



Seven Species of Israel Family Trees

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

There are a number of ways you can create your family tree. If you prefer working with watercolors, you will need the following supplies:

1. Watercolor paper
2. Watercolor pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints
3. Paper towels to help clean up any drips that might occur!
4. The names, years of birth and or death of people in your family
5. Family photos (optional)
6. Picture frame (optional)
7. Sample photos of the Seven Species of Israel. We have provided some samples photos for you [HERE](#). You can find many more online by doing an image search!

**If you don't have watercolors, don't worry!*

You can also use regular paper and any pencils, crayons or markers you have available to create your artwork.

Ideas to help you choose which tree to draw:

- For a **pomegranate tree**, you may want to write your family members names in the pomegranates because they are big and round and oh so pretty!
- **Fig trees** have big beautiful leaves that would work great for names and personal information.
- There are several different types of **olive trees**, some have long narrow leaves, others have round plump leaves. All of which will work well and look nice in your artwork.
- **Date trees** are wild and cool and will give height to your picture. The leaves are long, thin and wispy, so they may be difficult to use when writing names and details of your family. You may want to use these trees for decorative use, or write your family names in dates and your family name in the trunk of the tree.

You are the artist, and this is YOUR family tree, so the choices are all yours!



STEPS TO CREATE YOUR Seven Species of Israel Family Trees

1. Once you decide which of the trees will be used to fill in your family information, begin drawing what you see in the picture you selected to print. This is an observational drawing, so feel comfortable adding whatever you like from the picture you have selected. Add your family details where you think they will look best!
2. In the background of your photo, you can draw the remaining trees that you did not use as your family tree. *If you do, remember that they should be smaller because they are "farther" away.*
3. After you have finished drawing and filling in the family information, begin drawing your wheat and/or barley fields on your ground. This will add nice texture and fill in your landscape with the only 2 Species that grow in fields on the ground!
4. Now it's time to begin adding your watercolor paints!
 - If you use watercolor pencils, crayons, or markers, you should draw/color first and then slowly add your water to turn the dry colors to paint.
 - Be sure to keep your paper flat so the paint does not drip!
 - If one color bleeds into the neighboring color, simply use a paper towel or a q-tip to wipe it away. You can add more color to that spot.
 - Please note that the watercolor paints can be applied directly **over** the oil pastel or inked family information. Remember, everything written in ink/sharpie marker, regular pencils or colored pencils will stay the same and NOT turn to paint.

If you are not using watercolors just fill in your drawing with whatever colors you have to make your family tree vibrant and fun!

5. When choosing how to create your sky these are some things to consider:

In Israel the sun is big and bright. Israel has the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets from the mountains in the North, along the glorious shorelines, through the mountains surrounding Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, and all the way down to the southern tip of Eilat you will see sunrises in the most beautiful serene pastel colors to the most glorious peaceful sunsets with pinks, yellows, oranges and fiery reds to palest of blues to deep blues, and all shades of purple. After you have finished drawing and filling in the family information, begin drawing your wheat and/or barley fields on your ground. This will add nice texture and fill in your landscape with the only 2 species that grow in fields on the ground!

6. Pick a place to create the title of your artwork: "(Your Family Name) Family Tree". Some people write it along the ground, some in the sky, Some choose to write in the tree trunk, others in the branches of the trees. Get creative!
7. Sign your artwork with your name and date on the front or the back.

Fig Tree:



Date Tree:



Olive Tree:



Pomegranate Tree:

