





# KIDS THRIVE

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Educators shape perceptions about Jewish values and history, and strengthen a child's sense of Jewish identity. The Jewish Education Project empowers educators with the resources and tools to inspire children to live knowledgeable and joyful Jewish lives.



# Why Jewish Education Matters, Now More Than Ever

In our increasingly interconnected, complex world, Jewish education can, and must, play an integral role in the lives of children, teens, and their families. Jewish education is not about a single classroom or program or event. Rather, powerful Jewish education encompasses the whole learner, accounting for their interests, struggles, ambitions, and more.

Amidst the crisis in Israel and rising antisemitism, we know that understanding Jewish values, history, and heritage can help children embrace their Jewish identity, face adversity with pride and optimism, and stand up for their beliefs.

Our vision for a strong Jewish future powered by pride, knowledge, and a sense of belonging infuses all the work that we do. Educators are on the frontlines to positively influence how all students learn. Access to both the very best professional development experiences and programmatic models are the best tools to maximize their impact.

We are proud of our work to date -- and know there is much to do in the coming years.

Recent history reminds us of the unpredictable nature of our journey. We learn, we course correct, and we always aim to do better. Our world today, our youth today, demands...and warrants, nothing less.

Thank you for being on this journey with us.

**David Bryfman** 

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The Jewish Education Project

Lois Kohn-Claar

President,

The Jewish Education Project

# EMPOWERING TO THRIVE

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# WHO WE SERVE

#### **The National Destination for Jewish Educators**

Jewish educators across the nation and the globe, in every discipline and denomination, turn to us as the leading resource for best-in-class professional development resources and innovative practices. Who ultimately benefits? Hundreds of thousands of families.

#### We Serve...

- All 50 States
- 150+ countries globally
- Tens of thousands of educators
- 500K children impacted annually



# WHAT IS OUR VISION

To enable Jewish youth and families to engage in Jewish educational experiences that help them thrive as Jews and in the world.

# WHY WE EXIST

To inspire and empower educators to create transformative Jewish experiences.







PART-TIME EDUCATION



ISRAEL EDUCATION



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



TEEN-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS



**CAMPS** 



DAY SCHOOLS & YESHIVAS



INDEPENDENT & PUBLIC SCHOOLS



EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS



PARENTS & FAMILIES





"In a moment where people felt more disconnected and unsure of where to turn to for information and for spaces to process and learn and connect, The Jewish Education Project said Hinenu, here we are -we've got you, come with us."

**Brett Lubarsky**,

Director of the Jewish Teen Initiative, CJP of Greater Boston



### Israel At War: The Days After October 7th

The Jewish Education Project has been tested time and again... Pittsburgh, Covid-19, January 6th, and now October 7th. Educators know that in a time of crisis, no matter the scale, they can turn to us for immediate expert guidance, carefully curated resources and reassurance that we've got their backs.

66K+

66K+ educators accessed our resources and events related to the crisis in Israel, 10X the visitors in the same period the prior year.

26K+

26K+ educators and parents viewed expert webinars on topics including, "How to Talk to Children About Israel Today."

300+

Launched a series of trips to Israel for 300+ North American Jewish Educators to bear witness and, in turn, to impact their Israel education curriculum.

3K+

3,000+ RootOne alumni and parents engaged weekly with resources related to Israel and mental health.



Partnered with UJA-Federation of New York, PJ Library, Kveller and more to provide even wider access to our resources.

# TAKING THE FUTURE INTO OUR HANDS

We're not waiting for the next crisis, not on our watch. Through the power of education, we're proactively building deep connections to Israel with young people, reaching families who want access to Jewish experiences, and cultivating an understanding of Israel and antisemitism in all its complexity amongst our secular neighbors.

# **Bringing Educators** to Israel

We lead a series of Israel travel programs, **Mischlachot Areyvut**, for 300+ North American Jewish educators to witness first-hand the impact of October 7th, and apply it to their curriculum to enhance Israel education for their learners at home. As a trusted communal partner, our collaboration with other organizations make these trips possible.

