

Israeli American Council

Gvanim Limmud • Impact Grant

Israeli American Council DC will create a Limmud group in Northern Virginia, providing a platform for Israeli and American Jews to connect and strengthen the community. Gvanim Limmud is modeled after the traditional Beit Midrash – a dynamic place of engaging with traditional Jewish text to debate the most significant questions.

Proposal

Gvanim Limmud

Funding

\$10,000

Category

NOVA – Impact

Program Goals

1. Connect the Jewish American and Israeli-American communities through a deep and continuing discussion on shared values.
2. Better and deeper understanding of the needs of the community in Northern Virginia.
3. Integrate graduates into and/or continue their central role in the Jewish and Israeli-American community.
4. Enable community members to re-connect to their Jewish values and traditions from different and unique perspectives.

Metrics



Expect 20 participants in 2019/20 cohort and 40 for the following year

Q1&2: 10 participants registered for first limmud cohort

50%

Expect that 50% of participants will recommend the program to someone else

2+4

Will develop 2 Gvanim Limmud groups in 2019/20 and 4 for 2020/21

Q1&2: First cohort has started with second group scheduled to launch in March, 2020

50%

Will track participation with an expectation of 50% repeat participation in 2020/21



Engage 2 lay leaders for 2019/20 and 4 for 2020/21

Q1&2: 2 lay leaders engaged with the NOVA cohort



Partner with 3-4 local organizations

Q1&2: Successfully partnered with Pozez JCC and Gesher JDS and looking for additional partners



Level of involvement and engagement of Gvanim alumni within the Jewish and/or Israeli community in the area will increase

Q1&2: 10 alumni participated in leadership training to learn how to lead limmud groups and 2 have led new groups thus far

