



# Opening The Dor

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## OVERVIEW

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Started in 2020, Opening the *Dor* is an intergenerational giving experience that connects teens and seniors through philanthropy, identity, storytelling, and heritage. Opening the *Dor* provides seniors the opportunity to be active contributors to Jewish legacy building and tradition within their community through collaboration with teens. The program culminates in a teen-facilitated giving circle experience, which benefits seniors in their community.

***New for this year: The updated curriculum includes a module focusing on the themes of Holocaust education and remembrance.***

Honeycomb will accept up to 15 communities in this cohort.

Opening the *Dor* is designed to fit seamlessly into an existing Youth Philanthropy Program or to be the first exposure that teens have to Jewish Youth Philanthropy. To that end, we will provide accepted organizations with curricular materials that will address the needs of both audiences.

**Opening the Dor: Track One** groups will engage **returning** participants/**alumni from their youth philanthropy program** in learning and exploration sessions focusing on storytelling, heritage, shared history, family traditions, legacy, philanthropy and Jewish giving, culminating in a teen-run giving circle experience for grandparents/seniors in their community.

**Opening the Dor: Track Two** groups will first engage teens in a 3-part, collective grantmaking experience, enabling participants to learn deeply about their communities, examine their relationships to Jewish values and make strategic giving decisions. Once the participants have completed their own collective giving experience, they embark on the exploration sessions focusing on storytelling, heritage, shared history, family traditions, legacy, philanthropy and Jewish giving, culminating in a teen-run giving circle experience for grandparents/seniors in their community.



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## **PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP & APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

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### **HONEYCOMB WILL PROVIDE:**

- Flexible, modular curriculum with activities, full step-by-step instructions and resources (approximately 12 hours of curricular material).
- Templates, instructions, and best practices for the seniors' program and communications with seniors
- Online training session for professionals (May 2024).
- Up to \$1,000 grant which can be used for program expenses and/or for a grantmaking pool.

### **CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

- An organization that can demonstrate leadership and organizational capacity to implement a successful and effective Jewish youth philanthropy and intergenerational program.
- A dedicated staff member for the philanthropy program who must attend the online training session in May 2024.
- The delivery of the program must be completed by August 1, 2025. The program can take place within the academic year, over the summer or a combination of both.
- Access and communication channels to the seniors/grandparents in the community.
- Complete an evaluation after the program is completed.
- An ongoing commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).
- Host organizations must hold a 501(c)3 status.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Monday, February 5, 2024	Applications Open
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	Zoom information Session, <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a>
Monday, April 8, 2024	Applications Close
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Applicants will be informed of acceptance

### **CONTACT:**

Honeycomb wants to create long-lasting and meaningful relationships with applying organizations. We are happy to set up a consultation to answer any questions before applying. Contact Sarah Ruderman (Program & Education Director, Honeycomb) at [sarah@honeycomb.org](mailto:sarah@honeycomb.org) to set up a meeting.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

Organizations can apply using [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) or by completing the application forms below and emailing it to [sarah@honeycomb.org](mailto:sarah@honeycomb.org).



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<b>Name of Organization</b>	
<b>Type of Organization</b>	<i>Synagogue, JCC, Foundation, Federation, Day School, Camp, etc.</i>
<b>Name of staff member applying</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Website</b>	
<b>Has your organization previously participated in Opening The Dor?</b>	
<b>Does your organization already have a youth philanthropy program?</b>	

**Tell us about your organization:**

*Briefly describe the type of organization (Federation, Foundation, School, Camp, JCC, etc.), its role in your community, and your key constituencies.*

**Youth Programming Capacity:**

*Describe your organization's ability to provide high quality youth programming. Describe the teen demographic and programming landscape in your organization. Describe your current offerings for teens/youth.*

**Tell us about the seniors in your community:**

*Describe your organization's ability to conduct outreach to seniors in your community. Do you already serve this demographic in other programming?*

**How will this program benefit the seniors in your community?**

*Please outline 3-5 benefits that you seek to achieve with this program.*



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## What are you hoping to achieve from the inclusion of this program into your organization?

*Outline 3-5 goals for this program within your community.*

## What is your proposed timeline and structure?

*When would you be holding your teen sessions? Will this material be used in separate workshops, or interspersed with your existing curriculum? When do you plan on hosting the seniors' giving experience?*

## Ongoing Sustainability:

*How do you plan to support this program once Honeycomb's support has ended? How will the program be stewarded in order to ensure its continuation?*

## FOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN EXISTING YOUTH PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM:

### Tell us about your program:

*Briefly describe your youth philanthropy program. How long has the program been in existence, what is it called, how many participants, how many cohorts, how many contact hours does your program offer, do you set any giving parameters, what age group are the participants, etc.*

### What programming do you have for returning teens/alumni/other multiyear structures?

*Describe your program's multi-year programming. Do you have a separate cohort for returning teens? Are your returning participants grantmaking? Do your returning participants engage in fundraising? Do they take on leadership or mentoring roles? Is this the first year you are engaging returning teens?*



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## FOR ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT AN EXISTING YOUTH PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM:

### Participant recruitment plan:

*How do you plan to recruit participants for the program? Is there a particular group that you will be focusing on? Will this program be “opt-in” or a compulsory component (e.g. a set Religious School/Hebrew High/Confirmation class)?*

### Program staff and support:

*Describe the youth education staff you have currently in your organization. Will you be hiring a new staff member to be the program leader or will this form part of an existing job description? What additional resources you will need to assemble in order to make this program a success. Who/what position(s) in your organization will be responsible for the program’s success until a program leader is identified? Who will support the program leader once they are in place? What department will this program sit under?*