

# Jewish Outdoor, Food, Farming & Environmental Education JOFEE Network Gathering

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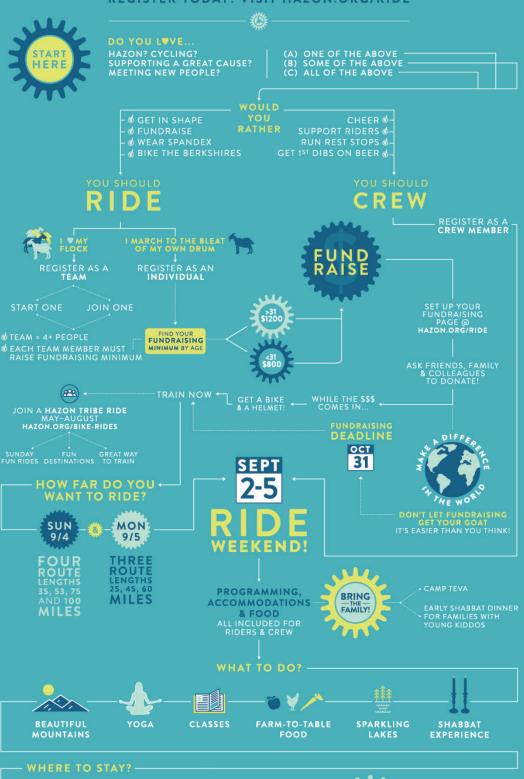






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### **About Hazon**

### The word hazon means vision.

### We work to create a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community, and a healthier and more sustainable world for all.

Our motto is "the Torah is a commentary on the world, and the world is a commentary on the Torah," which reflects our determination to apply Jewish thought to some of the greatest challenges of our time - and our belief that the act of doing so is good not only for the world, but also for the renewal of Jewish life itself.

### We effect change in three ways:

Through transformative experiences such as immersive multi-day programs that directly touch people's lives in powerful ways;

Through **thought-leadership** that is changing the world through the power of new ideas and fresh thinking. We include in this category writing, teaching, curriculum-development and advocacy, amongst other things;

And through **capacity-building**, which means not just working with people as individuals, but explicitly supporting and net-working great projects and partners in North America and Israel.

We were founded in 2000 and we have grown every year since, by pretty much all metrics. We are based in New York City and at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in Falls Village, CT, and we have staff in San Diego, Boulder, Denver, and Detroit. We welcome participants of all religious backgrounds and none, and we work closely with a wide range of institutions and leaders across the Jewish world. If you're interested in talking to us about how we might work together in the future - and especially about how we might be of use in your community - please be in touch.

### **Transformative Experiences**

- Our new JOFEE Fellowship, invigorating the Jewish educational landscape by developing a cadre of excellent JOFEE leaders
- Retreats at Isabella Freedman, on all of the Jewish holidays, plus silent meditation retreats, LGBTQ programming, and others, and multi-day immersive food programs, including the JOFEE Network Gathering, Food Conference, and the Israel Sustainable **Food Tour**
- Multi-day bike rides in New York and Israel
- Teva experiences for middle-schoolers
- The 3-month Adamah program, for 20- and 30-somethings

### Thought-Leadership

- Producing resources on Jews, Food, and Contemporary Issues, including new revisions of the Food Guide & Audit Toolkit and Min Ha'Aretz (forthcoming March 2016 from Behrman House), and our newly created Green Kiddush Guide and Food Festival Manual
- · Sparking discussion through our blog, the Jew and the Carrot, and bi-weekly email newsletters
- Speaking and teaching engagements around the country that we do throughout the year

### Capacity Building

- · Certifying Jewish organizations as good world citizens through the new Hazon Seal of Sustainability
- Developing the JOFEE field by supporting and networking JOFEE organizations around the country, and alumni of Adamah, Teva, Urban Adamah and other immersive JOFEE programs
- Through fiscal sponsorship and Makom Hadash we help to incubate, house, and network great young organizations in the Jewish world
- Our local and regional staff are working closely with a range of institutions and leaders to support and strengthen Jewish life, including by launching a series of one-day Jewish Food Festivals around the country, and by utilizing our Food Audit Toolkit and Food Guide in Jewish institutions







## A message from the Hazon Organizer

Dear friends,

I tried to move as far away from my comfort zone as possible when writing my senior thesis in college. But while researching early Mormon printing presses, I came across a footnote on a short-lived turn-of-the-century Jewish farming community in Utah called Clarion, led by a charismatic, sharp-eyed ideologue. I closed the book, walked over to my advisor's office, and told him I was right back where I started a few years earlier, studying Zionism and farming, and that I had definitely found my way forward.

Today, while we carry forward the optimism and passion of those who came before us, we also bring to the JOFEE field a dedication to professionalism, pluralism, and inclusivity that sets it apart, more and more, in and outside of the Jewish world. It is a desire not to flee and separate ourselves, but to deeply engage with the issues of our time and the communities they affect through the lens of our tradition. The flourishing of JOFEE programs from Los Angeles to Toronto to Louisville, many of which are led by people who came up through flagship programs such as Teva and Adamah, points to the desire for this programming all across our community, and to the need to foster leaders and entrepreneurs in this area. Hazon is proud to serve as a national leader in the JOFEE space - both through innovative programs which provide new entry points into Jewish communal life, and through large-scale, field-wide projects.

Throughout the week, we will honor veterans of this movement and celebrate rising leaders. Along with top-notch educators from around the country, we are thrilled to have our first cohort of JOFEE Fellows, along with their supervisors and mentors, joining us for this program. The JOFEE Fellowship is the embodiment of the learnings from the JOFEE Report, born of a genuine need around the country for professional, skilled, exciting, connected educators and leaders. Be sure to say hello to the Fellows, and feel free to ask them what they'll be doing in their placements throughout the coming year. They're a dynamic and inspiring group.

This conference also serves as a reminder that the work we do is not done in isolation. There is a context and history to our work, and there is a responsibility on all of us who care so deeply about this movement to build a supportive, engaging community that welcomes fresh ideas, cultivates new leaders, and stays on the cutting edge of pedagogy and excellent programming.

I look forward to learning from and with all of you. I want to deeply thank you, and warmly welcome you into this space and this community.

Julie Botnick, Organizer, JOFEE Network Gathering

JOFEE Program Associate at Hazon



## A message from the Jim Joseph Foundation

On behalf of the Jim Joseph Foundation, I want to welcome you to the first JOFEE Network Gathering.

In a few short days, we will commemorate the holiday of Shavuot, an oft-overlooked holiday of farming and agriculturalism. In addition to celebrating the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, we celebrate and show our thanks for the blessing of the first fruits of the harvest. Consequently, Shavuot is also known as Chag Hakatzir (the Harvest Festival) and Yom Habikkurim (Day of First Fruits). What a perfect reminder that JOFEE is nothing new to the Jewish community. From Gan Eden to entering the land of Israel, very few stories from the Torah took place indoors.

Which brings us to the present and our purpose here: to forge a community and show our appreciation for what has been laid before us and what there is still to do.

Four years ago, the Jim Joseph Foundation, in collaboration with the Leichtag Foundation, The Morningstar Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, the Schusterman Family Foundation, UJA-Federation of New York, and with support from Hazon, commissioned an environmental scan and analysis of the national landscape of JOFEE. This report, Seeds of Opportunity, informed the Foundation's mission to foster compelling, effective Jewish learning experiences for Jewish youth and young adults.

The report shed light on the increasing number of people who find meaning in JOFEE experiences. In 2012, 2,400 people participated in immersive JOFEE programs through 41 different organizations. More than 200,000 participants were involved in episodic experiences. These numbers doubled every four years beginning in 2000.

Yet the field needed more support. The Jim Joseph Foundation decided to make a dual investment that includes two parts: the professionalization and coordination of the field through the JOFEE Fellowship, and enhancing the sustainability of several of the field leaders, namely Hazon, Urban Adamah, Wilderness Torah, and Pearlstone Center.

In an age in which many are discouraged as young Jews seemingly distance themselves from Jewish life, the fact that 97 percent of JOFEE participants believe that "Judaism adds meaning to [their] life" gives hope to our community. Together, let's make JOFEE more open and more accessible to everyone who finds it meaningful. The Jim Joseph Foundation is hopeful this Gathering will be the first of many to come.

