

Slide 1: Seder Tu BiSh'vat – Congregation Bet Ha'am

Slide 2: Hinei Mah Tov:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for people to be together.

הִנֵּה מַה-טוֹב וְמַה-נְּעִים

נִשְׁבַּח אֲחֵים גַּם-יַחַד.

Hi-nei ma tov u-ma na-im, She-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.

Slides 3-5: Lighting the Candles for Tu BiSh'vat

If there is no mitzvah to light candles, why are there beeswax candles on our table?

In the eleventh century, Deborah, prophet and judge, was described as an *ishet lapidot* – literally a woman of torches, or more poetically, a fiery woman. Her name, Deborah, means 'bee'.

Most fruit trees and many other plants must be cross-pollinated to produce fruit. If a plant has male flowers and female flowers, to develop seeds the female flower needs sufficient pollen delivered and distributed by bees, other insects, or animals.

In the Song of Deborah in Judges, she directed the swarm of a diverse army of soldiers for battle like a queen bee.

Honoring the fiery people of our history and the tireless pollinating work of bees and other insects, we light beeswax candles without making a blessing as we begin our celebration of Tu BiSh'vat.

Amy Ariel

Slides 6-7: Tu BiSh'vat is a Birthday:

Every person has a birthday.
Every year has a birthday – Rosh Hashana.
Every tree has a birthday too.

Today is the birthday for trees.

Today is Tu BiSh'vat.

It is still cold outside
but now, after their winter rest,
the trees begin to grow again.
They draw water from the ground
into their roots

and sap begins to flow
into their branches.
In a few weeks
we will see their leaves and flowers.
In a few months they will give us
their fruit.
Today we celebrate their birthday.
Today is the birthday for trees.

Slides 8-10: You are the One (Reb Nachman's Prayer) SONG

You are the One, for this I pray, that I may have the strength to be alone
To see the word, to stand among the trees and all the living things
That I may stand alone and offer prayers and talk to You
You are the One to whom I do belong
And I'll sing my soul I'll sing my soul to You and give You all that's in my heart
May all the foliage, of the field, all grasses, trees, and plants
Awaken at my coming, this I pray, and send their life into my words of prayer
So that my speech, my thoughts, and my prayers will be made whole
And through the spirit of all growing things
And we know that everything is one, because we know that everything is You
You are the One, for this I pray, I ask you God to hear my words
That pour out from my heart, I stand before you
I like water lift my hands to You in prayer
And grant me strength, and grant me strength to stand alone
You are the One to whom I do belong
And I'll sing my soul, I'll sing my soul to You, and give You all that's in my heart
You are the One for this I pray and I'll sing my soul to You
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Slides 11-12: Holiday Blessings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, o-seh ma-a-sei ve-rei-sheet.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Creator of the universe, who continually does the work of creation.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֹׁכֵךְ לֹו בְּעוֹלָמוֹ.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-ka-cha lo be-o-la mo.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, whose world is filled with beauty.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁלֹּא חָסַר בְּעוֹלָמוֹ דָּבָר, וּבְרָא
בּוֹ

רִיזוֹת טוֹבוֹת וְאֵילָנוֹת טוֹבִים לְהַנּוֹת בָּהֶם בְּנֵי אָדָם.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-lo chi-sar ba-o-lam da-var, u-
va-ra vo be-ri-ot to-vot ve-i-la-not to-vim le-ha-not ba-hem be-nei a-dam.

*We praise You, Adonai our God, Creator of the universe. Your world lacks nothing
needful; You have fashioned goodly creatures and lovely trees that enchant the heart.*

Slide 13: Eili, Eili

אֵלִי, אֵלִי,
שֶׁלֹּא יִגְמַר לְעוֹלָם
הַחֹל וְהַיָּם,
רִשְׁרוּשׁ שֶׁל הַמַּיִם,
בְּרַק הַשָּׁמַיִם,
תְּפִלַּת הָאָדָם.

**Eili, Eili
She-lo yi-ga-meir-le-o-lam;
Ha chol ve-ha-yam,
Rish-rush shel ha-ma-yim,
Be-rak ha-sha-mayim,
Te-fi-lat ha-a-dam. (2x)**

**We pray that these things never end;
The sand and the sea,
The rush of the waters,
The crash of the heavens,
The prayer of the heart. (2x)
(Hannah Senesh)**

Slide 14 Asiya – עשייה

Asiya means doing. We think about nature and the physical world, about actions we can take to repair it and keep it whole. The earth is a symbol of *asiya* because it is permanent and solid. As a symbol of *asiya*, we eat fruits and nuts with a tough outer shell and a soft inside, reminding us that God protects us, both our bodies (outside) and our souls (inside).

