

Tu Bishvat Seder ט"ו בשבט

Temple Israel of Natick

1st Cup of Grape Juice: White

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Borei P'ri Hagafen

Thank you God, Ruler of the World, Creator of the Fruit of the Vine

1. Fruits with inedible shells: Clementines, Banana, Kiwi

Blessing for Fruits from a Tree (like Clementines):

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם בורא פרי העץ

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Borei P'ri Ha'eitz

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Blessing for New Fruits that we haven't eaten since Rosh Hashanah

(like kiwi for some of us):

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם שְהַחַיְנו וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעַנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu
v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh!

Thank you God, Ruler of the World, for Giving us Life, and Protecting Us, and
Helping us Reach this Special Time!

Blessing for Fruits from the Earth (like Banana)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם בורא פרי האדמה

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Borei P'ri Ha'adama

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Hashkeidi'a Porachat, השקדיה פורחת

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V'Shemesh paz zorachat וְשֶׁמֶשׁ פַּז זֹרָחַת The golden sun is glowing

Tsiporim mirosh kol gag צְפוּרִים מְרֹאשׁ כָּל גֵּג Little birds from tree to tree

M'vasrot et bo hechag מְבַשְׂרוֹת אֶת בֹּא הַחָג This is what they say to me:

Tu Bisvhat higi'a ט"ו בשבט הגיע "Tu Bishvat is coming,

Chag ha'ilanot חג האילנות birthday of the trees!"

I like to eat apples and bananas!

2nd Cup of Grape Juice: Pink (“Light Pink”)

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2. Fruits with an inedible Seed/Pit (like Olives, Apricot, Dates)

צְדִיק כַּתָּמַר יִפְרַח, Tzadik kaTamar yifrach,

כְּאֶרֶז בְּלִבָּנוֹן יִשְׁגֶּה, K'erez baL'vanon yisge,

The righteous shall flourish like the date-palm, grow tall like a cedar in Lebanon. (Psalm 92)

אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ Eretz Zavav Chalav

...a land flowing with milk and date-honey...(Exodus 13:5)

3rd Cup of Grape Juice: Pink (“Dark Pink”)

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3. Fruits Edible Inside and Out (like grapes, figs, raisins)

Blessing for Other Snacks: (Wheat thins, Chocolate Chips)

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Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam Borei Minei M'zonot

Thank you God, Ruler of the World,

Creator of All Kinds of Yummy Snacks that come from Grains

4th cup of Grape Juice: Purple

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

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I am a Big Old Tree

I am a big old tree, stuck in the ground is me
If I had just one wish, I'd like to dance like this:

I'd do a little bump, I'd do a little twist,
I'd do a little jump, I'd wiggle just like this
I'd do the funky chicken, it's silly, yes I know
And then I'd pack my trunk and hit the road!

It [the Torah] is a Tree of Life

Eitz chayim hi la-machazikim ba v'tom-che-ha m'ushar... shalom, shalom
It is a Tree of Life to those who hold fast to it, and all of its supporters are happy! Shalom...