Steven Green Jim Joseph Foundation

### **Themes**

#### JOFEE Foundations

What are the foundational texts, concepts, and resources that make up a well-versed JOFEE practitioner's toolkit? JOFEE Foundations sessions speak to this common language and are the core upon which innovative JOFEE practices and programs continue to be built.

### Field-Building

What is the JOFEE field, and why is field-building an important aspect of our work? Explore different ways leaders and supporters of the movement are working on network weaving and pushing the boundaries of what it means to be "in" the JOFEE field.

#### **Working with Institutions**

What does JOFEE look like in an institutional setting, and how can JOFEE programs build connections with organizations in the broader community? Discover the best ways of making change within an institution and forging important partnerships.

#### **Jewish Thought & Tradition**

How does JOFEE programming engage deeply and genuinely with Jewish concepts and traditions? Through the lens of "the Torah is a commentary on the world, and the world is a commentary on the Torah," explore the ways in which JOFEE and Jewish tradition inform and relate to each other.

### **Curriculum & Pedagogy**

What do we teach, and how do we teach it? Explore innovative teaching tools and radical ways of building educational materials, and come away with inspiring programs and tangible skills to bring back to your own classrooms and programs.

### **JOFEE Infusions**

What does JOFEE look, feel, sound, and smell like in action? Encounter the full dimensions of JOFEE through interactive workshops and guided experiences throughout our beautiful Isabella Freedman campus.

### The goals of the JOFEE **Network Gathering are to:**

#### **Build the Field**

Vision with other stakeholders the future of the JOFEE field and discuss our broader goals and activities

Share in the work Hazon and other JOFEE organizations are doing to strengthen the entire movement

#### Network

Develop and strengthen your network of educators and professionals for resource sharing and collaboration

Meet outstanding seasoned and emerging leaders in the JOFEE field, including the new JOFEE Fellows and other early-career professionals and educators

#### Learn

Learn about innovative JOFEE programming to bring back to your Jewish community or institution

Gain experiential education skills and build a personal resource library

### **JOFEE Organizations**

The founders of the JOFEE Network – Hazon, Pearlstone, Urban Adamah, and Wilderness Torah – are working together to increase the impact of the field.

**Hazon** (based in New York City and Connecticut, with staff in other parts of the country) catalyzes and nurtures the JOFEE movement. We help people and institutions engage in Jewish life and create a more sustainable world for all, through programs like food conferences, retreats, and bike rides; curricula, learning resources, and financial support to organizations; and by leading the JOFEE field through research, grants, and fellowships, including Adamah and Teva.

**Pearlstone** (near Baltimore, MD) is a retreat center, Jewish community farm, and JOFEE center that inspires vibrant and sustainable Jewish life. Through immersive retreats, hands-on organic farming, dynamic Jewish education, and community greening, Pearlstone is a thriving center for 21st century Jewish life.

**Urban Adamah** (Berkeley, CA) is an educational farm and community center that integrates the practices of Jewish tradition, sustainable agriculture, mindfulness and social action to build loving, just, and sustainable communities. They provide educational programs and community celebrations, farm-based programs for school-age children, as well as a residential fellowship program for young adults that combines organic farming, progressive Jewish living, and social justice internships.

**Wilderness Torah** (Berkeley, CA) reconnects communities to the ancient, earth-based Jewish heritage, through meaningful, multigenerational community festivals, nature-based education for youth, transformative rites of passage, and trainings for educators and communities across the Jewish world.

**Abundance Farm** (Northampton, MA) is a Jewish food justice farm and outdoor classroom.

**Amir Project** (National) inspires and empowers youth through farming and gardening.

**Camp Tawonga** (Groveland, CA) works to foster self-esteem, community, partnership with nature, and positive Jewish identity in children.

**Eden Village Camp** (Putnam Valley, NY) brings an innovative focus on farming, food, and wilderness to the best of traditional camp.

**Ekar Farm** (Denver, CO) is an urban farm that engages the local community in looking to ancient traditions for solutions to many contemporary issues.

**Ganei Beantown** (Boston, MA) is building Jewish community through hands-on food system education rooted in Jewish text, tradition and culture.

**Jewish Farm School** (Philadelphia, PA) is dedicated to teaching about contemporary food and environmental issues through innovative trainings and skill-based Jewish agricultural education.

**Jewish Initiative for Animals** (JIFA) (National) provides new ways for the Jewish community to bring its values of compassion for animals into practice and strengthen Jewish communities in the process.

**Milk & Honey Farm** (Boulder, CO) will be a 2-acre educational sustainable farm that brings the greater community together through experiential programs grounded in vast Jewish heritage, tradition, and values.

**Pushing the Envelope Farm** (Geneva, IL) is a community farm and education center that explores Jewish connection to the land and provides hands-on educational experiences.

**Ramah Outdoor Adventures** (Denver, CO) provides outstanding outdoor adventure experiences that teach Jewish values and age-appropriate leadership skills to Jewish youth.

**Shoresh** (Toronto, Canada) nurtures a regional Jewish community that sees environmental ethics as a core element of Jewish identity, and is actively committed to responsible stewardship of the earth.









### Monday, June 6, 2016

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Check-In		Guest Services
2:30 - 4:30	JOFEE Infusions Showcase		Great Hall
	Veggie Art Prints, Bike Blender Smoothies, Raw Energy	Bars, and Tour the Topsy Turvy Bus!	
5:00 - 6:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Julie Botnick, Nigel Savage and Steven Green	Synagogue
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner		Tent
7:15 - 8:30	Plenary Panel: From Fringe to Field: Inclusivity in the JOFEE World	Bill Kaplan, Sabrina Malach, Adam Berma with Aryeh Bernstein	an Synagogue
	JOFEE is often a unique space for creating common gro and Jewish expression. This is not a given; it is part of an i world, both ecologically and socially. In light of its succ three organizations have taken to create inclusive pro are actively working to create spaces that are inclusive background and visibility within society, and traditional	ntentional movement to create a healthier cesses, we will discuss the challenges of in grams. We will explore three programs an e in the realms of gender privilege and p	and more sustainable clusion and the steps and organizations that
9:00 - 10:15	Movie Shorts!	Introduction and Q&A by Shariee Calderone	Synagogue
	<b>School's Out: Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten</b> (3 A year in the life of a forest kindergarten in Switzerland the main focus.		play are
	<b>The Rainmakers of Nganyi</b> (8 min) This is the story of how new research is bringing ancie climate resilience in Africa.	nt and modern ways of knowing together	to build
9:00 - 10:15	Night Hike	Caleb Zedek Me	et outside Arts & Crafts
	As the sun sets, we will take in the ways that light and pous. Through sensory exploration activities we will expa		
9:00 - 10:15	JOFEE Fellows, Supervisors, and Mentors Meet & Greet	Yoshi Silverstein	Red Yurt
	Closed Session		







### Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Avodat Lev Avodat Lev brings us together for meditation, meditation, which is unstructured quiet time. I We then find our collective voice, chanting she hearts to ourselves, each other, our community	nstruction is available for those unfamilia ort phrases from Shacharit (the traditiona	r with contemplative practice.
7:00 - 8:00	<b>Yoga</b> Wake your bodies up gently by stretching an move into a flow class suitable for all levels. The from both the lyengar and Vinyasa traditions. V	class will focus on both alignment and m	ovement embracing elements
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast		Tent
9:00 - 10:15	Earth-Based Judaism 101: Foundational Texts  Judaism is an ancient earth-based tradition, re our lives with nature's cycles. Join Zelig, Wilde Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Chasidut, Kabbalah an explore texts in traditional chevrutah (partners	erness Torah Founding Director, to explo Id more to learn the foundations of Judais	re a wide range of texts from
9:00 - 10:15  JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Beyond Local: JOFEE and the movement to transfe the way America eats and farms  Is the JOFEE movement doing as much as it sh and farming that shape our world? In this sessi Jews) have created policy changes at some of millions of animals – and how JOFEE education eats and farms.	nould to have a direct impact on the polic on you'll learn about how animal protection of the world's largest corporations to redu	on advocates (mostly secular ace suffering for hundreds of
9:00 - 10:15	Building Just Food Systems through Community Partnerships  Access to farm-fresh food is not only a Jewis three Jewish food justice organizers who have make this happen. We will explore three very d Envelope suburban farming, and Hazon's new	found a way to build trust and create part ifferent initiatives, including Kentucky's Fr	nerships with communities to esh Stop Markets, Pushing the
10:30 - 11:45	Perennials or Annuals?: Sustaining Millennial Engagement through JOFEE  Millennials are trendy, and we spend a lot of some key questions: why are we actually trying missions forward, and since JOFEE programs so Learn from three organizations engaging your Jewish Food Experience in Washington, DC, and and opportunities of working with millennials	g to attract millennials, how does engagir eem to inherently attract millennials, do w ng adults in novel ways – the Urban Adam d Repair the World in Brooklyn – and think	It always take the time to ask ng them specifically move our we really need to target them? ah Fellowship in Berkeley, the critically about the challenges
10:30 - 11:45	Meet the Trees	Elan Margulies	Meet outside Arts & Crafts

Come explore the forest for the trees! Can you say which tree tastes like wintergreen or which one to use for a toothbrush? Join us on a gentle walk around the lake and hear well-rooted legends and hone your tree identification skills in this outdoor workshop.

