

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marolen:

Neal Katz will be our speaker next Sunday, January 31st. Neal's talks are always interesting and informative so please join us in learning about the Jewish holiday of *Tu B'Shevat* (15 Shevat).

Here is some background information from Torah.org:

The 15th day of the month of Shvat marks the beginning of the "new year" for trees. Tu B'Shvat is the new year for the purpose of calculating the age of trees for tithing. The Torah states that fruit from trees which were grown in the land of Israel may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for G-d, and after that, the fruit can be eaten. Each tree is considered to have aged one year as of Tu B'Shvat, no matter when in the year it was planted.

It is customary to plant trees and partake of the fruits of the land of Israel to mark the occasion. The Seven Species (*shivat haminim*) described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel are: wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates, olives and dates (honey) (Deut. 8:8).

This year (5770 / 2009-2010) *Tu B'Shvat* falls on January 30, 2010.



Huey:

There is good news from the UUFL Budget Department! Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, and the fund-raising efforts of Ellen, the budget shortfall has been eradicated.

And there is more good news. January 21st was the fifth anniversary of the day we signed the loan papers for the property on Alpine Road (where we now meet). We have an Adjustable Rate loan so the interest rate was adjusted on the 21st (and here comes

the good news) from 5.75% to 3.75%. Our monthly mortgage payment will decrease by \$113.00



Sky:

Next Sunday, January 31st, is **POT LUCK SUNDAY**. Everyone is invited to stay after services to enjoy good food and great conversation. Bring your favorite food or dish to share.

Marolen:

You don't have to be a football fan to take part in Longview Community Ministries' Souper Bowl Sunday. Help the UUFL score a touchdown by bringing canned goods to the Fellowship and dropping them between the goal posts into the Food Barrel which will be in the lobby.

