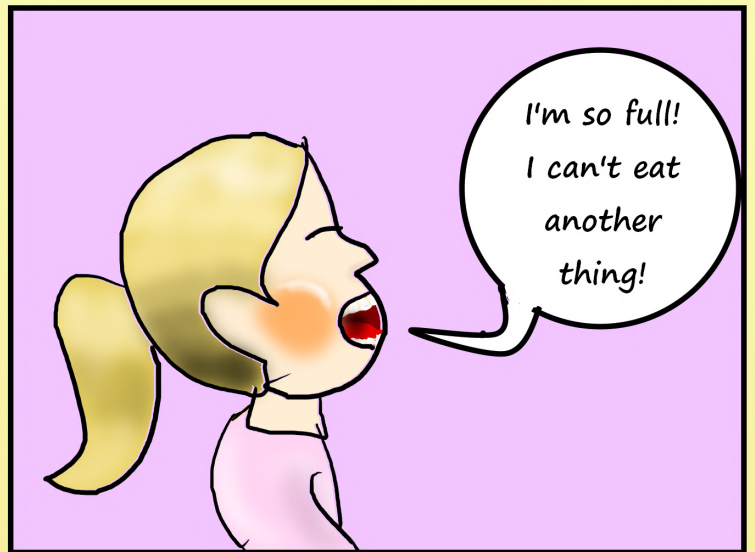
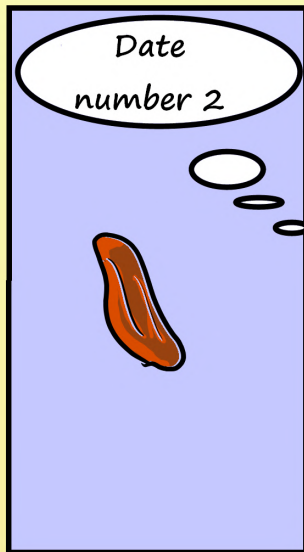
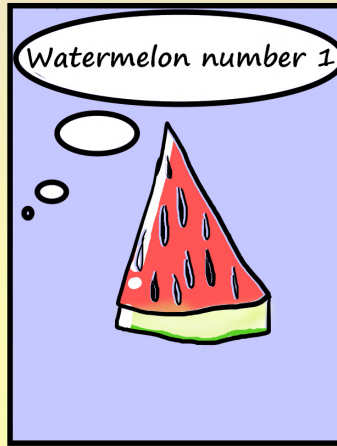
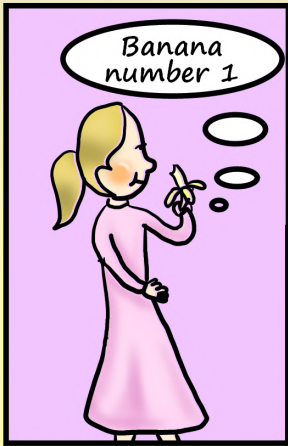
One of the animals who have no protection in the winter is a hedgehog. Hedgehogs are covered in prickles called quills, to protect their soft, delicate bodies. Hedgehogs don't have fur or warm nests to protect them in the winter. So what do they do when it's cold? They huddle together to keep each other's body temperature. Yes. Even though they have quills that prick and poke each other's soft body, they ignore the uncomfortable feeling and focus on their main goal - to stay warm. Instead of looking at the bad side (Ouch, your quills are hurting me!), they focus on the good side (Thanks, you're keeping me warm!), because if they stayed apart, they would all freeze!

We can learn from the hedgehog to ignore bad points we see in people around us (She's so annoying! I hate his glasses! Etc.), and focus on each other's good points.



