

## **Tu B'Shvat Communal Tree Jigsaw Puzzle Making**

### **Goals:**

To think about a question related to Tu B'shvat

To create a communal piece of art that reflects our community and it's Tu B'shvat experience

To have fun with arts & crafts and puzzle building

### **Audience:**

All ages.

Can be adapted for families by having them decorate one piece together

### **Materials:**

Cardboard tree cut into jigsaw pieces as described below.

Markers, Crayons, etc.

Packing tape

### **Preparations:**

1) Find a very large piece of cardboard. The bigger the group the bigger the cardboard needed. Refrigerator boxes are ideal.

2) One side of the Cardboard should have writing, and one side should be 'clean'

3) Place the 'clean' side down and with a marker, draw the outline of a tree on the side with writing.

4) Continuing to draw, divide the tree into pieces (1 per participant & staff or family unit). Pieces should have waves and corners to connect well, but not be pure squares or traditional jigsaw pieces with cut outs.

5) Beginning at the bottom, number the pieces so you can easily remember how to put the tree back together again.

6) Cut the tree along the lines as outline above.

### **Procedure:**

1) Give each participant or family unit a puzzle piece.

2) Direct participants to draw their answer to your question on the puzzle peice, making sure to draw on the 'clean' side or their piece won't fit.

Examples of question include: You favourite place in nature; What you like about nature or trees; Why you believe we should be more environmentally friendly; What will you do to help the planet in honour of Tu B'shvat?

Or make up your own that fits your program or community.

3) Collect completed jigsaw puzzles. Place 'clean' now decorate side down. Assemble back into a tree.

4) Using packing tape (not duct tape does not work) tape the back of the tree to hold all the peices together.

5) Pick up and unveil the final product.

Note, some drawings may appear 'upside down'

Materials developed by [Noam Dolgin, www.noamdolgin.com](http://www.noamdolgin.com).

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