Tu B’Shevat (New Year of the Trees) Word Search
See how many words you can find in the puzzle!

A W S Q Q E P G E F W Y C S L
L C Y G E I O K O B E G X E M
M Y Y R I D M Q N N O O N V S
O Y T J A F E D V X G L U E B
N L X D F U G I A V R O I N L
D E S E P A R G Y T T C L Q F
J E W S E O A B D Q E E I R K
L A W M N P N I E P D S U Z S
E N N M R B A B S F T I Y M E
M R E U A H T N E E T F I F V
Z N U R A A E B S H E V A T I
T T L T V R S S P R I N G N L
I E V E A I Y T R U U M J C O
Y E H B W N C Y M O L E Q Z Q
T S R E D E S T K F G M B D L

The words in the puzzle are:
ALMOND        FOUR        SEDER
BARLEY        FRUIT       SEVEN
BSHEVAT       GRAPES      SHEVAT
DATES         JANUARY     SPECIES
ECOLOGY       JEWS        SPRING
ENVIRONMENT   NATURE      TREE
FEBRUARY      NEW
FIFTEENTH     OLIVES
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ARE YOU CURIOUS WHAT THESE WORDS ARE ALL ABOUT?
READ THE BRIEF SUMMARY ON THE NEXT PAGE. THE WORDS ARE IN BOLD.
Tu B'Shevat is the New Year of the Trees. In the Jewish calendar, there are actually four new years.

You may be familiar with Rosh Hashanah, which is the New Year that Jews celebrate in September or October. But, Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in January or February. The name of the Hebrew month is Shevat and Tu (which means 15) is the Fifteenth day of the month of Shevat. Even though it may be cold where we live, by mid-January in Israel, almond trees are blossoming. Tu B'Shevat is a way to mark the beginning of Spring.

One of the ways that some Jews celebrate the holiday is to eat fruit that grows in Israel. The Bible mentions Seven Species, so many people enjoy them on Tu B'Shevat. They are: barley, dates, figs, grapes, olives, pomegranates, and wheat.

The meaning of the holiday has changed over time. Originally, people took portions of the fruit they had grown and brought them to the Temple in Jerusalem. But, once the Temple was destroyed in the year 70, Tu B'Shevat took on new meaning.

For some, Tu B'Shevat is connected to the rebirth of the Land of Israel and is a symbol of hope. Today, for many Jews, Tu B'Shevat has taken on importance as a holiday connected to ecology and the environment. We all remember that we have a responsibility in protecting nature.

Today some people have a Tu B'Shevat seder, which is similar to a Passover seder (a meal with a special order of events). So whether you plant a tree, or eat some fruit, or help clean up your neighborhood, or have a seder, Happy Tu B'Shevat!