Silly Gilly

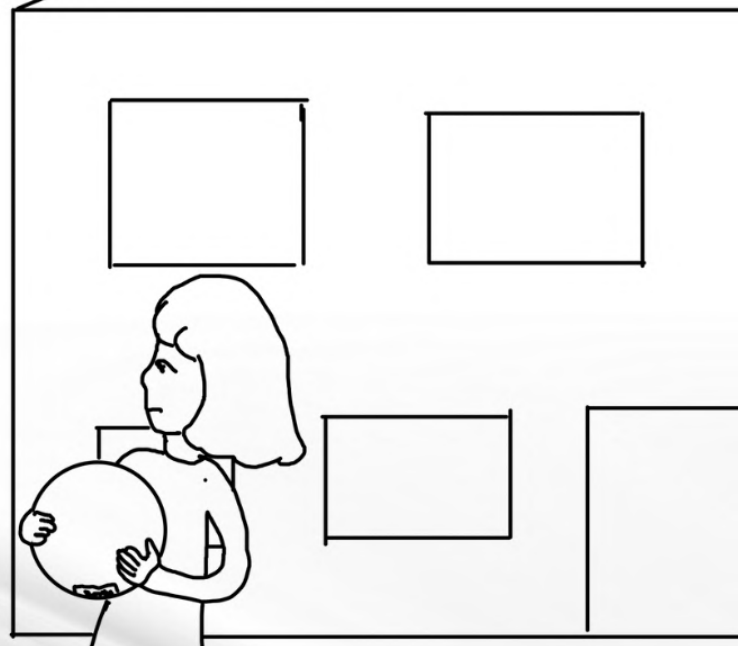
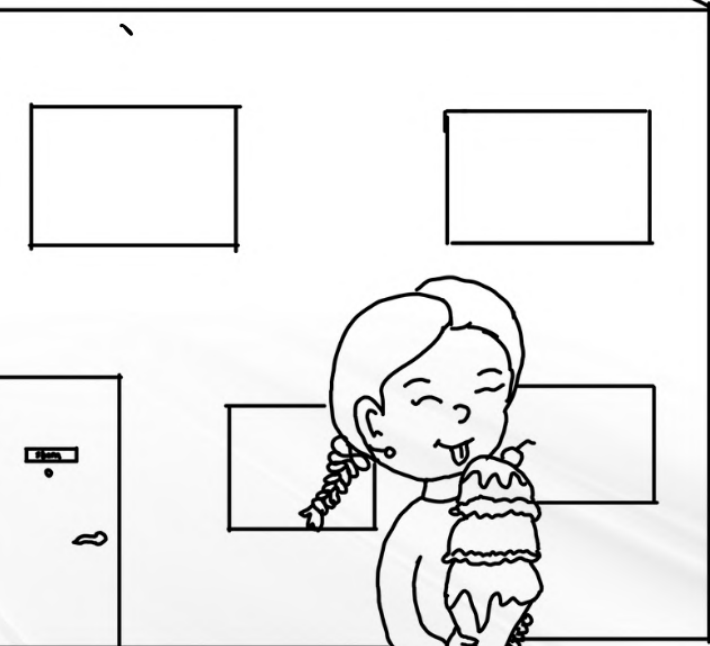
EATS FRUIT ON "TWO" B'SHVAT



Friends

Forever

Your mother gave you ice cream, as a very special treat,
 And you go outside, so that your ice cream you can eat.
 But in your haste to eat it, you probably forgot,
 Your friend would love an ice cream! She's also very hot!





SHIVAT HAMINIM

to
the
Rescue

*Wheat, Barley, Grapes, and Fig, too,
Were sitting outside with nothing to do.
Three more Minim joined the four friends,
Wandering around, stretching their hands.
Pomegranate and Date tapped their head,
And suddenly little Olive said:*

*"We have been sitting outside bored all day long.
Why don't we use The Chag Machine, and find where we all belong?"*



***"Great idea!" said Wheat. "It will be so fun!
Let's find the right place for everyone!"
They all hopped inside, with Olive at the lead,
To see what Jews all through time need.
The machine thumped and bumped, rolled in the sky,
And soon the rings appeared bright from up high.***



***They saw in each ring a scene to behold,
In one was a rich man giving someone gold.
Then they came upon one of the scenes,
Of a little girl holding sugar and beans.
She looked puzzled, she looked unsure,
In front of her was a half-done mixture.
Fig pressed the button and down they all flew,
To the little girl with the beans and sugar too.***

**Wheat and Barley stepped out,
The girl got scared and gave a little shout.
"Never fear," they said, "we're here to help!
You don't have to worry, scream or yelp."
The girl apologized, then worriedly said:
"My mother has the flu; she's sick in bed.
She wanted me to make the food for Shabbat,
But there's so much to do! Yes, quite a lot!"**



**"Do you really like to bake?
How about making me into a cake?"
Asked Wheat with a smile on his face,
And then Barley began to pace.
"Put me in your soup!" Barley said happily,
"It'll be so delicious for your entire family!"
The girl thanked them, so Wheat and Barley stayed.
The rest of the Minim went on their way.**

*They hopped inside again, with Olive at the lead,
 To see what Jews all through time need.
 The machine thumped and bumped, rolled in the sky,
 And soon the rings appeared bright from up high.
 They saw in each ring a beautiful scene,
 In one was a woman shining candlesticks to a sheen.
 And then they came upon a ring,
 Of a father who was looking for something.
 Some cute little kids in costumes joined in,
 But no one was wearing a happy grin.*



