

AGRICULTURAL ASPIRATIONS

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Thank a Farmer!

A trip to the grocery store right now is very different than it has been. But for some people getting fresh meat and produce is as convenient as walking out to their property! Farmers help supply food for their families and other people.

One of the farming families featured in our galleries is the Calof family of Devil's Lake, North Dakota. Rachel Bella Kahn (1876-1952) immigrated in 1894, leaving Russia for an arranged marriage to a stranger, Abraham Calof.

Rachel spent her first winter in America sharing a twelve-by-fourteen-foot shack with her husband, his brother, their parents, and twenty-five animals. Imagine that during our stay at home time!

Today farmers and their families are still working hard to make sure food is being produced to be put in our grocery stores and on our tables.

So, next time you cook with something fresh think of the people who grew what you are eating and the people you are eating with.

Want to bring the farm to your home? Let us show you how!

EXPLORE THE ONLINE FARMING EXHIBITION,
THEN SOLVE THE CROSSWORD ON THE NEXT PAGE!

Virtual Exhibition: <https://www.nmajh.org/exhibitions/locally-grown/>
Find the answers here: <https://www.nmajh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Crossword-Agriculture.pdf>

PLANT SOMETHING!

Learn how to grow your own potatoes in our Earth Day video lesson: <https://vimeo.com/409878421>

COLOR A COW!

Download the colorig page with the Museum's Hoyzku (Yiddish for "house cow"): <https://www.nmajh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Cow-Coloring-Page.jpg>

GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO YOUR FAVORITE FARM OR PLANT PARENT!

Be sure to tag #NMAJH and #ThankAFarmer when you do!

Pictures at right: Collection of David L. Calof and Keith and Roberta H. (Calof) Myers



Rachel Bella Kahn, Russia, ca. 1894



Tools from the Calof family farm,
Devil's Lake, North Dakota, ca. 1900



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LOCALLY GROWN CROSSWORD

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Learn more about Jewish refugee farmers in the United States starting in the 1880s at our virtual installation: *Locally Grown: Jersey's Jewish Farms*. Read about these farmers and farming communities and use your new-found knowledge to answer the crossword puzzle below!

DOWN:

1. Adolph Herbst sold this crop to commercial customers including Campbell's Soup Company.
2. The _____ Act of 1862 declared that a married woman had to share her husband's claim.
3. New York philanthropist Leonard Lewisohn donated one of these to each family living in the Alliance colony.
4. This colony in Utah was established by a group of Jewish men from Philadelphia but failed as a result of uneven soil quality and disastrous weather.
8. The Belopolsky family opened a grocery store in which New Jersey city?

ACROSS:

5. This Jewish immigrant worked as an interpreter at the port of Philadelphia and encouraged other immigrants to consider agriculture as an alternative to city life.
6. South America's first Jewish colony Colonia Mauricio Hirsch in Argentina was known for growing which crop?
7. The name of Gus Stern's Leghorn hen that laid an egg a day for an entire year.
9. Elizabeth Cohen recalls watching her parents sip from this on Shabbat.

