



Funding Programs that

Welcome People to Judaism

Want to know what type of programs NCEJ funds? Looking for ideas you can adapt to meet the needs of your organization while also attracting more people to Judaism? The examples below are just a sampling of some of the grants we have given out recently.



PJ Library – Related Programming



“Interfaith Family Engagement Project”

Program Description: This initiative is designed to provide additional programming for the approximately 40% of interfaith families enrolled in PJ Library. The program offers monthly two-hour conversations for parents (with children welcome) focused on building a Jewish home: Shabbat, holidays, kashrut, and life-cycle events including welcoming ceremonies for newborns. The sessions will help families create Jewish homes and provide a place for open discussion of the challenges that may be present in interfaith homes. —*Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY*



“PJ Simchas”

Program Description: PJ Simchas will sponsor regular programming: six shabbat dinners, three holiday celebrations, and six Havdalah experiences during a year, held on the Jewish campus and in public/ secular spaces. The goal is to build relationships and connections to Judaism through small group settings. —*Jewish Federation of Raleigh-Cary, NC*



“PJ Library Connectors”

Program Description: This initiative, which has been implemented in a number of communities, builds on the success of PJ Library in reaching interfaith families. The Federation trains parents (primarily those in interfaith relationships) to be “peer connectors.” The program is designed to reach families who might not otherwise connect with the Jewish community, especially interfaith families in outlying areas. Activities include playgroups, holiday celebrations, and other parent-oriented events. —*Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, Albany, NY*



Holiday – Related Programming



“J Celebrates”

Program Description: J-Celebrates is a series of experiential programs that engage and educate families about Judaism. The Purim celebration includes a Megillah reading, a Purim shpiel, and a conversation about the mitzvot of Purim. A Family Passover Seder, hosted before the holiday, offers families the opportunity to learn how to host their own Seder. The goal of the program is to foster a strong sense of Jewish identity, and to facilitate, encourage and support a family’s Jewish journey. The objective is to create a pathway for families to be able to continue celebrations at home. —*Westside JCC, Los Angeles, CA*



“5 Senses of Judaism”

Program Description: 5 Senses of Judaism is a multi-session program for families with very young children that focuses on one holiday each session. Each session includes five different activity stations. This child-led program allows families to explore Judaism in an experiential setting and learn about Jewish traditions and customs. The children leave with an activity, such as a coloring book, so that the learning can continue at home. —*Temple of Aaron, Saint Paul, MN*



“J-Kids Family Club”

Program Description: The club offers activities each month throughout the year, primarily focused on the holidays. Activities include a Chanukah cookie-baking celebration, a Tu b’shevat Seder, Havdalah and hamentashen, a family Passover Seder (separate from the temple Seder), and a Sukkot potluck. —*Temple Bnai Israel, Willimantic, CT*



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