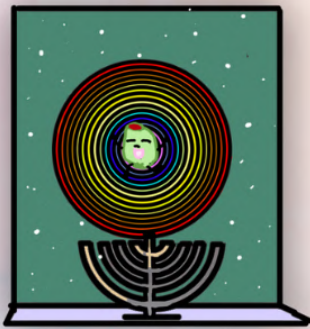
*"What's wrong?" asked Grapes, looking confused.
 "It's Purim" said the father, "and we have no wine to use!"
 "That's no good!", said Grapes, "the Mitzvah on Purim is to drink wine.
 So how about squeezing grapes? In fact - let's use mine!"
 The family thanked Grapes, and there Grapes stayed.
 The rest of the Minim went on their way.*

*They hopped inside, with Olive at the lead,
To see what jews all through time need.
The machine thumped and bumped, rolled in the sky,
And soon the rings appeared bright from up high.
They saw in each ring a scene to behold,
In one was a man who looked quite old.
As the machine kept rolling, they came upon a ring,
With a mother looking panicked and suddenly - ding-dong-ding!
"Oh no!" cried the mother, "what will I do?!
It's Rosh HaShanah today and I need a thing or two!
I need more dates and a pomegranate with seeds galore,
But the grocery store is closed! I can't buy them anymore!
Guests are coming, they are already here!
What am I doing? Oh, no! Oh, dear!"*



*"What did you say you need?" asked Date with a smile.
"Date and pomegranate. I've been looking for a while!"
"Take us, use us!" Date and Pomegranate said.
The mother gratefully patted them on their head.
She thanked them a lot, and so they stayed.
Olive and Fig went on their way.*

*They hopped inside, with Olive at the lead,
To see what Jews all through time need.
The machine thumped and bumped, rolled in the sky,
And soon the rings appeared bright from up high.
They saw in each ring a scene to behold,
In one was a girl blowing balloons for kids to hold.
All of a sudden, they came upon a ring,
With a Menorah and a man searching something.
"What's the matter?" Asked Olive. "You seem a bit nervous.
I would really love to help you. Can I be of your service?"*



*The man let out a sigh, hiding his surprise,
And answered Olive, with concern in his eyes:
"I need olive oil so that the Menorah I can light.
But for some reason, I can't find any tonight!"
"Would you like to use me for oil?" asked Olive politely.
With my oil's glow I'll light up your Menorah so brightly!"
The man happily thanked him, so Olive stayed,
And poor, lonely Fig went alone on his way.*

Each of his friends found a special Mitzvah to do.

"What about me?" he thought, "I want to be helpful too!"

And now, at the end, he was left all alone.

There was no one to help, so he just went home.

In the kitchen he saw Mommy looking kind of perplexed,

She opened the fridge and cabinets and wasn't relaxed.

Concerned, Fig turned to Mommy, and asked, caring indeed:

"Is there something that you are missing? Is there anything you need?"

"Today is Tu b'Shvat," Mommy then replied.

"I made a big bowl of fruits, fresh ones and dried.

And I need one more fruit to top my Tu b'Shvat bowl,

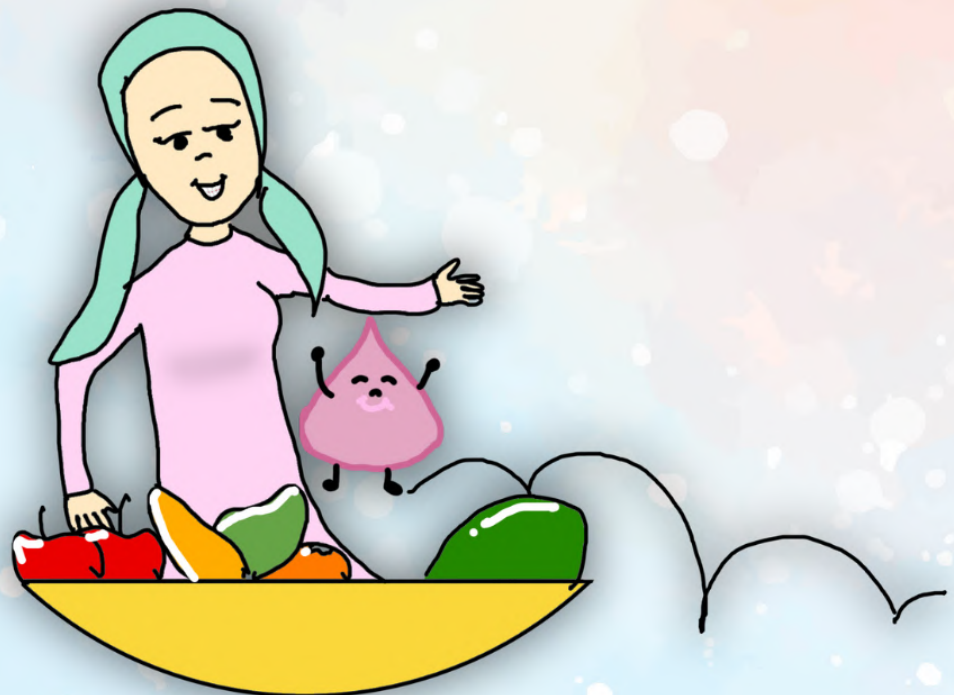
But it has to be special and delicious, that's my goal."

