

Jax & Tomer







Our Hopes & Dreams

We are each other's better halves in the truest essence of the phrase. We each have the other skills and strengths that the other doesn't have. Tomer has the tech/brains and Jax brings the psychology/energy. This is what allowed us to release ourselves from the social pressures of either one of us feeling like we needed to be perfect. We cannot offer it and are not that great at it even when we try. We are perfectly who we are and promise to show up as those people. We nourish each other's hearts to be whole in any given moment. We are committed to growing, learning, talking, connecting, and living our truths to the fullest.

We dream of a life in which we can live and lead from joy. For us, joy is far more than happiness. Joy reflects our inner being. We do not want or wish for superficial things, but we do carry a profound gratitude for all that we have.

Jax was drawn towards adoption at a young age and came back around to it once she found not just safety but a sense of peace in her heart and life. Tomer was encouraged and inspired by his own journey of choosing a family that could support his heart and allow him to grow as he always knew he could. Together, we have cultivated a dynamic with each other and those that we love that is healing, fluid, breath-giving, and life encouraging. This is what we have learned to offer any heart that we love.

We want your child to grow like the flower that they are designed to be. For the young hearts of children to grow they must have breath, safe space, and creative opportunities to come into the natural ways in which their heart moves. Perhaps it is dance lessons, gymnastics classes, or all of the colors of crayons that they need. It is our greatest desire to listen closely to what the heart of your child desires and then provide that for their continued evolution. For us, it is about your child having the opportunity to explore this world in ways that illuminate and keep their heart light shining brightly. Once their inner light glows, we want to celebrate them simply for being who they are. When they are challenged by life in ways that dim their light, we want to encourage them back into their heart where they are able to safely and securely continue on their journey. We want to offer them peace, safety, and freedom to grow into exactly what their heart wants them to be.

We value you for who you are and where you are at in your journey. We deeply believe that every heart has wisdom to offer this world. Each person is still growing, and the path of evolution is never to be judged. We wish for you to breathe with greater ease and for your heart to smile too, whatever that means for you. We wish for the wisdom in your heart to be named, honored, and centered in a way that allows you to feel whole and complete.

We look forward to having a relationship with you during the journey of raising your child. We want you to know that your child will truly be safe, loved, supported, and empowered in our home. We have learned to provide this for ourselves, for one another, for our loved ones, and even for the clients of our business. We cannot wait to provide the space and nourishment, physical, emotional, and energetic, to your child so that they can become everything that they are meant to be.

In Joy, Jax & Tomer



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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

WHOLENESS - is at the core of joy and critical for people to show up in the world full, complete, and whole in who they are. This, we believe, is the way that all hearts can have equal value and still yet unapologetically shine with unique brilliance. For us, by learning to be whole in all that we do, from work to personal lives and even to how we dress and speak, we have been blessed by having the right people opt into our lives for all the right reasons. It has provided us an almost unlimited freedom and peace. We plan to discuss this with them regularly, challenging them to look deeply into their hearts, hear the wisdom that comes from within, and then learn to navigate the world from that wisdom. At some level, this is spiritual work, but more practically, it will allow our child to gain confidence in who they truly are and learn to love themselves deeply in such a way that no other person or outside influence could ever diminish it or take it away.

CONTINUED GROWTH - Every heart should grow like the flower that it is designed to be. Growth is life and it is constant. There is no one-size-fits-all model and there need not be when there are so many reasonable, beautiful, and wonderful paths for people to take. In our lives, we are constantly learning from and talking with our loved ones about who they are, and the things that they are learning and doing to enhance their lives. We do the same introspection and reflection to answer those questions for ourselves. We will always be curious in learning about our child and asking them the questions that inspire them to be curious about themselves. Quite literally our job is to ask good, deep, probing, and empowering questions, so we help facilitate their continual exploration and growth of themselves.

RADICAL HONESTY - There is a saying that calls into question whether it is more important to be right or to be kind. We believe the real question is how can our kindness be just? Trauma must be named, or it takes root in one's heart and turns into fear, anger, and frustration. We will always name the elephant in the room and do so in a way that cultivates light and space for people to grow. For us, it is part of true love. This value has allowed us to explore ourselves, each other, and our bond in truly deep and profound ways. Nothing is ever off the table for discussion and exploration, and as a result, everything in our lives is open for continued growth and development. We want our child to always feel empowered to bring up and say their truth in all spaces so that they can learn the fullness of their self-expression.

CREATIVE FUN - Creativity, by definition, is an ongoing exploration, and to do it best, it must be without bounds. We love to laugh out loud and do so just about every day. Ensuring that everyone has a creative way to express themselves is key to overcoming any challenge that life brings to them. We are constantly laughing with each other at the ways in which life unfolds all around us. So, for our child, we will provide them with unlimited opportunities to explore their world and their place in it. Anything and everything that inspires them to pull from their imaginations, be it drawing, playing with toys, or later making music or writing plays, no opportunity for them to creatively express will be wasted. We believe with creativity they can move more fully and authentically through the world.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Painting, drawing, dancing, cozy mystery movies, nature walks, interior design

Adoptive Father: DIY and woodworking, technology, crosswords and puzzles, nature walks, cooking and eating international cuisine

