

Fighting Anti-Semitism with Love and a Safe Sukkah

New Fall Program Unites Jews and Non-Jews to Celebrate Sukkot Under the Open Tent

In light of this challenging moment impacted by the global pandemic, social distancing and rising hate speech, [2 For Seder](#) continues its fight against anti-Semitism through 2 FOR SEDER: IN THE SUKKAH, a new program that will provide an authentic and joyous Jewish experience as part of Judaism's High Holy Days this Fall 2020.

2 FOR SEDER: IN THE SUKKAH asks Jews across North America to open their Sukkah in a COVID-safe way and share this Jewish experience with 2 neighbors of different faiths - building bridges at this critical time.

"We're not about to give up fighting anti-Semitism because of COVID-19. At the same time, we also have to be realistic and extremely safe in how we approach our model of sharing a Jewish experience with neighbors of different faiths to build bridges," explained Marnie Fienberg, founder of 2 for Seder. "2 for Seder: In the Sukkah helps us do two things: find relevance and spirituality during the High Holidays and celebrate the "open tent" where we invite others in to join us for an authentic Jewish experience celebrated for thousands of years under the open sky."

"Most importantly, we believe this can be done safely among friends and family being together by following best practices from the CDC and our program guidelines," she explained.

The 2 FOR SEDER: IN THE SUKKAH program is:

- **A Jewish Experience That Can Be Shared** - Share this authentic Jewish experience to fight hate at the core. Just like 2 for Seder, sharing a meal with a friend of another faith gives people a first-hand experience of Judaism, cutting through the noise of anti-Semitic tropes and news while fostering open communication and conversation.
- **Celebrated Outside at Home** –Sukkot at home may be a new way to celebrate to some Jews, or celebrating virtually, we provide a free [Kit, Tips](#) in our weekly Newsletter, and a webinar to guide you through creating your own Sukkot family traditions.
- **SukkahSAFE** – Sukkahs are partially open to the outside. We will show you how to have a COVID-Safe experience with a free kit that provides educational materials, a SukkahSAFE fact sheet, and a webinar that help identify commonalities between religions and cultures.

"If you already have a Sukkah, are thinking of getting one or just plan to "fudge it" on your porch, this is the time for beginning a new family tradition," says Fienberg. "2 FOR SEDER: IN THE SUKKAH is an active way to strengthen our friendships and push back on the hatred and anti-Semitism we are seeing while we are apart."

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[2 For Seder](#) is an initiative of Pittsburgh Interfaith Evolution (PIE), a non-profit based on the idea that every American and Canadian Jew can and should be involved in combatting anti-Semitism. The campaign is based on the original program 2 for Seder, launched in the wake of the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Shooting. 2 for Seder empowers all Jews to take action to fight anti-Semitism in their own communities by inviting those of a different faith to share their Passover Seder.