

1. Darim Educator Fellows Application - Spring Semester

Darim Online is looking to mentor a small group of up to 3 individuals who work in congregational / complementary Jewish education, who are passionate about their work as Jewish educators, and who are willing to take risks to integrate innovative 21st century learning skills, strategies, and technologies into their Jewish learning and teaching experiences. Candidates must also be willing and available to devote 2-4 hours a month to professional learning and additional time toward developing and implementing their project over a 5 month semester from February – June 2010.

[Details about the Darim Educator Fellows program are posted on the Darim Online website.](#)

Completed applications are due by Friday, December 4, 2009.

Be sure to fill out both pages of this application for it to be considered complete

Finalists will be notified in mid-December and will be required to submit a reference from their Education Director, Rabbi, Executive Director or equivalent.

Please note: Current membership in the Darim Online Learning Network is not required for application to the program. Fellows' organizations will receive complimentary membership to the Learning Network for the 6 month duration of the Fellowship. As part of this membership, staff and lay leadership from your organization are invited to participate in professional development and knowledge sharing opportunities. [Membership details are available on the Darim website.](#)

(Please also note: we recommend that you prepare the longer application responses in a document and cut and paste them into the application form. After the application is finished, you will not be able to re-enter it. A pdf version of this application is available for you to preview on the Darim website [here.](#))

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1. About Me, Part 1: The Basics

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Home Address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text"/>
ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Regular Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

2. Where I work:

Name of school/synagogue/organization:

Education Director:

Rabbi:

School address:

School/synagogue/organization website url:

Years teaching at this school:

Years teaching in Jewish education:

My school's affiliation (if any):

Number of days/week your classes meet:

Number of hours/week your classes meet:

Other places that I teach:

3. My Jewish education background (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational or complementary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish day school | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish youth group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Jewish learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yeshiva | <input type="checkbox"/> University level courses |

Other (please explain)

4. Technologies that I Use

Please describe your experiences with technology and web 2.0 tools:

- What are some of your favorite tools and how do you use them?
- What are some tools you do not currently use but would like to experiment with?

Some examples might include: blogs, wikis, twitter, social bookmarking (delicious), video sharing (YouTube), photo sharing (flickr), etc.

A couple of sentences will do:

5. My Digital Footprint

Please share relevant places, if any, that we can find you online, including blogs, wikis, twitter, delicious, YouTube, etc. Post the links in the space below.

Please be sure to complete the following page by clicking Next.

2. About Me, Part 2: Personal Narratives

Tell us your story! What's your big idea? What have you learned about yourself as an educator? What excites you about Jewish learning?

We aren't looking for the perfect essay (and by the way, alternative types of narratives are cool, too). We're looking to get to know you better!

Please respond to the following three narratives:

1. My Big Idea

Here is your chance to share your Big Idea! Describe a project you would like to work on over the course of the Fellowship that integrates new media. We encourage you to think about your learning goals and the critical skills and technologies that might be used to support them.

Please consider the following:

- What challenge does the project address and how does it meet this challenge?
- What are the project's overall learning goals?
- How does it enhance your curriculum?
- What supports would you need from Darim to make this project a success?
- How will you know if your project is successful?
- What are your goals as a Darim Fellow and how can Darim help you achieve them?
- How does this project reflect your personal philosophy of Jewish education?

Tell us in about 200-250 words.

2. Adventures in Jewish Learning: What I'm Learning about Myself as an Educator

Please describe a learning or teaching event that you found particularly challenging. We've all had them!

- What were some of the lessons that you learned from this experience?
- Looking back, what would you have done differently?
- Were there supports or resources that would have been helpful? If so, please explain.
- What did you learn about yourself as an educator and as a learner?
- Have you changed anything about your teaching or learning style as a result of this experience?

Tell us in about 200-250 words.



3. Even More about Me: My Vision of Jewish Learning in the 21st / 58th Century

We want to get a better sense of you in action and learn more about your personal philosophy of Jewish learning! Here is your opportunity to be creative and strut your stuff!

Share your vision of Jewish learning using new media resources (a blog post, wiki, online video, slide presentation, VoiceThread, etc.). Choose either Option A or Option B.

It doesn't have to be perfect; it doesn't have to be polished, but it does have to be your work.

Option A

- Point us to a project you have already worked on and use the space below to explain the context, what it says about your teaching style, online personality, and your vision for Jewish learning.

OR

Option B

- If you prefer, create something new that exemplifies your vision for Jewish learning.

Note: To give you a sense of parameters, if you are creating a video or online presentation, it should not exceed 2 minutes in length. *We do not want you to overextend yourself on this piece;* rather, we are seeking to provide you with an opportunity to think creatively and have some fun.

Post a link below where we can find your work:

Thank you for applying to the Darim Educator Fellows!

Finalists will be notified in mid-December and will be required to submit a reference from their Education Director, Rabbi, Executive Director or equivalent. The Darim Educator Fellows will be announced late December.

Please feel free to be in touch with [Caren Levine](#), Director of the Learning Network, regarding any questions or concerns you may have.