

13. Campus Ready: Navigating Jewish Life in College

Prepare Jewish teens for campus life, identity, and today's evolving political climate.

14. Campfires & Identity: The Power of Jewish Summer Camp

Explore how Midwestern Jewish sleepaway camps shape identity, community, and connection to Judaism and Zionism.

15. Leading in Real Time: Jewish Leadership Today

Investigate how the Jewish Community Relations Council responds to current community needs.

16. Along the Silk Road: The Story of Bukharan Jews

Explore the history and culture of Bukharan Jews—from Silk Road origins to life under Russian and Soviet rule—and how migration reshaped their identity.

17. Carrying Memory Forward: A Holocaust Legacy

Help non-Jewish peers understand the emotions and responsibilities of being a descendant of Holocaust survivors.

18. Rising Voices: Jewish Teen Leadership Today

Explore how organizations like BBYO, JSU, and USY shape teen identity and leadership locally and nationally.



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CAPSTONE PROJECT GALLERY WALK



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THE FELLOWSHIP

JCRC Youth Fellowship for Jewish Identity and Leadership is a single school year program designed to empower Jewish high school juniors and seniors to explore and embrace their history, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a deep sense of pride, meaning and joy in their Jewish identity. Through a comprehensive series of interactive learning sessions, participants gain a nuanced understanding of Jewish history, culture, and values, while also learning how to articulate their own narratives and advocate for their community.

The Fellows met monthly throughout the school year. There were homework assignments and a capstone project. Upon successful completion of this prestigious and competitive fellowship, participants will earn a \$1,000 stipend.

We are currently recruiting for the 2026-27 fellowship. Thank you for being here and taking the time to engage with these projects—it means a great deal to JCRC and the students.

THE CAPSTONE PROJECT

The goals of the Capstone Project are for teens to:

1. Conduct deep research in an area of interest based on any of the topics covered in the Fellowship
2. Synthesize their learning into a presentation they share with peers at an event they organize
3. Demonstrate leadership in their community.

PROJECT TITLES

1. Bold & Proud: A Super Bowl Ad Against Antisemitism

Create a Super Bowl-style ad that raises awareness of antisemitism while celebrating Jewish pride, resilience, and self-advocacy.

2. Labor Zionism Now: Ideals in a Modern Israel

Educate fellow teens on Zionism—especially Labor Zionism—and how it connects to Israel today.

3. Zionism: Then & Now Through Film and Conversation

Contrast classic and modern perspectives by pairing the film *The Chosen* with an episode of the podcast *Ask Haviv Anything*.

4. My Family, Our Story: A Journey Through Jewish Europe

Document my family's history and connect it to the broader story of European Jewry.

5. Shabbat Stories: Identity, Faith, and Conversation

Discuss ideas from *As a Jew* by Sarah Hurwitz while sharing personal experiences as Jewish teens.

6. Minds That Shaped America: Jewish Scientists & Thinkers

Explore how Jewish innovators helped shape the U.S., and how their identities influenced their work and challenges.

7. Game Changers: Jewish Athletes & the Power of Identity

Explore how Jewish identity shapes athletes' experiences, highlighting values like perseverance, resilience, teamwork, and pride, and connecting them to Jewish *middot*.

8. Where Lines Blur: Antizionism & Antisemitism

Examine the relationship and distinctions between antizionism and antisemitism.

9. Soundtrack of a People: Israel Through Music

Discover how music reflects Jewish identity and connection to Israel.

10. Taste of Memory: Cooking Through Remembrance

Prepare dishes from the Taste of Memory project to honor Israelis lost to terror and war, creating personal connections through food and storytelling.

11. What Connects Us? Jewish Teens & Israel Today

Explore how Jewish teens relate to Israel based on lived experience, visits, or distance.

12. Shabbat Stories: Life in Israel Beyond the Headlines

Share personal stories from my Israeli family to give a fuller, more human picture of daily life and culture.