



As we welcome a new secular year, and prepare to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the new year for the trees, on the evening of January 27th, let us take this time to reflect upon the Torah (wisdom) learned in the past year and the many seeds that we are preparing to plant in 2021.

Judaism teaches us to face the future with hope in our hearts, and commanding us to kindle light when darkness falls. When we consider all of life's uncertainties and all of the unknowns of this coming year, the one thing of which we can be certain is how the attitude that we bring to any given situation will impact how we experience it, and what potential blessings can emerge from it.

It is this same faith, hope and optimism that leads the Jewish community to celebrate Tu B'Shevat in the midst of January, planting trees that may not mature until we are long gone, and celebrating the fruits of trees that were planted by generations before us.