

ORLA: HOW TO CALCULATE

Orla Planting Deadline

Trees planted at least 45 days before Rosh Hashana (that is, by Tu B'Av) are considered to be one year old on that Rosh Hashana.

How To Calculate When Orla Is Over

You may eat tree fruit if the tree's buds appeared after Tu B'Shvat of the fourth year. This may be a span of only 2.5 years if the tree was planted on or before Tu B'Av (at least 45 days before Rosh Hashana):

- 1st Year Tu B'Av to Rosh Hashana #1
- 2nd Year Rosh Hashana #1 to Rosh Hashana #2
- 3rd Year Rosh Hashana #2 to Rosh Hashana #3
- 4th Year Rosh Hashana #3 to Tu B'Shvat

EXAMPLE A fruit tree planted on Tu B'Av, Aug. 15, 2011, will be one year old 6 weeks later, on Rosh Hashana, Sept. 29, 2011. By Rosh Hashana, Sept. 5, 2013, the tree will have completed three years and it enters its fourth year. Buds that appear on or after Tu B'Shvat, Jan. 15, 2014, and turn into fruit will be neta revai and may be redeemed and eaten.

Orla: Doubt about Tree Age in Eretz Yisrael

Do not eat fruit from a tree growing in Eretz Yisrael if you are not certain about the age of a tree that might be three years old or less.

Orla: Doubt about Tree Age outside of Eretz Yisrael

You may eat fruit from a tree growing outside of Eretz Yisrael if you are not certain about the age of a tree that might be three years old or less.

Orla: Transplanted Trees

If a tree (whether younger or older than 4 years) is transplanted but did not have enough soil on its roots to live for several years, restart counting orla from zero.