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\$500 plus \$36 per student
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Teacher Inservice



Our Education Team hosts 4 teacher training webinars a year: Goal Setting and Planning, Behavior Management, Experiential Education and one Wildcard (based on current events or request.) All Education Directors and their staff are welcome to attend.

Consultation



Our consultation service is up to 4 hours of consultation over the year. We are happy to work on anything from curriculum to program design to administrative questions. Give us a call!

Curriculum & Supplements



Our signature scripted, spiral, comprehensive Early Childhood - High School Judaics and Hebrew curriculum, which also includes all of our supplements (Adult Education, Family Education, Director Handbook, and more). Religious School in a box!

Coffee Talk



Monthly open-forum conversations with Educators from around our region. Bring ideas, successes, questions, or frustrations. Coffee Talk has become an incredible community builder for our region, we hope you will join us.

Program Bank Access



With over 1,000 programs, our Program Bank can be the answer to any of your education needs. Family education, all school, creative tefillah, holiday programs, and more. Through our new website portal, you will have access to our entire program bank.

In-Person Visit*



One of our master educators will visit your community to provide a personalized program. We will work with you to create the perfect weekend, or Sunday religious school program for your community. (*Additional fees apply.)

Cohort Experience



Our Hineinu Y'all cohort is for educators looking to take their schools and their skills to the next level. Partners who join this program will have 4 workshops over the course of the year, as well as consistent support and consulting to make their goals become reality.

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Why is the Jewish Education program at the ISJL changing?

All the changes to the ISJL Education division are in direct response to what we've heard from our communities. From our surveys, conversations, and strategic planning processes, we heard loud and clear that while the old "fellowship"/Program Associate model was a game-changer for years, now the majority of our communities are looking for higher-level support. With a new team of Masters-level educators and new partnership options, we hope to give each community a more individualized, elevated experience.

What is the new structure?

So glad you asked! Here's what our new ISJL Education team looks like:



What happened to the Education Fellows/ Program Associates?

Our Program Associates (previously known as the ISJL Education Fellows) impacted an impressive number of people, from the PA/Fellows themselves to the educators they worked with to the families they spent time with in their communities to all the organizations they went on to serve after their two years with the ISJL. This program has been an incredible asset. However, times have changed. Hosting a PA is not an easy thing to coordinate for some of our communities. Recent college graduates are not applying for fellowships like this one. Responding to these realities, we are taking this opportunity to pause the program and try something new. With our new structure, we will be able to continue to provide consulting services to our communities, but in a new and more individualized way.

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What are my new choices for partnership with the ISJL?

Our new structure offers two options for ISJL Education Partnership:

Hineinu Y'all Partnership **(\$500 flat rate plus \$36 per student)**

Hineinu Y'all means "we are here." In this community-minded, full-service option, you'll get to access every aspect of this pilot program. This includes the full curriculum, special programming at the Southern & Jewish conference (in-person; hotel and meal fee charged separately), ongoing professional development and Coffee Talk sessions, and direct access to the ISJL Education team for ongoing individualized consultations. Hineinu Y'all Partners can also access our Program Bank with thousands of Jewish holiday, family, retreat, game, and other programs for all ages and stages. These communities are also able to have one member of their community join our Hineinu Y'all cohort and work towards a goal, change, or revitalized program in their school with support from our team. These communities also have an OPTION for an in-person visit from one of our Masters-level educators (which will entail covering the honorarium, travel and meals/lodging costs for the visiting Educator).

Associate Partnership **(\$36 per student)**

Includes curriculum and special programming at the Southern & Jewish conference (in-person; hotel and meal fee charged separately), training videos, and collective enrichment opportunities. Associate Partner communities are also welcome to join our teacher training webinars and monthly Coffee Talks!

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Tell me more about the Hineinu Y'all cohort.

Sure! We are honored to be the recipient of a Covenant Foundation grant, which is allowing us to change our model and create the Hineinu Y'all cohort. In this cohort, participants will be given the opportunity to work on a particular project or goal for their school. They will be supported and mentored throughout this process, with a focus on building community among the cohort. Hineinu Y'all will kick off in person at the Southern & Jewish conference in June and continue on Zoom for 4 sessions. Each session will include guest speakers and professional development. In the end, each participant will have a plan to ignite a new program or goal in their school! This is a great opportunity for schools with new directors or looking to try something new.

What about the ISJL Conference?

We host an annual ISJL Conference. In 2024, we are trying something new and are excited to present Southern & Jewish, our reimagined ISJL Conference, June 23-25 in Jackson, MS. This conference will still offer programming specifically for Education partners, but is now open to anyone interested in Jewish life in the South. Please invite your board members, religious school parents, and clergy. Communities are encouraged to send at least one representative to the conference. You can learn more and register at www.isjl.org/conference.

Does my congregation have to pay for the education program, or can the payment come from an individual in our community, Federation grant, etc.?

Whatever works for you, works for us! Congregations can budget the money, or if an individual or foundation locally commits to covering your congregation's expenses, that is wonderful, too.

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Does the fee have to be paid all at once and at the beginning of the year?

The ISJL understands the issues facing most congregations today. Should your community need or want a “payment plan” we are certainly receptive to that discussion with your leadership.

How is the ISJL Education Program funded?

The program is made possible by the incredible support of generous national funders. However, these funders want to know that there is at least some contribution coming from the communities served. As long as communities are investing in the program, funders are inspired to invest, as well, and enable this sacred work to continue. To date, the raw costs of the ISJL Education Program over the past two decades totals nearly \$13.4 million. Here are some of the major donors who have helped to cover these costs:

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What if we just need more information on this next step?

Contact Molly Levy, Director of Education, at mlevy@isjl.org or Michele Schipper, Chief Executive Officer, at mschipper@isjl.org. We look forward to hearing from you!