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
10:30 - 11:45 AM	Jewish Animal Ethics: Values-Based Decision Making as a Community	Sarah Shamirah Chandler and Melissa Hoffman	Synagogue
JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Food purchasing in Jewish institutions always reflects represent the community's values? Values-based decinformation from the social and natural sciences, and re In this session, participants will receive training on ho Additionally, participants will collaborate on how to us standards for food purchasing.	ision making combines the study of Jew eflection on communal values and the imp w to bring values-based decision making	vish sources, current bacts of the decisions. to their community.
10:30 - 11:45	The Nature of Torah: How to Read Torah, Midrash, Mishnah and Talmud as Natural Systems	Natan Margalit	Beige Yurt
	We call it the Tree of Life, so how do we make Torah consuming Jewish texts in a way that brings out their deepest, vibrous Tree of Life, we are able to look for the same principles of has taught us to "solve for pattern" in dealing with agritheir wholeness and aliveness.	ant meanings. By taking seriously the idea of organization that guide natural ecosyste	that the Torah is the ms. As Wendell Berry
12:00 PM - 1:00	Lunch with Topic Tables		Tent
	JOFEE and Technology with Ben Rosenthal		
	• Teva in the Classroom with Marcy Thomaswick		
	• Veg*Curious with Molly Mardit		
	• Fellows, Supervisors and Mentors with Yoshi Silverstei	n	
1:00 - 6:00	JOFEE Fellowship Mentor Training: Part I		Red Yurt
	Mentorship is one of the most important componer professionals from around the country will be serving Turitz of Golden Consulting.		
	Closed Session		
1:15 - 2:30	Green is the New Gold: Environmental Stewardship and Leadership in the Jewish Classroom	Gina Freeman, Diana Wolff, and Sue Salinger	Synagogue
	In this hands-on seminar, we'll explore a successful a leaders by encouraging 5th and 6th graders to feed the includes Judaic Studies' connections that firmly groun modal curriculum. We'll connect Jewish wisdom and e engaging activities in Hazon's curricula. Participants wi skills to develop young Jewish leaders into shomrei ada	hungry from produce grown in school gar d the classroom work in our tradition, ut nvironmentalism through immersing ours Il leave with a sample of the Min Ha A'retz	dens. Yarok Together ilizing Hazon's multi- selves in some of the
1:15 - 2:30	Heritage Chickens as Ambassadors for Jewish Values	Adin Zuckerman, Donna Simons, and Rabbi Aaron Philmus	Arts & Crafts
JIFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	How is a heritage chicken different from a free-range of the possibility for chickens to live up to their greatest po- century, are slow growing, and are naturally mated w farmers who are investing in flocks of heritage breed cl can meet the needs of any educational setting. To bring learn from Rabbi Philmus on Jewish teachings connected	otential. Heritage breeds were established ith a long and productive outdoor life. Monickens and learn how their resiliency, lifes back this learning to your community,	prior to the mid-20th leet two local Jewish span, and production

### Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Continued

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
1:15 - 2:30 PM	Permaculture Design for Jewish Leaders	Abrah Dresdale	Beige Yurt
	Permaculture design unites the power of nature able to transcend current limitations and create a and applied exercises, this workshop session exp Shabbat for the land. Finally, we'll learn about the making projects in our home communities.	world where all can thrive. Through presentation, lores permaculture principles and their connecti	group discussion, ion to Shmita, the
2:45 - 4:00	Landscape Linguistics and Hebrew Metaforms: Creating a language of landscape design for Jewish meaning & identity	Yoshi Silverstein	Synagogue
	So you're building a Jewish garden, farm, gathering the values and ideals your Jewish community stricters, values, symbols, language, meaning, and ideas, what does Kabbalah have to do with stormwater responses.	ives to embody? How do we tell Jewish stories a entity through physical cues and expressions in th	and express Jewish
2:45 - 4:00	Veggies with a Side of Veggies: Using the Whole CSA Box for a Meat-Free Meal	Donna Simons and Molly Mardit	Great Hall
JIFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	One eggplant, fifty two tomatoes, two onions, and lack of diversity or even individual vegetables yo entire box, including main and side dishes, for one for you or the vegetarians in your life.	u're getting each week, learn enough go-to reci	pes to use up your
2:45 - 4:00	Camel, Ram, Lamb: Engaging Youth in Text Study through Animals	Laura Bellows, Daniel Kieval, Hindy Finman, and Melissa Hoffman	Lounge
JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Sample three tried-and-true animal-themed lesson taught a unit or mini-course on the topic of animal will take home sample lessons they can use and account to the course are considered.	ls in Jewish texts for a different age group. Particip	-
4:00-4:30	How to get your Students to Sing like Birds and Play like Puppies	Daniel Kieval and Noah Weinberg	Patio
JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	For a warm up, ice breaker, or just to spark some f awaken wonder and joy in any setting.	un before jumping into a lesson, animal themed s	songs & games will
4:00-4:30	Snack in the Great Hall		Great Hall
4:45 - 6:00	The Pearlstone Campus Master Plan: A Living Canvas for JOFEE	Jakir Manela	Synagogue
	What happens when a Tevanik and Adamahnik fa a farm? A lot. Ten years after establishing Kayam I institutional JOFEE metamorphosis, and the trans	Farm at Pearlstone, Jakir Manela will share the sto formation now occurring on the new Pearlstone (	ory of Pearlstone's Campus for Living

What happens when a Tevanik and Adamahnik fall in love, move to a strong Jewish community, have kids, and start a farm? A lot. Ten years after establishing Kayam Farm at Pearlstone, Jakir Manela will share the story of Pearlstone's institutional JOFEE metamorphosis, and the transformation now occurring on the new Pearlstone Campus for Living Judaism, a 160-acre canvas for JOFEE at an unprecedented scale. This session will include storytelling, community organizing tactics, fundraising observations, and an overview of the emerging Pearlstone Campus master plan, including focus areas, anticipated uses, market research, and business plans—the results of eight months of intensive efforts, and perhaps a model for other communities in the future!

### Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Continued

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4:45 - 6:00	Eco-Chaplaincy: Exploring Spiritual Care for Environmental Educators and Activists	Rabbi Katy Allen and Maggid David Arfa	Beige Yurt
	Rabbi Katy Allen and Maggid David Arfa are part chaplaincy might support and honor our deepenir of eco-chaplaincy and Earth spiritual care and allow	ng relationships with the earth. This worl	kshop will provide portraits
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Shechita in the Garden: Using Veggies to Learn the Laws of Kosher Animal Slaughter	Aryeh Bernstein and Noah Weinber	rg Fire Pit
	Did you know that the five most important rules of inquiry-based learning, participants will learn the scavenged sticks, and a pile of vegetables, participal permitted and non-permitted tools, the correct management of the scavenaries of the	e rules of shechita (Jewish ritual slaug pants will come to understand the key a	ghter). Using small knives, aspects of shechita such as
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### Wednesday, June 8, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Praying with our Two Feet: Shacharit with the Chickens	Rabbi Aaron Philmus and Kohenet Sarah Shamirah	Meet outside Arts & Crafts Chandler
JIFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Rise and pray with Adamah's flock of beautiful birds. Learn how animals can teach us wisdom about life's mysteries, such as birth, reproduction, and death. Experience the ways that tallit, tefillin, and the choreograms Jewish prayer can help us relate to animals on a deep level. We will honor them with song and prayer, then coll and thank the hens for their gifts.		
7:00 - 8:00	Wake Up Grateful	Cara Silverberg	Gan
	Begin the morning with a heart open to mindful gratitude. Participants will be led in breathing and somatic aware exercises, inner and outer landscape movement exploration, and practices that tune us in to gratitude.		5
7:00 - 8:00	Yoga	Ariela Yomtovian	Beige Yurt
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast		Tent
8:00 - 10:15	JOFEE Fellowship Mentor Training: Part II  Mentor training will conclude with a special joint traini  Closed Session	ing between mentors and ment	Red Yurt rees.

### Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Continued

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
9:00 - 10:15 AM	Edible Judaism: Discovering the Flora of the Torah	Bill Kaplan	Gan
	Come experience the "Edible Judaism" educational mod plants mentioned by name. We will explore the comme investigated the inclusion and the meaning of each pla Jewish tradition provide rich metaphors, allegories, syl wide range of audiences and settings- the garden, cam some of the edible flora in our midst.	ntaries of our sages who, from Talmudic times to not in order to understand the purpose of the text.  The modes and parables, which can prompt Jewish le	modern day, . The flora of earning for a
9:00 - 10:15	Greening your Community: How to Make it Happen	Mirele Goldsmith and JR Rich	Synagogue
	How can you take what you've learned at the JOFEE Net and community? Where would you begin? How can you designed to help institutions pursuing greening project to anyone trying to make their organization healthier ecosystems). You'll learn best practices for changing or presenters will share their experiences in Hazon's Jewish communities that are now leaders in sustainability.	ou overcome the common hurdles you'll face? The ts through the Hazon Seal of Sustainability, but we and more sustainable (including food, facilities, progranizations and craft your own unique strated	nis session is ill be helpful and healthy gic plan. The
10:30 - 11:45	Megatrends and Local Work: JOFEE Field-Building in Communities	Leora Mallach, Shariee Calderone, Becky O'Brien and Rabbi Sid Schwarz with Mirele Goldsmith	Synagogue
	Last night, we heard about how JOFEE field-building fits how all of us are part of a much larger network beyond opeople building the JOFEE field regionally, and why dothan individually strong programs? Hear about networ from three leading networkers, and come away from the efforts in your own community.	ourselves. This panel brings those ideas to a local le es this matter? What is the benefit of building net k-weaving work happening in Boulder, Boston, ar	evel: how are works rather nd New York
10:30 - 11:45	Jewish Cycles, Nature's Cycles: Rediscovering the Hebrew Calendar	Zelig Golden	Beige Yurt
	The Hebrew calendar is an ancient nature-connection o was the biggest ancient Jewish party of the year. With the profound relationship between Jewish tradition an connects us to nature's rhythms.	primary texts and the Hebrew calendar, join Zelig	to uncover
10:30 - 11:45	Isn't All Camp JOFEE?: Developing Environmental Leaders at Summer Camps	Deborah Newbrun	Lounge
	No one has to introduce summer campers to question under the night sky, swimming underwater in the camp campers are full of wonder. As Outdoor Leaders we have of our shared resources. This workshop will focus on suggests we live in harmony with nature.	lake, or at Shabbat morning services surrounded be a chance to guide them in Jewish values around s	y trees. Our tewardship
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch  Rabbis/Rabbinical Students with Rabbi Nathan Martin Startup JOFEE with Diana and Gina Colorado Cohort Meetup with Becky O'Brien Detroit Cohort Meetup with Julie Rosenbaum		Tent

### Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Continued

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1:00 - 1:30 PM	Consultant Cafe Sign up for one-on-one consultations with top expert	s in the JOFEE field.	
1:30 - 2:30	Wild Edibles  Have you ever wondered what Adam and Eve ate? Dishands-on, tasting tour of Isabella Freedman. Who kno	•	•
1:30 - 2:30	Contemplative Nature Hikes: Building Connections, Bringing Peace	Rabbi Katy Allen and Maggid David Arfa	Meet outside Arts & Crafts
	This simple hike will provide the space for both quied are the feelings that arise when we are able to be in might it bring to our communities? Together we will ways this ancient and regenerative sense of the sacre-	natural settings? What value does th notice the feelings of being immerse	is bring to our lives and what
1:30 - 2:30	Carbon, Conservation & Compost on the Topsy Turvy Bus	Jonathan Dubinsky	Topsy Turvy Bus
	This session is for folks wanting to learn about hands sustainability. We will engage with the Topsy Turvy bu a waste vegetable oil fuel processor, and much more. of sustainable design. Nature sustains itself there is	s systems which include rainwater c Ne will engage with the idea of cred	atchment, worm composting,
1:30 - 2:30	JOFEE in Israel	Einat Kramer	Synagogue
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4:30 - 5:45 PM	Renewing Earth Based Spiritual Practices in Jewish Tradition	Sarah Shamirah Chandler, Rabbi l Gendler, and Daniel Kieval	Everett Lounge
	In this interactive session, participants will explor to modern agriculture and sustainability. We will obased Jewish ritual in all seasons. Whether you're labeled a holiday, you will learn skills to craft Jewish rituals	discuss creative ways to gather in comr ooking to gather in community on a me	nunity to take part in earth-
4:30 - 5:45	Crop Planning for Jewish Educational Gardens  Learn from the JOFEE movement's top farm educations		
	small at home or dreaming big with your students, to craft four-year plans for your space, including wl rituals, crop rotation, and which plants should grow to plan, maintain, and teach from a Jewish educati	hat to plant, how to attract pollinators, o v as neighbors. Participants will leave w	cultivating species for Jewish
4:30 - 5:45	Developing a Personal Eco-Theology	Rabbi Nathan Martin	Beige Yurt
	Articulating an eco-theology can be a great oppen environmental dimensions of one's work. This s contemporary eco-theological texts in interactive v personal eco-theological vision.	ession will create an opportunity to	engage with Biblical and
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner		Tent
7:15 - 8:30	Against the Grain: A JOFEE Story Slam	Maggid David Arfa	Synagogue
	We have learned from and with JOFEE leaders all we for a Moth-style story slam on the theme "Against t	, , ,	's the people! Join storytellers
8:30 - 9:30	Cosmic Walk	David Seidenberg	Meet outside Arts & Crafts
	Come take a tour of the universe, starting from the miraculous events that brought us to this day, from Eomaia, the first mammal. Our storytelling will be which according to the Kabbalists represent the six	n the formation of galaxies to the begin structured according to the seven lowe	ning of photosynthesis to er Sefirot of the Kabbalah,
8:30 - ?	Tisch and Open Jam		Great Hall
	JOFEE isn't all work and no play. Tonight, we gather	together to celebrate! Join your fellow p	participants for an evening



of singing, telling stories, snacking, and jamming. Feel free to bring instruments along.

