

## Congregation Olam Tikvah

### Young Families • Impact Grant

This funding will enable Olam Tikvah to expand its Young Families program to provide area Jewish families with opportunities to meet and socialize through playdates at Olam Tikvah and Fairfax county and city parks. The expansion will allow additional programming for holiday celebrations and workshops for parents.

#### Proposal

Young Families

#### Funding

\$10,000

#### Category

NOVA/NextGen Combined - Impact

#### Program Goals

1. Provide families (members and non-members of Olam Tikvah) with the opportunity to get together with peers, allow children to build friendships, and enjoy each other's company.
2. The addition of holiday celebrations and parent workshops will infuse these social gatherings with Jewish content that is based on a foundation of learning.
3. Structure in such a way that the learning and lessons lead to a change in practice. Desire for parents to see themselves as leaders to facilitate change in their own homes.

#### Metrics



Run at least five Young Families events, inclusive of holiday events, with an average attendance of 65 attendees

**Q1:** 16 families (32 people) attended a young family play date.

**Q2:** 38 families (120 people) attended the pre-Chanukah celebration



Track number of members vs. non-members at each event

**Q1:** 2 out of 19 families at Sukkot event were non-members and 3 out of 6 families who attended the November play date were non-members



Run two parent workshops with high-quality childcare

**Q1:** 1 parent workshop was held attracting 19 families to gain a more in-depth understanding of holiday celebrations and practices. Also, planned a Chanukah celebration event for families with young children.

**Q2:** 2 parent workshops held for an average of 76 people per workshop