

Institute for Jewish Spirituality

(New York, NY)

General Support

For general support to strengthen the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's (IJS) impact on Jewish life through continuing its program activities, developing new initiatives, and increasing organizational effectiveness. IJS aims to nurture spiritual practice and learning and promote cultural change within the Jewish community. IJS focuses on providing educational frameworks for Jewish leaders that teach - in a sustained, retreat-based cohort model -- a curriculum that integrates a range of Jewish spiritual practices, texts, and ideas. In its next stage of development, IJS will: 1) Sustain professional leadership cohorts for rabbis, cantors, and educators, the Hevraya alumni program, and cohorts of lay leaders; 2) Develop new programmatic initiatives, including: trainings and curricula for social justice groups; trainings and support to enable alumni to integrate innovative programs and ideas into their institutions; and an Institute Forum that will bring leading practitioners and thinkers together to advance grounded Jewish spirituality; and 3) Increase organizational effectiveness through the expansion of funding sources and the board. IJS will also complete, market, and train leaders in the use of *Vetaher Libeynu, the IJS Curriculum for Adult Spiritual Growth*; implement a curriculum on spirituality and social justice for activists; create a Resource Bank of innovative programs; and produce a book and more CDs.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$200,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objective II*

Total Award: \$200,000 over 2 years