

2025 was a milestone year for the Jewish learning Collaborative (JLC). We completed our inaugural five-year grant period and exceeded every goal we set with our funding partners when we set out. And we began shaping a bold strategic vision to guide our learning, growth, and impact through 2028 and beyond.

JLC Welcomed 12 Partner Organizations in 2025

- Hillel International
- Honeymoon Israel
- Jewish Federation of Detroit
- Jewish Service Alliance
- Lucius N Littauer Foundation
- M2 - Cleveland Community Cohort
- M2 - Kehillot Cohort
- The Rabbinical Assembly
- Sacred Spaces
- Shearith Israel
- Skirball Cultural Center
- Yesod Europe

Leaders at
54
partner organizations
learn with JLC

A Sampling of the Diverse Topics JLC Learners Chose to Explore in 2025

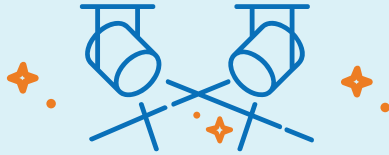
- Jewish mourning rituals
- Biblical text study
- Talmud study (Gemara)
- Astrology in Jewish thought
- Israeli history
- Using Jewish sources to process rising antisemitism
- Jewish holiday and Shabbat ritual
- Miscarriage and creation
- Modern Hebrew
- Latin Jewish history
- Biography and impact of the Lubavitcher Rebbe
- Prayer and liturgy
- Jewish feminism
- Jewish ethics and war
- Kabbalah and consciousness
- Ecclesiastes
- Mitzvot of the land of Israel
- Mizrachi poetry
- Who was Rashi?
- Weekly Haftorah
- Megillat Esther
- Jewish mindfulness (mussar)
- Spirituality in Jewish texts

"I am doubly grateful. Individually, I am grateful for my JLC chavruta partner. His intellect, demeanor, and gentle way of draw out the conversation has allowed me to think differently and more deeply. As past president of my synagogue, I am grateful for the partnership between our two organizations, the great meaning and benefit it brought our participants, and how JLC enhanced the substance of our discussions and improved our decision-making."

—JLC learner

A Sampling of Books JLC Shipped to Learners in 2025





Spotlight: JLC Educators

JLC educators live and teach around the world

159

dedicated JLC educators guided learners in one-on-one *hevruta* sessions this year.

They are:

Graduates of 17 rabbinical schools

Residents of the U.S., Canada, Israel, Europe, and South America

Teachers, PhD candidates, Rabbis, Freelancers, and Rabbinical students



Spotlight: JLC Learners

Learners completed

6,433

learning hours in 2025, up 15% from 2024

310

new learners joined JLC in 2025, up 36% from last year

636

learners participated in learning sessions in 2025, a 22% increase from 2024

"I really appreciate the thought and care that goes into the JLC and the way you support learners throughout the process. I've enjoyed learning with my educator. It feels like a great match, our learning has been meaningful and engaging, and I value both the content and the ongoing check-ins."

In Their Own Words: JLC Learners

"I am reaching out with a full heart. My experience with my JLC educator has been more transformative than I could have imagined. In no time at all, I feel like I have found a trusted advisor, wise guide, a fellow dreamer, and - with so much surprise and delight a needed new friend. I am not sure all of what you hope to accomplish at JLC, but for me/us - this connection has taken wings!"

"My learning sessions truly feel like the perfect combination of casual and intentional. We always begin by catching up and talking about the state of the world, which grounds the learning in what's actually happening in our lives. My JLC educator is such a learned Torah scholar, and I so value her approach. We read the text first, then dive into commentaries, and then engage with Dvar Torah, which creates a rhythm that feels both rigorous and nourishing. I leave each session feeling intellectually stretched and spiritually held."

Thought Leadership: Honors & Awards

- The Harold Grinspoon Foundation announced the [first-ever recipients of the Grinspoon Amber Awards](#), including JLC Executive Director Rabbi Ana Bonnheim for enhancing access to Jewish learning.
- JLC educator and Director of Jewish and Hebrew Studies and School Rabbi at the Alfred & Adele Davis Academy in Atlanta Rabbi Micah Lapidus was [awarded the prestigious 2025 Covenant award](#) honoring Jewish educators.
- Two JLC partners were among ten outstanding professionals awarded the prestigious Pomegranate Prize by The Covenant Foundation for their leadership in the field of Jewish education.
 - o JLC learner and senior Base leader [Rabbi Dave Yedid](#).
 - o JLC educator and founder, CEO, and lead educator of SAMi: Sephardic American Mizrahi Initiative [Menashe Khaimov](#).

Thought Leadership: JLC in the News



- JLC learner and Repair the World professional Ilana Pond was featured in a [story](#) about the rediscovery of her Jewish identity.
- JLC educator [Rabbi David E Levy](#) authored an [op-ed in eJewish Philanthropy](#) making the case for flexible, inspiring, and learner-centered Jewish education.
- President and CEO of Repair the World Cindy Greenberg shared in [eJewish Philanthropy](#) how JLC learning has shaped her leadership, her organization's culture, and the global Jewish service movement.
- JLC Executive Director Rabbi Ana Bonnheim authored a piece in [eJewish Philanthropy](#) addressing Jewish communal burnout and promoting JLC learning as a critical way to care for the professionals who sustain, nurture, and build our community.
- JLC educator Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek authored an opinion piece in [eJewish Philanthropy](#) about finding meaning through what he calls spiritual scaffolding.
- Chief Culture Officer at Jewish Colorado Stephanie Geller wrote an [article](#) about the gift of Torah study she enjoys through JLC.
- In honor of the 20th anniversary of their founding, the Jim Joseph Foundation [published a tribute](#) to "individuals, organizations, and research that have left an indelible mark on the field over the last two decades," featuring insights and reflections by JLC champions David Cygielman, CEO of Mem Global, and Cindy Greenberg, CEO of Repair the World.
- JLC learner, co-founder and CEO of Mem Global David Cygielman authored an [op-ed in eJewish Philanthropy](#) entitled, "We want YOU!: A creative approach to investing in the rabbinic pipeline" and praises JLC for inspiring the next generation of rabbis.

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