

## Temple Rodef Shalom

### Mothers Circle: New and Improved • Impact Grant

Temple Rodef Shalom will expand its interfaith Mothers Circle to include four additional circles in communities of Northern Virginia, as well as to refresh the Mothers Circle curriculum. Mothers Circle programs include a licensed clinical social worker to facilitate conversations among non-Jewish participants who are dealing with complex issues and concerns around raising Jewish children.

#### Proposal

Mothers Circle

#### Funding

\$25,000

#### Category

NOVA/NextGen Combined - Impact

#### Program Goals

1. Empower non-Jewish women with the knowledge and tools to create a Jewish home.
2. Create communities of women who can provide friendly support for one another and introduce young families to the richness of Jewish life in Northern Virginia by connecting them to programs offered across our geography.
3. Help young moms with negotiating family dynamics, setting boundaries, and managing difficult and emotional conversations.

#### Metrics: Year-End Reporting

**40** women expected to participate  
10-15 women in person; 10-15 women virtually



Tracking participants' enrollment of children in religious school, Jewish preschools, Jewish summer camps, etc.

No update

**50%** of participants to take a next step towards participation in Jewish life during the year  
63% of participants taking a next step towards participation in Jewish life during the year

**COVID Impact:** COVID-19 has stalled implementation completely. If possible, the program will pick up again in the summer of 2021.