

JIM JOSEPH FOUNDATION GRANTS \$15 MILLION TO HUC-JIR SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION

The Jim Joseph Foundation (JJF) has awarded HUC-JIR a \$15 million grant over six years as part of a continued concentrated effort to increase the number of future Jewish educators and to improve the quality of professional preparation and Jewish education they receive. This grant is part of the \$45 million in JJF grants that have been awarded to the three leading training institutions for Jewish educators: HUC-JIR, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Yeshiva University.

We care deeply about the future of Jewish life in this country," noted JJF President Al Levitt. "With the help of these grants, we know these institutions can reach their full potential and produce teachers who continue to positively shape the lives of Jewish youth."

The JJF grant enables HUC-JIR to develop a coordinated, multi-year initiative to attract and train the next generation of talented, high achieving Jewish educators prepared to provide compelling experiences of Jewish learning and living to youth, teens, and young adults. This grant supports:

- full-tuition scholarships for students studying Jewish education full-time at HUC-JIR;
- a new Executive M.A. program for working professionals, featuring summer institutes, short-term intensives, online learning, and one-on-one mentoring;
- a new certificate program in Jewish Education for Adolescents and Emerging Adults;
- new certificate programs in Jewish Early Childhood Education for synagogue professionals and for early childhood program directors and aspiring directors;



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- enhanced opportunities for rabbinical and cantorial students to spend an extra year at HUC-JIR earning Master's degrees in Jewish education; and
- expanded faculty and administrative infrastructure to successfully increase our offerings in Jewish education.

Dr. Michael Zeldin, Director of the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at HUC-JIR/Los Angeles, said, "The Jim Joseph Foundation makes it possible for us to extend the reach of our excellent programs in Jewish education so that many more well-prepared educators will be available to congregations, camps, and schools. We will also be able to provide serious preparation in Jewish education to many more rabbis and cantors who will touch the lives of children and their families."

Jim Joseph Foundation Grants \$5.2 Million to DeLeT - Day School Leadership through Teaching

The Jim Joseph Foundation has awarded a three-year, \$5.2 million grant to the DeLeT teacher education program at HUC-JIR in Los Angeles and Brandeis University. The grant extends a donor relationship between the Foundation and DeLeT that began two years ago. According to an evaluation commissioned by the Foundation, DeLeT represents a "paradigm shift" in the preparation of Jewish day school teachers by integrating graduate coursework with a yearlong, immersive, mentored field experience in partner schools. As of 2010, the program will have prepared almost 140 Jewish day school teachers, working in 40 schools across the U.S. The State of California has authorized teaching credentials eligibility for teachers in HUC-JIR's DeLeT Program.

Jim Joseph Foundation Executive Director Charles (Chip) Marc Edelsberg, Ph. D., noted, "High quality, dedicated day school educators are critical to the Foundation's effort to increase the number of young Jews committed to living vibrant Jewish lives."