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Celebrate Tu BiShvat at Brooklyn Children's Museum on Sunday, February 9

– Learn about the Jewish holiday that commemorates "the new year of the trees" with engaging, hands-on activities —

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(Brooklyn, NY) – **Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM)** invites families to join its annual celebration of Tu BiShvat, the Jewish new year of the trees, presented on site at BCM on Sunday, February 9 together with The Neighborhood: An Urban Center for Jewish Life. The event promises a day filled with engaging activities, interactive performances, and educational experiences for children of all ages and backgrounds—whether you observe Tu BiShvat or are excited to learn about the holiday.

"Our Tu BiShvat celebration is a vibrant way for families to connect with the natural world and deepen their appreciation for the role trees play in our lives," says **BCM President and CEO Atiba T. Edwards**. "Brooklyn's trees remind us of the beauty and resilience of nature within our city. Through this event, we're inspiring children to celebrate, protect, and learn from the environment around them while embracing the richness of cultural traditions."

"The Neighborhood is excited to share Tu BiShvat with families throughout Brooklyn, being connected to the environment and caring for plants and living beings is an important part of Jewish life," says **Rebecca Guber, Founding Director of The Neighborhood: An Urban Center for Jewish Life**.

Program Schedule:

- **Tasting the Fruits of Tu BiShvat**
  Did you know that there are four kinds of fruits that are traditionally eaten on Tu BiShvat? Come sample these symbolic foods in a fun and interactive fruit tasting.

- **Story Time with PJ Library**
  Join PJ Library for interactive stories about trees, planting, and Tu BiShvat. Together we'll bring these earth-based tales to life through engaging read-alongs.

- **Tu BiShvat Music & Movement**
  Join Tkiya to enjoy music, movement, their signature blend of songs and interactive learning about Tu BiShvat and the birthday of the trees.

- **Tree Tales: Short Films**
  Enjoy a collection of fun short films celebrating trees.

- **Seed Ball Workshop**
  Make a seed ball using soil, compost, and seeds to help local plants flourish. Learn this fun planting method in a hands-on workshop led by Repair the World.

- **Tree Art: Making Prints with Sunlight**
  Transform leaves and natural materials into amazing works of art using sunlight and special photosensitive paper. Learn about different parts of trees and create your own nature-inspired artwork at this cyanotype printmaking workshop.

- **Traveling Trees**
  Throughout the day a musical duo dressed as trees will be traveling around the Museum to share songs about their leafy life.

- **Earth is Delicious: Help The Shamir Worm Make Compost**

Meet real worms and discover how they create nature's recycling system - compost! Take home some compost for your garden at this engaging program led by Big Reuse and the NYC Sanitation Department.

Celebrate Tu BiShvat takes place from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 9. Tickets to the Museum grant access to all of the day's activities and are $15 for general admission, $14 for grandparents, and free for children under one year-old. To purchase tickets, visit: www.brooklynkids.org/tu-bishvat.

About Brooklyn Children's Museum
Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit: www.brooklynkids.org.

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