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## **Dear Colleagues:**

Jewish Educational Services (JES), an agency of the Associated, in partnership with The Charles Crane Family Foundation, is proud to announce that applications are now open for 2024-2025 Jewish Educational Enhancement Program (JEEP) grants. These grants are meant to support innovative and creative Judaic programming in the Baltimore Jewish community. We are especially looking to fund initiatives which engage new participants, pilot new approaches, build collaboration between institutions, and create program models that are sustainable over time and replicable to other institutions.

Jewish education is critical to empowering Baltimore community members to live meaningful Jewish lives. The Jewish Educational Enhancement Program (JEEP) annually provides local Jewish organizations with the opportunity to reach new learners and increase Jewish learning in Baltimore. By effectively reaching a wider target audience, we can collectively strengthen Jewish Baltimore.

Jewish education is more important than ever to inspire Jewish identity, deepen knowledge and connect with each other. Through this year's JEEP process, organizations can request a grant of up to \$5000. A limited number of larger grants of up to \$7500 are available for more ambitious projects based on a) creativity of the proposed project, b) potential impact on the learners, c) sustainability of the educational effort described in the proposal and d) total funds available.

JEEP applications must be filled out on-line by going to our website (<a href="www.cjebaltimore.org/grants">www.cjebaltimore.org/grants</a>) and clicking on the JEEP Application link. There is a link for a printable version that can be useful in your preparation of the proposal, but the final version must be submitted online. Feel free to reach out to us if you need technical assistance.

The deadline for submitting your proposal is January 26, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.



## Please note:

- Refer to the attached <u>eligibility requirements</u> for more information.
- Each organization can only submit one application. This letter may have been sent to several people at your organization. Please confer with others in your organization in order to ensure that only one proposal will be submitted.

For those of you who received JEEP grants to implement this year, please look out for information about having a JES board member schedule a virtual visit with you. We look forward to partnering with you to encourage more members of our Baltimore community to engage in meaningful Jewish learning experiences.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact Terri Rosen at <a href="mailto:tnrosen@jesbaltimore.org">tnrosen@jesbaltimore.org</a> or 410-735-5008.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Aaron Levitt