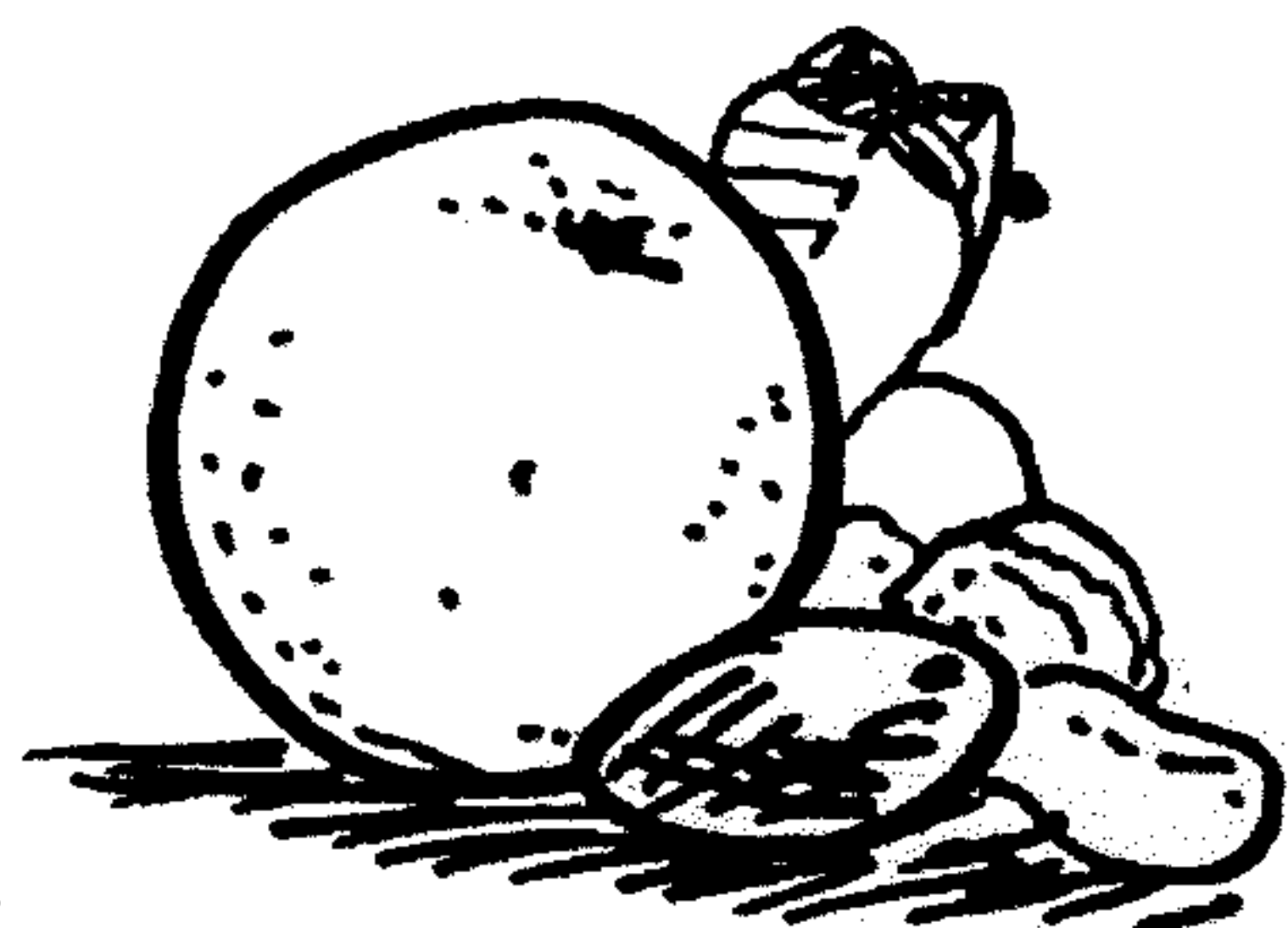


TuB'Shevat

• What is it?

TuB'Shevat is a festival celebrated by Jews on the 15th of Shevat (the 11th Jewish month) i.e. late January, early February time. It celebrates the New Year for trees and in Biblical times marked the end of the tax year when all fruit was taxed.

• What happens?



Many Jews try to eat fruit from Israel on that day if they can't get to celebrate the festival in Israel itself. Fruits include - Sharon fruits, oranges, figs, dates & nuts.

- Trees are planted in Israel & many saplings and plants are taken to the Synagogue to be blessed before being planted.

- Jews in other countries around the world often collect money & send it to Israel in order to fund the planting of trees.

