



Tu BiShvat 2022

Tu BiShvat Through the Ages Lesson Plan

AGES: Middle School – High School

GOAL: The goal of the assignment is to demonstrate the evolution of Tu BiShvat observances through the generations.

MATERIALS: Tu BiShvat Through the Ages lesson packet.

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE PROGRAM: The classroom portion of the activity takes about 40 minutes to 1 hour.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Introduce the goals of the lesson. (3-5 minutes)
2. a. Divide the class into four even groups.
 - b. Each group will study one of the historical groups and what Tu BiShvat meant to them, including all related material. (10-15 minutes)
 - c. Then divide the class into groups of four, made up of one person from each of the previous groups, so that each person represents one of the four observances. Each group member must teach the others about the observance they have studied. Continue until all students have learned about all four meanings of Tu BiShvat. (20-30 minutes)
3. Lead a summary of the lesson. (5-10 minutes)

ASSESSMENT:

The students are assessed for their ability to relate the approach of the four groups to Tu BiShvat. In an essay (Introduction, 4 body paragraphs, Conclusion) they must answer the following questions:

1. The name of the group.
2. The identity of the group: When/Where did they live? What was their focus? Etc.
3. What was the meaning of Tu BiShvat for them?
4. What did they do on Tu BiShvat?



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