



# ADVA Reunion

November 17-19, 2017

Isabella Freedman



# Guest Information

## Please read upon arrival

If you need anything during your stay, please contact the Retreat Manager on duty.

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** In the event of a medical emergency, please call 9-1-1 from your cell phone, OR: 9-9-1-1 from any land line phone, located in the buildings throughout campus. Please familiarize yourself with the location of the nearest phone to your room. You must dial 9 before making any call on our land line phones. After making a 9-1-1 call, please contact a retreat manager at the **IF Emergency #: Dial 860-480-3674 from a cell phone.** Emergencies only, please. **You must dial 9 before making any call on our land line phones.**

**SECURITY:** Isabella Freedman is an oasis in a troubled world. And, we are committed to vigilance and preparedness for the unfortunate realities of our society today. Two general guidelines provide the basis for our security program:

1. **Please wear your name tags at all times.** Our staff need to be aware of who should be on our site.
2. In the event of a **campus-wide emergency** including a bomb threat, you will hear three one-second blasts of a very loud air horn, repeated multiple times. If you hear this, immediately evacuate to the decorative gate at Adamah farm located across the street from the main entrance and remain there until emergency services arrive. Do not use your cellphone or take time to look for others besides children.

**FIRE SAFETY:** Please only light candles at group candle lighting in the main building. Camp fires are only allowed at the fire pit by the lake during scheduled programming and must be put out at the end of the activity. Please see a retreat manager for any questions.

**FIRST AID:** First aid materials are located at Guest Services, in the Library, Yurts, Arts and Crafts building and Pool House. A defibrillator is located in the Library.

**SMOKING:** Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, and throughout campus. You may smoke only at the fire pit by the lake. Please dispose of cigarette butts in the designated cigarette bin.

**KOSHER:** The Dining Hall and Tent are strictly Kosher. Please do not bring any outside food or personal dishware/water bottles/travel mugs into the Dining Hall/Tent. Please use to-go ware outside the Dining Hall/Tent. **Exception: Coffee mugs are allowed throughout the main building only.** Please place used mugs in the bus bin in the coffee bar. Any personal food requested to be brought into the Dining Hall/Tent must be approved by our Kosher supervisor.

**PARKING:** Driving and parking is not allowed on grassy areas. **Please only park in designated parking areas.** Staff will guide you to these areas upon check-in.

**CHILDREN:** Please make sure that your children are supervised at all times, or are participating in children's programming associated with your retreat.

**BUSING TABLES:** Please clear your table after finishing your meal. Bins for compost and dishware are located at the corner of the Dining Hall/Tent.

**COMPOST & RECYCLING:** Around campus you will see containers for compost (green), recycling (blue) and trash (black). Items that are compost: All food including bones, paper napkins, paper towels, to-go ware (hot/cold cups, lids, utensils, containers) tea bags, paper wrappers, corks, and wooden coffee stirrers. We use our compost to fertilize our Adamah Farm!

**GUEST FRIDGE:** You may store personal food/beverages in the fridge located in the Sunroom. (these items do not have to be Kosher) Please label your name on all items.

**HOT WATER/COFFEE:** Due to our Kosher policies, on Shabbat we offer coffee and hot water until it runs out. Once Shabbat ends, our staff make fresh batches. We appreciate your understanding, and we strive to provide enough coffee and hot water through the holiday.

**POTABLE TAP WATER:** ALL tap water on campus comes directly from a local well source and is potable and delicious!

**GAMES, BOOKS AND MORE:** We offer a variety of sport equipment, books, games and toys for your pleasure. Please see a retreat manager to borrow any of these items. **Please do not use any bikes located on campus as these belong to Isabella Freedman staff.**

**THERMOSTATS:** The thermostats in your buildings/rooms are programmed to keep you comfortable. You may adjust the temperature by increasing or decreasing the thermostat one or two degrees. Air conditioners are adjusted via the dials on the room window AC units.

**LAKE AND SWIMMING / BOATING:** The pool is closed for the season. **Use of the lake is at your own risk** – life vests are located in the shed by the dock. Please return the vests and oars to the shed and the boats to the rack after use.

**HIKING: Please stay on Isabella Freedman trails when hiking.** We advise telling a friend when you go out on a trail and when you return, carrying a cell phone and water bottle, and only hiking during daylight hours. Trail maps are located at Guest Services. **During hunting season, we recommend wearing bright colors when hiking on trails.**

**TICKS AND LYME DISEASE:** We recommend doing a tick check after spending time outdoors. We have tick removal information available at Guest Services.

**CHECK OUT PROCEDURE:** On check-out day, you **MUST** move out of your room by 10 am. Please remove your personal belongings from your room by the designated time. Kindly strip your bed and place all sheets and towels into the pillowcases. (Please leave mattress pads, blankets and comforters on the beds)

**We hope you enjoy your stay with us!**

*It's important to us to know both what you enjoyed and ways we could improve our work here. Please do fill out an evaluation form. If you do not receive one, please email [evaluations@hazon.org](mailto:evaluations@hazon.org).*



# 2018 Hazon Retreats

All retreats take place at Isabella Freedman unless otherwise indicated. Visit [hazon.org/calendar](http://hazon.org/calendar) for more information.

## February 14 - 19

### TORAH YOGA: ACQUIRING GARMENTS OF LIGHT

Through Torah study and yoga practice, we will reveal the light in our body, mind, heart, soul, and ultimately the world.

## March 30 - April 8

### PESACH

Enjoy gourmet kosher-for-Pesach food, inspiring seders, JOFEE activities, workshops, and the beauty of the Berkshires.

## May 18 - 22

### SHAVUOT

Join renowned teachers for all-night learning, lakeside sunrise prayers, First Fruits Kiddush, and a midnight mountain hike.

## June 25 - July 1

### KOHENET HEBREW PRIESTESS INSTITUTE

Join the 9th cohort of women spiritual leaders and learn to revive and re-embody Judaism in a community of support and learning.

## July 9 - 15 & 16 - 22

### CAMP ISABELLA FREEDMAN

All-inclusive vacation of summer camp fun including arts & crafts, movement and mindfulness classes, lectures and discussion groups, nature programs, and cultural activities.

## July 23 - 29

### DAVVENEN' LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE (DLTI)

Join the 10th cohort of trained prayer leaders and learn how to deepen the quality of communal prayer to activate the body, touch the heart, engage the mind, and nurture spiritual growth.

## July 23 - 29

### TORAH YOGA

Experience the body as a gateway to Torah wisdom and the Torah as a gateway to the wisdom of the body.

## August 1 - 5

### HAZON FOOD CONFERENCE

Highlights include outdoor wood-fired roasting and baking workshops, beekeeping up close, harvest-your-own feasts, a kids' cooking club, and food justice action projects.

