

# North American Inclusion Month

# NAIM

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Parshat Tetzaveh “Stones of Unity”

In this week's Parsha, Parshat Tetzaveh, we learn about the clothes the Kohen Gadol wore. As part of his clothing, the Kohen Gadol wore the Choshen. The Choshen consisted of 12 different stones, one for each of the 12 tribes of Bnai Yisrael. Although they were different, these 12 stones were all part of the same garment. Similarly, even though there were 12 different tribes of Bnai Yisrael, they were all united and part of the same nation.

Today, we need to continue to try and be united, especially with so many different Jews. We need to consciously put in effort to unite and be one nation.

It is easy to turn away from those that may appear to be different from us. In order to try to be one nation, we should approach someone who appears to be different, and actively include them in the Jewish community. North American Inclusion Month is the perfect opportunity to begin stepping out of our comfort zone and including individuals with disabilities to the fullest extent in life.

**Shabbat Shalom!**



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