Tu Bishvat Study Questions

1. What is the meaning of the Hebrew word Tu Bishvat?
2. Why does Israel need a ‘New Year for trees?
3. What are some of the blessings and benefits of trees?
4. How is Tu Bishvat significant to Biblical prophecy?
5. Why did God cause the people to go into exile and the land to be barren for so long?
6. How can we be personally encouraged through the miraculous ecological restoration of the Land of Israel? Are there areas of your life that are dry or barren that you want to see brought to new life or fruitfulness? (Perhaps prayer is appropriate here)
7. Can you quote some Scriptures (by memory) that promise restoration of the Land?
8. What are some Tu Bishvat customs? Could you participate in any of these?
9. Why are trees planted and gifts given in multiples of $18?
10. How did God try to protect trees even in times of war?
11. How does seeing the evidence of physical restoration of the Land give us hope for spiritual revival of Israel?