Fruit with Shells

Nuts, Etrogs, Pomegranates, Oranges, Grapefruit

Slide 15 Blessing for Eating Fruit

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei pe-ri ha-eits.
We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעַנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu, ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.
We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Slides 16-17: The First Cup – White Wine

On this way-station
between the bleak white winter
when the trees' sap begins to rise,
and the colorful flowers of the warm seasons
when fruits ripen,
We drink four cups of wine,
Each one redder than the one before,
Each showing that the land becomes warmer,
Each one showing that colors of the fruits
Deepen as they ripen,
Each one in praise of God,
Who renews the fruit of trees each year.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.
Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Slide 18: Yetsira

Yetira means formation. We think about energy and feeling, creation and creativity. Water is a symbol of *yetsira* because water move, cleans and dissolves. As a symbol of *yetsira*, we eat fruits with soft outer shells and hard insides (pits), reminding us that if we have strong inner energy, we don't need to be hard on the outside.

Fruit with Pits: Dates, Olives, Apricots, Peaches, Plums/Prunes

Slide 19: Blessing for Eating Fruit

The second kind of fruit we taste has a hard pit inside and its fruit on the outside.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ , מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם , בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ .

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei pe-ri ha-eits.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Slide 20: Tsadik Katamar

Tsa-dik ka-ta-mar yif-rach,
ke-e-rets ba-Le-va-non yis-geh.
She-tu-lim be-veit A-do-nai,
be-chats-rot E-lo-hei-nu yaf-ri-chu.
Od ye-nu-vun be-sei-va,
de-shei-nim ve-ra-a-na-nim yih-yu,
el-ha-gid ki ya-shar A-do-nai,
tsu-ri ve-lo av-la-ta bo.

צַדִּיק כַּתָּמַר יִפְרַח
כְּאַרְז בְּלִבְנוֹן יִשְׁגָּה:
שְׂתוּלִים בְּבֵית יְהוָה
בְּחִצְרוֹת אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִפְרִיחוּ:

עוד ינובון בשׁבֿה
דְּשָׁנִים וְרַעֲנָנִים יִהְיוּ:
לְהַגִּיד פִּי-יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה
צוּרֵי וְלֹא-עוֹלָתָהּ בּוֹ:

Slide 21: The Second Cup – Pink Wine

As spring approaches, the sun begins to warm the frozen earth. The landscape begins to change from white to red as the first flower appear.

As a symbol of this change, we mix some red wine with white for our second cup.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Slide 22: Beria Creation בְּרִיאָה

Beri-a means creation. We think about ideas, hopes and dreams, the natural law and patterns of nature that govern the universe. The wind is the symbol of *beri-a*. As a symbol of *beri-a*, we eat fruits that are soft throughout so that the whole fruit can be eaten. Here, there is no difference between our inner feelings and our outer selves.

Entirely Edible Fruits: Figs, Raisins, Strawberries, Apples, Pears and Carob

Slide 23: Blessing for Eating Fruit

The third kind of fruit we taste is entirely edible.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הָעֵץ.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei pe-ri ha-eits.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Slides 23-24: Figs – Symbols of Peace

*The Bible speaks of the fig tree in a time of peace when
"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not take up sword against nation;
They shall never again know war.
But all shall sit under their grapevine or fig tree with no one to disturb them."*

(Micah 4.3-4)

Lo Yisa Goi

Lo Yi-sa goi el goi che-rev,
Lo yil-me-du od mil-cha-ma.
Nation shall not take up sword against nation;
They shall never again know war.

(Micah 4.3-4)

לא יִשָּׂא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חֶרֶב, לֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה.

Slides 26-27: The Third Cup – Light Red Wine

During the summer, fruits and vegetables are plentiful, the air is warm, and we are reminded of the richness of life. As a symbol of this change, we mix more red wine into the white for a deeper color.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Slide 28: Atsilut – אֲצִילוּת

Nobility

Atsilut means nobility. We think about pure, noble spirit, lovingkindness, power and beauty. We feel close to God and remember that each creature is part of just one universe. Fire is the symbol of atsilut. Fire is the energy of life, yet it can also destroy. We do not eat any fruits to symbolize atsilut, because God is timeless, infinite, and impossible to describe.

Slides 29-30: The Fourth Cup – Dark Red Wine

As summer turns to fall, plants turn inward to prepare their seeds. Animals turn inward for rest, and people turn inward to think about the year that has passed and the one that is beginning. Remember, our purpose is to live in balance and harmony with all of God's creation. As a symbol of this season, the fourth cup of wine is full strength red.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה , יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

Slide 31: Erets Zavav Chalav

אַרְצֵי זָבַת חֵלֶב וְדִבְשׁ (4x)

אַרְצֵי זָבַת חֵלֶב (2x)

זָבַת חֵלֶב וְדִבְשׁ

E-rets za-vat cha-lav, cha-lav u-de-vash. (4x)

E-rets za-vat cha-lav, za-vat cha-lav u-de-vash. (2x)

“...a land flowing with milk and honey.”

(Deuteronomy 11.9)

Slide 32: The Etrog Project

Slide 33: B'rich Rachamana

B'rich Rachamana

Malka d'Alma

Mareih d'hai pita.

בָּרִיךְ רַחֲמָנָא

מַלְכָּא דְעָלְמָא

מַרְיָה דְהַאי פִּיתָא

Blessed is the Merciful One, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of his bread.

Slide 34: Chag Same'ach! Happy Tu BiSh'vat!