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*One Rabbi, Cantor, Educator, and
Jewish Communal Professional at a Time*

Invest In A Student



HEBREW UNION COLLEGE – JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

היברו יוניון קולג' - מכון למדעי היהדות

Dear friends:

At Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, we teach that the ideal of Covenant possesses a personal dimension – each and every one of us is called at this moment and is assigned a task by God to bring goodness into the world. Each of us is challenged personally to see to it that *mitzvot* are performed, to strive for the realization of kindness, grace, and mercy – *hein, hesed, v'rahamim* – in the world.

We educate our students – your future religious leaders and teachers – to affirm Jewish peoplehood and Jewish solidarity as the core values of their vocational tasks. We teach them words of *Torah*, so that they can bring these words alive and translate them into guidelines. These guidelines will cause them to perform *ma'asim tovim* – good works that will direct and inspire the lives of the people and the communities that they will one day serve.

We are proud to be preparing a generation of rabbis, cantors, educators, Jewish communal professionals, and scholars who will surely be among the greatest and strongest Jewish leaders our people has ever produced. They will display a love for the Jewish people that is absolute and uncompromising. They are learning what it means to be worthy of their chosen vocation as future leaders of a Covenantal people.

Students often enter our rigorous graduate and professional programs with masters, doctorates, and other professional degrees. The majority are in their 20s and 30s; approximately 20 percent are older, entering as second career



students who enrich the learning community with their professional and life experiences. They participate in a challenging tripartite curriculum of text study, spiritual development, and professional training. Supervised student pulpits, internships, and organizational or community service work are core requirements in all programs, with students serving nearly one third of the North American Reform Movement's congregations, schools, and institutions each year, including small, isolated congregations that would otherwise lack trained spiritual leadership, as well as the burgeoning Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ).

At HUC-JIR, our students are encouraged to question, to explore, and to innovate. They are part of a community of scholarship, faith, and activism. They are mentored by a faculty of renowned scholars who are gifted teachers. And they pursue their studies amidst HUC-JIR's extensive resources – libraries, archives, museums, and centers for cutting-edge research in the areas of Judaism and health, contemporary ethics, pastoral counseling, and Holocaust education.

Today, we are witnessing an unparalleled growth of congregations, Jewish educational institutions, and communal organizations. To ensure the spiritual and communal growth of Jews throughout North America, Israel and the world, more professional leaders are needed than ever before. There is a critical need for leadership – from the synagogue to the Jewish community center, from the Federation to the social service agency, from the university to the chaplaincy setting, and from the Jewish summer camp to the elder care facility.

Financial obstacles must not prevent larger numbers of men and women from embarking upon a life of service to the Jewish people. Scholarships are an essential means of encouraging students with the highest academic standards and most passionate commitment to Judaism to become the Jewish leaders of the future.



We invite you to invest in our students. With *your* generous scholarship assistance through endowments, multi-year gifts, and annual gifts, you will make a difference. You will ensure a new generation of leadership that is responsive to the growing needs of URJ and IMPJ congregations and Jewish communities throughout North America, Israel, and the world.

I can assure you that there is no greater calling than the one we seek to fulfill at the College-Institute. Please demonstrate your commitment to this sacred task through your generous scholarship support. With your help we will continue to move forward with God's blessing.

Rabbi David Ellenson
President

Preparing for Service to the Jewish People

Our students prepare for outstanding leadership positions in a broad range of settings:

- Over 915 Reform congregations in North America
- Progressive Movement synagogues, schools, and community organizations in Israel and around the world
- Reform congregational schools, Jewish day schools, and bureaus of Jewish education
- Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) summer camps and Israel youth and study programs
- NFTY youth groups
- URJ, IMPJ, Central Conference of American Rabbis, World Union for Progressive Judaism, and Women of Reform Judaism program departments
- Hillel Foundations and Jewish student centers on college campuses
- Federations and Jewish social service agencies
- Jewish national and regional communal and philanthropic organizations
- Academic administration and faculty positions at universities
- Jewish museums and cultural institutions
- Jewish community centers and educational outreach organizations
- Jewish publications, press, and media
- Chaplaincies in hospitals, homes for the aged, and the armed forces



It has been my dream to maintain and enhance Jewish worship and communal life by becoming a cantor. I feel privileged to be a part of HUC-JIR's School of Sacred Music, where my courses and student pulpits in New York and Connecticut have greatly strengthened my knowledge and skills. As a Canadian student, it is difficult to attain the necessary funding for studies in the United States. I am deeply grateful for the financial support of the Messinger Scholarship, which is enabling me to develop into a Jewish communal leader.

Samantha Natov (Beer), School of Sacred Music '06, a recipient of the Messinger Scholarship



The Financial Challenge for our Students

HUC-JIR is committed to expanding its student body while maintaining the highest academic standards. Financial obstacles, however, can prevent many from embarking upon a life of service to the Jewish people.

It is not unusual for our students to accumulate \$70-80,000 in debt during their years of training. Often, this debt is compounded by the additional burden of undergraduate loans. Second career students, many of whom have children, can face even greater financial obligations. After graduation, a student's accumulated debt can affect career choices and force many to defer their true calling.

For students enrolled in the Israel Rabbinic program, the need is even more dramatic. In addition to scholarships, these students must receive tuition assistance for their studies at other universities as well as stipends for living expenses – incentives which are essential if we are to build a strong Progressive Movement in Israel.

Our goal therefore is to provide scholarships and stipends for every worthy student who approaches us with strong academic promise, but limited financial resources.

