Jewish Poetry Salon of Community & Care
Featuring Elizabeth Halley and Josette Akresh-Gonzales

Join us February 2, 2025, for a morning of Jewish poetry. Through our shared love of language and our belief in the healing power of words, we can create community, take care of one another, and honor our vulnerability and humanity. We welcome poetry lovers of all traditions.

DATE & TIME: Sunday, February 2, 2025, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
ADDRESS: Please RSVP at this Google Form to receive the address:
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Boston Area Yetzirah Salons feature local Jewish poets who will read original work and participate in a Q&A. Attendees are encouraged to purchase the poet's book (if available) and to schmooze with one another, helping to create and grow a thriving and welcoming Jewish poetry scene in the Boston Area. Snacks, coffee and tea, and fruit will be provided — no need to bring anything unless you want to!



Liza Halley works as an elementary school Library Teacher. Liza helped establish the Poet Laureate position in her hometown of Arlington, MA. She is the co-founder of Write Around Portland, a nonprofit based in Portland, OR that amplifies voices and builds community through our writing workshops, literary programming, books, and readings. She loves to build community through the written word, be it through poetry, zines, or comics. She has poems published in 2024 in *Braided Way Magazine: Faces and Voices of Spiritual Practice* and in *The Amethyst Review*.



Josette Akresh-Gonzales is the author of *Apocalypse on the Linoleum* (Lily Poetry Review Press). Her work has been published in *The Southern Review, The Indianapolis Review, Atticus Review, JAMA, The Pinch, The Journal, Breakwater Review, PANK*, and many other journals. Her poems have been included in the anthology *Choice Words* (Haymarket) and in *Breaking the Glass: A Contemporary Jewish Poetry Anthology* (Laurel Review). She co-founded the journal *Clarion* and was its editor for two years. Josette lives in the Boston area with her husband and two boys and used to ride her bike to work but now works from home for a nonprofit medical publisher. Website: josettepoet.com.

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This event is inspired by Yetzirah: A Hearth for Jewish Poetry, the first national literary organization dedicated to fostering and supporting a community space for Jewish poets, nourishing writers and readers of Jewish poetry now and for generations to come.

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