# **Building Connections to the Jewish Homeland**

Our Israel education and travel initiative, **RootOne**, has sent over 13,000 Jewish high schoolers to Israel. We are doubling down to provide more resources and educational opportunities for new participants, alumni and parents. Our pen-pal program, One2One, also pairs hundreds of North American youth with Israeli peers.

# **Expanding Education to Combat Antisemitism**

We proactively prevent bias, discrimination, and hate in public and independent schools. Amplifying the voices of the New York Jewish community in education coalitions through the **New York Education Initiative**, and working with school district leaders to promote an inclusive and safe K-12 school environment, we ensure accurate instruction related to Jewish issues.

# Making Joyful Jewish Learning Accessible

We offer live online Jewish learning directly to children and families through our online learning platform **Truvie**. Accessible and ready-to-use resources are available, including content on Israel and antisemitism, to help families create meaningful Jewish experiences at home.











# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

As the world evolves, so does the Jewish community. Educators and leaders play a crucial role in adapting to these changes. Their innovative ideas inspire new approaches to Jewish education, meeting the needs of today. Our goal is to create meaningful learning experiences and practices that resonate with modern learners. By providing engaging educational opportunities, we empower Jewish youth and their families to thrive both within their community and in the broader world.



## **Thought Leadership**

We step into the important, and sometimes challenging, events and ideas shaping the world today.



### **Innovation & Incubation**

We develop innovative ways to bring conversations to a global audience in real time.



## **Professional Development**

We develop the tools to help educators guide young people through life's moments with a sense of identity, purpose and hope.



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ight)$  Thought Leadership

# EMPOWERING THROUGH IDEAS

The Jewish Education Project takes on some of the most challenging and transformational developments we face as a community, so that we can continue to best serve our learners in a rapidly evolving world.



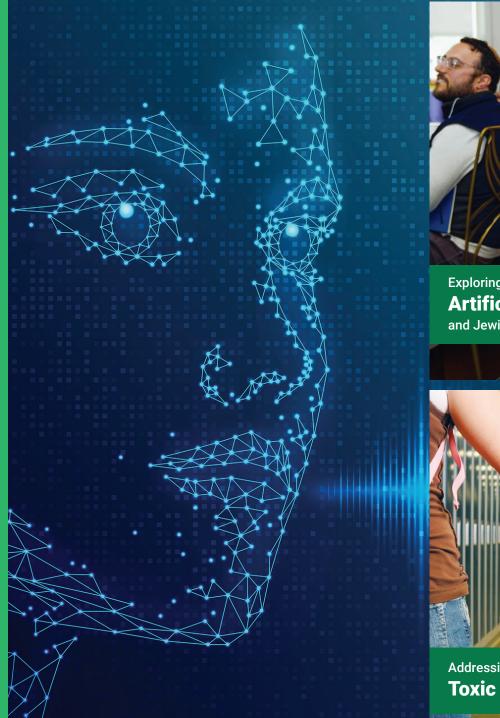
# CONNECTING THE DOTS THROUGH TORAH

What does ancient
Jewish wisdom offer in
our hyper-paced, complex
world today? A LOT.
Rabba Yaffa Epstein,
our Senior Scholar and
Educator in Residence,
helps educators, lay
leaders, and staff
understand how the
stories and lessons of the
Torah provide an eternal
blueprint of values to
guide us.



## **Keeping Educators on the Cutting Edge**

Thousands of educators rely on us to illuminate the latest in education. Our webinars and signature industry conferences like **Jewish Futures** cover topics like artificial intelligence, shifting culture around identity, sexuality and diversity, the State of Israel, and more.







### **Elevating bold voices.**

Our weekly podcast, "Adapting: The Future of **Jewish Education"** with David Bryfman, elevates provocative voices that address topics such as youth mental health, antisemitism, teacher compensation, and more. Listeners are exposed to new perspectives and creative ideas.