### Thursday, June 8, 2016

Time	Session	Presenter	Location
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Yoga	Ariela Yomtovian	Beige Yurt
7:00 - 8:00	Shacharit with Teva Join Teva for a song-filled and movement-infused high original melodies composed by Teva educators and approach toward facilitating communal prayer.		
7:00 - 8:00	Avodat Lev with Adamah Avodat Lev brings us together for meditation, chanting meditation, which is unstructured quiet time. Instruction We then find our collective voice, chanting short phrast hearts to ourselves, each other, our community and the	on is available for those unfamiliar with co les from Shacharit (the traditional mornin	ontemplative practice.
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast		Tent
9:00 - 10:15	Classroom Connections: Linking Animals and the Environment through Experiential Activities	Melissa Hoffman and Rabbi Aaron Philmus	Lounge
JIFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Animals play a big role in teaching us the connections to activities, you'll gain the skills to integrate Jewish anima think about ways to infuse any outdoor, food, farming,	l ethics with environmental consciousnes	s, giving you "paws" to
9:00 - 10:15  JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR FOR MALES	Compassion into Action: From Animal Care to Justice for All Living Beings Our Torah and our tradition teach us many obligations folives. But what do these obligations mean? Are we simply of our animals' souls? Do animals have "rights" or need limitations of the commandments about animals and to Each participant will receive a packet of Jewish sources	y training ourselves to be better human be ds that trump human desires? We will ex heir interpretation in Midrash, Jewish phi	ings? Are we protectors plore the frontiers and losophy, and Kabbalah.
9:00 - 10:15	JOFEE Fellowship Supervisors Meeting	Yoshi Silverstein	Arts & Crafts
9:00 - 10:15	Dust, Earth, Home What are we made of? Where is home? Are we hum modern environmental texts that explore creation stori	•	
10:30 - 11:45	Nutrition Education in the Community In this session, we will propose several questions to er choices and the education and advocacy in which we enter the philosophy we bring to our education and advocation and advocation and advocation and groups on a range of exploratory question aware of this overlap - when it makes sense for our ediling it might be better to keep them separate.	ngage. We will examine how our edible id cacy. Through a jigsaw activity, where p ons, we will discuss how and why it may be	entities may influence participants work with important to become
10:30 - 11:45  JFA JEWISH INITIATIVE FOR ANIMALS	Is It Kosher if it's from a Factory Farm?  The ancient system of kashrut has the potential to keep it working? Further, even if we had simple answers to thi that something labeled kosher should not be trusted? I give you clear ways to address this issue in your common certified kosher animal products more humane. This so Sustainability or on a journey to define a community for	is question, should we really be telling our Part text study, part mini history lesson, th nunity, as well as take steps to support th ession is especially for those participating	community members nis workshop will both ne movement to make
12:00 -12:30	Bringing it Home and Visioning for the Future  Don't let the inspiration end with departure. Join your felearning and programming you have absorbed this weel		
12:30 -1:30	Lunch		Tent

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**Rabbi Katy Allen** serves as Facilitator of One Earth Collaborative, which honors our spiritual connection to the Earth, and leads services outdoors through Ma'yan Tikvah – A Wellspring of Hope. She is President of Jewish Climate Action Network and a hospice chaplain and is developing a nationwide network of eco-chaplains.

Maggid David Arfa is dedicated to Judaism's storytelling heritage and ancient environmental wisdom. He is currently Director of Education at Congregation Beth Israel in North Adams and a chaplaincy student in Clinical Pastoral Education. His award winning CD's, performances and workshops can be found at www. maggiddavid.net.

Laura Bellows is an educator, artist, activist, and 5th year rabbinical student at Hebrew College. A life-long animal lover and educator, Laura completed her B.A. in Environmental Studies at Oberlin College and then found her way to ecology, animal rights, and JOFEE work. She served as Teva's first Director of Congregational and Community Programs for over six years: training educators and clergy, developing curriculum, and designing over 40 programs per year. Laura is a veteran educator of young adults at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute and of middle and high school students at Boston's Prozdor program where she teaches about food choices, animal rights, and environmental justice. She recently returned from a year of study in Jerusalem and is thrilled to reunite with JOFEE community, the VA woods, and her cat Tristan.

Adam Berman is the Executive Director of Urban Adamah, an educational farm and community center in West Berkeley. Its signature program is the Urban Adamah Fellowship, a three-month residential leadership-training program for Jewish young adults that integrates Jewish living and learning with urban organic farming and direct social action. As part of their training, fellows operate our farm which also serves as an educational center for the larger Bay Area. Prior to founding Urban Adamah, Adam served as the Executive Director of the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center (2002-2008). For three years (1996 - 1999),

Adam served as the Director of the Teva Learning Center. He holds an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley and a B.A in Environmental Studies from Brown University. He currently lives in Berkeley, CA.

Aryeh Bernstein lives in Chicago, where he directs the Hyde Park Teen Beit Midrash, coordinates the Avodah Fellows, consults for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and teaches Torah for Mishkan Chicago and the University of Chicago Hillel. He is also a resident animal welfare educator for Farm Forward's Jewish Initiative for Animals. He has taught at Mechon Hadar, Drisha, Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, Yeshivat Talpiot, the TAKUM social justice beit midrash, and campuses, communities, and organizations around the U.S. and Israel, including Hazon, the National Havurah Institute, and Open Hillel. He studied for many years at Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa, is a Senior Editor of Jewschool. com, and serves on the board of Jewish Public Media.

Rebecca Bloomfield: Since being an Adamah fellow in the Fall of 2005, Rebecca has taught at The Edible Schoolyard in Berkeley, California, managed the Organic Farmer Training Program at Michigan State University, and operated her own small farm business, Bloomfield Farm, in Ottawa, Canada. Her values of good food, strong community, and the connection to something-greater has brought her back to Adamah as the Associate Director. She loves yoga, warm drinks, quiet walks, and any time spent at her family cottage in Temagami, Ontario.

Shariee Calderone is a family educator and network weaver at the Jewish Education Project. She promotes innovation and successful educational approaches through blogging and social media. Before her professional career in Jewish education, Shariee filled a number of leadership roles at the Jewish Cultural School (JCS) on Long Island and the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations. While there, Shariee created and facilitated a variety of holiday family experiences, commemorations, and life cycle events. Shariee has a particular passion for the cultivation of Jewish outdoor classrooms and gardens as a way to connect children and families to Jewish life and nature.

Jonathan Dubinsky has been working in the field of community sustainability for the past 10 years in a variety of capacities. He earned a Bachelors of Environmental Science at the University of Kansas and in 2013 completed a Masters of Engineering in Sustainable Infrastructure at the University of Colorado Denver. In 2011 Jonathan brought the Topsy Turvy Bus program, a mobile hands-on educational learning facility that operates on discarded vegetable oil, to the University of Colorado Denver as part of an NSF grant and as a leaping off point for his graduate studies. Jonathan is now pursuing a PhD in Engineering and Applied Science at UC Denver. His research focuses on regional sustainability metrics development as well as community based participatory research. Jonathan believes that well designed communities where everyone's voice is heard leads to healthy people and a healthy planet.

**Sarah Shamirah Chandler** is the CCO (Chief Compassion Officer) and team leader at JIFA where she works to support Jewish institutions to establish meaningful food policies rooted in Jewish ethics and animal welfare. She recently served as the Director of Earth Based Spiritual Practice for Hazon's Adamah Farm and teaches, writes and consults on a national level on issues related to Judaism, the environment, mindfulness, food values, and farming.

**Abrah Dresdale** holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Landscape Design and teaches courses at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Franklin County Jail, and Temple Israel on permaculture, food systems, and Shmita. She consults with organizations such as the Jewish Farm School and Omega Institute to develop educational programs. You can find her online at abrahdresdale.com.

Paul Entis directs the Jewish Food Experience, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. He is passionate about all things culinary: good food, kitchen gadgets, hosting brunches, ordering artisanal ingredients online, adapting recipes, watching Top Chef, you name it. He's worked in the nonprofit world for close to 20 years as a fundraiser, event planner, administrator and program director. Paul served as the Site Director for AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps' DC

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site and Hillel Director at the University of Southern California and UMass/Amherst. He is interested in food as a social justice issue and volunteers at N Street Village helping prepare a monthly meal for the agency's clients.

Hindy Finman has been a hyper-active youth-based Jewish educator for over 10 years. She loves combining Torah texts with today's issues to guide middle-schoolers to explore challenges and create questions. She lives in the newly formed Boulder Moishe House and can be found hanging out with the Beit Izim goats, hiking up a mountain, or dumpster diving for some new trash art.

Rabbi Everett Gendler: Throughout his life, Rabbi Gendler has worked to bring together various elements that contribute to the life of our own spirit. During the 1960s and 1970s, Rabbi Gendler became involved in the conservation and environmental movements, and he continues to be an advocate and practitioner of organic farming and vegetarianism. In 1978, he installed the world's first solar-powered eternal light on Temple Emanuel's roof. Over the next 30 years, he published dozens of articles and chapters on Jewish environmentalism and gave hundreds of lectures on the topic. In recent years, Rabbi Gendler has been honored by a number of organizations. In 2008, he received a "Lifetime Achievement" award for his contributions to Jewish environmentalism from the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. In 2013, he received a "Human Rights Hero" award from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. And again in 2013, he was awarded the Presidents' Medallion from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion "in recognition of a lifetime commitment to social justice and environmentalism."

