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Trees have always held great importance in Judaism, with many references in Jewish texts guiding us to protect and respect them. Tu B'Shevat is considered the New Year of the Trees, and marks the start of spring in Israel, when trees begin to bloom after a long, chilly winter. Tu B'Shevat is often referred to as Jewish Arbor Day, but with today's keen environmental awareness, it has also become something of a Jewish Earth Day. To learn more, visit pjlibrary.org/thankyoutrees.

The colorful illustrations in this book offer a great opening for conversation and play. Help your child find the baby in each illustration, and talk about the colors of the various fruits. Indulge your child's natural curiosity about nature, which can begin to instill a passion for preserving our world. During family strolls, play an appreciation game, saying "thank you" to as many beautiful creations as you come across – colorful flowers, bees that make honey, and of course, the myriad of lovely trees.

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