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## 2020 Spark Grants

### Spark R&D Grants

**Available Funding:** \$150,000

**Individual Grants:** Up to \$25,000 (One Year or Multi-Year)

**Application Dates:** FY20 - 2/20-6/20, FY21- Opens 8/20

**Award Decision:** Lay Advised, quarterly

JumpSpark's new **Spark R&D Grants** provide up to \$25,000 to an organization or professional to research and develop new models of teen engagement and education. If the Atlanta Jewish community wants to meet the needs of teens today, the conditions must be created to allow organizations to take risks and try something new. Drawing on the inspiration of Jewish Federation of North America's FedLab, these grants ask grantees to "Discover, Define, Explore + Build and Plan + Act."

Funding can be used to support staffing, professional development and program creation and design. JumpSpark is specifically interested in funding new models in engagement, support, education and leadership development.

### Teen Thriving Grants

**Available Funding:** \$25,000

**Individual Grants:** Up to \$5,750

**Application Dates:** Round One - 2/20-6/20, Round Two- Opens 8/20

**Award Decisions:** Professional

The Jewish Educations Project's new Gen Z Now Report asks,

- What would it mean for organizations to see teen well-being as central to their mandate, perhaps even the primary goal of their mission?



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- If teen well-being is a core goal, how can organizations need to re-imagine what they do?
- How can we help teens frame for themselves alternative models of what success looks like in a life shaped by Jewish values?
- How do we create a culture that helps those who work with teens become the trusted adults who teens need, working together to support teen flourishing?

JumpSpark's new Teen Thriving Grants are two-year initiative aimed at making an investment in the well-being and development of our Jewish teens. With Anxiety and Depression on the rise, and the world that teens are living in growing increasingly scary, our youth serving organizations must have the resources to be the first line of support for our teens.

The Teen Thriving Grant will provide a full subsidy (travel and tuition) for one professional to attend the Jewish Education Project's Thrive Retreat 2020 *and* additional grant funding up to \$5000 for Community Partners to build teen wellness support into their organizational structure. These funds can be used for additional professional development for teen serving staff, the inclusion of mental health professionals in the planning and running of teen events and or direct programming for teens through speakers and workshops.

*The Jewish Education Project's Thrive Retreat 2020 is being held from June 1-3<sup>rd</sup> in Tarrytown, NY and all applications must be received by April 15, 2020. While attendance at the Thrive Retreat is highly encouraged, it is not required to be eligible for grant funds.*

**Program Description:** Learn from experts about using theories of thriving in Jewish educational settings and gain practical and adaptable techniques. Explore thriving through the lenses of grit, empathy and gratitude. Participate in powerful learning experiences crafted and presented by celebrated experiential educators. Each day will feature time to apply and adapt these experiences to your educational setting in a supportive environment with like-minded peers. Take home tools to help transform your institution and promote a sense of well-being in yourself, your team and your learners.



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## Navigating Parenthood Grants

**Available Funding:** \$10,000

**Individual Grants:** Up to \$2,000

**Application Dates:** FY20 - 2/20-6/20, FY21- Opens 8/20

**Award Decision:** Professional

Parents are an essential component to an engaged and healthy Jewish teen population. Our Jewish community must recognize their important role and strive to meet their needs and address their challenges. Just as we must dedicate time and resources to the wellness of teens, we must do the same for parents and caregivers of teens in our community. Parenting teens today is hard, and parents are looking for supportive community and guidance.

As JumpSpark's Navigating Parenthood Series moves into its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the program continues to grow and thrive. With workshops, panels and films Navigating Parenthood has equipped parents with the network and resources to raise thriving Jewish teens. JumpSpark's new Navigating Parenthood grants are a two-year initiative to grow impact by providing funds for communities to bring speakers, workshops and support for parents in their home communities, which will help build a strong Jewish future through a networked and resourced parent community.

With funding up to \$2,000 per Community Partner, a community could create one large event, a series of smaller events and classes or think innovatively about additional resources and events for parents of teens. JumpSpark staff is available to help develop these opportunities in partnership which will help build a strong Jewish future through a networked and resourced parent community.