

## National Museum of American Jewish History Young Friends’ “A Midsummer’s Eve”

Young professionals ate, drank and wore white in celebration of Tu B’Av, the Jewish holiday of love.

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On Thu., July 25, the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) Young Friends — dedicated to meaningfully engaging the young professional community ages 21 to 40 — proudly presented “A Midsummer’s Eve,” an evening social featuring a DJ, beer, wine, Neuro energy drink, a signature cocktail, fondue and desserts.

The Young Friends Committee (l to r): **Elijah Dorenstreich, David Abrams, Rachel Hollander, Emily Grestell, Ken Greenberg, Ali Cutler and Justin Green.**

Below: **Clio Mallin** (left) and **Yael Eytan**, director of marketing and communications of NMAJH. In celebration of Tu B'Av, commonly celebrated as the Jewish holiday of love, the group enjoyed a beautiful night on the fifth floor and terrace overlooking Independence Park. On Tu B'Av, which marked the beginning of the grape harvest in the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, "[the unmarried girls of Jerusalem dressed in white garments and went out to dance in the vineyards.](#)"



Below: **Erica Busch** (left) and **Jenn Kaleck**, owner of Jennk boutique. The girls have been having a great summer, spending lots of time down the shore and hanging out at the Revel.



Below: **Hayley Broder** (left), regional manager, Flywheel Philadelphia at Flywheel Sports, and **Leeza Garber, Esq.**



Below: (From left) **Rachel Berman**, **Valerie Khmelnitsky** and **Sarah Sellers**. They tell me that love between best friends is the best — while waiting for love from a suitor.



Below: **Jason Mandel** and **Becca Fischer**.



Below, from left: Motel Street Team: **Brian LaPann**, co-founder of Mole Street Productions, **Kathryn LePann**, **Lindsay Zeltzer** and **Brendan Walsh**, co-founder of Mole Street Productions. They produced the night's event.



Below: **Paul Smith** and **Niveah Dymso**.



Below: **Orit Gal** and **Laura Hummel**. Love is finding your soulmate.



Below, from left: **Karli Hershorin**, **Carly Stanton**, **Marlee Mar**, **Marni Snyder** and **Sarah Sellers**.



Below: **Brendan Walsh**, co-founder of Mole Street Productions and **Sam Brouwer**, Catocin Creek Distillery, created a kosher cherry, orange Manhattan



Below: **Shani Haviv** and **Andrew Klein** loved the expansive view from the fifth floor terrace, from the Constitution Center to Independence Hall.



Below, from left: **Laura Melnick**, **Michele Farber**, **Jake Markowitz**, **Rena Asher** and **Naomi Wischnia**.



Below: **Melissa Raspor**, a teacher, is enjoying her summer off, with **Heather LePar**, who is enjoying the weather this week after the heat wave.



Below: Stylish **Alexandra Pavlova** is wearing Herve Leger.





Below: **Leah Spegel** and **Eli Cohen**. Leah is sporting her new bag, which is wicker and wood and goes perfectly with her outfit she said. She wouldn't say where she bought it so that it can remain one-of-a-kind in Philly for a while.

