

## Events in Elul 5782 - Kislev 5783 (September - December 2022)

### Upcoming Events

This fall, you're invited to learn, plant, reflect, and celebrate with us. [Click here to sign up](#) for these events.

**September 22:** Occupation 101 with the New Israel Fund

**October 6:** Decorate the Sukkah and Make Your Own Lulav

**October 19:** Transitions: Say Goodbye to Sukkot and Shmita

**October 30:** Garlic and Grain Planting

**December 25:** Bonfire Menorah on Chanukah

### Eager to Welcome 19 New Animals

Since before shmita began, we planned to introduce 3 goats and 16 chickens to the farm in the beginning of 5783. During Shmita, we excitedly watched the number of wild animals increase dramatically on the land. This population growth affirmed that the land has abundant resources to support a few domesticated animals as well. To prepare for their arrival, the last few weeks have been a whirlwind of building and repairs. With the generous help of friends and volunteers, we renovated our barn and dug 38 holes for the fence posts of our new goat yard. We expect to finish our new mobile chicken coop this week. Then we'll finish the fence, build a milking stand and a hay feeder, and finally pick up our new friends from breeders in Asheville and Arkansas!

### Shmita Reflections

A snapshot of shmita, written by Jack on 4 Sivan 5782:

"As I walked through the field collecting materials for my Shabbos bouquets, red ripe strawberries called out *Eat me! We're sweet and ripe!* Sweetness in my mouth, I watched slugs enjoy the same treats and heard bees collecting nectar and pollen from the wildflowers around me.

Knowing where my perennial friends reside, I went to visit the chamomile, the arnica, the feverfew. I didn't have baskets to harvest into; no worry, I can always come back later, let the bees enjoy them for now. Every few steps I startled a bird who had been resting amid the tall growth.

Walking back up to the house I looked up and saw elder trees in full bloom, smelled honeysuckle, and got inspiration for elderflower / honeysuckle / rose ice cream. The unpruned rose bushes slumped under the weight of their flowers, shedding petals onto the ground. I harvested them for my foraged dessert treat, grateful for all the foods that are growing without any human intervention."



Image Description: Visitors tour the barn on Rosh Hashanah La'Behemot, the New Year for the Animals.



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