

WRJ YES Fund Grants

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

2025- 2026

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.



Innovation Grants

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 develop opportunities for newer Jewish organizations establishing safe spaces for all kinds of Jews.

\$335,500 Awarded

Youth

- \$25,000** - URJ/NFTY Scholarships for The Collab, the Annual Youth Gathering
- \$15,000** - Leo Baeck Education Center Arab-Jewish Summer Camp
- \$11,000** - URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy Scholarships for Girls & Nonbinary Campers
- \$10,000** - URJ/NFTY Establishing a Madrichim Fellowship Program
- \$5,000** - Leo Baeck Education Center Bat Mitzvah Program for 6th Graders
- \$5,000** - ARZA Canada Navigating Shared Space: An Israel Curriculum for Our Time

Education

- \$57,000** - HUC - JIR Scholarship Support
- \$15,000** - ARJE Ometz Lev Educators Initiative: Strengthening the Talent Pipeline in Jewish Education
- \$14,000** - HUC - JIR Israel Rabbinical Program
- \$10,000** - ECE-RJ Weaving Jewish Values into the Fabric of Early Childhood Jewish Education
- \$10,000** - WUPJ Shlichei Tzibur Prayer Leadership Program for Women
- \$7,000** - Women of the Wall Sacred Feminism Curriculum
- \$6,000** - École Rabbinique de Paris Training for Progressive Rabbis, Cantors, & Educators
- \$6,000** - Abraham Geiger Kolleg Rabbinical & Cantorial Scholarships
- \$5,000** - Union of Reform Judaism in Latin America/UJR-AmLat Adult Bat Mitzvah Program
- \$500** - HUC - JIR Rabbi Sally J. Priesand Award



Special Projects

- \$36,000** - Religious Action Center Legislative Assistant for Women's Issues
- \$18,000** - Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism Supporting Female Rabbis in Israel
- \$10,000** - American Conference of Cantors Kol Dorot: Celebrating 50 Years of Women in the Cantorate**
- \$10,000** - Israel Religious Action Center Advancing Gender Equality and Fighting Discrimination
- \$5,000** - Leo Baeck College Creative Programming at the Leo Baeck College Library
- \$10,000** - Women's Rabbinic Network Reform Pay Equity Initiative

Innovation Grants

- \$5,000** - A Wider Bridge Queers Against Antisemitism Outreach Program**
- \$5,000** - Artists 4 Israel Healing Art Kits**
- \$5,000** - Red Tent Fund Foundation for the Future: Red Tent Fund Capacity Building Initiative**
- \$4,000** - Jewish Women's Archive Pomegranate Writing Fellowship
- \$4,000** - Jewtina y Co. Rabbinic Council
- \$4,000** - Rekindle "Ignite" Interfaith Leadership Program
- \$4,000** - The LUNAR Collective Asian Jewish Ritual Initiative
- \$3,000** - Avodah Tzedek in Action
- \$3,000** - jGirls+ Magazine Teen Jewish Feminist Leadership Training Program
- \$3,000** - Tkiya Tkiya Gedola
- \$2,500** - Be'chol Lashon Jewish Diversity Podcast
- \$2,500** - The Torah Studio Torah Studio ASYNC**

Emergency Allocations awarded in FY 2024-2025

- \$10,000** - Leo Baeck Education Center Professional Mental Health and Academic Support for Students in Northern Israel

** New Grantee