## August 13 - 16

### ROMEMU YESHIVA

Embodied meditation, contemplation, study and prayer with Rabbis David Ingber and Nancy Flam.

## August 23 - 26

### LET MY PEOPLE SING

Sing and share a wide array of Jewish song traditions, inclusive of the full range of Jewish ancestry and religious practices.

## August 31 - September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

### NEW YORK RIDE & RETREAT

Join the People of the Bike for our 18th annual ride! Enjoy a relaxing Shabbat retreat followed by two days of cycling around the beautiful Berkshires. This fully-supported ride, fundraiser, and community experience is for people of all cycling levels and ages. Let's make the world healthier and more sustainable for all! Register by December 31 for early bird rates and a chance to win a Specialized hybrid bike!

## September 9 - 12

### ROSH HASHANAH

Orthodox and Renewal prayer services, deep teachings, immersion in a relaxing wooded venue, tashlich in our stream, community celebrations, and fabulous farm-to-table feasting.

## September 23 - October 3

### SUKKAHFEST

Perhaps the most joyous, and almost certainly the most diverse celebration of the holiday of Sukkot on planet Earth. Come for all or part of the 10-day festivities.

## October 23 - 30 (in Israel)

### ARAVA INSTITUTE & HAZON ISRAEL RIDE

Cycle from Jerusalem to Eilat and broaden your understanding of the region as you meet Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians working towards peace, environmental sustainability, and regional cooperation.

## December 23 - 30

### HAZON MEDITATION RETREAT

Join Rabbi Jay Michaelson, Beth Resnick-Folk, Eliezer Sobel, and Rabbi Naomi Hyman for silent meditation with instruction, musical prayer services, and evening teachings that draw on Jewish, secular, and Buddhist sources.

# ADVA Schedule

## Friday, November 17

### 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Check-in  
*Great Hall*

### 3:00 PM

Mikva: Women – self-led  
*Dock*  
Allow Lake Miriam to help you mark the transition into Shabbat

### 3:15 PM

Mikva: Men – led by Lance  
*Dock*

### 3:30 PM

Mikva: Genderqueer & non-binary folks – led by Batya, Shelby & Lily  
*Dock*

### 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Candle Lighting  
*Great Hall*  
Candlelighting will be self-led. Please light how and when you would like.

### 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Kids' Dinner & Mandatory Camp Teva Orientation  
*Dining Room*

### 5:45 PM

Camp Teva Night Hike  
*Arts & Crafts*

### 5:45 PM

Trad-Egal Service  
*Synagogue*  
Traditional kabbalat shabbat and maariv with an abundance of song.

### 6:00 PM

Orthodox Davening Space  
*Beige Yurt*  
This space will be available all weekend for folks to have self-organized orthodox davening.

### 7:30 PM

Dinner  
*Dining Room & Lounge*

### 9:00 PM

Adamah Homecoming w/Shamu  
*Synagogue*

Teva Homecoming w/Nili  
*Red Yurt*

### 10:00 PM

Tisch  
*Synagogue*  
Join us for a Let My People Sing! style tisch where we will co-create a joyful and lively singing space together to celebrate shabbat through song in community. Bring songs to share! Led by Margot Seigle of the Let My People Sing! core team. No instruments here, but they are welcome in the red yurt!

# Saturday, November 18

## 7:15- 8:15 AM

Avodat Lev w/Helen Bennett  
*Red Yurt*

## 7:30 AM

Option to join Adamahniks on chores  
*Barnyard & Compost Yard*  
Help take care of our goats and chickens—meet at the barnyard (goats) or compost yard (chickens).

## 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast  
*Dining Room*

## 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Davening on the Derech w/Noah Slovin  
*Gazebo*  
Welcome Shabbat morning with a little davening on the derech - we'll pray with the trees and have some solo time to kick off the day.

## 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Camp Teva & Gan Adamah  
*Arts & Crafts*

## 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Trad Egal Service  
*Synagogue*

## 10:15 - 11:45 AM

Torah Service  
*Synagogue*

## 11:45 AM

One Big Circle + Kiddush  
*Great Hall*

## 12:15- 1:45 PM

Lunch  
*Dining Hall & Lounge*

## 1:45-3:45 PM

Open House  
*Beit Adamah*  
Take a walk down memory lane... to and through the Adamah House.

## 1:45-4:45 PM

Gan Adamah  
*Arts & Crafts*

## 1:45-4:45 PM

Camp Teva  
*Arts & Crafts*

## 2:00 - 5:00 PM

*Lawn Games*  
Between pool & main building  
Self-led, though Aitan Mizrachi is famous for never turning down a lawn game.

## 2:00 - 3:15 PM

Tarot with Claire Diamond  
*Red Yurt*

Get in touch with your embodied intuition! In this group reading, we'll use tarot cards as tools for personal growth and transformation. Claire Diamond has been reading tarot cards for over 20 years. She is also a somatic psychotherapist living in Vermont. Max 12 people.

Farm Tour w/Janna & Shamu

*Beebe Gate*

Come visit the holy land on Beebe Hill and hear about its recent history and plans for the future from two of its most committed stewards, Janna & Shamu.

Emergent Strategy & Diasporism w/Sol Weiss & Margot Seigle  
of Linke Fligl

*Synagogue*

As Jews living in occupied America in 2017, how do we relate to home, land and belonging? What informs these relationships and what do they have to do with our liberation work in our own communities and as allies to others? In this workshop, we'll explore spirit and culture as methods of organizing towards collective liberation via wisdom from Emergent Strategy by adrienne maree brown. Through song, text, sharing and discussion, we'll begin to unpack these questions of our relationships to ancestry and land as Jews and how they impact our work in the current global crisis.

## 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Prostration Mincha w/Jacob Fine  
*Red Yurt*

While bending knees and modest bowing is a familiar practice in Jewish prayer, full prostration is much less so. However, full prostration as an element of Jewish prayer was practiced at different moments in Jewish history. Probably the most notable practitioner and proponent of full prostration was R. Avraham Maimuni (1186-1237), the son of R. Moses Maimonides (the Rambam). In this mincha service, we will experiment with some of the prescribed prostrations of Avraham Maimuni. You may be surprised by how aerobic this is!

Poop & Pads: From Pipe Dream to Parnassa w/Yael Werber & Jason Kass

*Sunroom*

A discussion about new technologies addressing the most important waste management issue of our time: the matter exiting our own bodies. Hear from defecation expert Jason Kass, who is bringing composting toilets and increased standards of hygiene across the world, and discuss the future of sustainable period protection with entrepreneur and pad enthusiast Yael Werber.

Meet the Trees w/Elan Margulies

*Gazebo*

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.