Dr. Gina Freeman is the Environmental Education Director and Dean of Students at the Columbus Jewish Day School in central Ohio. The past 12 years she has grown a program including 5 garden areas which teaches shomrei adamah (guardians of the earth) in every grade (K-6). She has incorporated many science standards and Judaic content into her lessons and looks forward to sharing and learning at the JOFEE conference.

Zelig Golden's vision for a thriving, earth-based Jewish tradition developed out of a lifetime of nature connection, Jewish leadership, and commitment to environmental advocacy. Zelig invokes mentorship, facilitation, and ceremonial tools to guide an annual cycle of land-based festivals, nature-based rites of passage, and mentorship for emerging young leaders. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union and rabbinic ordination through ALEPH, with the prestigious Wexner Graduate Fellowship. Zelig was ordained Maggid by Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi ztz"l. He previously worked as an environmental lawyer protecting food and farms and has long guided groups into the wilderness.

Dr. Mirele B. Goldsmith is an environmental psychologist, educator, and activist. Mirele founded Jews Against Hydrofracking, directed the Jewish Greening Fellowship, and was a leader in the People's Climate March. Mirele's writing has been published by the Jewish Week, Forward, Shma, and Huffington Post. Ask her to play her ukulele!

Steven Green is the Director of Grants Management & Program Officer for the Jim Joseph Foundation where he has worked since June 2011. His focus at the foundation includes facilitating grantmaking operations, management of the administrative team, external budget review and analysis, and a portfolio that includes grants to JOFEE organizations and the JOFEE Fellowship. Steven previously served as the Southeast Regional Director of the Jewish National Fund and as the Director of Media and Public Affairs for the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast in Atlanta, GA. He received his MBA from Emory University with a focus in Nonprofit Management as a Wexner Graduate Fellow/Davidson Scholar. Steven and his wife, Alana, reside in San Francisco, CA with their son, Zev.

Aaron S. Gross is a full-time professor of Jewish studies at the University of San Diego and is the Founder and CEO of Farm Forward, the organization executing the new Jewish Initiative for Animals. Gross collaborated closely with Jonathan Safran Foer on Foer's book Eating Animals and is currently writing

a co-authored book with Foer. Gross's 2015 book. The Ouestion of the Animal and Religion (Columbia University Press), has been nominated for several awards.

Andrew Gurwitz is the Associate Director of the Eden Village Camp in Putnam Valley, NY. Andrew has led camp's operations, visioning, and strategy since the camp's first summer. He brings a wealth of camp, nonprofit, operational, and start-up experience, including helping launch the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda and cofounding a technology start-up.

Melissa Hoffman is the Humane Education and Program Specialist at JIFA where she works with Jewish institutions and communities to develop materials and programs that foster compassion, respect, and responsibility for all living beings. Recently, she earned a M.S. in Animals and Public Policy from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts. Melissa has also worked extensively as a cantorial soloist and Jewish educator, and is an animal care volunteer at the International Bird Rescue in California.

Rabbi Bill Kaplan is the Executive Director of Shalom Institute in Malibu, Ca., a year-round experiential Jewish education and retreat center.Bill has a BA from Wesleyan University, an MBA in Non-Profit Management from American Jewish University, and was recently ordained at the Academy For Jewish Religion in Los Angeles.

Daniel Kieval has worked as a Jewish environmental educator since 2009. He has taught in the forests, farms, and fields of Teva, Eden Village Camp, and the Pearlstone Center; and indoors at numerous synagogues and Jewish day schools. Daniel is an experienced song leader and facilitator of silly games. His current passions also include mindfulness meditation and Joanna Macy's "The Work That Reconnects." He dreams of living in a more permanent landbased community.

Pam Koch is the Executive Director of the Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy. She is the lead author on the three Linking Food and the Environment (LiFE) curriculum series books: Growing

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Food; Farm to Table & Beyond, and Choice, Control & Change and has coordinated the development, evaluation and dissemination of the LiFE curricula. She completed her BS and MS degrees in nutrition at Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, and her EdD and RD from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Sabrina Malach is a professional shmoozer, networker and pollinator-protector! Sabrina began working with Shoresh in 2011 after spending six years working and volunteering in the Jewish Food Movement in New York and Israel. She participated in Adamah in 2005, graduated from the Eco-Activist Beit Midrash in Jerusalem in 2006, and worked as the program assistant for Hazon from 2006-2007. Upon returning to Toronto, Sabrina got an M.A in Environmental Studies from York University with a focus on pollinator protection in urban centres. In 2010, Sabrina was awarded the Canadian Pollinator Advocacy Award from the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign.

Leora Mallach co-launched Ganei Beantown: Beantown Jewish Gardens, building community through hands-on agriculture and food system education rooted in Jewish text, tradition, and culture. She ran an organic vegetable garden at Temple Israel of Boston for multiple growing seasons. She is the former director of the Adva Network, working with alumni of the Teva Learning Center and Adamah Jewish Environmental Fellowship in professional development, networking and job placement. When not creating new paradigms in the Jewish community, she can be found doing batik artwork, experimenting in the kitchen, or hiking in the While Mountains.

Jakir Manela is the founder and director of the organic Kayam Farm at the Pearlstone Center near Baltimore, MD. The Farm demonstrates Talmudic agricultural laws and provides hands-on Jewish education for people of all ages.Before coming to Baltimore, Manela spent several years teaching for the Teva Learning Center. He has a BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he majored in Hebrew, Jewish Studies and Global Environmental Studies.

**Molly Mardit** hails from the metro Detroit area, where, under the auspices of local Jewish community-building organization, The Well, and with support from JIFA, she founded the Metro Detroiters Jewish Veg(Curious) group. Passionate about fostering intergenerational connections, dialogue, and action around veganism and other green issues, she is thrilled to be in attendance at this year's JOFEE conference, and excited to build and learn with and from others. While not promoting veganism through her Veg(Curious) group, Molly is working on a thesis at The University of Michigan, pertaining to the revival of the piyyut musical genre within contemporary Israeli society.

Rabbi Natan Margalit, Ph.D. was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He received rabbinic ordination at The Jerusalem Seminary in 1990 and earned a Ph.D. in Talmud from U.C. Berkeley in 2001. He has taught at Bard College, the Reconstuctionist Rabbinical College and the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. Natan is Rabbi of The Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life, in Connecticut and Visiting Rabbi at Congregation Adas Yoshuron in Rockland, Maine. He is Founder and President of Organic Torah Institute, a non-profit organization which fosters holistic thinking about Judaism, environment and society. He lives in Newton, MA with his wife Ilana and their two sons.

Elan Margulies: As the Director of Teva, Elan aims to inspire joy and reverence for the natural world by introducing students to earth-based Jewish traditions and the wonders right outside their door. He has taught ecology to students of all ages at the Teva Learning Center, the Student Conservation Association and the Cornell University Naturalist Outreach Program. During its founding year, he designed and developed the science curricula for Eden Village Camp. Later, he directed a Jewish educational farm outside Chicago — where he learned that the best way to catch a goat is to run away from it. Before returning to Teva he pursued graduate studies in forest ecology at University of Michigan and The Hebrew University. In his free time, he enjoys

finding wild edibles, brewing ginger beer and working with wood and metal.

**Trisha Margulies** founded the Pushing the Envelope Farm together with Rabbi Fred Margulies in 2007. Trisha is a trained Jewish social worker and chef who teaches natural cooking workshops on the farm. She is currently on the board of Hazon and Teva Learning Center.

**Rabbi Nathan Martin** serves as the Director of Student Life at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Media, PA. In completed the Greenfaith Fellowship training for religious environmental leadership (2009) and previously worked as an energy efficiency policy researcher before becoming a rabbi.

**Karyn Moskowitz:** Karyn's passion for food justice led her to found New Roots and introduce the Fresh Stop model to Louisville. She is committed to working with farmers, community organizing and facilitating leadership development with other food justice leaders in Louisville neighborhoods with limited access to food, and getting people, especially children, to eat fresh food. She has an MBA in Environmental Management.