"Let me solve this problem for you," said Fig excited,

And even though to the bowl he was never invited,

He took a step towards the bowl and then a big hop,

And he perfectly landed there, right on the top!



"FOR THE TREE OF THE FIELD IS A MAN" (DEVARIM 20:19)

The Torah teaches us that people and trees are connected. When we celebrate Tu b'Shvat, the New Year for Trees, we can learn important lessons from trees.

A tree starts with a small seed. This seed has great potential. Similarly, every child has the potential to grow and become a great Tzadik/Tzadika. But the seed can grow into a big strong tree only if it gets the care, support and external conditions that it needs, like water, sunlight and good soil. Similarly, to be able to realize their potential, each child needs care, support, and external conditions, like parents, teachers, and good friends.

The tree's roots are like our faith in HaShem. The tree's roots go deep into the ground and keep it from being uprooted by strong winds.

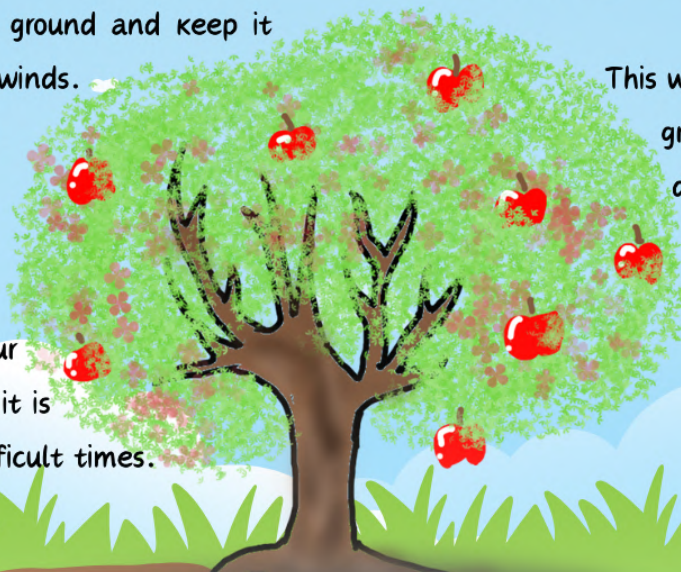
The deeper the roots are, the stabler the tree is. Similarly, our faith in HaShem keeps us stable and strong during difficult times. The stronger our faith in HaShem is, the easier it is for us to stay stable during difficult times.

But the roots, faith alone is not enough. We must also do Mitzvot and follow the Torah, just like a tree grows branches and leaves. Every time we do a Mitzvah and follow the Torah, it's like a new branch or leaf growing, making us bigger and better.