# Saturday, November 18

## 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Seudah Shlishit (3rd meal) Shabbos Singing w/Becky Havivi  
*Synagogue*

Come sing - learn and teach songs - in the final hours of Shabbat. We'll sing and share niggunim (wordless melodies) that evoke the sadness, slow and longing energy as Shabbat ends and we prepare to make Havdallah and mark the transition to the rest of the week.

## 4:00 - 5:00 PM

3rd Meal & Kids' Meal  
*Lounge*

## 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Staying Focused and Present While Living in a World of Distraction w/Jacob Fine  
*Sunroom*

While we may now be living in an age of unprecedented stimulation and potential distractions, the challenge of staying focused is one that our ancestors faced as well. In this shiur, we will engage classical rabbinic sources which speak to the spiritual challenge of staying focused and present amidst the torrent of possible diversions.

Community Listening Hour w/Rebecca Bloomfield  
*Red Yurt*

Connect with other ADVAniks by sharing what is alive for you in a facilitated & confidential sharing circle, where we will practice listening and sharing, without discussion. Come share something you're trying to figure out, something you've been thinking about or feeling, etc. Note: we will start on time, and ask that folks not join if they are going to be late.

Jewish & Confused? Communal Jewish Journey Angst Expression Time w/Shaina Ariane  
*Synagogue*

In the throws of identity death and renewal? Still not really sure how to do this whole Jewish thing? Have a lot or not a lot of feelings about it? Want a playful and heart centered gathering to be with some of those questions and feelings? Come embody your confusion in this gathering of dramatic play, expressive games, text study by non Jewish sources (oooooh), and more (or less). For the Jewish and Confused!

## 6:30 PM

Havdalah w/Shelby & Tzuria  
*Great Hall*

## 6:50 PM

Ma'ariv  
*Synagogue*

## 7:00 - 7:45

Dinner & Open Space Conversations  
*Dining Room & Lounge*

Open space is a time to talk with other folks who are interested in discussing the same topic. Topics are crowdsourced from ADVAniks before and during reunion. Stay tuned to learn from Helen what the topics will be!

## 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Camp Teva Movie  
*Synagogue*

## 8:00 PM

THE BIG EVENT  
Harmony, not Keynote: ADVA Raffle and Fundraiser  
*Great Hall*

## 8:45 PM

Dance Party  
*Great Hall*

Tap your feet to the sweet sounds of the Berkshire Stompers and DJ Yaya

## 9:30 PM

Campfire  
*Fire Pit*  
S'mores. Instruments. Stories. Songs. S'mores.

Rosh Chodesh Circle w/Shani Mink  
*Red Yurt*

Welcome the new month of Kislev in a creative ritual space. All women, genderqueer, and non-binary ADVAniks are invited to come learn the secrets of Kislev and all this month has to teach us. We will move, sing, journal, share and open our hearts to the beauty of community.

Dancing Continued  
*Great Hall*

# Sunday, November 19

## 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Avodat Lev + Hallel w/Miriam Rubin & Noah Slovin  
*Synagogue*

Welcome the day and sing in the month of Kislev! Bring your instruments, voices, and dancing shoes for a raucous new month celebration combined with a traditional Avodat Lev.

## 7:30 AM

Option to Join Adamahniks on Chores  
*Barnyard & Compost Yard*

Help take care of our goats and chickens—meet at the barnyard (goats) or compost yard (chickens).

## 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast  
*Dining Room*

## 9:00 AM

Check out of rooms  
*Arts & Crafts*

Please bring all luggage to arts & crafts

BDL Airport Shuttle  
*Main Building*

## 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Shuk  
*Great Hall*

Come learn about projects started by ADVA alumni, stock up on Adamah goodies, get a limited-edition Adamah tshirt, soak up some Teva tunes, make a bike-blended smoothie, and more! *Bring your credit card to finalize your donations and to pick up your raffle prize*, and anything you'd like to contribute to a free swap!

## 10:15 AM

L'dor v'dor: Garlic Planting w/Janna  
*Beebe Hill*

Adamah & Teva Testimonies with Total Awesomeness Films  
*Beebe Hill*

## 11:30 AM

Closing Circle  
*Beebe Hill*

## 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lunch  
*Dining Room & Lounge*

## 1:00 PM

Departure

## 1:30 PM

Wassaic Shuttle

## 2:00 PM

BDL Airport Shuttle

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## A NOTE ABOUT SUNDAY

Though we wish the reunion could last forever, we do have another group coming in on Sunday, which means that during and after lunch on Sunday, our retreat staff will be working very hard to transition the space from ADVA to the incoming group. The Dining Hall will be available to you until 2pm to hang out in and to take your time and soak up the last few moments of ADVA! The rest of the main building will get cleaned and set up, and we invite you to either help out or steer clear of those spaces. Arts & Crafts will be available to you for all of your personal belongings. You are also welcome to be on campus- check out Beebe, visit the goats, hike the trails, etc. Thank you for helping us with this transition.





## CAPTURE THE MAGIC: A VIDEO CHALLENGE

This reunion we are trying to capture some of the magic that is ADVA. Help us with this video project by reflecting on this prompt throughout the weekend:

*How would you describe Adamah / TEVA / ADVA in 3 words or less?*

Come to the video table at the shuk on Sunday, and write your words on a giant piece of cardboard. Bring the cardboard with you to garlic planting...and stay tuned for details!

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## WHY DO SOME PEOPLE HAVE A BLUE STICKER ON THEIR NAMETAG?

These are our beloved monthly donors! They have committed to donating to Adamah and/or Teva on a monthly basis. Talk to them about their experience! You too could have a blue sticker.

Thank you to our monthly donors who are here this weekend:

Catherine Jampel  
Ahron Lerman  
Lauren Weinberg  
Lillian Siegel

Beth Myre  
Hannah Limov  
Sarah Shamirah Chandler  
Garth Silberstein

Rebekah Steinfeld  
Noah Slovin  
Tiferet Rose

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## CONNECT TO OTHER ADVANIKS IN YOUR REGION!

You'll notice that your nametag has your general region on it – this is to encourage connections between other folks in the same general region. If we got your region wrong, or you'd like to add another, please edit accordingly. We hope that this will help you all bring ADVA to your life outside of the Interdependent Republic of Housatonica.

# Bios

**Aharon N. Varady** he/him/his Teva 2010–Forever Cincinnati, Ohio

I want to find magic with you in this brief time we have together. Do you think it might be fun to explore the landscape and lore of Jewish storytelling though tabletop fantasy adventure role-playing? I brought some dice and my imagination. Back home, I help people craft their own prayerbooks as shamesh for the Open Siddur Project.

**Ahron Lerman** Adamah, Fall 2006 Cambridge, MA

I happily work as an urban forester for the State of MA, planting trees in underserved and under-treed neighborhoods statewide. It's tremendously rewarding and empowering. I like to cook soup and pizza, chat about bike commutes, do yoga, propagate houseplants, and hang out with my super sassy cat.

