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## Symbolism in „Tu B'Schevat“– by Erik Kučera

This image celebrates Tu B'Schevat, this New Year for Trees.

We see here that the tree which grows is a fruit tree. The fruit is shaped like a heart, as it is with love and nurturing that the little seed from which the tree begins then develops and grows into a lovely tree.

Is it not a miracle to see how from just a little seed a tree can grow from which many more wonderful seed bearing fruits can grow and thus in turn bring us more trees and more life? Thus, this tree represents also eternal life.

The fruit tree is here is used to represent the deeper meaning of the holiday in which we say a blessing unto G-d and eat fruit of the tree to make reparations for Adam and Eve who ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Tu B'Shvat is a time to celebrate how eating and enjoying the fruits of trees can be a bridge to G-d, and how it can bring back the blessing to the earth.

Bellow one sees the universe, is not a seed much like a universe unto itself. From this tiny little object grows a mighty tree, which gives us oxygen, helps clean the air, give protection and homes to animals and people, to give food and so much more, like a universe all within its beautiful branches.