

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: Year-End Reporting



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

10 participants in person; 15 participants virtually

50%

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

Majority of participants recommend the program to someone else

2+4

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

1 Gvanim Limmud group

50%

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

No update



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

Gvanim alumni lead the IAC Care volunteer activities in collaboration with several Jewish organizations



Partner with 3-4 local organizations

Successfully partnered with Pozez JCC and Gesher JDS



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

2 lay leaders on IAC DC Council

COVID Impact: COVID-19 forced the program to move online. What at first was a challenge became a tremendous opportunity to extend the program's reach, add additional sessions with high-level speakers and content, as well as new partnerships.

