

Upcoming Events:



Thursday, May 25
9:30am-11:30am
Park Heights JCC

Registration is required!
www.cjebaltimore.org/shake-up



Sunday, June 4
10am-3pm
Rosenbloom Owings
Mills JCC
www.jcc.org/blockparty



Young Jewish Women's Book Club

Sunday, June 11
4:00-5:00pm
Van Gogh Café
300 S. Ann Street
www.associated.org/bookclub



Hands-on Happy Hour with Repair the World

Thursday, June 22
6:00-8:00pm
Barcocina
1629 Thames St,



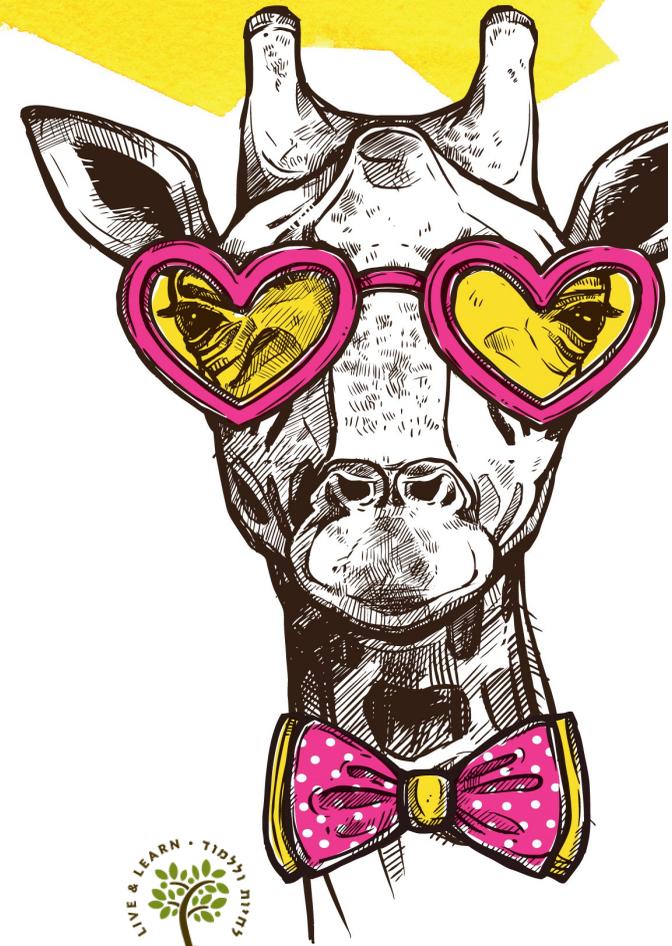
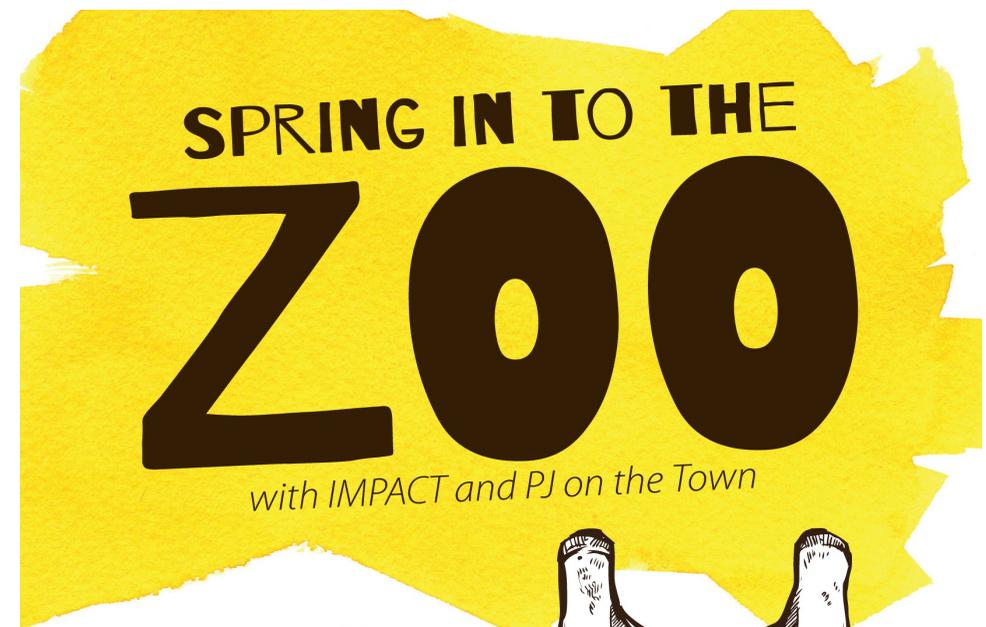
National Young Leadership Summer Mission to Israel

July 3-9, 2017
www.associated.org/impactmission



Tot Shabbat at the Pool

Friday, July 14
4:30pm-7pm
Rosenbloom Owings
Mills JCC Rec Park
www.cjebaltimore.org/pool2017



Use this space to color your favorite animal!

About PJ Library and PJ Our Way

PJ Library and PJ Our Way are programs that send free Jewish-themed books and music on a monthly basis to children ages six months through age 11 years. Through the Center for Jewish Education, PJ Library is available to families in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County. Not only do families receive a book, but through PJ on the Town and other such events, families can connect to an entire community of other families and discover what's Jewish around town.

www.pjlibrary.org www.pjourway.org

About The Associated and IMPACT

The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore functions as the central fundraising, community planning, and umbrella organization for a network of non-profits and programs that serve the Jewish community both locally and abroad. IMPACT, the young adult division of The Associated, brings together adults in their 20's and 30's to explore their Jewish journeys. Programs range from fundraising to leadership development to social and beyond!

www.theassociated.org/20s30s

About The Maryland Zoo

The Maryland Zoo's mission is to engage people with the wonder of the living world through personal encounters that foster lifelong harmonious relationships with nature. All of the "Zoo-ish" info in this booklet can be found on the zoo website.

www.marylandzoo.org

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Schedule of the day:

10:15am - Meet at the Prairie Dogs

10:45am - 1st Station

11:10am - 2nd Station

11:35am - 3rd Station

12:00pm - 4th Station

Shalom PJ Library and IMPACT families and
welcome to the Maryland Zoo!

