



What Families are Made Of: Connecting Through Art

A creative workshop for families with [Hanoch Piven](#)

Art is a way of communicating stories. For this story-telling project, no previous artistic experience is required.

Whether you are near family members or far away, this meaningful—and playful—creative exercise gives you the opportunity to make something together and helps answer the question: What are families made of?

To participate:

1. Make a date with members of your family to gather in person or online.
2. Together, watch the following video created by Israeli artist Hanoch Piven exclusively for the Jewish Grandparents Network:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur178uqP_og
3. Gather a selection of discarded objects from around your home—bottle caps, buttons, screws, stickers, pins, small toys, combs, hairpins, feathers, old computer parts, leaves, branches, pebbles, etc. (It's a wonderful way to empty those stuffed drawers and clear some space!) The more objects to choose from, the greater the fun and excitement.

Every participant or group should have a sturdy board (thicker than poster board) on which to work. It is also good to have a variety of colored paper and glue. (Not a must, but you'll really enjoy working with a hot-glue gun.)

4. Create your family portrait.

Thank you for showing us what families are made of!

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