

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: INTERVIEWED FOR RESEARCH

1. Jamie Simon, Chief Program Officer, *Foundation for Jewish Camp*, New York NY
2. Dr. Jonathan Golden, Founder, *HeartStance Education Consulting*, Boston MA
3. Liron Lipsky, Director of Education, *BBYO*, Remote
4. Sharon Tash, Director of Education, *Temple Micah* Washington DC
5. Dr. Joy Getnick, Executive Director, *University of Rochester Hillel*, Rochester NY
6. Rabbi Rick Kellner, Rabbi, *Congregation Beit Tikvah*, Columbus OH
7. Senior Congregational Educator (requested anonymity)
8. Jay Leberman, Head of School, *Mandel Jewish Day School*, Cleveland OH
9. Rabbi Shira Koch Epstein, Executive Director, *Atra: Center for Rabbinical Innovation*, Remote
10. Chaya Silver, Education Director, *Agudas Achim, NFTY – The Reform Jewish Youth Movement*, Alexandria VA

APPENDIX 2: ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY RESPONDENTS AS RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATING THE POST OCTOBER 7TH WORLD

Overview of the approaches

The good news is that many educators cited a number of exemplar organizations that provide supporting materials and training to the approaches above. The following are those mentioned:

ADL (Anti-Defamation League)

Focuses on fighting anti-Semitism and hate, providing educational resources and advocacy programs.

Website: <https://www.adl.org>

"It was helpful when we had the ADL join us for a program called 'Words to Action' to combat the rising antisemitism and antizionism that's been mounting."

Resetting the Table

Specializes in dialogue and facilitation training for open conversations on complex issues, particularly around Israel and Jewish community topics.

Website: <https://www.resettingthetable.org>

"Resetting the table dialogue across difference programming and training"

Hillel International

Provides Jewish life, learning, and leadership programs on college campuses worldwide, supporting Jewish students in identity-building.

Website: <https://www.hillel.org>

"I have been meeting 1:1 with anti-Zionist Jews and trying to better articulate Hillel's perspectives on our boundaries/borders"

Jewish Federation

Supports Jewish communal life with a focus on education, social services, and Israel engagement through a network of regional federations.

Website: <https://www.jewishfederations.org>

"A round table discussion on Israel with a former congregant who made Aliyah, teens who just returned from studying with Muss, congregants who went on a Federation mission trip, and me, who just returned from a trip visiting with peace activists post-October 7."

Birthright Israel

Offers free trips to Israel for young adults of Jewish descent, aiming to strengthen participants' connection to Jewish heritage and peoplehood.

Website: <https://www.birthrightisrael.com>

"JResponse deployment volunteer experience in Israel in partnership with Birthright"

Unpacked for Educators

Fostering meaningful conversations and deepen students' understanding of Jewish identity and Israel through multimedia content and curriculum tools.

Website: <https://unpacked.education>

"Every Monday morning we have a 'sicha', a discussion, which involves updates on Israel, local news bites, and opportunities for students to share & express their feelings. It's a safe space for them to talk. Our school guidance counselor is available to join us if requested. The 'Unpacked' videos are helpful in informing students of content."

Shalom Hartman Institute

A think tank and educational center in Jerusalem focused on Jewish thought and pluralism, offering programs for educators and community leaders.

Website: <https://www.hartman.org.il>

"We had The Hartman Institute come in for learning with our parents. This was extremely helpful. Because this was so helpful and because that age group is actually the one that is open to nuance and difficult conversations, I am focusing on them for future programming like this with parents and starting the ARZA Israel curriculum in our school."

The iCenter for Israel Education

Dedicated to advancing Israel education through resources and training programs that foster Jewish peoplehood and connection to Israel.

Website: <https://www.theicenter.org>

"Reflection, discernment, education and professional development through the iCenter."

The Jewish Education Project

Transforming Jewish education to inspire and empower children, teens, and families through innovative programs and resources that deepen Jewish identity and connection.

Website: <https://www.jewishedproject.org>

"I have worked with other teachers and done research, reading many "articles from Jewish parenting publications and other resources like the Jewish Education Project to familiarize myself with the language, information, and tools to accurately and appropriately answer my student's questions."

M²: The Institute of Experiential Jewish Education

Designs and provides professional development and resources to elevate the impact of Jewish educators through innovative, values-based experiential learning.

Website: <https://www.iej.org>

"I have utilized a bunch of the M2 resources (e.g. the Yamim Project) and enjoyed their in-service training as a way of fostering dialogue and reflection within our Middle School."

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