

WRJ YES Fund Grants

The YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) provides grants to develop the future leaders of the Reform Movement, advocate for the voice and rights of women, and welcome diversity and inclusion throughout the Jewish world.

2024- 2025

Youth

Championing the voices of young people across the world, we support NFTY and URJ camps in North America and youth organizations abroad. WRJ is proud to support the next generation of Jewish leaders as they learn how to make a lasting impact on their peers, their communities, and the world.



Education

We directly support future leaders of Reform Judaism by providing scholarships for rabbinical and cantorial studies at seminaries and Reform institutions around the world. YES Fund grants empower students to transform Jewish spaces, be immersed in training, and facilitate learning.



Special Projects

The YES Fund underwrites programs and organizations that promote pluralism, social justice, and egalitarianism. For more than 70 years, YES grants have advocated for Jewish values, empowered women to lead, and supported the fight for religious freedom in Israel.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

WRJ's YES Fund continues to uplift innovative programs, projects, and initiatives that are committed to creating welcoming places for our diverse Jewish community in North America. We create opportunities for all people by lifting up all voices.



\$ 300,500 Awarded

Youth

\$15,000 - **Leo Baeck Education Center** Arab-Jewish Summer Camp

\$10,000 - **Reform Jewish Community of Canada** L'Taken North for Canadian Teens

\$15,000 - **URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy** Scholarships for Girls & Non-Binary Campers

\$10,000 - **URJ** Trans-Generations: Supporting Grandparents of Trans & Gender-Expansive Youth

\$6,000 - **URJ** Jews of Color Teen Fellowship

\$5,000 - **ARZA Canada** Navigating Shared Space: An Israel Curriculum for Our Time**

\$4,000 - **Leo Baeck Education Center's** "DEI Starts With Me" Program

Education

\$60,000 - **HUC - JIR** Scholarship Support

\$15,000 - **Instituto Iberoamericano de Formación Rabínica Reformista** Female Students & Support Practice Fund

\$14,000 - **HUC - JIR** Israel Rabbinical Program

\$10,000 - **ARJE ECE-RJ** Kadimah! A Summit for Jewish Education Professionals**

\$10,000 - **World Union for Progressive Judaism** Shlichei Tzibur Prayer Leadership Program for Women

\$7,000 - **Women of the Wall** Sacred Feminism Curriculum

\$6,000 - **Abraham Geiger Kolleg** Rabbinical & Cantorial Scholarships

\$5,000 - **Ecole Rabbinique de Paris** Training for Progressive Rabbis, Cantors, & Educators**

\$3,000 - **Women's Rabbinic Network** International Scholarships for the Spring 2025 Convention

\$500 - **HUC-JIR** Rabbi Sally J. Priesand Award

** **New Grantee**

Special Projects

\$36,000 - **Religious Action Center** Legislative Assistant for Women's Issues

\$15,000 - **IMPJ** Pastoral Counseling & Spiritual Solace for Ukrainian and Russian Refugees

\$9,000 - **Israel Religious Action Center** Advancing & Defending the Rights of Women in the Face of Increased Extremism

Diversity, Equity &

Inclusion

\$7,500 - **Jewtina y Co.** Rabbinic Council

\$7,500 - **jGirls+ Magazine** Feminist Jewish Teen Fellowship

\$7,000 - **Jewish Plays Project** Supporting Diverse Artistic & Community Process**

\$5,000 - **The LUNAR Collective** Asian Jewish Community Fellowship

\$5,000 - **Rekindle** Black-Jewish Community Collaboration

\$4,000 - **Jewish Women's Archive** Race, Gender, & Jewish History Course**

\$4,000 - **Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters** Community Mikveh, Spanish Ceremony Translation**

\$2,500 - **Avodah** Jews of Color Programing

\$2,500 - **Be'chol Lashon** Nowruz Celebration

Emergency Allocations

awarded from 2023-2024

\$20,000 - **IMPJ**: Relocate families living along the Gazan border, support rabbinic needs due to the uptick in unexpected funerals, and women's empowerment circles

\$10,000 - **HUC-JIR**: Facilitate mental and spiritual care for students and faculty, crisis management training and leadership in times of war and trauma

\$10,000 - **Jewish Women's Collective Response Fund**: Support Israeli women in raising their voices in Israeli society