

**We are privileged to honor
The Axelrod Family
at our 43rd Annual Journal Dinner
More information will be forthcoming!**

Tu B'Shevat

The 15th day of Shevat is the New Year of the Trees (observed on Shabbos, January 30th), because it is about that time that most trees in Eretz Israel begin to bud. This is not simply a "birthday celebration" for the trees, but has halachic implications related to the various tithes, most of which are germane only to Eretz Israel crops.

Over the centuries Tu B'Shevat took on added significance and became the day celebrating the nature of Eretz Israel in general and its rebuilding and resettlement. It is customary for Jews throughout the world to buy fruit of Eretz Israel for this day as a way of identifying with the country.

Today we celebrate Tu B'Shevat by obtaining some of the excellent fruits of Eretz Israel to be eaten that day, especially of the Seven Species for which the Torah tells us Eretz Israel is famous. Many people try to obtain a fruit not eaten yet that season, so that they can recite the *shehecheyanu* blessing.

ט"ו בשבט הגיע



חג לאילנות

Life Cycles

צד קח:

Chaya and David Hofman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Lee Hannah, daughter of Meirav and Martin Hofman

Kyle Holder and Judd Levy on the birth of a grandson to Judd's children Alex and Yacov Levy

Michael Shreck on being elected President of the Nassau County Dental Association

Remember our Sistergrams

A nice way to celebrate the Birthdays and Anniversaries of your friends is to have your name included on the Sistergrams we send for such occasions every month.

Please call Gisella Harsanyi at 889-1797 to be included.

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Golden Book

To celebrate a simcha or commemorate any other occasion, call **Susan Yunger** at (516) 431-9357

and a beautiful acknowledgment will be sent.

A grey winter coat was mistakenly taken from our Shul. If you have any information, please call the office (889-9650).