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Executive Coach Adoptive Father: Executive Coach

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Doctoral Degree Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We have an amazing sense of sanctuary and community. Because we have the flattest front yard for all the kids to play on, they all love being right in front of our home. In fact, just yesterday, five kids, all aged 10 or younger, were running and playing in our front yard as we did yard work with our neighbors. Our front deck is likely to be covered in chalk at any given moment, the driveway filled with bikes and toys for days, or one of the neighbor twins mowing the front lawn with their little pop mower. All of the kids do a great job of playing together and we adults regularly work together to make Halloween, Easter egg hunts, art activities, etc. the best we can for all of them. Neighbors stop by our home almost daily to borrow a tool, provide input on our newest DIY or home project, or just to chat it up with us on our sun-filled porch. And, in turn, we head over to their homes for get-togethers, deck parties, golf cart rides through the neighborhood streets, and even to help carry a heavy dresser to be used in their child's bedroom.

Our home is our creative studio. It is a place of peace, fragranced with incense and where you can regularly find our loving dogs napping in the sun. It is also a place of joy, with our creations, from our business to our furniture, serving as a constant reminder of who we are in our hearts and just how much we can accomplish in our love and in our joy. We are both constantly growing, doing art projects, and DIYing. It is our nature to create things. From interior design to murals to building our own furniture or simply sketching, we love doing it ourselves and watching others do it on many of the creative shows. Now, being in a community that we love, we have begun to do paint pours and wood burning and carving with our neighbors and neighbor children.

Our home is on about half an acre. We have a huge front yard on a very quiet street and a sizable fenced-in backyard. We have a front porch and a back deck and spend a lot of time out there for lunch, dinner, and just to hang out and catch some sun. We most often use the front deck when playing with the kids and/or talking with neighbors. But we love just sitting, reading, listening to music, talking, and/ or snoozing on our large and very private back deck.

Your child's room is located around the corner from ours. It has big, beautiful windows that look onto our backyard and a sizable closet for all their things. Their room, right now, is relatively a blank slate as we are waiting to co-create it with and just for them. It is our hope that with your assistance and their input, we will soon fill the room with the things that allow their heart to smile. We believe that everyone should be allowed to fill their room with things that bring them wonderment and delight. We will also invite them to contribute to things that are around the home either by what we buy and/or what goes where should they show an interest in doing so. Our home has to work for everyone!

As they grow, we look forward to sharing and facilitating in their growth, including remaining endlessly flexible with our schedules to give them the time, attention, and love that they need. We have so much flexibility in our lives that ensuring that the child is nourished, in mind, body, and spirit is something that we are very much looking forward to and confident we will be providing. We know in our hearts that a child will only add to the energy of our home while also benefitting deeply from the work we've already done to make this a sanctuary of love, peace, and joy.



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Our Family

We met online at Match.com more than 13 years ago and we instantly bonded on our first date. It has been said that one's world can instantly change when meeting the right person and that is what happened for us. We just knew. We met, within two months we moved in together, and within another year we were married. It was like we were the other side of each other's lives; she's an African-American woman raised in an all-White community, and he is a first-generation Israeli immigrant who went to an almostall-Black school. Our journeys matched, and our strengths were refreshing, if not rejuvenating to one another.

That is where this journey and the love that we have for ourselves and one another has taken us. Life does not throw us "curve balls" anymore, not because they are not there, but because we don't receive it that way anymore. We see a challenge from a heartfelt perspective as an opportunity to grow. Our strength is communication. We learned this early - if you don't say it, you can't expect people to know it, and if you don't talk it through, it just sits unresolved. So, we talk. A lot. We have learned to do so in a way that is enlightening, empowering, and loving. It is what has allowed us to live and work so well together.

We love to co-create, but that can take many different forms, from exploring the city or our neighborhood to DIY and interior design projects. We love to see our creativity come through individually



and collectively, so we love finding ways to work on cool stuff together be it art, building furniture, or cooking. Our best times are when we are at our creative bests, individually and collectively, and we strive to create opportunities for those moments every day.

We always knew that we wanted to parent a young child on their journey in this life. However, we wanted to ensure we could provide a home, a community, and a life of joy. We go for walks just about every day and make time every Monday morning for a long walk in nature. We cannot wait to bring a child with us for our many walks to enjoy nature, as well as showing them the world, from visiting museums to world travel.

We will also teach your child all the achievements they are making in this world. No achievement is too small to be acknowledged and leveraged to help them build their self-love. Art, even terrible ones, will go on the fridge, and report cards, even terrible ones, will be celebrated and discussed. Everyday wins will be part of dinner conversations and big hugs, high fives, and words of loving acknowledgment will be abundant and a constant reminder of our love for them.

We are in constant communication with our "chosen family" which includes around 10 souls whom we love dearly. It is not that their lives are perfect, but it is that they are who they are, and they are responsible for the ways in which their heart wants to grow. We are blessed and grateful for each one of them as they are truly amazing people. Everyone close to us is of one heart and prepared to engage from a place of strength and joy, including helping us to raise our child. Two members of our family previously adopted, and they are ready to offer their wisdom to us. We know their joy and they know ours. We are all committed to this journey and many of them are looking forward to this addition to our home every bit as much as we are!



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