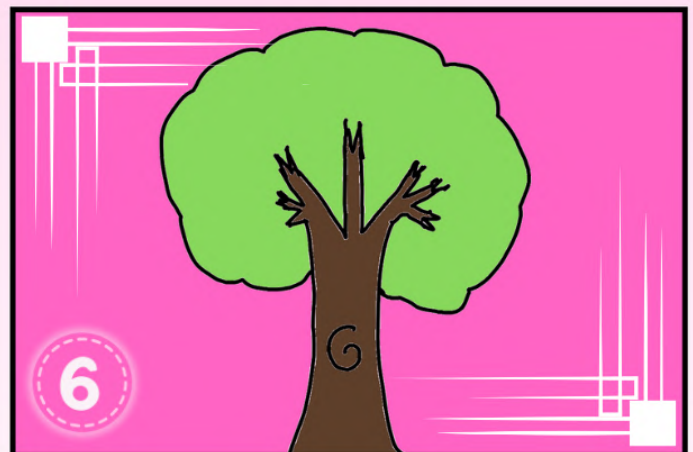
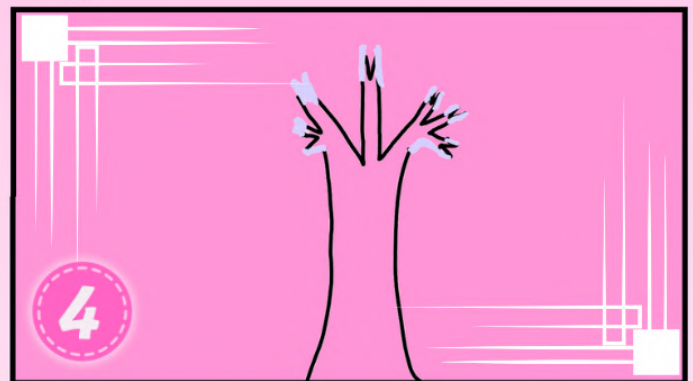
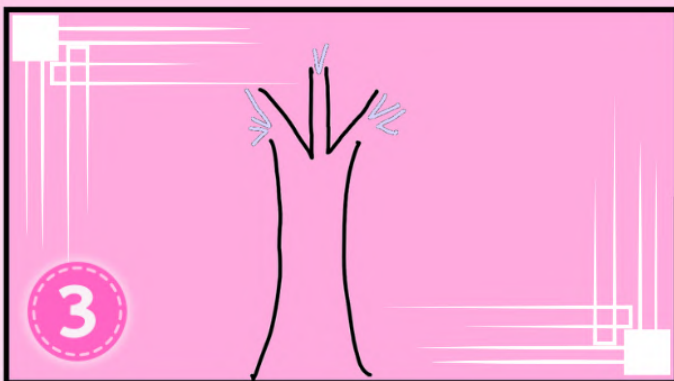
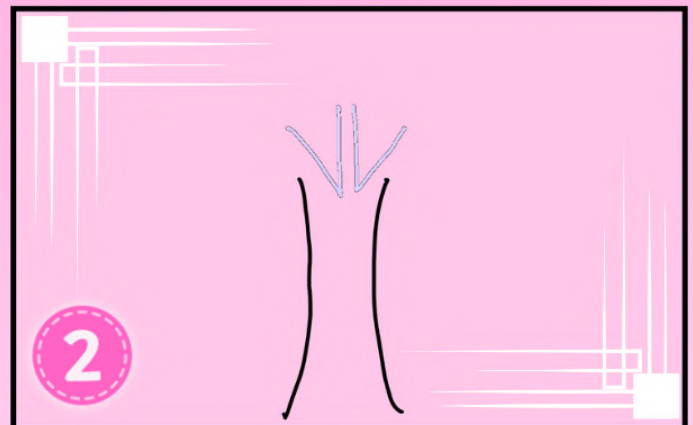
Trees give us shade to enjoy on hot days, and some trees also give us delicious fruits.

As we celebrate Tu B'Shvat, let's surround ourselves with people that would help us get the best out of us. Let's grow our roots deeper by strengthening our faith in HaShem. Let's add more and more branches and leaves to our tree by keeping the Torah and doing Mitzvot. And let's try to be like a tree that gives to others.

This way we'll surely grow to be great and strong and no difficulty will break or bend us.



How To Draw A TREE In Six Simple Steps



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Happy Tu b'Shvat!



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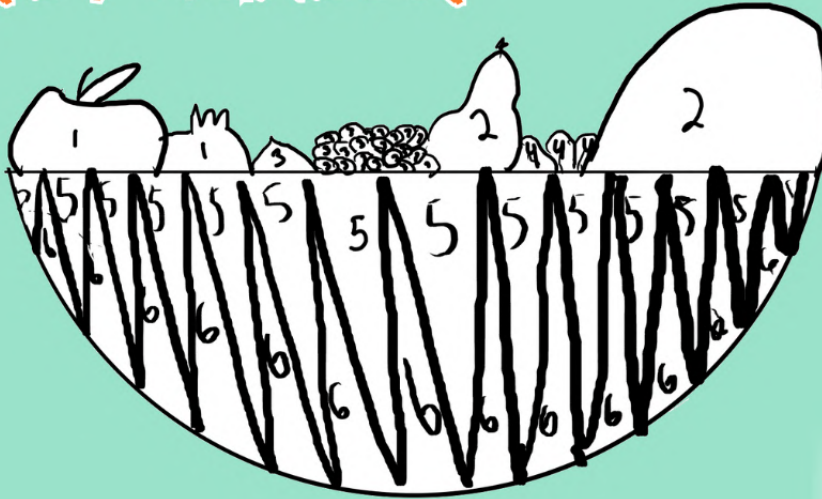
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Torah Arts should be submitted by March 9th, 2025.

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