

Dear Parents of our Second Graders,

Happy New Year! I hope you are all well and were able to create great family memories during Winter Break.

Attached please find a lesson for your child to complete in place of coming to class this Sunday.

The lesson is centered around the Jewish Holiday of Tu B Shevat.

Tu B'shevat gets its name from the date on which the holiday occurs, the 15th of the month of Shevat. This Jewish holiday is often referred to as the new year (or "birthday") of the trees. The holiday originated in the Talmud and was based on the date chosen for calculating the agricultural cycle of taking tithes from the produce of the trees, which were brought as first-fruit offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The lesson has three parts:

First: A story titled, *Sadie's Snowy Tu B'Shevat*, by Jamie Korngold. Help your child log on to the story and give it a listen.

Second: Complete the attached story worksheet. Your child doesn't need to write the answers, but simply discuss the answers with you.

Third: Create a vine project. Help your child print the attached leaves. Your child then can color the leaves and cut them out.

Next, place a hole on the stem of each leaf and using any kind of string or yarn, string the leaves together creating a vine.

If you have a moment, send me a picture of your child holding their vine creation.

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I hope you have fun with your child completing this lesson. I look forward to learning together at synagogue soon.

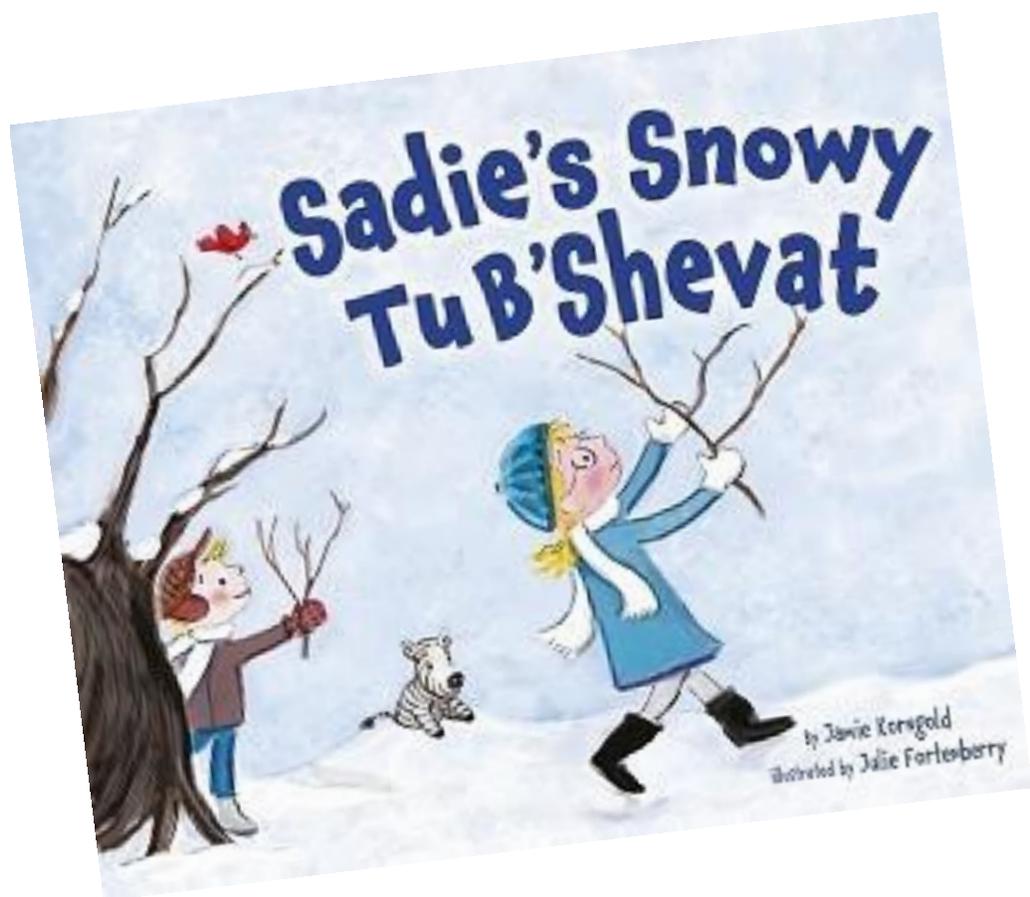
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Ms. Landy

Please read and enjoy the story

Sadie's Snowy Tu B' Shevat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnFhUggCMhQ>





Celebrate Tu B'Shavat Create a Vine.

Materials Needed:

- Paper leaves (print the attached)
 - Scissors
 - Crayons
 - String
- Hole puncher

Instructions:

- Print out the attached leaves
 - Color the leaves
 - Cut out the leaves
- Punch a hole on the stem of each leaf
- Thread string through the stem of leaves
- Hang your creation somewhere special in your home



