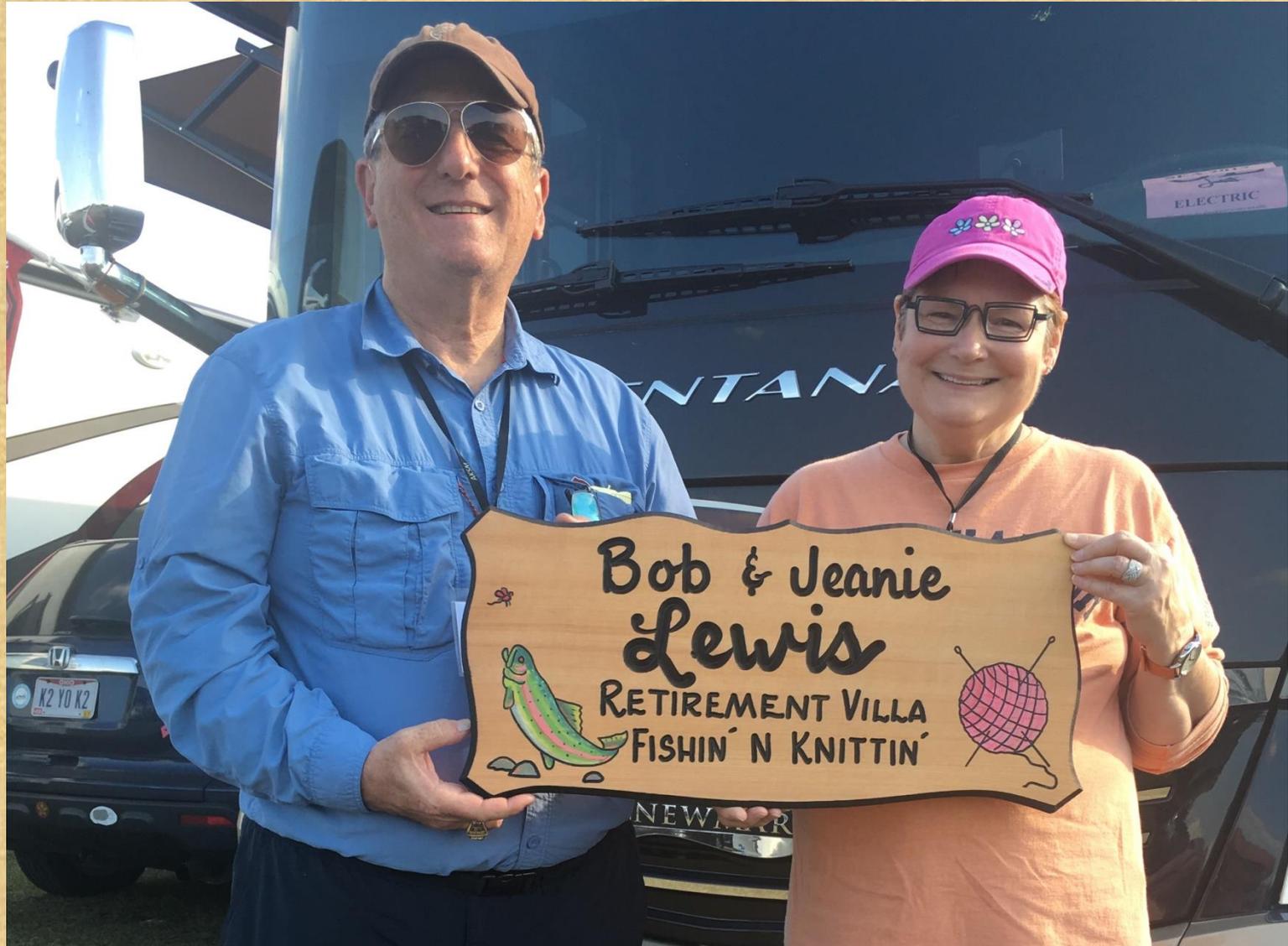


# RVing...Life on the Road



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## **Definition**

For the purposes of this discussion an RV is defined as a self contained land vehicle for the purpose of recreational living and touring.

