GAMES FOR TU B'SHEVAT

On Tu B'Shevat I Planted…
The players form a circle. One of them says: “On Tu B'Shevat I planted an apple tree” (or any other plant beginning with the letter A). The player sitting next to him repeats his words and adds a plant of his own, beginning with the letter B: “On Tu B'Shevat I planted an apple tree and a banana tree,” etc. The player who omits a plant that has been mentioned, or who can find no plant to add (in alphabetical order), is out and the game starts all over again. However, the first plant mentioned must begin with the letter at which the game stopped before.

The Orange Relay Race
The players are divided into teams. The first person in every team is given an orange. It must be passed from player to player in one of the following ways:

1. With everyone sitting on the floor, the orange is held between the feet and is passed from one pair of feet to another.
2. The orange is held between the knees and is passed from knees to knees.

The team whose orange reaches its last member first wins the race.

The Lemon-Rolling Race
The contestants are divided into teams. The first of each team has a lemon on the floor before him and a stick in his/her hand. At a given signal, s/he must roll the lemon with the help of the stick to a given target, and back to the team. The stick is handed to the next one in turn, etc. The team that finishes first wins the race. (A lemon is preferred to any other fruit because it tends to roll in a zigzag course.)

Peanut Blindfold
- peanuts in the shell
- large bowl
- large wooden spoon
- blindfold

Have children sit in a circle. Blindfold participants one at a time. Scatter peanuts on the floor in a small area in front of the first child, no more than a foot. Using the wooden spoon only (not the other hand), the child scoops up the peanuts and puts them in the bowl. After each participant’s turn, count the number of peanuts in the bowl. Empty the contents and move onto the next child.