



A Private Foundation Supporting Programs that Welcome People to Judaism

The National Center to Encourage Judaism offers grants to synagogues, and regional, national, and international groups sponsoring programs that attract more people to Judaism from all walks of life and backgrounds.



"I'm not exaggerating when I say that the URJ-NCEJ marketing grant has transformed my work with the Reno community"

—Rabbi Ethan Blair, Temple Sinai, Reno, NV

Examples of Programs Hosted by NCEJ Grantees

- ✓ Holiday how-to workshops
- ✓ Taste of Judaism
- ✓ Ask-a-clergy coffeehouses
- ✓ Judaism 101
- ✓ PJ Library connectors
- ✓ Interfaith discussion groups
- ✓ Conversion classes
- ✓ Elements of Judaism
- ✓ Taste of Jewish life
- ✓ Family to family ambassadors
- ✓ Taste of Hebrew
- ✓ Journey to Judaism

Taste of Hebrew



The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis offered a Taste of Hebrew class for parents of children who were just beginning to learn Hebrew and promoted it using an NCEJ grant. The class was designed as an introduction to Hebrew to make it easily accessible and open to everyone.

Conversion Classes



The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City has used an NCEJ marketing grant for many years to widen its advertising reach. The Center for Conversion to Judaism in New York City, a first-time grantee, received funds to expand awareness of its programs among both clergy and the public.

Family Holiday Camps



The JCC of Greater Pittsburgh developed a series of holiday camps to reach interfaith families and others who were not engaged in the Jewish community. With NCEJ funding the JCC increased advertising and expanded its audience to over 200 attendees.



Examples of Groups We've Funded



International: Jewish renewal in Europe

Joint Distribution Committee is NCEJ's first venture overseas. JDC is developing 2 pilot projects in Latvia and Poland geared towards people who are just beginning their Jewish journey.

World Union for Progressive Judaism is using an NCEJ grant to fund conversion activities in the Iberian peninsula.

Local: synagogues, individual federations, JCCs and consortiums

Grant amounts generally range from \$500-\$5,000+, depending on the length and scope of the program.

JCC of Greater Pittsburgh was able to increase the marketing for its family holiday camps and attract more participants, with the help of an NCEJ grant.

Jewish Federation of Cleveland received a grant for its interfaith initiative, JHUB.

Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro NC received an NCEJ grant, primarily to expand marketing for its "On One Foot" Introduction to Judaism.

Raleigh-Cary Jewish Federation used an NCEJ grant to promote a "Jewish Journey and Beyond" program.

National: grants to umbrella organizations for outreach sub-grants to affiliates

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs received an NCEJ grant for its keruv initiative, enabling it to give out over 20 awards for welcoming websites and other programming for interfaith families.

Jewish Federations of North America used NCEJ funding to give out ten \$5,000 grants to federations in smaller communities for programming that connected interfaith couples and the unaffiliated to Judaism.

The Rabbinical Assembly was given money for marketing grants to member synagogues for Judaism 101, conversion classes, and related programming.

The Jewish Theological Seminary received funds to publicize a summer conference for rabbis that focused on engaging interfaith families in synagogue life.

Union of Reform Judaism used an NCEJ grant to increase advertising and develop a national social media campaign for Taste and Introduction to Judaism classes.

Women of Reform Judaism received funds for outreach grants to local sisterhoods for programs that help interfaith families and others learn about Judaism and feel welcomed in their synagogues.

Helping Judaism Grow from Generation to Generation

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