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Greater MetroWest NJ

EXCITING NEWS!

PJ Library in Greater MetroWest NJ is growing UP! Any child in our community who is 6 months to 8 years old is **now eligible** to receive the gift of PJ Library books for a maximum of five years. ***If your child is already enrolled, they will automatically be grandfathered for a maximum of five years.*** **Sign up today** and spread the word! Any child with special needs who is older than 8 but would benefit from our books is also welcome to receive a PJ Library subscription. Parents can **contact Andrea Bergman** or call (973) 929-3128.

FAMILY EVENTS FOR YOU!

Sunday, May 5
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Celebration!
West Orange
10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Israel's birthday with
Golda Och Academy and PJ

Library! Israeli arts & crafts, food tasting, dancing and MORE!
Perfect for children ages 3-6.



[For more information and to register](#)

May 5 through May 19 Israel Independence Day Events for Families

Help **celebrate Israel's 71st birthday** throughout Greater MetroWest! Attend concerts and outdoor gatherings, meet our local teen ***Rishonim***, & MORE. Visit our **JFamily Calendar** for additional family - friendly Jewish programming.



[For specific event information click here](#)

Friday, May 10
PJ Library StoryTime
Maplewood
10 a.m.

Join PJ Library for two themed storytimes at SOMA's General



Store Pop-Up. Shop for unique, hand - made gifts made by local artists, grab a coffee, and meet new friends!

[For more information click here](#)

Sunday, June 23
PJ Library & The Garden State
Randolph
10 a.m.

Enjoy and taste the fruits of our labor in the Gottesman RTW Academy community garden.



[For more information and to register](#)

Adult Happy Hour!

Thursday, May 16
The Hills
Millburn
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Open to all who are under 45-ish!
Drinks are on us for the first hour.

Bring your friends, make new ones, and let's raise a glass and toast spring! Perfect for commuters - the Midtown Direct is just steps away!



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FROM OUR COMMUNITY



Hello PJ Library family, and welcome to all our new families!

We hope that between reading the engaging PJ Library books you receive each month, you'll enjoy the information in this monthly e-newsletter, and **join us at some events**. Israel's 71st birthday, Yom Ha'atzmaut, is May 9, and our Greater MetroWest community is celebrating all month long with family friendly programming. **Check out this list that grows each day.**

I work with an incredible group of professionals at **Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ** and I am happy to consult with them to answer any questions you might have about the community. Whether you are new to town, or are looking to connect with other parents and families, we look forward to helping you along your Jewish journey any way we can. Please be in touch - I'd love to hear from you and meet you in person!

Warmly,
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RECIPES, CRAFTS & FAMILY FUN

9 Fun and Easy Ideas for a Shabbat Family Game Night

These **9 ideas** will keep your family giggling all the way from sundown on Friday through sundown on Saturday and beyond.

Lag B'Omer: It's More Than Bonfires and S'mores

Learn more about the traditions of this **holiday** and fun ways to celebrate it.

5 Jewish Picture Books for Children Who Love Mysteries

If your child loves to ask questions, explore, and problem-solve, you'll want to pick up **one of the books** on this list.

Move Over Challah, There's Another Bread in Town

Dabu is an Ethiopian honey bread that is easy to make with kids, fun to braid, and a **delicious alternative** to challah.

MORE FROM OUR BLOG



May's PJ Our Way Books

Check out the **four amazing choices** PJ Our Way has to offer this month! Read about a grandfather who goes from a Russian shtetl to the Wild

West, two siblings who walk through a mirror into a fairy tale, a time-traveling junior high student searching for her mother, and a nice kid who finds himself in a bunch of trouble at school. Take a look at these great choices, and don't forget to select a book by May 10th!

4 Ideas for Making Reading More Fun for Tweens

Studies have shown that proficient readers are more likely to be successful in school and in life. These **4 tips** will help encourage your tweens to read.

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