**Deborah Newbrun's** career as a preeminent Jewish leader (particularly in Jewish environmental education) spans 30 years including working 25 years as Camp Tawonga's Director, 4 years as Hazon's Director in the Bay Area and one year as Keshet's Interim Bay Area Director. Additionally, she has served on the faculty of multiple fellowships including: Lekhu Lakhem and Hiddur for the Foundation for Jewish Camp. Last year she co-founded JOLT (Jewish Outdoor Leadership Training) for staff working in Jewish summer camps across North America which she directs at Camp Tawonga each Memorial Day Weekend. Before entering the Jewish not for profit world, Deborah was a National Park Service Ranger.

**Becky O'Brien** is Hazon's Director for Boulder, Colorado. She has worked for a variety of social justice causes in the nonprofit sector for more than 18 years.

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She has a background in volunteer coordinating, programming, political advocacy, fundraising, communications, and non-profit administration. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies from the University of South Florida and a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from the University of Colorado, graduating summa cum laude from both. She enjoys her family, hiking and camping in the beautiful Colorado outdoors, gardening, knitting, and applying the principles of Voluntary Simplicity to her life.

Nati Passow has been a leader in the field of Jewish environmental education for over 10 years. Prior to forming Jewish Farm School, Nati ran an award-winning garden construction program in Philadelphia and led service learning trips in the developing world for American Jewish World Service. Nati is a certified Permaculture designer and holds a B.A. in Religion and Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rabbi Aaron Philmus has been a JOFEE educator for many years. He studied human ecology at UMASS Amherst, in the Australian rainforest, and the deserts of Israel. He studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary and has worked as a rabbi and educator in San Francisco, Pennsylvania, and now Rhode Island where he is the Rabbi at Torat Yisrael in East Greenwich, Rl. Aaron lives at the synagogue parsonage with his wife, two human kids, two goat kids, and thousands of honeybees. He loves playing with his kids, exploring nature, eating, and making music.

JR Rich has been the Assistant Director of Communications at the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island since November 2006. He became Agency Sustainability Officer in June 2010 after completing the 18 month Jewish Greening Fellowship under the aegis of Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center with the support of UJA Federation of NY. In this role he serves as the point person in the Agency to oversee and coordinate the systemic process of "greening" the JCC. Areas include: implement energy efficiency upgrades of facility; improve sustainable operations; create educational programming; inspire cultural/behavioral change; facilitate youth involvement;

heighten community engagement and build community partnerships.

Julie Rosenbaum is the Associate Director of Hazon in Detroit. Prior to joining Hazon, she was program associate for Hillel of Metro Detroit and led outreach and engagement for young adults through the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Julie holds a Master's Degree in Food Studies from Chatham University's School of Sustainability and the Environment.

Rabbi Sid Schwarz is a senior fellow at Clal: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership where he directs the Clergy Leadership Incubator (CLI), a program that trains rabbis to be visionary spiritual leaders. He is also the director of the Rene Cassin Fellowship Program, a year long fellowship on Judaism and human rights for young professionals with hubs in New York, London and Jerusalem. Sid was awarded the prestigious Covenant Award for his pioneering work in the field of Jewish education and was named by Newsweek as one of the 50 most influential rabbis in North America. Sid's newest book is Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future (Jewish Lights, 2013).

Sue Salinger is the Director of Hazon Detroit. She leads a dedicated team that is re-imagining what it means to be Jewish in a city and region undergoing rapid change, through partnering to build capacity within existing Jewish institutions in JOFEE, and creating new programs and experiences that bring people together across difference around health and sustainability. Sue was the Director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park, Michigan, and Director of Education at Congregation Nevei Kodesh in Boulder, Colorado. She graduated with an MFA in Writing and Poetics at Naropa University, an MA in Communications and Philosophy at the European Graduate School in Switzerland, and is A.B.D. towards a PhD in Communications Philosophy at EGS. While at Naropa, Sue was a teaching assistant to Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi, zt"l. She's a Master Gardener and lives in Sylvan Lake, Michigan.

Rabbi David Seidenberg is the creator of NeoHasid, and teaches text, music, dance, and ecology, and all aspects of Jewish thought and spirituality, in their own right and in relation to ecology and the environment. David has smikhah (ordination) from the Jewish Theological Seminary and from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, and is one of the world's foremost scholars on Judaism and ecology.

Janna Siller leads the Adamah crew in growing organic vegetables for CSA distribution, value-added production, Isabella Freedman food service, and donations, while maintaining the fields as a resonant learning space for fellows and visitors. She teaches classes on practical farming and gardening skills as well as classes that explore the big picture systems, policies and issues that shape what we eat and how it is grown. Janna lives in Falls Village with her family - Arthur, Tzuf, and the cats.

Cara Silverberg's JOFEE work focuses on place-based identity development and narrative construction through community education initiatives. She is currently pursuing an M.A. in Conflict Transformation with a concentration in embodied leadership from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT. Cara has worked with Teva and Hazon in numerous capacities since 2005.

Yoshi Silverstein is Director of the JOFEE Fellowship, Hazon's new flagship training and certification program for Jewish outdoor, food, farming & environmental education professionals. A landscape designer, writer, and educator with over thirteen years of experience in JOFEE and related fields, Yoshi holds a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in European Cultural Studies and Near Eastern/Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. Yoshi was previously Education Director at the Pearlstone Center (back when it was still Kayam Farm) and has taught throughout the US and Israel, including several seasons as a Teva educator and stints at Camp Wise in Cleveland and Camp Solomon Schechter in Olympia, WA.

Donna Simons is the founder of Pound Ridge Organics, a dynamic food hub in the lower Hudson Valley dedicated to providing the community with the most nourishing,

### **Educators Bios**

cleanly and ethically produced meat, produce, dairy, eggs and locally produced products available. She consults with, and sources for consumers, restaurants and businesses. She conducts classes at local farms to teach homesteading skills and is a frequent presenter at important food conferences throughout the Northeast. Donna's focus is on breeding, raising, distributing and educating about the value of 100% APA Heritage birds majestic breeds. She has created the only known heritage breed CSA in the country. She has committed herself to the highest standards of Animal Welfare, and as such, is in the process of obtaining AWA (Animal Welfare Approval) Certification for the her farm. Donna is Co-Chair of Slow Food Metro-North; She was an elected delegate to the 2015 Slow Meat Symposium; and currently serves on the Slow Meat International Consumer Outreach Committee.

**Sam Sittenfield** hails from the Western suburbs of Philadelphia. A self-described 'mad scientist' in the kitchen, Sam loves everything food, while contemplating how it affects our bodies, our culture, and our world. After serving a Repair the World Fellow in Pittsburgh, he joined the NYC cohort, in August, as a Team Leader Fellow. In July he will join the Repair's national staff as a Program Associate. Sam helped plan and launch East End Garden Group (Pittsburgh) and Brooklyn Farm Crew (NYC) to engage young Jewish adults in meaningful volunteer service in urban farms and gardens.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow founded and directs The Shalom Center, which he began in 1983. In 2014 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award as Human Rights Hero from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. In 2015 the Forward named him one of the "most inspiring" Rabbis. His most recent of 22 books is Freedom Journeys: The Tale of Exodus & Wilderness Across Millennia, co-authored with Rabbi Phyllis Berman. His most recent arrest of about 23 was in a protest at the US Capitol calling for Congressional action to renew democratic process in election campaigns, both at the level of hyperwealth flooding campaigns and at the level of voter suppression. He also wrote the pioneering essay, "Jewish Environmental Ethics: Adam and Adamah," in the Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics.

Becca Weaver is the Farm and Sustainability Director for the JCC in Boulder, Colorado. After receiving her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Washington University in St Louis, she started working on Jewish community farms (including Adamah at Isabella Freedman and Kayam Farm at Pearlsone), combining her technical skills with her love for food, nature, and tradition. She is certified in ecological horticulture from UC Santa Cruz and has a masters degree in agriculture, food, and the environment from Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition.