**Aidan Keeva** He/Him Adamah Spring 2013 Asheville, NC

I am originally from the Chicagoland area, but currently live in Asheville, NC. I am a graduate student studying (and practicing) Chinese Medicine (Acupuncture, Herbalism, etc.). I am currently working on a book on paradigms of embodiment and the way they influence the practice of medicine.

**Aitan Mizrahi** He Adamah 2004 Oakland, CA

I was born in a hospital. 16 years ago I rode my first camel. My next mode of transport will either be a bicycle, tricycle, or donkey. Sometimes I make it over to my lawn bowling club to bowl. I love Illustreet too. Julia Sheng wishes she could be here with us instead she's back at work covering for me. Thanks Julia.

**Alana Friedman** She/her Adamah Fall 2015 Long Island

Adamah had an extreme impact on my life and I am forever grateful

**Alec "Moss" Herberholz** He, Him, His Teva 2017 Isabella Freedman

Moss is 26 years old and comes from California. He loves dancing, slack-lining, spinning poi, and hunting for mushrooms. He has a bachelors degree in Psychology

and one in Theater Arts. He hopes to go to graduate school for psychology or social work soon. His favorite color is purple.

**Aly Halpert** She/her/hers Adamah Fall 2013 Millerton, NY

Aly Halpert loves reading Adamah fellow bios in the third person. She is a musician and writes songs about imagining different worlds and other things, likes collectively ending oppression, being a low-key witch, cuddling, being in community, and plants and earth. She also cares a lot about Jewish liberation and destroying the misconception that structural anti-semitism doesn't exist.

**Andrea Ross** she wife of Jason Ross Bethel, CT

I came to the Adva reunion in 2010 as a newbie to all things Jewish. When I left, I knew I wanted to belong to whatever it was I'd experienced. Since then I've made it my mission to weave my science/yoga/judaic/female self into one eclectic quilt. Today I am a wife and proud mother to baby Leo -- the densest baby in the land! Come squish him if you get a chance!

**Anna Hanau** she Adamah Summer '07, Farm Manager 2008-2009 Brooklyn

I run Grow & Behold with my husband Naf, bringing kosher pastured meats to folks all over the US. I'm a mom to three great kiddos. I've been part of a Rosh Chodesh group for over five years now. I love cooking and singing and giving thanks.

**Anna Sacks** She-her-hers Adamah fall 2013 New York City

I love Adamah, Freedman, compost, thrifting, art, rituals, exploring new places, and having meaningful conversations. I'm very happy to be here this weekend :)

**Arianna Skibell** Adamah 2016 Washington, DC

Arianna is writer and journalist currently covering Congress and climate change in D.C. In kindergarten she won the Bright Ideas award and has been thinking ever since. She misses the Adamah days of being dirty, tired and happy.

**Arielle Aronoff** she/her/hers Teva 2015 current Director of Teva Falls Village CT

Arielle loves to bake sourdough bread (from a 140 yr old starter). She is a wild edibles enthusiast, has a deep love for learning and teaching, and can hike for hours, days, months (that actually might be too long.) Wanna contra dance? Arielle is your gal.

**Asher David Lyon** he/him/his Adamah Summer 2014 Northampton, MA

I am a community farmer working and living in the bucolic Pioneer Valley in Western, MA. I plant lettuces in large greenhouses by day, and sip red wine with friends by night. My life is a series of experiential educational experiences, the most recent being a year long farmer training program at The Farm School in Orange, MA. I enjoy celebrating seasons in community, sacred male ritual, and playing with my sibling's puppies.

**Batsheva Glatt** She/Her Adamah Spring 2013, Teva 2013

Belleville, MI (outside of Ann Arbor) Currently, I work as an educator at Leslie Science & Nature Center in Ann Arbor, MI. This summer, I grew my first community garden plot. You can often find me outside in all kinds of Michigan weather, marveling at bugs and plants, and wearing brightly-colored UV protective clothing.

**Batya Franklin** they / them / theirs Fall Adamah 2017 Freedman / Boston

Batya is passionate about singing in community, peeling back the layers of their tenderqueer self, taking back power to shape their own Judaism, learning how to make things in order to contribute to the capitalist wheel a bit less, hanging out with dogs, watching women's basketball, and talking with friends about Big Ideas. talk to them about scorpio season, the enneagram, introversion, or interpreting dreams [or anything else!].

**Beth Myre** She Adamah Summer 2009 Manchester, CT

I'm so excited to see all of you and to return to the Mother Ship. I just moved from RI to the Hartford area to work for a translation company. Do you live nearby?

Do you know people who do? Please say hi!

**Bianca Ozeri** She/Her/Hers Adamah 2017 New York City

I'm studying Interreligious Engagement at Union Theological Seminary. I love baking, writing, and throwing pottery. I think my favorite season is Fall and learning how to farm changed my life!

**Caleb Zedek** He/Him/His TEVA- Fall '14, '15, '16, '17, Spring '17 Topsy Turvy Bus '16 7 Bedroom waterfront property on Lake Miriam

I enjoy climbing trees all the way to halfway up and then looking down and feeling stuck until my friends come and rescue me. I play guitar, but strongly prefer letting others hold the chords while I do the strumming. My all-time favorite game is called "how many people can we fit on this couch". My personal record is nine.

**Caryn Shebowich** She/They Teva 2017 Freedman!

TEFL teacher, queer youth worker, barefoot adventurer, Denverite, Chicago Avodahnik, Peru transplant, body positivity advocate, swing/blues/salsa dancer, conversationalist, chemistry geek, theatre/puppet enthusiast, travel lover. Would love to get to know you :)

**Catherine Jampel** She/her/hers Adamah Fall 2009 Washington, DC and Barre, Mass research (studying disability and inclusion), relationships (with all beings), repair (donor organizing for social justice)

**Chera Garlick** She/Her Adamah summer 2016, Teva 2017 Currently living at Freedman

**Claire Diamond** She/her Adamah fall 2012 Montpelier, VT

Claire is a somatic psychotherapist and tarot reader. She lives with her kitty in beautiful Vermont. She loves to dance, drink tea, and have deep/goofy conversations with friends.

**Dan Pinnolis** He/Him/His Teva 2015 Newton, MA

I'm a Boston-based graphic designer, artist, and life coach. I'm also currently

pursuing a Master's degree in Expressive Arts Therapy. In my free time I enjoy hiking, creating art, and improv acting.

**daniel bowman simon** he adamah summer 2009 the island of manhattan my favorite vegetable is still the brussel sprout. i would love to hear your radical thoughts. currently reading: braiding sweetgrass – indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge and the teachings of plants by robin wall kimmerer. currently listening: adamah avodat lev: service of the heart.

