READING FOR TU B’SHEVAT

Let us honor Tu B’Shevat, the Birthday of Trees,
In our community, in our country, and in Zion restored.
   As others planted long before us,
   So may we plant for those who will follow.
Let us honor Tu B’Shvat by treasuring our earth,
Enjoying its yield, concerned for its well-being.
   From the Tree of Life let us learn anew today,
   That we are the guardians of God’s creation.
Let us honor Tu B’Shvat, the New Year of Trees,
By striving for harmony with the world about us.
   May the words of the prophet soon be fulfilled;
   “Then shall they sit under their vines and fig trees,
   And none shall make them afraid.”