

Local Gatherings come to you on May 22!

All of YOU, our valued ARJE members, are integral to this event! Building upon President [Stacy Rosenthal's Installation speech](#), we are excited to start summer with a chance to reflect, connect, and share with colleagues our new ARJE Shifting Into Summer Event (with an opportunity to view the Virtual Annual Meeting) on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Your presence and participation are what will make this event truly special.

One of the clearest requests from our members during our listening campaign was the desire for regional gatherings. We have been brainstorming ways to facilitate these events and will begin by offering Shifting Into Summer as an opportunity to gather regionally. We will start by offering Shifting Into Summer BOTH virtually and locally.

Our first large-scale regional offering will build upon two ideas we tried last year

1. ARJE members host other members for an ARJE-wide event (piloted at our 2024 Hanukkah gathering)
2. ARJE members gather in May for an annual meeting and pre-summer reflection (piloted in Chicago in 2024)

Building upon our successes, ARJE will be offering a 3-hour local or virtual experience filled with socializing, schmoozing, study, and reflection. With the conclusion of the school year and start of the summer season, Shifting Into Summer will bring ARJE updates to you and celebrate our shared impact in the field.

We need your help! Will you step up to host an ARJE Shifting Into Summer event on Thursday, May 22, 2025? (Times range from 9:30-2:30 depending on time zone). Our goal is to create local community/kehillah - size will depend on where you live. Please determine your ability to host based on what feels like an opportunity for Kehillah.

Hosting involves:

1. Having an accessible place where attendees can see and hear a virtual meeting and interact with one another
2. Coordinating food (ARJE will reimburse at \$20 per person)
3. Inviting local educators (ARJE provides the list, nothing too big or small)

To sign up to host the meeting, please [\[click here\]](#) or contact Jen Greene with any questions about hosting.

Registration for our annual meeting will open in April, but for now, please save the date.

“Shifting Into Summer” is for every ARJE member, whether you live in a place near other members, or more remote, if you have been a member for 10 months or 10 years. Mark

your calendar for May 22 to take advantage of the affirming and supporting network that ARJE offers.

Your presence will make this event truly special.

Elana Beame and Sarah Canfield-Dafilou

Local Gathering Co-Chairs

FORM

Message at the top:

Thank you for volunteering to host. Hosts are committing to provide a location on Thursday, May 22, 2025

- East Coast Time: 11:30-2:30 PM (Online 1-2:30)
- Central time: 10:30 – 1:30 PM (Online 12-1:30)
- Mountain Time 9:30-12:30 PM (Online 11-12:30)
- Pacific Time 9:30-12:30 PM (Online 10-11:30)

The host location will be responsible for providing the following:

1. An accessible space for educators to gather, study, and view the online component
2. Ordering and serving food/drinks with participants' dietary restrictions in mind
3. Providing minimal program supplies, and setting up for the activities
4. Audio and visual system to broadcast the virtual component of our program (if numbers require that)

ARJE will reimburse each host \$20 per registered attendee for food and supplies.

First, last name

Hosting location address

Geographic area

How many people can you host (no size too small/big)

Cell

Email

I am comfortable facilitating the gathering (all programming will be provided) OR I would prefer another attendee facilitate any in-person programming

Information you want organizers to know/Questions you have

Reimbursement information – Please reimburse participant cost to

Check made out to

Address

Can you accept Zelle?

If so phone/email of Zelle