



# MELTON ST. LOUIS EDUCATORS FELLOWSHIP

A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COHORT FOR TEACHERS & YOUTH PROFESSIONALS IN ST. LOUIS JEWISH PRESCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, DAY SCHOOLS, YOUTH GROUPS & TEEN PROGRAMS

Melton St. Louis is creating a cohort of talented teachers and youth professionals who want to deepen their practice, engage in rich Jewish learning, and be part of a diverse and supportive community of colleagues. The Fellowship is a professional learning opportunity for those who crave something deeper than a one-off training or webinar series can provide and who are able to commit to a one-evening-per-week experience over the 2021-22 school year.

Does this sound like you? Invest in yourself this school year and apply for the inaugural cohort beginning this fall! Apply at [bit.ly/MeltonEducators](https://bit.ly/MeltonEducators)

*A collaboration of the Early Childhood Directors Council, Religious School Directors Council, Youth Professionals Council, Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School, and Melton St. Louis*

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**APPLICATIONS  
DUE MAY 15**

## What will Fellows gain from their experience?

Over the year, Fellows will:

- Elevate their practice through high-level Jewish learning
- Reflect on their values and how those values enrich their teaching
- Build a cohort of colleagues who will build up and inspire each other

## What does the Fellowship entail?

The Fellowship begins with a meet-and-greet in August and really gets underway after the High Holy Days. The program consists of:

- 18 weeks of learning, a set of 3 6-week Melton courses, including:
  - "Members of the Tribe" on Jewish Peoplehood
  - "OMG Can You Believe?!" on God and theology
  - "Soul's Cycle: A Ride Through the Chapters of Life" on Jewish celebrations and rituals
- Each six-week course will be taught by a different Melton St. Louis faculty member, giving participants a range of perspectives and teaching styles
- 3 additional reflection/debriefing sessions, one at the end of each course, to help educators apply the Melton learning to their practice in their classrooms or youth programs
- A culminating project of planning a training for other teachers and staff
- Cost: Jewish Federation of St. Louis & the Leo I Mirowitz Fund for Education will cover 75% of the tuition for each Fellow. Fellows will be responsible for the remaining \$150 of tuition. This can be paid in installments throughout the year. A Fellow's employer can also cover some or all of the Fellow's portion on their behalf. We do not want cost to be a barrier for anyone, so we do have some scholarship funding available if needed.

## Who should apply?

All full or part time staff in St. Louis Jewish early childhood centers, religious schools, day schools, youth groups, and other teen organizations are eligible to apply. The ideal cohort of Fellows will represent a wide range of personal and professional experience, as well as a diversity of Jewish practice. Extensive Jewish knowledge is not a prerequisite. The Melton curriculum is designed to be accessible to all Jews regardless of previous education.

## What is Melton?

The Florence Melton School of Jewish Learning engages adult learners in a life-enhancing study of Jewish texts and ideas that nurtures and deepens Jewish community worldwide. Based at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Melton offers adults the opportunity to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment. Through Melton, you become part of a worldwide movement of learners that spans many continents. Within each course, learners become a community, and many turn into long-lasting friends and go on to study together more. Learn more at

[meltonschool.org](http://meltonschool.org).