Menu of programs

Each cluster of JCCs will be asked to work together on a joint program. Please find below examples of best practices that could be emulated and adapted to your needs.

Please note that while the projects that took place during the first round of Amitim 1.0, each JCC had to put aside a budget of 25,000 USD for each project (that lasted around three years), in Amitim 2.0, each JCC will have to put aside only 7,500 USD for the joint projects. Thus, if you would like to do a similar project to the ones below, the program and budget will have to be adjusted.

1. Amitim 1.0 Global Projects

We invite you to learn about the 7 global projects that the Amitim 1.0 Fellows successfully developed.

Please note: in Amitim 1.0 the financial commitment of each JCC was significantly higher and all projects were able to implement face to face seminars in different parts of the world. You may need to revise and adapt these programs. For personal contact information and for additional resources, please contact JCC Global office.

- **JCC Global Adam- Adamah**
  Adam-Adamah is a combined Jewish learning and environmental conservation project of three JCCs. Adam-Adamah focuses on a series of educational workshops and other initiatives for the environment. Its mission is also to promote the integration of nature and green spaces in the participating communities.
  Partner communities: Ginot Ha’ir, Jerusalem | Krakow JCC, Poland | Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC in Milwaukee, USA.

- **JCC Global Family Tree**
  The project connects groups of teens from different communities through investigating their routes and building their Family Tree. Each participant explores his/her roots and then a local exhibit takes place. Ideally, the groups then meet together in one of the cities. In this program, a different group of teens met each year in a different place.
  Partner communities: Kfar Yona Community Center, Israel | CDI, Mexico-City, Mexico | Merage JCC of Orange County, CA, USA.

- **JCC Global MekoRock**
  Global MekoRock is an innovative artistic music project that connects teenagers from different Jewish communities around the world to the
Bible and other Jewish cultural sources through music and art — a language that spans borders — while also forming connections between the participants and between their communities. 

Partner communities: Emek Hefer Community Center and ZAYIT, Israel | JCC KEDEM, Chisinua, Moldova | Hebraica club, Caracas, Venezuela.

- **JCC Global Hamsah**
  The Hamsa JCC Global Madrichim Fellowship is a project that brings together teenagers from different communities for a program of community building, world travel, Jewish Peoplehood exploration, and fun. The participants have the opportunity to explore their individual Jewish identity and to connect with the global Jewish community using skills acquired during the fellowship. The goal of the project is to develop Jewish leaders and train them to be madrichim counselors for youth programs.
  Partner communities: Balint JCC, Budapest, Hungary | Kivunim, Be’er-Sheva, Israel | Bensonhurst JCC, NY, USA | The JCC in Manhattan, NY, USA | JCC of Greater Washington, Rockville, USA.

- **Expanding our Beautiful Jewish Community - Special Needs**
  The overarching vision is to enrich the capacity and the attitudes of Jewish communities worldwide to welcome and engage people with special needs and their families. The specific goal is to improve attitudes of our partnering JCCs and communities toward our responsibility of Jews to people of all ages and abilities, including those with physical and developmental disabilities. The project focused on training staff and volunteers in the JCCs to work with the individuals with special needs.
  Partner communities: “Mazal Tov” Zaporizhzhia JCC, Ukraine | Eilat Community Centers, Israel | Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach, Inc, New-York, USA.

- **JCC Global Arts Project**
  Global Arts Project gives participants an opportunity to tell their Jewish journey through the arts. The program focused on local artist. Each participant was asked to produce a piece of art that reflected something “Jewishly” meaningful and then to tell the story of their artwork. The artwork was subsequently uploaded to a virtual gallery that was accessible to the three communities participating in the project.
  Partner communities: Hevel Eilot, Israel | JCCs of Great Toronto, Canada | Redbridge JCC, London, UK.

- **L’Aliance Teen Project**
The goal of the project is to create a platform for youth to engage with the theme of Jewish Peoplehood by using technology such as photography, cinema, video and more. The teens film themselves and their local communities and then share it with others. Thus, they explore similarities and differences between Jewish teens living all over the world.

Partner communities: Khmelnytsky welfare fund "Hesed Besht", Ukraine | CCJC Neuilly sur Seine, Paris, France | Katsrin Community Center, Israel | Sid Jacobson JCC, New York, USA.

2. Organizations offering global projects

- **Jewish Lens**
  Operating since 2004, Jewish Lens is a program designed to actively engage participants in learning about the values that are important in their Jewish communities. It uses the photography as a means to strengthen identity and connect globally.