**Daniel Lev Kieval** he/him Teva 2011-2016 Northampton, MA

Daniel loves music, forests, spiritual practice, and you. There is a rumor that he was separated at birth from his true family, Felidae.

**David Blank** He, Him Teva 2007, 2012 Reisterstown, MD

David Blank has the distinction of being the first Teva kid to come back and teach more Teva kids, creating an exponential explosion of Jewish planet-protecting fun and songs that get stuck in your head forever! He completed his first season as a high-school intern in the spring of 2007. After college, David returned as a Teva educator for the spring and fall of 2012. He then returned home to sunny Baltimore and spent more than four years at the Pearlstone Center as a chef and outdoor educator. He is currently working as an ABA Instructor at Ivy Mount, a special education school in Rockville, MD.

**Eitan Sayag** He, him, his Adamah Fall 2017 Kfar/DC

**Elan** Teva 2007, 2014, 2015, 2016 New York

Elan aims to inspire joy and reverence for the natural world by introducing people to earth-based Jewish traditions and the wonders right outside their door. Elan is a music lover who thrives while finding wild edibles, brewing ginger beer and crafting with wood and metal.

**Elana Wilson** She/Her Adamah Summer 2015 NYC (UWS)

Elana works for a non profit teaching

nutrition in elementary schools throughout the Bronx. She is a lover of cooking, the outdoors, travel, and all things Adamah. Elana is always looking to explore new hiking trails and spiritual communities in and around NYC. All are welcome to join!

**Eli Bass** He/Him/His Teva 2004-2006 Selinsgrove, Pa

Just finished marathon #4. Lately I have a passion for baking bread. I also work run a small Hillel in central PA at Susquehanna University.

**Eli Margulies** she/her Adamah Fall 2008 Boston, MA

Eli loved Adamah (Fall 2008) so much that she has not missed any reunions! This year she is joined by Rafaela & Ami who are excited to play with their uncle Elan. Eli is a chef and owner of a NYC based personal chef business. She lives in Jamaica Plain, Boston.

**Eliana Willis** She/her Teva 2017 Here

Eliana is thrilled to be working at Teva this season. She can be found around Freedman watching birds, whittling spoons, or learning Torah. She wants to meet you and sing niggunim and play Big Rebbe, which she learned at sukkahfest.

**emet ezell** she/they Summer Adamah 2017 austin, TX

in no particular order, i am fond of the following: coffee, crying, heirloom tomato plants, existential philosophy, rock climbing, and spontaneous moments of genuine connection"

**Emily Sellman** Adamah Summer 2014 Brookline, MA Adamah Alum. Current Moishe House Brookline resident.

I work at the Center for Sustainable Energy in operations/management regarding state funded electric vehicle rebates in MA and CT. Proud Auntie. Yogi. Hiker. Runner. Traveler. Beach Bum. Big fan of Adamah pickles. Tap Dancer. Curly hair enthusiast. Originally from Baltimore.

**Emma Stuhl** she/her Adamah Fall 2011 (and the next two winters) South Burlington, Vermont

After years of teaching kids about



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nature, ecology, and food systems (with a farming/learning hiatus at Adamah), I moved to Vermont to attend the Field Naturalist M.S. Program. Now, I work to implement VT's Universal Recycling Law. I love to be active outside, cook, dance, sing, and hang out.

**Evan Henritze** Partner of Catherine Jampel Barre, MA / Brooklyn  
I currently spend half of my time in the woods of Massachusetts serving as Program Director at the Barre Center for Buddhist studies and the other half in my native island of Manhattan pursuing a degree in Clinical Psychology at the New School for Social Research. Lately, I've been researching the relationship between Compassion and Ethics for caregivers, riding around on Citibikes and packing nutritious meals for my twice weekly Amtrak trips.

**Frances Lasday** she/her/hers Topsy Turvy Bus 2015, 2016. Teva forever starting Fall 2016. Isabella Freedman!  
Frances is the Topsy Turvy Bus's biggest fan. She is the founder of Isabella Freedman Social Reading Club, enjoys learning about new functions in Excel, and is on a spiritual quest to embody Miss Frizzle.

**Gaia Fried** F Adamah '09 (?) Brooklyn NY  
I love Latin American literature. I teach high school social studies, public school, in Brooklyn. I am interested in hanging out with radical and loving people and goats. I believe in love beyond borders.

**Garth Silberstein** Him Adamah Fall 2011 Sacramento, CA  
I recently returned to the Sacramento Valley, where I was born and raised, where I serve as the rabbi of a small Orthodox synagogue. I'm interested in urban homesteading, intentional community, theater/clowning, Jewish outdoor adventures and figuring out how to combine all of the above with Torah study.

**Hannah Limov** She/her/hers Adamah 2015, Teva 2015 Asheville, NC  
I am a health ed teacher, Jewish youth group leader, and Jewish educator.

Things that make my heart glow: dancing of all kinds, baking challah, singing in community, exploring the outdoors, belly laughing (esp. with kids), talking about sex ed, and celebrating Shabbos shabbos shabbos!!!

**Helen Bennett** she Adamah Fall 2010 Boston  
Helen Bennett, originally from Seattle, is passionate about building resilient community rooted in ritual and focused on social justice, which has been the foundation for her work as a community organizer, facilitator and network weaver for over 10 years. After Adamah, she moved into a hub of Jewish social justice community in Boston and has been working with lots of different groups of people on rediscovering and developing skills for bringing about more justice and connectedness ever since. Right now, Helen is excited to be training to become a Spiritual Director.

**Ibby Shira Sadeh** She Sadeh child Falls Village  
Ibby is 9. She loves to draw and paint with watercolors, sing songs that she makes up, and play with babies. When she is on the farm, she enjoys hand weeding and harvesting vegetables. Her favorite vegetable is a cucumber. This season, she helped make dill pickles by brining and then packing them. She would like to be an art teacher and part time singer when she grows up.

**Isaac Tropp** He/Him Summer Adamah 2017 Highland Park NJ  
I am an independent thinker with a penchant for big ideas. Through my experience at Adamah I have gained a newfound love of the outdoors, farming and an environmentally friendly way of life. As well I have nurtured my fondness of all types of Jews. I am excited to share this weekend with everyone here.

**Itai Gal** they/he Adamah summer 2013, Teva 2016, Topsy Turvy Bus 2016 Boston  
Itai likes to write songs about God, Torah, Earth, and the state of the world. They also play Klezmer music. Their work life is teaching Judaism and Hebrew. Teva and Adamah are a big part of their life

and they have immense gratitude for the Adva community.

**Jaclyn Schwanemann** she/her/hers Adamah Summer 2010 The Interdependent Republic of Housatonica / Falls Village, Ir Hakodesh  
After doing Adamah in 2010, I lived in Spain for 3.5 years, where I taught English and then worked at a hostel on the Camino de Santiago. I returned to Isabella Freedman in 2014 and have worked in registration here ever since. I enjoy gardening, cooking, and food preservation. I'm a birth doula and want to continue to learn how to support people in the full spectrum of pregnancy experiences.

