



JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network Overview

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JDCA is establishing a Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network to engage Jewish ritual leaders and their communities across the country. Faith-based organizing has been proven an effective tool for voter turnout, yet the Jewish faith-based electorate is primarily only engaged by Democratic campaigns during the election cycle. JDCA is proud to provide a home for ritual leaders looking to be politically active and engaged outside of their synagogues and pulpits in a more consistent, ongoing way.

Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network Criteria

The JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network will consist of rabbis, cantors, and other Jewish ritual leaders from across the country and different Jewish denominations. Prospective participants will complete an interest form through JDCA's website, which will be reviewed and considered by the Network's leadership.

All JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network members agree to share JDCA's [core values](#). Members need not agree on every aspect of JDCA's policy positions, but inclusion in the Network assumes general alignment with JDCA's positions in general and, in particular, JDCA's stance on [Israel](#). There is no expectation that members of this Network will fundraise on behalf of JDCA. Members will join as individuals rather than as representatives of their communities or congregations. However, it is our expectation that members will use their circles to help expand JDCA's impact and reach.

The Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network will be directed by an advisory council of 5-10 members who will oversee the Network and help manage membership. This group will include a diverse makeup of leaders from various denominations, backgrounds, and regions. This Network, an advisory entity of JDCA, will be subject to JDCA Board decisions and staffed by JDCA's senior leadership.

Membership Benefits and Opportunities

If accepted, members of the JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network will receive the following benefits:

- Access to JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network in-person meet-ups.
- Ability to express viewpoints to elected officials through JDCA

Members of the JDCA Jewish Spiritual Leaders Network will have the opportunity to:

- Write op-eds, where appropriate, in support of JDCA positions.
- Sign onto JDCA letters to support and defend like-minded candidates and elected officials.
- Contribute resources, where appropriate, to JDCA programs and materials.
- Get involved with JDCA state chapters and participate in chapter activities.
- Help their community members become politically engaged through JDCA.
- Advocate on behalf of Democratic candidates aligned with JDCA values.