- **“Beit Haam Films”**
  Available in English, Spanish and Hebrew. This program, developed by the World Zionist Organization, consists of five short Israeli films that were carefully chosen from dozens of prize winning works. The films present various complex perspectives on Israeli society. For each film there is a kit that include the background to the dilemma presented in the film, and questions for discussion.

- **Project Zug**
  Project Zug is an online learning platform which uses Jewish learning to connect Jews from various denominations across the world. Participants are able to explore their topic of learning through texts, guiding questions, and short videos. In the last 3 years Project Zug has had more than 800 participants.

- **JWRP**
  Momentum is a program designed for Jewish women who are not Shabbat observant and who have children under 18 at home. The flagship program is an eight-day journey through Israel. Thousands of women from 21 different countries have already experienced this life-changing trip, paying only their own airfare, and returning home with the best gift of all – a deep, eternal connection to Israel, a profound kinship with each other, and a heart filled with Jewish values.

- The Koret International School for Jewish Peoplehood at [Beit Hatfustot](https://www.beit-hatfusot.org) offers two programs:
My Family Story: My Family Story is a fun-filled, meaningful, personal, global and multigenerational Jewish heritage journey to the past, where the exploration of one’s Jewish family story, genealogy and traditions culminates in a creative artistic installation.

G2G: Generation to Generation: A program whereby two different generations are linked via high tech and history. It is based on a successful Israeli initiative, HaKesher HaRav Dori. Participants are paired with seniors for mutually beneficial learning. The adults broaden their Internet and computer skills, while the younger participants learn the value of personal and collective narratives. Together they enrich their Jewish identity, history, collective memory and technical skills.

Global Day of Jewish Learning
Each year the Global Day of Jewish Learning selects a theme and develops educational resources centered on the theme. Communities then invite people to join in learning together, exploring the richness of Jewish texts. These materials are currently used primarily on the Global Day of Jewish Learning, a Sunday in November, when hundreds of communities worldwide join in. Together we can unite the Jewish people.

3. Additional overseas programs that local JCCs can connect with

- **Ride for the Living**
  Ride for the Living in Krakow compromises of 4 days of educational and community programs with the highlight of the 55-mile bike ride from Auschwitz-Birkenau to the JCC Krakow. Participants start in place of darkness and loss and cycle together towards the JCC, home to Krakow’s vibrant and thriving Jewish community.

- **New Jersey Y Camps**
  NJY Camps is comprised of eight Jewish camps which serve the entire Jewish community including special needs children and senior adults. It seeks to help each camper develop and grow new skills, greater self-confidence, and a strong Jewish identity and commitment to Jewish heritage that will help shape the course of their lives. It accepts campers and staff members from around the world.

- **My Camp Abroad**
  As a result of a newly established partnership between JCC Global, JCC Association of North America, the Latin American Maccabi Confederation (CLAM) and My Camp Abroad, Latin
American Jewish staff members are now hired in JCC summer camps in the USA. Recruited, screened and hired through My Camp Abroad they also participate in a 5-day training seminar.

- **92st Y:**
  - **Shababa:** Created by Karina Zilberman, 92Y Shababa Network is a training program for organizations that are ready to rethink and transform family engagement and Jewish life. The Shababa approach is a method that encourages leaders and educators to shift from a “playpen” mindset — where everything is enclosed and predictable — to a “playground” mindset- where collaboration is organic, and the unexpected is welcome.
  - **New Year’s Prayer:** Every year, through #NewYearPrayer, you can share your message of reflection, hope and inspiration for Rosh Hashanah.

- **Diller**
  Diller Teen Fellows creates a network of Jewish leaders, with a lifetime commitment to their communities, Israel, the Jewish people, and to making the world a better place. They teach their teen participants how to apply leadership skills to real world challenges, how to connect and engage with Israel in diverse ways, take actions to better the world, and value diverse expressions and beliefs.

- **BBYO International**
  BBYO’s pluralistic movement of Jewish teens, alumni, parents, volunteers and philanthropists will serve as the Jewish community’s most valuable platform for delivering to the post- Bar/Bat Mitzvah audience fun, meaningful and affordable experiences that inspire a lasting connection to the Jewish people.

- **Kahal**
  KAHAL connects Jewish students studying abroad with local Jewish communities and opportunities. Local JCCs around the world looking to connect with KAHAL students can opt into offer various opportunities for students, ranging from temporary memberships, to volunteer positions, and more.