**Jacob Fine** Teva 1999-2001, Adamah 2005-2006 Northampton MA  
Rabbi Jacob is the Founder and Director of Abundance Farm. For the past 18 years, Jacob has worked and taught in the field of Jewish environmental and agricultural education. Jacob's current interests include the topics of hazeret, the earth as sacred and animate and prostration in Jewish prayer.

**Jaimie Sarane Cohn Sadeh** She Ima Sadeh Falls Village  
Jaimie has been exploring her own interests this year, including going on a meditation retreat alone while camping, teaching the art of bookmaking in an after school program, raising monarch butterflies, and experimenting with sourdough. She created and led her own weaning ritual after nursing her children for many years and looks forward to nourishing many in her growing (slowly) art therapy practice."

**Janna Diamond** she/her Adamah fall 2013 Hastings on Hudson--30 min north of NYC  
Janna Diamond spends her days integrating learnings, building her capacity to be in truth, and exploring how to be of service in this time. She works in grassroots advocacy, organizing Jews around the global refugee crisis at HIAS.

**Janna Siller** She/Her Adamah since 2011 Falls Village

Janna 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 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 daughter Tzuf and their cats.

**Jason Kass** Teva 2009 Brooklyn, NY

Jason runs Toilets for People (TfP), a social business that designs and manufactures waterless composting toilets and trains NGO partners in the developing world how to install and maintain them. On the side, he hosts guests at rustic rental properties in Vermont. He likes biking around Brooklyn and feeding hummingbirds.

**Jason Ross** Adamah summer 05' Bethel CT

Could be a lot to tell. Married to Andrea with beautiful baby Leo Moshe ross poopoopoo.

**Josh Karbelnig** his him Adamah Fall 2008 Los Angeles, CA

Elementary school teacher. Community garden member. Bread baker. Analog photographer. World Traveler.

**Josh Luckens** He Teva 08-09 Cambridge, MA

full above the brim  
feet first, with a swish,  
through the air.  
so was I once a swinger of birches,  
and so I dream of going back to be.  
earth's the right place for love;  
I'd like to go up climbing,  
toward heaven,  
till the tree dips its top and sets me down again. "

**Joshua Rosenstein** He Adamah Fall 2006, Pickler '06-'08 Baltimore, MD

Rosenstein is an Israeli-American farmer, chef, writer, Permaculturalist and entrepreneur. After helping start the

Adamah pickling business and serving as Farm director at the Pearlstone Center he launched Edible Eden Baltimore Foodscapes llc. He and his wife Teri are currently learning how to be parents to chief shovav Malakai Wolf.

**Julie Rezmovic-Tonti** Teva 2002, 2003, Adamah 2003 Fairfax, VA

Julie is a Human Being, a mother, wife, poet, and yogi. Working at Gesher Jewish Day School in Northern VA, where she does runs the Gesher Green environmental center on 30 acres of land, does Outreach, and teaches Judaics. In her spare time she like to breathe, laugh, and read.

**Julie Stultz** Fine partner of Jacob (Teva and Adamah) Northampton, MA

I am a soil lover, a cover crop expert, graduate student, ex-farmer, Jacob's better half, and mother of two feisty girls.

**Laura Bellows** she/her Teva 2005-2012 Boston, MA

Laura found her home at Teva in 2005 and grew her love of transformative Jewish education, earth-based justice work, and topsy-turvy buses over the next 6+ years as Teva's first Director of Congregational and Community Programs. Laura is a JOFEE mentor, soferet, 5th year rabbinical student (Hebrew College), and recently engaged (thanks, Hazon Food Conference)!

**Laura Held** She Adamah Summer '09, IF mashgicah 9/09-8/10 Rochester, NY

Nutrition Resource Manager for Foodlink (Feeding America regional food bank). MS Nutrition from Tufts' Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Vegan. Animal Mom. From Massachusetts.

**Lauren Greenberg** she/her/hers Adamah 2013, Teva 2014, 15, & 16 Brooklyn

I enjoy spending my time building Jewish community, running or biking in the park, baking desserts that contain vegetables & sharing thoughts on books and podcasts.

**Lauren Weinberg** She, Her, Hers Adamah Fellow Fall '07 and Adamah Staff Summer '09 - Spring '11 Kansas City, Missouri

I'm looking forward to celebrating Shabbat and sharing new memories with the ever-growing Adva community.

**Lev Avi Sadeh** He Sadeh child Falls Village Lev is 4 3/4. He loves to harvest peppers and cherry tomatoes and cut them up into a salad, dig bones and worms out of the compost, and hunt for ground cherries. He wants to be a lighthouse keeper, tooth fairy, and have a rock band with his friends when he grows up.

**Lillian Siegel** Adamah summer 2008 Boston

Lillian is a midwife. She loves to hike and swim and sing.

**Lily Siegel** They&She Adamah Fall 2017 BA/Boston

**Linda Miriam Aziz-Zadeh** Adamah Fall 2005 Venice Beach, California

Linda Miriam is the Co-Founder of Crunchy Buzz, a digital wellness marketing firm serving the alternative health industry. She spent a large portion of the last ten years living in Israel. She loves writing, singing, blissing out in nature, organic gardening, and wrestling her friends.

**Lizzy Cantor** she Teva 2013! Northampton, MA

I currently teach Middle School Science at a Catholic school and 7th grade Hebrew School in Northampton....

**Margot Seigle** they/she adamah 2012 Millerton, NY

Margot Seigle is a community builder & ritual leader in practice who co-runs a queer Jewish chicken farm called Linke Fligl (left wing in yiddish). She hails from the midwest and currently lives in the Hudson Valley, but calls the Jewish diaspora home. Margot deeply believes in the liberatory potential of song and is so grateful for the opportunity to co-create a space that holds that vision.

**Matthew Goldfield** partner of Helen Bennett Boston, MA

Bearded cook, community builder, computer engineer, and pond swimmer. Music is the glue that keeps him together. Good at sleeping in most situations.

**Mel Rivkin** She/her/hers ADAMAH Fall 2012, Winter '13 Work trade Chicago, Illinois Passion about cultivating Jewish



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space, language of respect and consent, creating art connected through the source!! and finding at least one new aspect of life to hold onto every day :)

**Miriam Rubin** she/her Adamah Summer of 2005 NYC

An introverted extrovert, she does her best to keep her breath deep, and her heart open, her connections strong, and her body limber amidst the sometimes hard, yet pulsing, urban jungle of NYC. She also finds a strong sense of home and peace in the Berkshire Mountains, where she spent many summers of her life, and thinks about one day co-creating a co-housing community in the area, or nearby. She's interested to hear how you're creating community and/or are longing to create a life-sustaining culture. Professionally, with lots of heart and soul, Miriam currently serves as Director of Programming and Membership at Romemu.

