

Join The Catalyst

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Strengthen your Jewish community through the power of service

Volunteerism is one of the most powerful entry points into Jewish life. The Catalyst empowers Jewish Federation professionals to harness service as a meaningful pathway for deeper engagement in their communities.

The Catalyst fellowship, in partnership with Repair the World, equips Federation professionals from across North America to design and lead volunteer experiences grounded in Jewish values. Through expert training, peer learning, coaching, and grant funding, fellows gain deep expertise in Jewish service learning, while their Federations gain the leadership, strategy, and capacity to make service an essential part of their community's Jewish experience.

When a Jewish Federation professional learns to lead through service, the whole Jewish community benefits.



What Fellows Receive

- Cohort-based learning informed by Repair the World's tested pedagogy
- Individual coaching and one-on-one Jewish learning to design impactful volunteer initiatives
- Exclusive fellowship programming at the [2026 General Assembly](#), including hands-on service experiences (travel, lodging, and registration costs covered)
- **Eligibility for up to \$7,000 in grant funding** to pilot a new volunteer initiative or expand an existing one
- Membership in an active alumni network of Federation professionals advancing volunteerism system-wide

What Your Jewish Federation Gains

- Enhanced engagement strategy to create meaningful entry points into Jewish life
- New or expanded volunteer initiatives designed specifically for your community
- Deeper staff expertise in Jewish service learning and volunteer engagement
- Practical tools to measure participation, evaluate impact, and share compelling community stories
- Connections to the Jewish Service Movement and a growing national network of professionals advancing volunteerism
- Increased organizational capacity to embed volunteerism across Federation work



The Catalyst gave me the framework and confidence to ground service and community engagement in Jewish values with intention and clarity.

Nate Weisband

Young Leadership Manager, Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona

Expectations of Catalyst Fellows

- Attend bi-monthly 90-minute virtual cohort learning sessions from October 2026 through March 2027
- Attend the [2026 General Assembly](#) (all travel, lodging, and registration costs covered)
- Participate in personalized one-on-one Jewish learning
- Design and implement a community-based volunteer initiative to occur in 2027

Expectations of Participating Federations

- Support their participating professional(s) in fellowship learning and program activities
- Support implementation of local service initiatives developed through the fellowship
- Advance volunteerism as a strategic pathway to expanding Jewish engagement in their community
- Pay a \$500 participation fee

Volunteerism creates meaningful entry points into Jewish life, strengthens community, and inspires lifelong engagement. Through The Catalyst, your Federation develops the leadership, strategy, and resources to make service a defining part of your community's Jewish experience.

Questions?

Email Hannah Miller at hannah.miller@jewishfederations.org.

Be the Catalyst

The application deadline for The Catalyst Cohort 5 is September 1st at 11:59 PM ET.

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