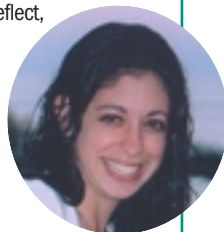


Today, over 80 percent of our students qualify for and receive scholarship assistance and/or financial aid. To award full tuition scholarships to these students over the course of their professional education, HUC-JIR would need to raise \$5.5 million each year or to build a scholarship endowment of close to \$110 million. To award scholarships to 100 percent of our students would require \$7 million annually or an endowment of \$140 million.

We believe that our ability to provide significant resources to students in need has a crucial impact on both the quality and numbers of students entering those professions which address the needs of our growing Reform community.

Upon hearing my career choice, people have commented, "We need more qualified Jewish educators in this world!" It is with a deep love of Judaism, a personal devotion to living our Jewish values, and a passion for learning that I have embarked upon becoming a Jewish educator. I feel fortunate that my journey is made possible through the generosity of the Garbus Burnam Scholarship and look forward to the continuing opportunity to challenge myself, question others, and be questioned as I continue to learn, reflect, grow, and teach.

Mara Michaels,
Rhea Hirsch School
of Education,
Masters in Jewish
Education '06, a recipient of
the Garbus Burnam Scholarship Fund



How You Can Help

We are seeking *your* support to provide endowment, multi-year, and/or annual scholarship assistance to students who are enrolled in rabbinical, cantorial, education, Jewish communal service, and graduate programs.

Endow a Student: \$250,000 to endow a full tuition scholarship
\$500,000 to fully support an Israel Rabbinical Program student

Building our endowment, particularly in the area of scholarships, is vital to the future of HUC-JIR. Your gift of **\$250,000** will provide tuition for one student enrolled in our rabbinical, cantorial, education, communal service or graduate programs. Your gift of **\$500,000** will fully support an Israel Rabbinical Program student. The gift may be paid over a period of three to five years. The scholarship will be named in perpetuity with your name, in honor or memory of a loved one, or in any way you so designate.

Invest in a Student

You may choose to make a multi-year gift to invest in a student during his/her course of study at HUC-JIR. During the period of the gift, the student will bear a scholarship in your family name or the name you so designate. For example:

A GIFT OF \$100,000 : \$25,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS = named scholarship for an Israel Rabbinical Program student

\$75,000: \$15,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS = named scholarship for a rabbinical or cantorial student's five years of study

\$60,000: \$30,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO YEARS AND TWO SUMMERS = named scholarship for a Jewish communal service student's joint degree program with University of Southern California (social work, public administration, etc.)

\$45,000: \$15,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS = named scholarship for an education student's three years of study

\$30,000 = named scholarship for a Jewish communal service student's study over one academic year and two summers



Annual Gift for Scholarships

Your gift of **\$15,000** will provide tuition support for a student in the rabbinical, cantorial, education, communal service, or graduate program for one year. Other annual gift opportunities for scholarships, internships, and stipends include:

\$25,000 = full support for an Israel Rabbinical Program student

\$17,000 = a scholarship for a rabbinical, cantorial, or education student's Year-in-Israel study and summer ulpan

\$10,000 = a scholarship for an education student's certificate program in Adult, Family, Informal, or Day School Education

\$3,000 = a scholarship for the biennial two-week Israel seminar required for Jewish communal service students

Your investment will result in a lifelong relationship with the scholarship recipient and a meaningful contribution to the Jewish community.

You will be a vital part of a student's years at HUC-JIR:

- you will be introduced to the student upon his/her acceptance to HUC-JIR
- you will be kept up-to-date as to his/her progress
- your student will keep in personal contact and can arrange to visit your congregation on an annual basis to participate in Shabbat services, religious school teaching, and/or other community events

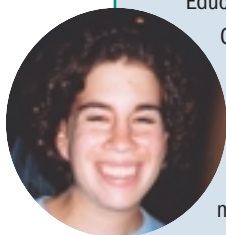
By helping a student to receive a world class education and to join the ranks of distinguished Jewish professionals in North America, Israel, and the diaspora, you will also be prominently recognized in HUC-JIR's annual "Honor Roll of Donors," as well as in all publications and other communications which highlight the program.

Blessed with gifted teachers in my Reform home congregation, URJ Camp Harlam, NFTY, and at my college Hillel, I was inspired to pursue a career that would allow



me to give something back. In studying to become a rabbi, I look forward to sharing the wisdom and warmth of our tradition with others who are seeking meaning in our world today. My ability to focus on my studies and to serve as rabbinic intern in congregations in Colorado, Texas, and Ohio would not have been possible without the five years of scholarship support from Roger and Carolyn Horchow of Dallas through the Invest in a Student Program.

Jeff Brown, Cincinnati '05, Roger & Carolyn Horchow Invest in a Student Scholarship



The Joint Masters program in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service has enabled me to explore my passion and commitment to help ensure the future of the Jewish community. HUC-JIR provides a nurturing environment where I can engage in meaningful discussions with Jewish leaders and participate in ongoing dialogue with faculty and fellow students. I thank the Rabbi Harold Schulweis Scholarship for providing me with this opportunity to grow as a Jewish leader and as a Jewish learner.

Shaina Wasserman, Joint Masters in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service '06, recipient of the Rabbi Harold Schulweis Scholarship

Pursuing a Ph.D. in biblical studies is an arduous task, which would be impossible were it not for the availability of generous scholarships and fellowships. As I prepare for a teaching career in a university setting, HUC-JIR provides an educational environment unlike any other, with a tradition of academic excellence within a Jewish context and a linguistic orientation at a time when institutions are waning in linguistic competence. The Lawrence and Betsy Shapiro Scholarship has given me the opportunity to be a part of this tradition, for which I am greatly thankful.

David Everson, Cincinnati Ph.D. candidate and recipient of the Lawrence and Betsy Shapiro Fellowship



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