Listen Here



## **CONVERSATIONS THAT** MEET THE MOMENT



**Jewish Educators on the** Frontlines in the War of Ideas

with Dr. Rachel Fish



**How to Talk to Children About Israel Today** 

with Dr. Sivan Zakai



Where Jewish Education **Meets Feminism** 

with Shuli Karkowsky



**Artificial Intelligence or Artificial Education?** 

with Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath



The Secret to Teen Engagement with Ira Miller



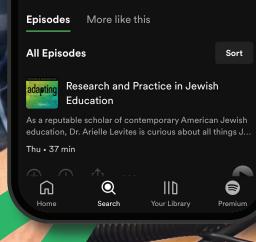
**Catalyzing Change** 

**Through Research** 

Our advanced research produces data-based insights

pioneering initiatives. Areas of research have included

that our expert staff leverage to develop new models and



Adapting: The Future of Jewish Education' is a podcast

Adapting: The Future of Jewish

**Education** 





# EMPOWERING THROUGH INGENUITY

Jewish education must innovate in order to be a relevant part of young people's lives. Daily routines and expectations are significantly different than they were just a generation ago. This understanding pushes us to experiment, to fail, to learn, and try again. We're already seeing incredible results.

**ROOTONE AIMS** > TO CULTIVATE A **GENERATION OF JEWS WHO ARE** KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ISRAEL, **AND PROUD TO** STAND UP FOR THEIR BELIEFS.



#### **A New Model** for Israel Teen Education

**RootOne** is changing the landscape of Israel education for teens. Powered by The Jewish Education Project and generously funded by The Marcus Foundation and other national funders, our powerhouse Israel travel program uniquely blends high-quality educational pre- and post-trip programming, financial accessibility, and immersive experiences.

#### [7] Learn More





85K+

RootOne teens have participated in 85,000+ hours of early learning experiences, building connections and curiosity before stepping foot in Israel.

13K+

In just three years, more than 13,000 teens have traveled to Israel with one or more of 24 different trip provider partners who run nearly 60 different



# **Big Tent** Event

RootOne's Big Tent Event brings thousands of teens together in Israel





## **Online Classes for Kids Led by Expert Teachers**

Access to Jewish education isn't a given. Our learning platform, Truvie, is our big opportunity to democratize it. Truvie offers live online classes for kids led by expert teachers on a wide range of topics, and an extensive collection of accessible and ready-to-use resources to help families create meaningful Jewish experiences at home.

# **TRUVIE**

Jewish education must keep pace today to be a part of people's lives.

Learn More

### **Changing the Culture of Supplemental Education**

My Aspirations Playbook (MAP) is our bold vision of the impact that effective Jewish education can have, based on insights in our research report, From Census to Possibilities. This newly developed paradigm helps educators, parents, and lay leaders articulate desired outcomes and apply new educational design principles to their programs so they can help young people thrive.

