

# Hazon Monthly Report: November 2017

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## What You Can Do

- Join us or spread the word about our upcoming retreats:
  - Space is still available for the [Meditation retreat](#), while will be one of our largest in years.
  - Registration for [Passover](#) and a few other 2018 retreats are now open. New for Passover 2018, in addition to signing up for just the Seders or Last Days you can now add one 1-3 extra days during Chol haMoed, or just come up for Chol haMoed itself.

## External: Program Overview and Impact

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### November Multi-Day Events

This past month we had 600 people visit Isabella Freedman as well as 175 people travel to Israel.

August Events	Type	Start Date	End Date	People	People Days
Israel Ride	Israel	31-Oct	8-Nov	176	1,408
Dorot Alumni	Org Retreat	3-Nov	5-Nov	98	25,690
Jewish Men's Retreat	Org Retreat	10-Nov	12-Nov	80	22,100
Adva Reunion	Hazon Retreat	17-Nov	19-Nov	178	17,582
Ayeka	Org Retreat	19-Nov	21-Nov	11	4,500
Teva Week 5	Teva	6-Nov	9-Nov	56	224
Teva Week 6	Teva	13-Nov	16-Nov	85	340
Teva Week 7	Teva	27-Nov	30-Nov	83	332
<b>November Total</b> (Freedman only)				<b>591</b>	<b>1,934</b>
<b>2017 to Date</b>				<b>6,101</b>	<b>24,650</b>

*\*People days equals number of people times number of days.*

*For financial information and comparisons to previous years, please see "Internal" section below*

### Israel Ride

On October 31, 164 Riders and 12 Chaverim embarked on a week-long journey from Jerusalem to Eilat, experiencing the beauty of the Negev Desert and learning about the history, people, and land of Israel.

*"To me when you can see both Egypt and Jordan while in Israel brings the fragility of the region to my heart. It makes me in awe of how we have survived forever in the region, any time I complete a big climb, I feel a little like the engine that could. Self-accomplishment as a newer rider is a great feeling."*

*"After an incident in the Old City on Erev Shabbat before the ride a Palestinian shop owner saw me upset, he had me sit down and spoke with me until I felt better, some of the words he said were with me throughout the ride, 'You belong to Israel'. At first they just felt like words, but after going from end to end of the land I truly understood that my neshama does belong to Israel."*

*"Watching my dad pedal up to the top of a steep climb was an amazing moment that I will never forget. Climbing out of the Arava Valley on the last day was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I waited 2 years to come back on the ride to be able to accomplish climbing the hill."*

## Dorot Alumni

In addition to being one of our funders, Dorot is one of our most loyal customers, having held their fall alumni retreat annually for 15 years and more recently having staff training and fellowship kickoffs at Freedman.

*"Everything was perfect. Really . . . it was a great experience. I can't think of anything for you to improve upon. Sorry. Maybe linen sheets and spa services? Thanks for everything, as always." – Steve Jacobson*

## Jewish Men's Retreat

The Jewish Men's Retreat began as an Elat Chayyim retreat, and continues to come to Isabella Freedman each year as an outside organizational retreat. 80 men came with a spirit of brotherhood to engage in deep spiritual and emotional work.

*"Participants left the event with a warm feeling both for the retreat, and setting where it was held... the entire staff at Isabella Friedman did an excellent job, and made us feel extremely welcomed." – Anonymous participant*

## Adva Reunion

Continuing our biennial tradition, we brought alumni of Adamah and Teva together to reconnect with others who shared the same transformative experience at Freedman. Programming included a community listening hour, separate time for Adamah and Teva alumni, a Teva band, and our traditional garlic planting on Sunday. Our fundraising raffle and general ask raised twice as much as prior years.

*"I came because Adamah changed who I am and my sense of hope for the world." – Anonymous participant*

## Ayeka

Ayeka is an organization known for a style of teaching which they call "soulful education" and had their first retreat at Isabella Freedman. The attendance included Ayeka staff, a few teachers from the BiCultural Day School in Stamford CT (a school that also comes for Teva) and teachers from other institutions, including some from Israel.

