

**THE MONTH OF ELUL**

TJJ FAMILY

Today marks the 18th day of Elul on the Jewish calendar, the final month of the year. Just as in business, where we close the fiscal year to analyze, plan, and strategize for the next, we now scrutinize our deeds during this holy month. This period offers us the chance to reflect on our actions, their consequences, and the lessons they've taught us, bridging the gap between the past year and the one ahead.



Over 100 participants across three incredible programs - TJJ FOR MOMS and TJJ FOR DADS - experienced profound inspiration during their journeys. This opportunity injected spiritual growth, love, and real-life experiences, allowing these moms and dads to enhance their Judaism in ways they never imagined before.

TJJ for Dads began with 26 individual fathers, quickly forming a brotherhood. In Israel, we experienced the blend of ancient wisdom and youthful passion. We explored ancient cities, indulged in Mediterranean cuisine, immersed ourselves in history, and embraced our heritage. This brotherhood was forged in just a short time.

We learned nigguns, blessings, prayers, Hebrew, Yiddish, even some Arabic words, and Jewish sign language. Our heritage's relevance to our daily lives became clear, bringing history to life, all while experiencing the Kotel's spiritual power.



TJJ moms embarked on a journey that took them through tunnels, caves, mountain tops, and ancient streets. We walked in the footsteps of legendary figures, making their stories a part of our own. From tambourine painting to tree planting, we gave back to Israel and its people, creating colorful memories.

Our journey led to inspiration and growth, sparking new questions and sharing insights. In under 200 hours, we lived lifetimes of discovery and connection, creating unforgettable moments.

As we prepare to close the books on 5783, we eagerly anticipate the future filled with wisdom, inspiration, connections, and new friends through TJJ MOMS AND DADS, NCSY, and JSU.



## TESTIMONIALS

*"My heart and mind are on overload of Jewish pride!" ME, Long Island*

*"I never thought I'd experience so many feelings in one week. I learned so much about Judaism and Israel" from SS NY, NY.*

*"I have not smiled like this in years..." JS Long Island*

*"Time seems to flow differently in Israel, and what feels like a year was somehow squeezed into a few unforgettable weeks. But the journey has just begun, and we can't wait to continue it together!"*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pre Rosh Hashana Apple Crisp Bake, September 10th and September 11th  
<https://newyork.ncsy.org/applecrisp2023/>
- Tashlich September 20th at 5:45 pm
- Sukkah Party, October 2nd in Woodmere at 7:00 pm  
<https://tinyurl.com/sukkahpartytjmmoms>
- Friday Night of Inspiration – November 3rd at the Young Israel of Woodmere  
<https://tinyurl.com/Israel24pre-register>

If you know someone who is interested in our TJJ for Moms or TJJ for Dads Summer 2024 Trip, Please share this link to pre-register.

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