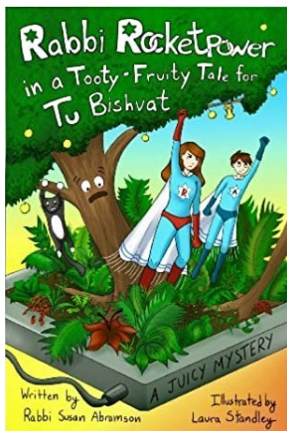
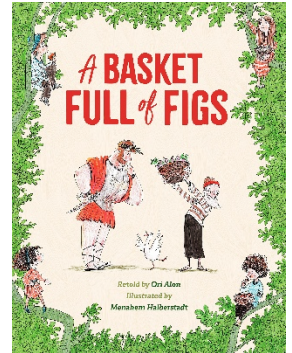


TU B'SHEVAT TITLES

The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has dozens of titles for all ages to help celebrate Tu b'Shevat and protect the environment. Check out our full catalog of resources [here](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

Two Tu b'Shevat picture books stand out in our collection as introductions to the holiday. Madelyn Rosenberg's *Happy Birthday, Tree!: A Tu B'Shevat Story*, and *Sadie's Snowy Tu B'Shevat*, by Jamie Korngold, are engaging books for young readers that present the basics of the holiday. Beyond those that are specific to Tu b'Shevat, we have several great stories featuring trees and caring for the environment. Barbara Reid's *Picture a Tree* is an award-winning celebration of trees. *Honi's Circle of Trees*, by Phillis Gershator, and the more recent *A Basket Full of Figs*, by Ori Elon, are both effective versions of a classic Midrash. *A Rainy Day Story*, by Ruth Calderon, is a new book based on Talmud that celebrates the environment. For slightly older readers, *Pavel and the Tree Army*, by Heidi Smith Hyde, weaves in a touch of American history, setting her story during the Great Depression.



Chapter Books for Older Children and Teens

In our collection for older readers, Rabbi Susan Abramson's *Rabbi Rocketpower in a Tooty Fruity Tale for Tu Bishvat – A Juicy Mystery* is the only fiction title specific to the holiday. It's a fun and silly read that should entertain middle-grade readers. Leslie Kimmelman's *Sam and Charlie Help Save the Earth!* is another light fiction title that fits the bill. In our non-fiction section, we have *Green Bible Stories for Children*, by Tami Lehman-Wilzig, *Listen to the Trees*, by Molly Cone, and Chaya Burstein's *The Kids' Catalog of Animals and the Earth*. All three are excellent anthologies for early and middle-grade students. Yaakov Kirschen's *Trees: The Green Testament* and *Behold the Trees*, by Sue Alexander, both address the subject of trees and Zionism in their own way. Kirschen's work is in graphic novel format and aimed at older readers. For those really interested in trees, Bernadette Pourquie's *Strange Trees and the Stories Behind Them* is a collection of pictures and stories about the

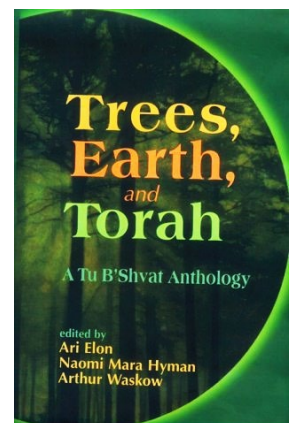
world's most unique species.

For Adults

We have two anthologies in our adult collection for Tu b'Shevat. *Trees, Earth and Torah: A Tu B'Shvat Anthology*, by Dr. Ari Elon, draws from includes biblical and rabbinical writings from across the centuries, including several examples of Seders for the holiday. Tu b'Shevat is also included in Rabbi Paul Steinberg's collection, *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays*. Our non-fiction collection includes several titles related to the environment.



Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet: Jews, Judaism and the Environment, by Rabbi Dov Elkins, is a great place to start. This short paperback is focused on action and not heavy on theology. For more serious study, consider Jeremy Bernstein's *The Way into Judaism and the Environment*, and *Claiming Earth as Common Ground: The Ecological Crises through the Lens of Faith*, by Andrea Cohen-Kiener.



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Where would we be without *Shalom Sesame* for our youngest audience? *Grover Plants a Tree* is available in our DVD collection for families.