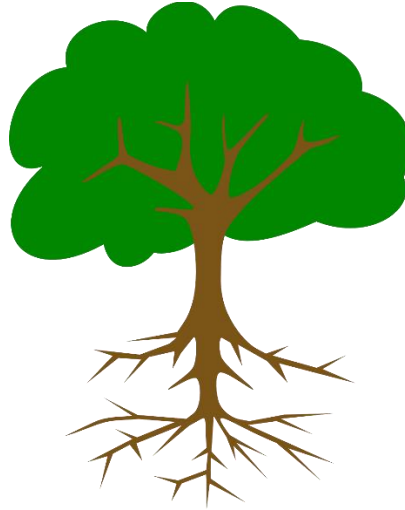


# My Tu B'Shevat Family Tree

Look at a tree.

Look at how tall it grows, look at the bark, the shape, the twigs, the needles. Now imagine under the earth where the roots grow, holding the tree in place.



To survive strong winds and weather a tree has to have strong roots.

The people in our family, especially our guardians or parents and grandparents, are like the roots of our tree. Our roots hold us in place so we can reach our branches out to the sky.

Our Rabbis compare a person who does many good deeds, to a tree with deep roots. The deep roots, or the good deeds they do, makes them strong, and they are able to pass on this strength to their family and community.

(Mishnah, Tractate *Avot* 3: 17)

Who are the people in your family?  
Who supports you to grow big and strong?

Using the materials provided, make your own family tree. **Let's get started!**

## To make your family tree you will need:

- Brown and green construction paper (provided)
- Glue stick, glue, or tape
- Markers, crayons, or pencil crayons
- Scissors



1. Trace your arm and hand on the brown construction paper.
2. Cut out your tracing. This will be the tree trunk.
3. Glue your traced arm on full piece of construction paper.
4. Using the green paper, cut out leaves (any shape or size).



5. Write the names, or draw pictures, of the people in your family on the cut leaves (for example, aunt Suzy, my dog Ruff, my sister Maggie).
6. Glue the leaves around the tree trunk.
7. Continue adding leaves until the tree is full.