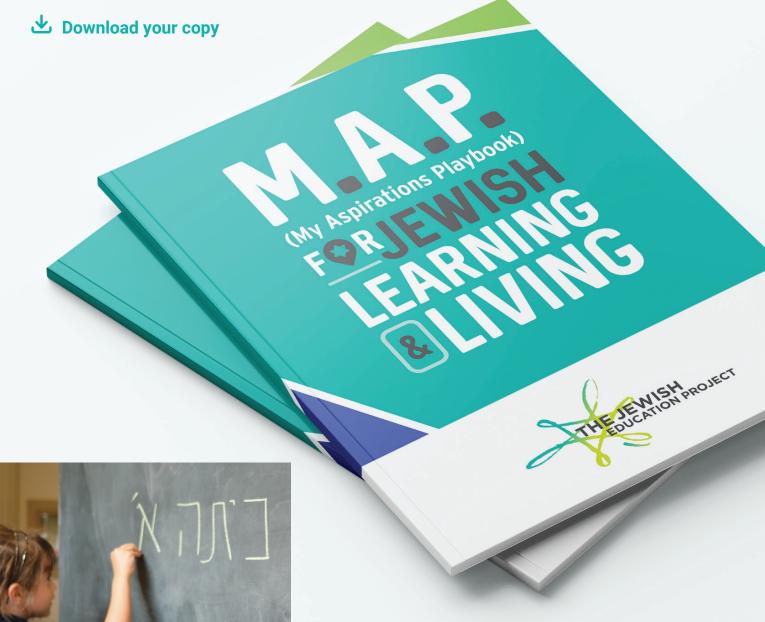


Interested in advancing exciting new models of education?

Contact Heidi Kane, Senior Development Manager at

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MAP pushes the field to think AND act on what we aspire Jewish education to be.

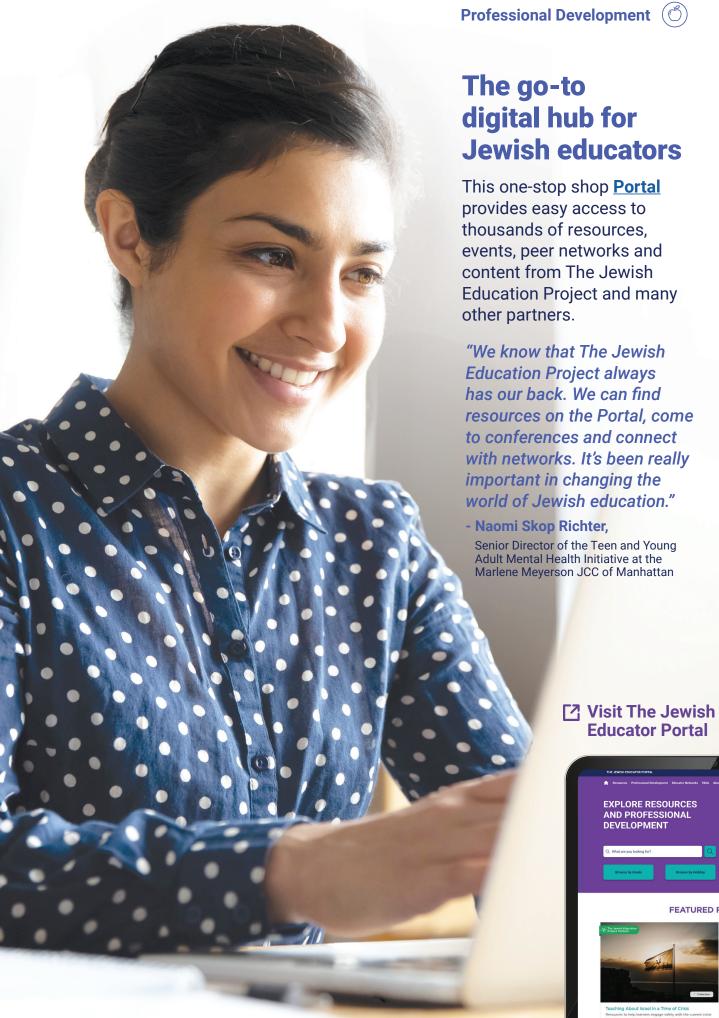




**Professional Development** 

# EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

As a national center for Jewish education, our expert staff - including rabbis, scholars, and leading authors – are pioneers in their fields, from antisemitism to pedagogy, and are consistently pushing the boundaries of innovation.



THE JEWISH **EDUCATOR PORTAL** 

Serves 9,000+ educators a month across 150 countries

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Curated library of over 1,600 resources, collections, and curriculum

Includes content from 32 leading partner organizations as well as individual educators from across the Jewish **Education fields** 



**FEATURED RESOURCES** 



#### **Building Educator Know-How**

**Our Professional Development Programs** 

are designed for maximum accessibility with top subject-matter experts.

