

What is the Jewish Education Collaborative?

Atlanta has an opportunity to reimagine part-time Jewish education in our community. How do we create meaningful Jewish experiences and launch more youth on lifelong Jewish journeys? How can we make education a priority for today's families? How can we make Atlanta a thrilling model for innovation in Jewish education?

The mission of the Jewish Education Collaborative is to advance supplemental Jewish education that is impactful and compelling. Our multi-pronged approach includes the following:

- Strengthen Collaboration: Create a robust network for idea-sharing and cross-pollination; a platform and hub for collaboration among Atlanta's providers of formal and informal Jewish education.
- Invest in Talent: Facilitate professional development opportunities of the highest quality, reflecting the most innovative and cutting-edge approaches to Jewish education, to empower both full-time and part-time Jewish educators to create transformative Jewish experiences for today's learners.
- Explore Innovation: Probe new models for the delivery of excellent Jewish education, focusing on content, as well as how and where Jewish learning is experienced, and expose Atlanta's Jewish educators to models of excellence and inspiring resources in the wider field of Jewish education throughout North America and the world.
- Change Perceptions: Amplify stories of success to change the communal narrative and create a more compelling value proposition for Jewish education.

The Jewish Education Collaborative will strengthen existing programs and boldly explore new possibilities for the future. Together we will determine and advance the most ambitious Jewish education agenda Atlanta has ever seen.



"We're here to bring Jewish possibilities to life and awaken the potential in Atlanta's Jewish community."

Who is Rabbi Elana Perry?



In August 2019 Rabbi Elana Perry was engaged as Director of the Jewish Education Collaborative (JEC). Rabbi Perry earned her B.A. from Duke University and Rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She served as Assistant and Associate Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Atlanta from 2007-2016, embracing the full range of rabbinic responsibilities and demonstrating passions for education, community building, women's programming, and social justice initiatives. From 2016 - 2019 she served as the Director of Family Engagement at Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati, OH, where she dove into her love for Jewish education, empowering students and families to strengthen their sense of connection to the Jewish community and deepen their sense of Jewish identity. In the summer of 2019, Rabbi Perry moved back to Atlanta with her family, where she began a new professional chapter in Jewish educational leadership at Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. She is thrilled to explore possibilities to advance compelling Jewish learning in Atlanta. She can be reached at eperry@jewishatlanta.org.

