

## Residents lead trips for singles

Belmont residents Dan Price and Brian Saper were honored at the Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of Massachusetts' annual Trip Coordinator Appreciation Day luncheon on Sunday, March 19.

Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of Massachusetts is a unique non profit organization dedicated to bringing Jewish people together to enjoy and foster a greater appreciation of the outdoors. Mosaic of Massachusetts offers a variety of activities every month for Jewish singles and couples in their 20s, 30s, 40s and older. In the winter, there are ski trips, snowshoeing, and indoor events like games and movie nights, while in warmer weather members bike, hike, go on local walks, go camping and kayaking, and explore the outdoors. There are also social events, such as swing dancing and Hanukkah parties.

The awards luncheon recognized the efforts of 20 trip coordinators who led events in the past year. Price was recognized for leading a cross-country skiing trip to New Hampshire, as well as for his work on the Board of Directors. Saper was honored for the diverse events

he led, including swing dancing and a camping trip in the Berkshires.

Price, a rabbinical student, led a hike in the Middlesex Fells, as well as a cross-country ski trip at Windblown. He said he "very much enjoyed leading trips. People are always very friendly."

They may be friendly, but they're not always prepared, Price explained. "I once had a woman show up for a hike in the woods wearing open-toe dress sandals and a very fancy dress."

The strangest thing to happen on one of his events was when a woman "threatened to file a lawsuit on behalf of a raccoon. She strongly objected to somebody in the group trying to feed the raccoon," which is inappropriate to do to wild animals.

Saper, who does home, computer and appliance repairs, has led events ranging from a potluck dinner followed by swing dancing to a weekend camping trip in Berkshires. Saper became a trip coordinator because it's a "great way to meet many members of the organization and also to entertain in my home," he said.

More information is available at [www.mosaics.org/boston](http://www.mosaics.org/boston).

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