

## Yesh Tikva's 9th Annual Infertility Awareness Shabbat



April 11-14, 2024

## **Sensitivity Suggestions:**

It is very important to note that no two people suffer or react identically to similar situations. The following are only suggestions; be sure to consider each individual and his/her experience and apply what you deem to be most appropriate.

## **Keep in mind:**

- 1. Do not assume anything; not everyone who does not have a child or has a large gap between children is navigating infertility.
- 2. If someone reaches out to share his/her story, the best thing one can do is listen.
- 3. Be cautious of offering any medical suggestions or referrals unless asked. If asked, always offer more than one option. Make sure that congregants are aware of non-medical support options.

Use the links below to access additional sensitivity guidelines and resources:

What to/not do and say

**Jewish Ritual Sensitivity** 

Hosting a meal or get-together

**Engaging friends or family members** 

For parents and grandparents of those navigating infertility

**A Seat For Everyone** 

At times those struggling with infertility, be it primary, secondary or circumstantial, can become emotionally overwhelmed and may need some distance. It may come across as a personal offense, but it is important to remember that it is not personal.

