Jews lived in Central Asia for over 2,500 years, one of the oldest Jewish communities in the Diaspora. Many Bukharians believe they are descended from the Ten Lost Tribes. Today Queens is home to the second largest Bukharian Jewish community in the world. Explore the history of the Bukharian Jews with Andrée Aelion Brooks, and take a peek into their lives and culture over the centuries. Ms. Brooks is an Associate Fellow, Yale University and a former contributing columnist for The New York Times.

In celebration of Tu B’Shevat, the Jewish holiday recognizing ecology and trees, we will hear from David Lehrer, the executive director of Israel’s Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, about the environmental cooperation between Israel and its neighbors in the Middle East. Sponsored by the Jewish National Fund.

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