Noah Weinberg is a song leader, educator, and aspiring pursuer of peace (rodef shalom). He is currently an Adamah fellow and will be returning for his fourth summer to Eden Village Camp as a Music Educator. In the fall, Noah will be returning to Tufts University where he studies Peace and Justice Studies and Education. Noah recently completed a Permaculture Design Course at Kibbutz Lotan in the Arava desert in Israel. On campus, Noah founded a Jewish meditation and spirituality group called Kavanah and has served as co-president of Tufts' chapter of J Street U. Noah is excited to help nourish communities that aim to care for the earth and all her inhabitants!

**Diana Wolff** is an educator at the Columbus Torah Academy. She holds a BA degree in Hebrew from OSU and a MA degree in Jewish Communal Service and Education from Brandeis.

Ariela Yomtovian enjoys collaborative work pertaining to fields such as: food justice, education and health. Currently, she is a Program Associate at Brighter Green and the Communications and Operations Coordinator at The Green Belt Movement. Her interests in food, sustainability, and health took her to Italy where she graduated from the University of Gastronomic Sciences in 2013. Upon returning to the United States, she moved to Binghamton, New York and worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA in resource development and capacity building at the

Food and Health Network of South Central New York. In 2015, she moved to New York City to work in Nutrition and Health Education with Harlem Children's Zone. Her passion project is the Creative Healing Collective which offers affordable workshops ranging from yoga and meditation, to painting and writing, to music and dance, for those experiencing grief. At the end of a long day, Ariela can be found taking a walk, participating at a foodie event or sharing a meal with friends.

Caleb Zedek was born and raised in Orange County, I have since discovered the majesty and awesomeness of seasons that comes with time spent east of the Rockies. I enjoy examining very closely handholdable parts of nature, encountering my own insignificance in the face of breathtaking landscapes and the all-encompassing night sky, and arguing about our purpose on this planet. Since my birth I have driven the Topsy Turvy Bus for a summer and worked two Fall TEVA seasons. I am currently living in Detroit working as a Hazon Fellow which entails working for Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, a Detroit farm started by people from Detroit, for people in Detroit, and planning and running programming with Jews in the greater Detroit area.

Adin Zuckerman has been exploring food systems and justice in the food system through study and practice for the last ten years. Adin was an Adamah fellow and an Adamah apprentice for two seasons. Adin is currently working to get a free-range, heritage breed chicken and egg business off the ground, called Linke Fligl (Left Wing in Yiddish) and building a 1/2 acre educational garden at Sol Flower farm stand in Millerton, NY.

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### The JOFEE Fellowship

The JOFEE Fellowship seeks to invigorate the Jewish educational landscape by seeding Jewish communities with a cadre of outstanding Jewish Outdoor, Food, and Environmental Educators.

The core of our year-long fellowship and certification program is built around professional placements at host institutions around the country. Fellows will also receive intensive training, mentorship, and support from leading educators and other professionals in the JOFEE field.

The JOFEE Fellowship is supported by the Jim Joseph Foundation, in partnership with the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, Pearlstone Center, Urban Adamah, and Wilderness Torah.

### The JOFEE Fellowship consists of:

### **Immersive Training Seminars**

Fellows will build their skills and knowledge in the three core JOFEE disciplines (outdoors, food, environment), with a focus on successful program implementation at their host institution, through immersive training seminars with leading JOFEE educators and other professionals.

The fellowship year begins with a three-week intensive JOFEE training and orientation seminar at Hazon's Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in Falls Village, CT. Programming and pedagogy facilitated by Hazon staff and other JOFEE educators will be augmented through educational partnerships with cutting edge practitioners in outdoor, food, and environmental education. Our current partners include:

- · Outward Bound
- BEETLES: Better Environmental Education, Teaching, Learning, Expertise, and Sharing
- · Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy

Fellows will gather again for a five-day mid-year retreat at the Leichtag Ranch in Encinitas, CA; and for the closing seminar & siyum (ceremony of completion) at the Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, MD.

### **Professional Placements at Host Institutions**

Following the JOFEE training seminar, Fellows will move into professional placements at host institutions in Jewish communities throughout the country. Fellows will be placed in one of two cohorts:

- JOFEE Organizations one cohort of JOFEE Fellows will be placed at existing JOFEE organizations to support programming, develop capacity, and learn from top practitioners.
- Jewish Community-Based Institutions one cohort of JOFEE fellows will be placed at JCCs and other Jewish institutions around the country. These fellows will develop and implement new JOFEE programs and initiatives to directly impact diverse users and address community needs.

All fellows will be enlisted to organize, develop, and implement JOFEE programming at their host institutions. Specific skills, specialty areas, and professional interests will be carefully considered during the matching process to ensure a strong fit between fellow and host institution.

### Mentorship and Continued Professional Development

All Fellows will be paired with both a mentor/supervisor at their host institution and a mentor from the professional JOFEE community.

In addition, regular webinars (approximately 1-2 per month) will allow Fellows to continue learning from Hazon faculty and other JOFEE practitioners. The Fellowship cohort will also serve as a supportive and collaborative network for each other.

#### **Professional JOFEE Educator Certification**

Professional JOFEE Educator Certification will be granted upon active participation in all in-person seminars and in submission of formal documentation of programs designed and implemented throughout the year. Additionally, a cumulative independent project demonstrating learning and growth – to be discussed in consultation with mentors and the JOFEE Fellowship Director – will be presented during the closing seminar.

Interested in learning more and/or applying for the next cohort of the JOFEE Fellowship? Applications are expected to open in late summer or early fall 2016. Be in touch with Yoshi Silverstein, JOFEE Fellowship Director, with any questions: yoshi.silverstein@hazon.org.

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Just ask the animals, נְא בְהֵמוֹת and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. - Job 12:7

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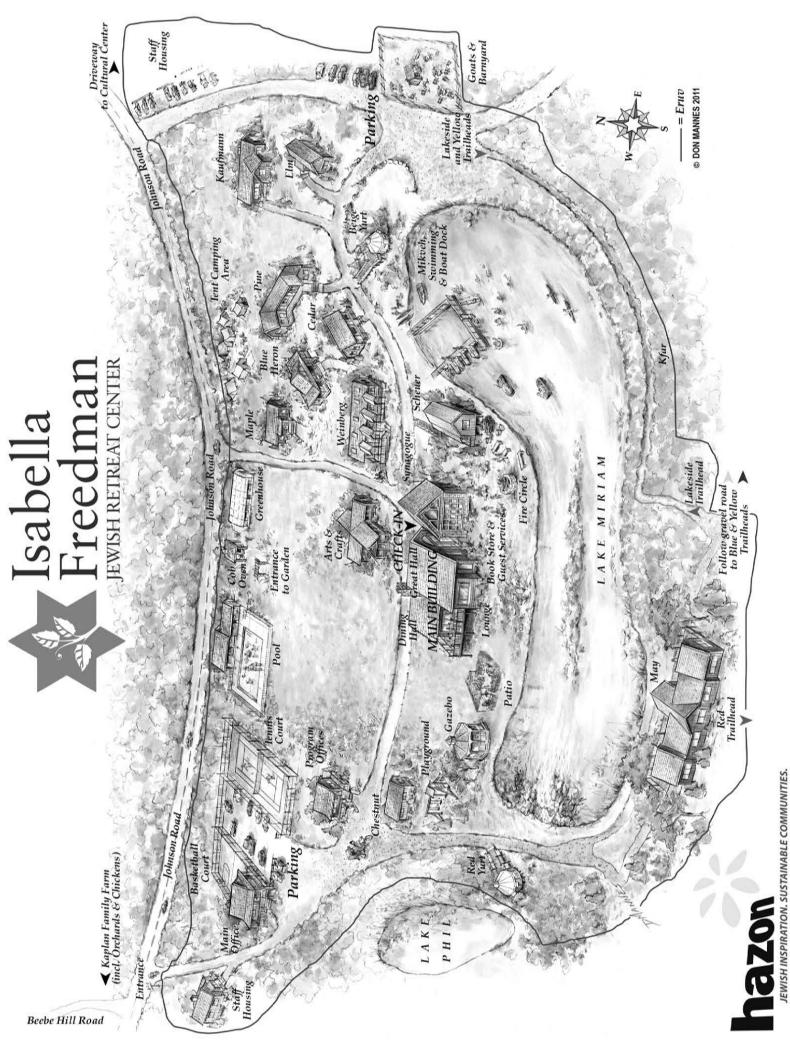
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