**Naf Hanau** he Adamah Summer '06, Greenhouse Manager 2007 Brooklyn  
I run Grow & Behold, which Anna and I started about 7 years ago. When not at work, I'm chasing my toddlers, feeding the chickens in the backyard, helping with the Adamah goat shechita, or going to board meetings at CKI, the oldest Orthodox shul in Crown Heights.

**Naomi Bennett** She/her Adamah spring 2016; Teva fall 2017 Freedman! I'm loving living here at Isabella Freedman for another season :) I'm currently feeling excited by fall in the northeast and experiential education - yay Teva! And looking so forward to connecting with you all!

**Naomi Bilmes** Wife of Noah Slovin Somerville, MA  
I teach Judaics and English Lit at Gann Academy. I love books - including the Torah. I practice yoga, and I'm committed to continuous learning about Jewish practice and text. I'm really into Noah Slovin, my husband.

**Naomi Izen** Adamah 2013, Adamah Apprentice 2014 Somerville, MA  
You probably will find me dancing

ecstatically somewhere or crafting floral decor. Grateful to this bright and love-filled community!

**Neshama Sonnenschein** She/her/hers Teva Educator, 2017 Isabella Freedman  
Hi, this is my first year as an educator, and I was here as a student in the fall 2003. During the Teva week, you can find me being a tree, and Rethink of Rethink and The Revolutionaries. My favorite part of the water cycle is filtration.

**Noah Schoen** he/him Adamah Spring '17 Boston  
Through his time spent organizing in different communities, Mr. Schoen has acquired many skills such as talking about his feelings, dissecting complex group dynamics, and making videos about eating delicious food. In his free time he enjoys singing, cleaning dishes that aren't his, and playing and following sportsball.

**Noah Slovin** He Teva 2010-2012, Topsy Turvy Teva Bus Tour 2011 Somerville, MA  
Since the Teva years I've gone on to work for a consulting company helping towns adapt to climate change and mitigate natural hazards. When I'm not doing that I try to spend time running around in the woods, finding local adventures, and singing Shabbat songs.

**Noah Wolf-Prusan** He/His/Him Adamah Fall 2017 Falls Village, CT... soon to be in Agahozo Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda. From San Francisco, CA. Worked for a Jewish Teen Leadership camp in NY. I love to kayak, walk slowly in the woods, and bake challah. Finishing up as a Fall 17' Adamahnik!! Next thing in my life journey: I'm moving to Rwanda for a year!

**Rachel Cohn** She/her/hers Adamah Fall 2014 Los Angeles, CA  
I'm a rabbinical student at the Ziegler School in Los Angeles. I live with my Husband, Andrew, who I met at IF while I was doing Adamah! I grew up in Chicago suburbs but do not miss the winter. I do, however, miss the Freedman goats!

**Rachel English** she/her/hers ADAMAH Summer 2010-Spring 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Rachel found the container of her town in Missouri to be too small so she transplanted herself to Minneapolis, MN. She's picked up on a few characteristics of the local ecosystem, such as pronouncing the name of IF's favorite animal as if it had a few extra O's. She works (as an organizer at Jewish Community Action), but is at reunion to play at being a farmer and forest-dweller again.

**Rachel Tali Kaplan** she/her/hers Adamah Summer & Fall 2004 Jamaica Plain, MA  
Adamah sparked an amazing, decade-long farm journey. Now my beloved stirrup hoe lives behind an enormous stack of books which are the tools for my latest adventure as a Hebrew College Rabbinical School student!

**Rebecca Bloomfield** she/her/hers Adamah 2005, Adamah staff 2015-present Falls Village  
I love: Adamah, my family, my new nephew Walker and niece Evie, early morning rituals like coffee, yoga, or lake swims, my family's cottage on a lake where you can still drink the water, my little home in downtown FV, dogs, and all four seasons.

**Rebekah Steinfeld** she/hers Teva 2010-2012 Northampton, MA  
Keeping the Teva spirit alive in western mass, I'm always trying to meet more trees, eat/cook yummy local food, and sing/pray/learn in Jewish community. I'm also the Assistant Director at UMass Amherst Hillel.

**Robert Greenberg** He/Him Adamah 2016 Isabella Freedman  
I am so excited to reconnect with my Adamah cohort, and I love them a lot. I worked as the Value Added Products Apprentice for the past year, after teaching in New Orleans and the Bay Area. I am originally from California, and enjoy community, learning, and experimenting with fermentation.

**Rory Katz** She/Her Adamah Summer 2014 Bronx, NY  
I'm currently a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary. I am currently serving as student rabbi at

Congregation Chevrei Tzedek (Friends of Justice), an informal, participatory, and justice-oriented community in Baltimore.

**S.Fenyvesi.S** He Teva 95-96, Adamah 2004-2017 IRH

Intentions: Staying put and keeping things moving, Not new but striving for Re-New-al, Rooted but not stuck

**Sarah Chandler** she/her/hers Teva 2003, Teva 2004, Adamah 2010-2014 Brooklyn, NY

Sarah Chandler, also known as /Kohenet Shamirah Bechirah/ is a weaver of earth-based rituals & a visionary of modern Judaism. She lives in Park Slope Brooklyn where she is an urban garden educator, plant communicator, priestess, and curriculum consultant. Famous for ""soft baby goat love pile"" YouTube video.

**Sarah Eisenstein** she/her Adamah fall '09 Baltimore

Living the nursing life in Baltimore! Also spend time dedicated to social justice and being the mom of two dogs.

**Sarah Kaplan Gould** She/her Adamah Fall 2017 Brooklyn

Before doing Adamah in Fall 2017, I graduated with an MFA in Creative Writing and have spent the past few years teaching English, writing poetry, and biking around Brooklyn. I'll be coming back to Prospect Heights in December and am excited about connecting with other folks in the area, especially for Shabbat and any kind of group singing! I'm also starting up the job hunt (preferably teaching, but qualified for a wide range of work) and wanted to shamelessly post about it in this bio to see if I might get connected with people working in interesting organizations. Looking forward to the reunion!