We are so happy to have you here with us to explore spring, animals, and the holiday of receiving the Ten Commandments - *Shavuot*! The four animals we will be learning about (prairie dogs, penguins, lions, and chimpanzees) are a core part of the animal kingdom, just as the Ten Commandments are a core part of the Jewish people. These animals represent community, growth, cooperation, and communication - all words related to rejuvenation and *Shavuot*. At the story station we will read the PJ Library *Shavuot* story *Sadie and the Big Mountain*, by Jamie Korngold. Our program ends at 12:15pm. Afterwards, feel free to explore the rest of the zoo for the day.

Thank you for visiting the zoo with us today, and we look forward to seeing you at future PJ Library and IMPACT events!

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After we left Egypt, we wandered in the desert for 49 days and nights. Many people count the days in between Passover and *Shavuot* in preparation of receiving of the Ten Commandments. It is from these commandments that we learn how to be good people at home as well as out in the world.

It is taught that when G-d gave the Ten Commandments to the Jewish people G-d said everything all at once, which humans couldn't understand. Rashi, a French Torah commentator, explains that G-d then explained each commandment individually so that we would hear them as we needed to and would understand the message individually.

Since as humans we like bitesize information, below are four things we hope you learned today at the zoo:

Community: We are all part of different communities. Our friends, our families, our neighbors, and even our sports teams can each be their own community. How do we contribute to those communities? **How can we contribute to the larger Jewish community?**

Growth: Spring is a time of great growth for the world around us, and *Shavuot* was a time of great growth for the Jewish people! Have you ever seen a baby chick hatch? It takes a lot of work but is always worth it in the end. **How have you grown in your life?**

Cooperation: Leaving Egypt, the Jewish people were challenged to cooperate as a growing nation in different ways than how they cooperated in Egypt. How would having a set of rules and laws affect that change? **When have you needed to play by the rules and cooperate?**

Communication: Nature communicates through weather. When the weather starts getting warm the flowers know to start to bloom, the grass begins to grow, and the leaves return to the trees. **Can you think of other ways that nature communicates with us?**



Zoo-ish



Jewish

Chimpanzees

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Communication

Even though there are many differences between humans and chimpanzees, the similarities between the two species are striking. Through facial expressions, chimpanzees can communicate fear, happiness, aggression, playfulness, and more. Chimpanzees also have shown some capability, in captivity and with intensive training, to communicate symbolically through sign language.



Tikshoret—תקשרת

Jewish

List four ways that you communicate without using your mouth. Are there people in your family who speak more than one language?

In Judaism we have 613 positive and negative commandments that all stem from the basic Ten Commandments. The Torah, the book that holds the stories of the Jewish people throughout history, has been translated into 636 different languages! Having these stories and lessons in all of these languages shows the importance of communication and understanding.

BIG CHALLENGE: Use your hands to count as many of the Ten Commandments as you can. Did you get them all?

Prairie Dogs

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Community

Prairie dogs live in vast colonies that can house hundreds, thousands, and even millions of animals. Each colony is composed of individual family territories known as **coterie**s. All members of a **coterie** share multiple underground burrows, where they dig, play, squabble, nap, eat, groom, and more.



Kehillah — קהילה

Jewish

During the 400 years the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, they lived as individual families but always knew they were part of **one people**, who looked out for each other, worked together, and shared one collective fate.

When the Israelites left Egypt on their way to the promised land (Israel), they left as one, and after they heard the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai they became one nation - **the Jewish nation**.

BIG QUESTION: How does receiving codes of law, or rules to follow, enforce living as a community?

Penguins

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Growth

By the beginning of spring most of the baby penguins at the zoo have hatched. Did you know that baby African Penguins do not look like their parents when they are born? There is something different about them. Can you tell what it is from the picture below?



Hitorerut—התעוררות Jewish

Shavuot is the last spring holiday for the Jewish people. **Spring is a time of** rejuvenation and rebirth for animals, and the earth, and during *Shavuot* the Israelites were reborn as the Jewish people.

The round shape of the baby penguin's egg reminds us of the cycle of life, including the Jewish people emerging from slavery to freedom in order to receive the Ten Commandments.

BIG QUESTION: Does your family have a favorite springtime activity? If yes, how does it rejuvenate you? If no, can you think of one you would like to start?

Lions

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Cooperation

The King (and Queen) of Beasts are justly named. What they have over every other big cat, and over every other African predator, is **strength in numbers**. They know that when it comes time to catching dinner, it pays to cooperate. Lionesses in the same pride typically give birth at about the same time and help each other raise their cubs. Cubs stay near their mothers for about two years, learning how to hunt and how to behave as members of the **pride**.



Shituf Peulah—שתוף פעולה Jewish

What does your “**pride**,” or family, look like? How are you a member of your pride? What role do you play? How do you help out around your “territory?” Do you **cooperate** with the other members of your pride and help make it strong?

Did you know that Aryeh, the word for Lion in Hebrew, is a very popular Jewish name? Are you named after anyone in your pride?

BIG CHALLENGE: Turn to someone you don't know and tell them the story of your name.