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**9/15/19 FAMILY TAKE-IT-HOME** curated by  
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Congregational Engagement. Themes: Expectation, UU  
Source: Jewish Heritage (Trip & Social Action info for youth-p.2)**

**Chapel Story: The Strong Man Who Cried** (from the book: [Does God Have a Big Toe?](#) by Marc Gellman) is in the tradition of Jewish midrash stories. Midrash considers contemporary issues/problems and crafts new stories, while still making connections to biblical text) Gelman's story addresses gender expectations from the text where Jacob weeps when he meets his cousin and Rachel works as a shepherd. Gelman has each of their father's telling them they should conform to traditional gender roles and each replies to their father by saying that they do what they do because "I just can't change that."

It is based on this Bible reference: **Gen. 29: 9-11** That's the Book of Genesis, Chapter 29, verses 9 through 11. Here's one bible's translation of the story of when [Jacob Meets Rachel from Berean Study Bible](#) "...9While he was still speaking with them, Rachel arrived with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. 10As soon as Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, with Laban's sheep, he went up and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. 11Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud..."

**Conversation Starters for Sept's themes expectation, Judaism & this week gender:**

- **Do you think today a person can do and be what they want to? Or do people still say "boys/girls/you shouldn't do \_\_\_\_\_ ?** (Note: That was more the case 50 + years ago in America. In many other countries around the world, people still have different ideas about what males and females should do.
- **What do you know about the Jewish Faith? Have you asked a Jewish friend what they find important about their faith tradition? What stereotypes people often have about their religion?**

During Group in the last two weeks of September we will have stories about more figures in the Jewish tradition and consider how they illustrate our theme of the month and Where Unitarian Universalism is similar and different.

UU's have more than one source, or place, to find wisdom; We have six! This year, all year, we will explore Unitarian Universalism and stories and traditions of Jewish and Christian Traditions, and World Religions!

**Check out more about the story of Jacob for these cultural references**

- [Jacob & Esau](#) - Jacob fled his home after tricking his father into to giving him the birthright/blessing meant for the slightly older twin brother, Esau.
- **Jacob's Ladder** -while on the run Jacob had a dream a Ladder or stairway to heaven. Do you know the song Jacob's Ladder? Check out [Mt Nebo Primitive Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL July 2011](#) congregation singing Climbing Jacob's Ladder on YouTube)
- **Rachel & Leah** - Jacob loved Rachel and was tricked (by a veil) to marry her older sister Leah after working seven years for their father.

**Songs from Chapel** - Expect good times this year as we learn stories from many world religions to help us learn about our neighbors in the world!



**Celebration** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lu41LulQos> Children around the world sing this song (and clap, tap a cup for percussion).



**Shalom Chaverim (Jewish - video with words)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmAlzslUq5g>

Shalom means “peace” and in conversation it is used as both “hello” and “good-bye” This is a traditional round is a parting blessing “Peace my friends, until we meet again” Sung in a group it is a prayer for peace among all peoples “ from Come Sing A Song with Me: A songbook for All Ages from the UU Musicians Network



**What Do I Do?** Words and music by Ruth Pelham © 1982 Ruth Pelham Music - Here’s the tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWCCc-3UWpM> words below include a variation

**vs. 1** What do I do when my sister is crying? What do I do? I don’t know what to say

You take your sister in your arms, And you hug her. You take your sister in your arms, And you love her.

**vs. 2** What do I do when my brother is crying? What do I do? I don’t know what to say

You take your brother in your arms, And you hug him. You take your brother in your arms, and you love him.

**vs. 3** - What do I do when my friend is crying? What do I do? I don’t know what to say

You take your friend into your arms, And you hug them. You take your friend into your arms, And you love them.

**vs. 4** What do I do when the whole world is crying? What do I do? I don’t know what to say

You take the world into your heart, And you love us. You take the world into your heart, & you love us

**vs. 5** What do I do when I am crying? What do I do? I don’t know what to say

You go deep into your heart, Love will find you. You go deep into your heart, Love will find you

### **Middle & High School youth:**

- Expect to change attitudes and real life for females

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-women-around-world>

and then check out: <https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns>

### **JOIN other UU’s OUT IN THE COMMUNITY: Friday, September 20, 2019:**

- **Global Climate Strike** at Naples City Hall 735 8th St. S, Naples, FL 34102, from 5-7pm
- **AND Middle & High Schoolers and up VISIT Temple Shalom, 7:15pm - please RSVP [here](#) OR email [mary@uunaples.org](mailto:mary@uunaples.org) so we can tell hosts how many to expect.**

*Amy Clifton, (Green Sanctuary) let me know “It is 20 minutes from Naples City Hall to Temple Shalom. I plan on leaving at 6:45 so even if it takes 30 minutes I would make it in time. Just want to let you know in case others...” might want to do both social justice action and experience a service and Q & A with our Jewish Neighbors.*