



Tree Horoscopes

AGES: Any age

GOAL: To instill the concept of the importance and individuality of every living thing by connecting trees to people

MATERIALS: 5 pages that follow

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE PROGRAM: this resource can be used as part of other Tu B'Shevat activities or by itself. Length of time varies according to how it is used.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Encourage participants to name all of the ways they can think of that trees are like people, for example:

1. Trees grow and people grow
2. Trees and people both come in many different shapes and sizes
3. Trees and people are both part of a larger eco-system
4. Trees, like people, need food, water and sunshine

Explain that there are many kinds of trees, and that some have become associated with certain human characteristics. Hand out the "Tree Horoscope" pages, and give the participants time to look up their birthdays and the trees associated with each. Do the trees match the participants character traits? Whether or not they actually do, this activity is a good way to find the place of human beings in the larger eco-system.

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Dec 23-Jan 1: Apple Tree	June 25-July 4: Apple Tree
Jan 2-Jan 11: Fir Tree	July 5-July 14: Fir Tree
Jan 12-Jan 24: Elm Tree	July 15-July 25: Elm Tree
Jan 25-Feb 3: Cypress Tree	July 26-Aug 4: Cypress Tree
Feb 4-Feb 8: Poplar Tree	Aug 5-Aug 13: Poplar Tree
Feb 9-Feb 18: Cedar Tree	Aug 14-Aug 23: Cedar Tree
Feb 19-Feb 28: Pine Tree	Aug 24-Sept 2: Pine Tree
Mar 1-Mar 10: Weeping Willow Tree	Sept 3-Sept 12: Weeping Willow Tree
Mar 11-Mar 20: Lime Tree	Sept 13-Sept 22: Lime Tree
Mar 21: Oak Tree	Sept 23: Olive Tree
Mar 22-Mar 31: Hazelnut Tree	Sept 24-Oct 3: Hazelnut Tree
Apr 1-Apr 10: Rowan Tree	Oct 4-Oct 13: Rowan Tree
Apr 11-Apr 20: Maple Tree	Oct 14-Oct 23: Maple Tree
Apr 21-Apr 30: Walnut Tree	Oct 24-Nov 11: Walnut Tree
May 1-May 14: Poplar Tree	Nov 12-Nov 21: Chestnut Tree
May 15-May 24: Chestnut Tree	Nov 22-Dec 1: Ash Tree
May 25-June 3: Ash Tree	Dec 2-Dec 11: Hornbeam Tree
June 4-June 13: Hornbeam Tree	Dec 12-Dec 21: Fig Tree
June 14-June 23: Fig Tree	Dec 22: Beech Tree
June 24: Birch Tree	





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Apple: the love tree

Of slight build, lots of charm, appeal and attraction, pleasant aura flirtatious, adventurous, sensitive, always in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, scientific talents, lives for today, a carefree philosopher with imagination

Ash: the ambition tree

Uncommonly attractive, vivacious, impulsive, demanding, does not care for criticism, ambitious, intelligent, talented, likes to play with its fate, can be egotistic, very reliable and trustworthy, faithful and prudent lover, sometimes brains rule over heart, but takes partnership serious

Beech: the creative tree

Has good taste, concerned about its looks, materialist, good organization of life and career, economical, good leader, takes no unnecessary risks, reasonable, splendid lifetime companion, keen on keeping fit (diet, sports, etc.)

Birch: the inspiration tree

Vivacious, attractive, elegant, friendly, unpretentious, modest, does not like anything in excess, abhors the vulgar, loves life in nature and in calm, not very passionate, full of imagination, little ambition, creates a calm and content atmosphere

Cedar: the confidence tree

Of rare beauty, knows how to adapt, likes luxury, of good health not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, determined, impatient, wants to impress others, many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waiting for the one true love, able to make quick decisions





Chestnut: the honesty tree

Of unusual beauty, does not want to impress, well-developed sense of justice, vivacious, interested, a born diplomat, but irritable and sensitive in company, often due to a lack of self-confidence, acts sometimes superior, feels not understood, loves only once, has difficulties in finding a partner

Cypress: the faithfulness tree

Strong, muscular, adaptable, takes what life has to give, happy, content, optimistic, needs enough money and acknowledgement, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered, unruly, pedantic and careless

Elm: the noble-mindedness tree

Pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, modest demands, tends to not forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, tends to know-all-attitude and making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor practical

Fig: the sensibility tree

Very strong, a bit self-willed, independent, does not allow contradiction or arguments, love life, its family children and animals, a bit of a butterfly, good sense of humor, likes idleness and laziness, of practical talent and intelligence

Fir: the mysterious tree

Extraordinary taste, dignity, cultivated airs, loves anything beautiful, moody, stubborn, tends to egotism but cares for those close to it, rather modest, very ambitious, talented, industrious, not contented lover, many friends, many foes, very reliable

Hazelnut: the extraordinary tree

Charming, undemanding, very understanding, knows how to make an impression, active fighter for social causes, popular, moody and capricious lover, honest and tolerant partner, precise sense of judgment





Hornbeam: the good taste tree

Of cool beauty, cares for its looks and condition, good taste, tends to egoism, makes life as comfortable as possible, leads reasonable, disciplined life, looks for kindness, an emotional partner and acknowledgment, dreams of unusual lovers, is seldom happy with her feelings, mistrusts most people, is never sure of its decisions, very conscientious

Lime: the doubt tree

Accepts what life dishes out in a composed way, hates fighting, stress and labor, tends to laziness and idleness, soft and relenting, makes sacrifices for friends, many talents but not tenacious enough to make them blossom, often wailing and complaining, very jealous, loyal

Maple: the independence of mind tree

No ordinary person, full imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-respect, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, many complexes, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress

Oak: the robust nature tree

Courageous, strong, unrelenting, independent, sensible, does not love changes, keeps its feet on the ground, person of action

Olive: the wisdom tree

Loves sun, warmth and kind feelings, reasonable, balanced, avoids aggression and violence, tolerant, cheerful, calm, well-developed sense of justice, sensitive, empathic, free of jealousy, loves to read and the company of sophisticated people

Pine: the particularity tree

Loves agreeable company, very robust, knows how to make life comfortable, very active, natural, good companion, but seldom friendly, falls easily in

love but its passion burns out quickly, gives up easily, many disappointments till it finds its ideal, trustworthy, practical





Poplar: the uncertainty tree

Looks very decorative, no self-confident behavior, only courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, artistic nature, good organizer, tends to philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership serious

Rowan: the sensitivity tree

Full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egotism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive

Walnut: the passion tree

Unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired ingenious strategist, very jealous and passionate, no compromises

Weeping Willow: the melancholy tree

Beautiful but full of melancholy, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful and tasteful, loves to travel, dreamer, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with, demanding, good intuition, suffers in love but finds sometimes an anchoring partner