100+ webinars, workshops, conferences, and fellowships annually

Foster creative thinking, encourage problem-solving, develop new skills

Turn out wellinformed educators who connect with today's learners







# **Facilitating Educator Communities**

#### **Our 40+ peer-to-peer networks**

connect educators with peers around the world and across disciplines to share best practices and celebrate successes.



# **Opening Doors for New York Day Schools**

The Jewish Education Project helps capture important government funds that provide critical support both for New York teachers and students. Our expert staff navigate a bureaucracy that requires intimate knowledge of a highly complex system. Millions of dollars are at stake in the form of professional development, educational and curriculum resources, and student and family support for New York area Day Schools and Yeshivas.

**\$103 million** in government funds facilitated for student and family support for school year 2023-24



# THE POWER OF OUR AGENCY

The Jewish Education Project is at the nexus of Jewish education nationally and globally, with the unique ability to amplify the impact Jewish education can have. We hold ourselves accountable at all times to help as many people as possible thrive through Jewish values and wisdom. Our numbers tell a powerful story.



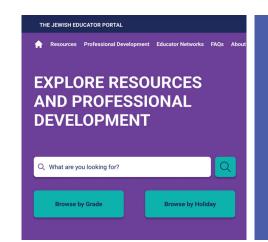
150 Countries Served with our Resources

13K+
RootOne Teens
Sent to Israel

85K+
Hours of RootOne
Teen Engagement



66K+
Educators Accessing our Educator Portal



100+
Annual Professional
Development Sessions
Conducted





\$103M in Government Funds Accessed for Day Schools



500K+
Youth Impacted
Annually

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# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

We are grateful to our generous donors and key funding partners who fuel our mission and enable us to turn ideas into transformational realities.

## The Jewish Education Project major funders:

UJA-Federation of New York Jim Joseph Foundation Maimonides Fund GS Humane Society

## We express gratitude to our RootOne funders:

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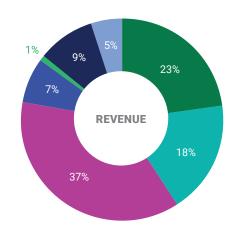
# **FINANCIALS**

The Jewish Education Project Statement of Activities for the Twelve Months Ending June 30th 2023.

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#### **REVENUE**

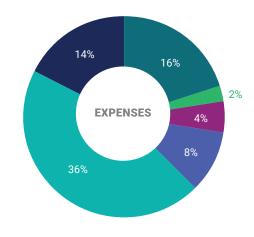
TOTAL***	17,223,056	100%	
Other**	812,689	5%	
Program Revenue (including SFS)	1,541,364	9%	
Community Partnerships	165,001	1%	
Board and Events	1,267,090	7%	
RootOne*	6,432,720	37%	
Foundations	3,076,315	18%	
UJA-Federation of New York	3,927,877	23%	



#### **EXPENSES**

#### Program Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES	16,937,327	100%	
Administration	2,090,456	12%	
Marketing & Development	1,227,611	7%	
Total Program	13,619,260	100%	
Digital/Cross Agency	2,369,337	14%	
RootOne*	6,154,191	36%	
Congregational/PTJE	1,402,243	8%	
Teen Engagement	707,038	4%	
Early Childhood	300,483	2%	
Day School	2,685,968	16%	
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Revenue (Expenses)	3,977,144
Additions to Temporary Restrictions	3.691.415
Net Revenue (Expenses) from Operations	285,729

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes RootOne grants to service organizations

# OUR LEADERSHIP

The lay leadership of The Jewish Education Project represents the diversity of our community. With backgrounds in law, finance, entrepreneurship, education, and innovation, our board members bring strategic skills and expertise that help us strengthen the field.

#### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes Gain from Investments and Interest Income of \$660,410

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# TOGETHER, WITH YOU

Join us on this journey to advance bold new opportunities in Jewish education.

Contact Heidi Kane, Senior Development Manager at hkane@jewishedproject.org

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