

***“Are the Trees of the Field Human?”***  
***A discussion of how trees are like us, different from us, and why it matters***

**A Virtual Gathering in Honor of Tu B'Shevat  
with Science Journalist Gabriel Popkin  
Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.**

**Writers have long used trees to serve as powerful metaphors, with several well-known examples in the Torah. Our conversation will expand to ask what these metaphors might tell us about trees, what they might sometimes obscure about trees, and what we can gain from a deeper understanding of trees as fellow living beings.**

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**Brought up in Lexington, Gabriel Popkin is a science and environmental writer in Maryland. He writes often about trees and the broader environment for general-interest publications such as The New York Times and The Washington Post and science-oriented publications such as Nature and Science. He also leads tree walks in the Washington, DC area.**



***This event is sponsored by Temple Adath Israel, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and The Lexington Havurah.***

*The title of this talk is inspired by Deuteronomy 20:19:  
“Are trees of the field human to withdraw before you into the besieged city.”*

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