**Sarah Salem** She/hers Current Teva Educator Chestnut!

Sarah is a witch who aspires to one day live long enough in one place to grow a garden. She is sometimes shy in large groups, and sometimes not at all. Good conversation starters include: Can you tell me about your dream of creating an immersive Jewish-experiential-theatre-

and-nature-program-centered around healing? How many dogs did you have when you were eight years old? Want to make soup with me? She grew up on the West Coast, worked at Camp Tawonga, lived in the Domes when she studied at UC Davis, and has spent a few years after college exploring Spain, theatre education, herbalism, and outdoor education. Follow her on Instagram at #collated23

**Shani Yael Mink** She/Her/Hers Adamah Fall 2015 Baltimore, MD

Shani grew up in suburban New Jersey where she spent her days playing in the woods with her brother, biking with her father or visiting farms with her mother. She was first introduced to the world of Hazon and JOFEE education at Eden Village where she worked as a farm educator. Shani has been working in agriculture five years, including management of her campus community garden, completion of a Permaculture design course at Hava vi' Adam, and participation in the ADAMAH fellowship. She was a pioneer in the very first cohort of the JOFEE fellowship in which she worked at both Pushing the Envelope Farm and at the Pearlstone Center. After finishing the fellowship, Shani took on the role of farm steward in which she tends the fields and cares for Pearlstone's furry and feathered friends. When she is not farming, Shani is working to fill the need for an inclusive, international, multigenerational network of Jewish Farmers. She is passionate about Jewish environmental education and is excited to see how the Jewish Farmer Network will change the landscape of Jewish life. Shani is determined, bold and playful and she's so excited to be reconnecting with the fine folk of the ADVA network.

**Shira Frager** she Adamah '14 Boston

My passion for farming and the outdoors began during my summer on Adamah and, though at the moment I don't work in this field, it will forever have a special place in my heart. I spend my days running around with a bunch of 2, 3 and 4-year-olds in a preschool in the Boston area and my free time watching professional (and

non-professional) improv, running, and sometimes trying to keep warm in the freezing Boston snow.

**Shirley Politzer** Teva 2002 Washington DC

I love spending time outdoors, whether i'm biking, camping at a music festival, gardening, swimming, playing tennis, practicing yoga, relaxing in nature or just walking around on a beautiful day. i love working on the potters wheel, cooking, hosting, dancing, connecting people and inspiring others to go for what they've always dreamed.

My motto is, ""If you don't ask, the answer is NO!""

**Simcha Halpert-Hanson** they/their/ them Adamah Summer 2016 Isabella Freedman

I am currently an Adamah field apprentice as well as leader of song, teacher in Torah texts and the art of making Klaf. I am moving on from Adamah to new experiences of learning and growth come Winter!

**Sonia Wilk** Teva 2012-2015 Western Mass  
Sonia now lives in the beautiful Western Mass area and is the Director of Youth and Family Programs for the Springfield JCC. After 4 years with Teva, she is still passionate about bringing experiential education and nature based learning to programming she does for work. She can often be seen with her favorite companion and pet Macaw- Munah Chaya. She is PUMPED to be dancing and singing with you all this weekend!

**Susannah Davidson** She/Her Adamah Spring 2015 Champaign, IL

**Teri Jedeikin** Elat Chayim intern 2005; Pearlstone educator 2011-2014 Baltimore  
Teri's bio is a tapestry of travels, talents, triumphs, trials and tribulations. She is a South African born, Asia inspired, US rooted Jewish woman with a multi textured approach to life, love and lambs. Professional highlights can't be summarized succinctly...The rest is commentary. Together with her husband, Josh Rosenstein, she delights in the adventures of Minka and Malakai Wolf

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(her fluffy canine baby and her chubby human one).

**The Bergmans** Nora Bergman- Adamah summer of 2012 Buffalo, NY

Nora and Ori met while Nora was participating in Adamah. Since then, we lived in Toronto, then to Israel for 3 years after which we returned to the U.S. We lived in Stony Brook, Long Island and most recently moved, with our 3 young kids to Buffalo where we are working for the Jewish community.

**Tiferet Rose** She/Her Teva 2008, Kayam Farm staff '09-'11 Providence, RI (newly!)

Tiferet has recently been trying recipes from both the Gefilte Manifesto as well as Modern Jewish Cooking (obv). She has plans to own chickens one day (duh) and generally hangs her laundry on a drying rack (obv). She thinks inviting people to weddings via txt is totes inappropriate, but that won't stop her from attending. Her classroom pets are Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches and the mites that live upon them.

**Yisrael Eli Schwartz** He Adamah summer 2017 Bath, ME

I can't wait to be back at Isabella. It was life changing for me! I am currently living in Bath, ME. I am working as a tutor at a private boarding school and am also freelancing as a sign language interpreter while still in school for sign language interpreting. Since, being back from Adamah, I am still trying to figure out how to include Judaism into my life in a way that makes me feel spiritually satisfied. I joined a small temple down the street from my house. I hope to start meeting regularly with the Rabbi to learn Hebrew. There is still something missing though, I'm still searching and always will be in finding a deeper connection to myself and my spirituality in a Jewish context.

**Yonah Sadeh** He/Him son of Shamu and Jaimie Republic of Housatonic

The recently Bar Mitzvahed Yonah flies 100 feet above Beebe Hill on a regular basis and continues to make films. This past summer he went to an art camp called Bucks Rock for a month and made

a wooden table, soldered earrings for his sister, and learned to really DJ. The counselors wanted to hire him in the film dept. He plays drums in his school band and helps his teachers (and parents) figure out modern technology.

**Yosh Schulman** He Teva Spouse (official title) married to Nili Simhai Northampton, MA

Software programmer for Center for Ecotechnologies and marathon runner/triathlete. Father of Tal.

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Those who helped shape this reunion by volunteering to lead classes, hikes, blessings, songs, workshops, davening, and more.

Past Teva & Adamah staff for being the ruach and love that keep the flames of Adva burning bright, and that keep the ripples flowing.

Everyone who is here this weekend who chose to prioritize coming home and connecting with other Advaniks over the many other things that tug us in different direction in this busy and beautiful life.

Hazon – our umbrella organization – for always believing in and enthusiastically supporting these two transformative programs, for moving the field forward, and for continuing to nurture ADVA, and specifically for making it possible to offer extremely subsidized rates to alumni this weekend.

And finally –

Thank you to the incredible planning team who has been working on this since January. This weekend would not have happened without them!



**Rachel Tali Kaplan**  
Adamah 2004



**Lauren Greenberg**  
Adamah 2013,  
Teva Staff 2014-2016



**Noah Slovin**  
Teva 2010-2012



**Miriam Rubin**  
Adamah 2005



**Rebecca Bloomfield**  
Adamah 2005,  
Adamah Staff 2015-Present





## Help us #GrowHazon this Giving Tuesday!

Hazon is spreading the word about a healthier, more sustainable world for all on Giving Tuesday (11/28), a day of tzedakah after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Throughout the day, we will be sharing stories from our Hazon supporters on social media.

As Adamah and Teva alumni, you all have great Hazon stories. Some ideas to write about:

*Why did you decide to sign up for Adamah or Teva?*

*How did the experience change you?*

*What are you doing differently now as a result of your experience?*

Share your personal story on Facebook and Instagram along with a photo, with the hashtag #GrowHazon. We really appreciate your support.

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