## Teva

November brought in 18 schools with 200 students. We had three weeks of Advanced Teva, an all-time high. Returning students had the opportunity to deepen their relationship with the forest and further develop their relationships with each other. November also brought with it our first batch of completed Brit Adamah from Teva week 1. Teva students make a promise to the Earth that they will keep for six weeks. In return we send them a handmade, clay earth bead. Teva Educators connected to Judaism at its most basic roots, through Bread and Torah, a perennial training favorite.

## Education, One-Day Events & Regional Work

October One-Day Events	Region	Date	People
Early Childhood Conference - Class offered	Detroit	2-Nov	30
Detroit Lay Leadership Dinner and Learn with Nigel	Detroit	12-Nov	25

Farm Foraging, Digging our Roots	Detroit	19-Nov	25
Chanu-Con Tabling and Greening	Detroit	19-Nov	400
Leadership Panel at JTS - List College	New York	1-Nov	10
Columbia Hillel Pickling Workshop	New York	1-Nov	12
B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School Craft Elective	New York	2-Nov	7
Lunch and Learn at Brotherhood Synagogue	New York	11-Nov	25
Global Day of Jewish Learning	New York	12-Nov	20
Decomposition Activity Tabling	New York	23-Nov	25
Giving Tuesday at CRS	New York	28-Nov	60
Natural Brewing Workshop	New York	30-Nov	8
Pre-school Nature Education	Other	21-Nov	15
Nature & Social Justice Tefillah Elective	New York	30-Nov	12
Temple Beth Shalom: Speaking Engagement	Philadelphia	3-Nov	150
<b>November Sub Total</b>			<b>824</b>
<b>2017 Total to Date</b>		<b>144 events</b>	<b>16,638</b>
<b>2016 Total through November</b>		<b>182 events</b>	<b>19,528</b>

## Adamah

- We had an incredible final two weeks of the fall cohort. We graduated 15 successful fellows into the alumni family.
- The Adva Reunion was a large part of Adamah's month. We welcomed Rabbis Linda Motzkin & Jonathan Rubenstein back to lead a "Bread & Torah" workshop for the Adamahniks & Tevaniks, and it is always a huge success and helps fellows think in yet another way about Torah.
- We already have seven fellows accepted for the 2018 season and we are continuing interviews.

## Colorado

- Sarah Kornhauser worked with Hyatt, Kol Foods, and Emanuel J. Freedman Philanthropies to ensure that as much meat at the Hillel International Global Assembly was higher welfare. This resulted in more plant-based food being served, and almost all of the chicken and beef at the conference being higher welfare. This was a big accomplishment locally as animal welfare has been a significant thrust of our work.
- The Colorado OneTable Passbook is an initiative aimed at getting 20 and 30 somethings to have different Shabbat and Jewish experiences. Hazon Colorado is listed in the passbook twice. One experience participants can check off is hosting a locally sourced Shabbat where they can buy produce from one of two local Jewish Farms and the second opportunity is to attend our local Jewish Food Festival. This event was to launch the passbook and create momentum for people to think about how they want to complete their passbook, and get entered to win the grand prize of an Epic Ski Pass. There were 115 people in attendance.

*"I wanted to thank you so much for all of your work and support these past few weeks for the Passbook Launch. I COULD NOT have done it without you and your constant willingness, generosity, and compassion are not overlooked. I am so unbelievably lucky to be able to work with you and cannot thank you enough for having my back and ensuring that OneTable Colorado is successful. I really hope that you all feel amazing about the amount of support you gave me and this community. We're building something incredible together. I feel so indebted to all of you who were there to set up, organize, invite, recruit, and take down this event. Please know*

*that you're making a huge difference in my life, my work, and the community I strive to sustain. You are the best people I could ask to work with and make my job something special.”* – Colorado One Table Director