- RVs can be towed or self propelled.
- They typically have sleeping quarters, kitchen space, and lavatory.

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## CAMPING



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## GLAMPING

(glamorous camping)



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## **BOB'S LAW**

### **DON'T BUY AN RV IF...**

- **You don't know how to use tools like screwdrivers and various types of wrenches**
- **You don't know how to operate a VOM (volt ohm meter)**
- **You don't have a psychological tolerance of the unknown like a vehicle breakdown in the middle of nowhere and being stranded**
- **You can't afford a sudden \$1000+ expenditure**

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## **BOB'S LAW**

### **DON'T BE A COMPULSIVE BUYER**

- **Oftentimes someone takes their family to an RV show and gets so excited about it that they buy an RV at the show**
- **Buyer's remorse is common with buying an RV**
- **Take your time. Explore all the pluses and minuses. Do your Internet research. Talk to other Rvers. Check out all the You Tube RVing videos.**

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## **So Why RV???**

- **It is the best way to travel and explore new world's and new civilizations. To boldly go where you've never gone before – all on your schedule, not necessarily on someone else's**
- **You get to travel with the amenities of home... a bathroom, a kitchen, your own bed, and in many cases your own shower.**
- **Being an older person having an on board bathroom can be a blessing. You get the idea. Ditto if you have children as well.**
- **You get to meet some of the most interesting people doing the RV lifestyle.**
- **It's fun.**

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- **Class A Motorhomes:** These are the larger motorhomes featuring cockpit, living room, full kitchens and more. The Class A motorhomes are equipped with up to five slide outs (or extra rooms to increase space) and come with extra storage. These are ideal units for spending weeks away from home.

## Diesel Pusher vs Gasoline Powered

- DP more expensive, but...
  - More torque so better mountain/hill climbing
  - Last longer
  - Air brakes so better stopping capability
  - Air suspension so better ride
  - No cockpit engine noise.

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## Class A Motorhomes



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•**Class B Motorhomes:** These are your typical camper vans that offer many of the Class A amenities but in a smaller, more economical package. The Class B is "ideal for 2 to 3 travelers and suitable for multi-week trips, the Class B is akin to driving a large SUV."



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•**Class B+ / C Motorhomes:** These are your typical camper vans that offer many of the Class A amenities but in a smaller, more economical package. The Class B+ / C is "ideal for 2 to 3 travelers and suitable for multi-week trips. Many of these are built on a diesel Sprinter chassis or a Ford Chassis. They are usually 25 feet long. Very popular RV.



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•**Class C Motorhomes:** These rigs range from 20 to 40 feet. A key feature is the cab over design that is usually for another bed or storage.



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- **Truck camper:** These camping units slide onto the bed of a standard pickup truck and ride on it. They're usually a less expensive option than a traditional trailer and some offer many of the features of a smaller popup trailer, including toilet, kitchen and shower.



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•**Travel trailers:** Camper trailers are pulled by hitches on pickup trucks, SUVs and some minivans. They are versatile and free up your tow vehicle once your trailer is set up at a site. They range from very small up to 33 feet in length and can sleep up to six people, sometimes more. These are often referred to as “towables.”



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• **Fifth Wheel trailers:** These trailers require a special mount in the rear of truck bed, which adds stability to the drive. It's also easier to back into camping sites than a travel trailer. These big trailers can run as long as 40 feet so make sure your truck has the horse power, suspension, and braking system to tow it safely.



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•**Popup trailer:** These smaller, fold up trailers are much lighter to pull. They usually have a canvas top that can be expanded and some include kitchens, shower and a toilet. It also doesn't require a huge truck to tow.



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## Rent vs Buy ???

