



# February News

2019

## Tu B'Shevat: New Year of Trees

Tu B'Shevat is the New Year of trees. It falls on the 15th day of Shevat on the Jewish calendar and on the civic calendar beginning on the eve of the 9th day of February and ending on the eve of the 10th. This is the season in which the earliest blooms of trees in Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit bearing cycle. Among some of the observances of this time is the eating of the fruits of Israel such as grapes, figs, olives, dates and pomegranates.

At the centre we celebrate by teaching the children

about trees and the benefits we enjoy because of trees. We also sing songs with the children and show them images of trees typically found in Israel. Teaching children how to identify trees is another great way to develop their love of trees. Start with trees with three letter names: elm, oak, fir and ash. Have fun finding them at the park or in your neighborhood!

Source: [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)



### Important Dates

February 5	Pizza Day
February 17	Closed for Louis Riel Day
February 24	Board of Directors Meeting at 4:30 PM –1007 Sinclair Street
April 10	Closed for Good Friday
April 13	Closed for Easter Monday
May 18	Closed for Victoria Day
July 1	Closed for Canada Day



## Reminders for School Age and Kinder Families

- When dropping off in the morning, walk your child into the program room and let a staff member know that you are leaving. This allows for a clear transfer of responsibility. Plus, we'd love to send you off with the wish of a good day!
- Give us a call if your child will not be coming off the bus in the afternoon. We like to know they are safe and sound!



- Please notify us of school inservices as soon as possible and watch for any changes in inservice days in your school newsletter throughout the year.

**Do you have loose parts? If so, can you send some our way? You'd be surprised what the children can create.**

-empty water bottles, plastic apple sauce containers, bread ties, washers, nuts and bolts, paper tubes, shells, thread spools, river stones, juice can lids, clothes pins, aluminum can tabs, glass beads, electrical wire, pvc plumbing tubes, stir sticks, fabric, paint chips, scrap booking materials, egg cartons, old records or cds, empty VHS or cassette cases, etc.

### **Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser is back!!**

We will be sending out popcorn order forms on Tuesday February 11th. Please sell

to family, friends, and coworkers. **The order forms must be returned by Monday, March 2, 2020.**