## Detroit

- **Early Childhood Conference - Class offered:** Taught a natural materials class on provocations.
- **Detroit Lay Leadership Dinner and Learn with Nigel:** Great event bringing together Rabbis and lay leaders/stakeholders on Seal of Sustainability. We brought in our Food Festival chef Jared Bobkin (Hell's Kitchen chef) who created a meal and spoke about local eating, then Nigel presented.
- **Farm Foraging, Digging our Roots:** We brought together residents of Detroit's North End and Jewish young adults at Oakland Avenue farm, to forage for ingredients in a make-and-take Fire Cider medicinal tonic.
- **Chanu-Con Tabling and Greening:** Hazon in Detroit Greened the event, and tabled with a beeswax Shamus-making activity (Bee the Leader and Protect the Environment). We ensured compostable plates and cutlery for the caterers, we brought in recycling stations and educational signs, and we arranged for Absopure/no plastic water bottles.

## New York

- **Leadership Panel at JTS - List College:** We spoke on a panel on professional careers in the Jewish nonprofit world.
- **Columbia Hillel Pickling Workshop:** We did a pickling workshop with college students from Columbia Hillel.
- **B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School Craft Elective:** We continued to run the craft-based electives with students at B'nai Jeshurun. Crafts included felted Kippot, and recycled glass kiddush cups.
- **Lunch and Learn at Brotherhood Synagogue:** We led a lunch and learn about greening your synagogue to a group that included the cantor and rabbi.
- **Global Day of Jewish Learning:** Elan taught a session on blessings titled, "Blessings for the Good, Bad and the Ugly" for the Global Day of Jewish Learning in Manhattan.
- **Decomposition Activity Tabling:** Helped lead a tabling event run by Hillel and Environmental club, hosted a decomposition activity
- **Giving Tuesday at CRS:** Introduced Hazon Seal of Sustainability, led two classroom environmental activities with students
- **Natural Brewing Workshop:** We taught a brewing workshop, which covers the basics of brewing natural drinks and the science behind fermentation. We made ginger beer and hard cider that the Base used at their next Shabbat!
- **Nature & Social Justice Tefillah Elective:** We taught at Heschel high school about the interrelatedness of Jewish, environmental, and social justice themes related to Noah.

## Hazon Seal

- We held consulting calls with the Fall 2017 sites, implemented a new internal organizational system for tracking all Seal sites' progress, formalized partnership with GrowTorah which included accepting 2 new GrowTorah/Seal sites (SAR and BPY).

## JOFEE Fellowship

- JOFEE Webinars upon webinars! This month our Fellows learned from Rabbi Jessy Gross – Senior Director of Jewish Learning and Life at the Baltimore JCC and founder of Charm City Tribe – on models of community engagement and development. We were joined in our second hour by our JOFEE mentors for shared learning and workshopping of opportunities and challenges in JOFEE locations around the country.
- We have secured sixteen placement-fellow matches for the third cohort, of an expected eighteen.
- Camp Tawonga hired their cohort 2 fellow Leora Cockrell to stay on full-time following the end of the Fellowship.
- We submitted our November 2017 semi-annual grant report to the Jim Joseph Foundation.

## Video and News

### News

- [18+ Jewish Organizations to Support \(That are Not the Federations or JNF\)](#)  
by Rachel Brustein, *Jewschool*, November 29, 2017
  - [CSU Hillel First in the Nation to Receive Certified Sustainability Rating](#)  
*Boulder Jewish News*, November 16, 2017
  - [Rose Community Foundation Announces Grants from Q2 and Q3 of 2017](#)  
*Boulder Jewish News*, November 9, 2017
  - [Envisioning Jewish Ed at the JCC](#)  
by Vivian Henoeh, *myJewishDetroit*, November 6, 2017
  - [Reflections on New York Terror Attack, Israel Bike Ride and Beyond](#)  
*The Philadelphia Jewish Voice*, November 4, 2017
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