- **Class A:** \$175-\$275/night (10+ years or older); \$350-\$450/night (newer)
  - **Class B:** \$100-\$200/night (10+ years or older); \$200-\$350/night (newer)
  - **Class C:** \$150-\$200/night (10+ years or older); \$225-\$400/night (newer)
  - **Travel Trailer:** \$50-\$125/night (10+ years or older); \$125-\$200/night (newer)
  - **Fifth Wheel:** \$60-\$150/night (10+ years or older); \$150-\$300/night (newer)
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- If your plan is to use the RV for many months, it might be better to buy. When we bought our first Class A motor coach, we had a dealer buy back plan as part of our purchase agreement.
  - Many retirees look at an RV as a way to see the country from their hotel on wheels and therefore purchase an RV after much research.

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## **Expenses of Ownership**

- **Class A, C, Fifth wheels, towables: Caveat – most RVs are traded or sold between 5-7 years.**
  - **Depreciation factors – 20% when you drive it off the dealer's lot; about 5% per year through year five; 20% at five years; you don't want to know about at ten years.**
  - **Why must sell before 10 years old??? Lenders won't give loans for RVs 10 years or older so to get your RV sold may require a heavy discount from your original price.**

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## **Expenses of Ownership**

- **Sales Tax and vehicle registration costs**
- **Mortgage costs, if any: Many folks finance their RVs over 20 years only to find out that when they go to sell or trade they are upside down in their loan.**
- **Storage/Parking: Figure \$50 a day on average for a campsite. Campgrounds that provide services like water, electric, and sewage cost an average of \$50 per day – some less expensive, some a lot more expensive. Try taking your family to camp at Camp Wilderness at Disney World for an eye opener.**
- **Fuel: expect poor fuel mileage... Class A is 5-8 miles per gallon, Class B is 12-14 mpg, Towables are 6-10 mpg.**
- **Maintenance/Repairs – Class A is about \$3000 per year. All others about \$1000 per year**
- **Insurance – Class A typically \$3000-\$4000 per year.**

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## **Expenses of Ownership**

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

- CLASS A is the most expensive form of Rving. The average Class A owner spends \$25,000 to \$40,000 per year as their ownership cost. Equivalent to home ownership, except homes appreciate in value... RVs depreciate.**
- Depending upon levels of usage for the other types of RVs dictates their cost.**
- Owning a live aboard RV like a Class A, a big Fifth wheel, or big towable is like having another house.**

# Jews on Wheels

## 50 Members

**Date Created:** 03 April, 2015

Living and traveling Jewishly on the road can be fun, but sometimes challenging. **The purpose of this group is to share experiences and tips on how you observe the Sabbath, holidays, keep kosher, and any other Jewish experiences you can share with others who face the same challenges.**

Everyone seeking to live Jewishly on the road is welcome, no matter what their level of observance is. The only requirement is to be respectful and tolerant of others.

Only information regarding living Jewishly on the road is accepted. No political or other religious discussions (there are other venues for that).

# Rving Jews and Friends of Israel

## 3 Members

**Date Created:** 22 September, 2020

If you are Jewish and or a friend of Israel, this group is for you. While traveling as a Jewish person I have had the good fortune to meet other Jews traveling far and wide in their RV's. This group is by no means meant to be exclusionary. If your not Jewish but have an affinity with Jews and Israel then please consider joining. For my Jewish brothers and sisters if you are looking out for fellow RVers to spend a Shabbos or Jewish Holiday meal with while traveling then this is a home for you. Peaceful and safe travels to all. Chaya.

# Kosher Kampers

(77 members)

Oy Vay this is the place for Jewish RV'ers to meet and greet. Who knows, we can even share a nosh sometime. So what are you waiting for?

# Shalom Roamers Chapter of FRVA

[www.shalomroamers.com](http://www.shalomroamers.com)

## 49 Members

Date Created: 16 January, 2017

Ever heard, “Jews don't camp...The last time the Jews went camping, they spent forty years wandering in the desert.”

Well we defy that notion. The Shalom Roamers are Jewish friends - new and old - who enjoy RVing and together celebrate our Jewish RVing community. Our members who own RVs are also members of FRVA – Family RV Association.

