

This expertly designed, three-day laboratory will offer a deep-dive into some of the most important and complex issues facing the Jewish community using a specific approach:

DISCOVER:

We begin with in-depth learning and evaluation around each subject, laying the groundwork for co-creating solution-oriented outcomes.

DEFINE:

Then, we synthesize our learnings and insights in order to clearly articulate the questions we want to consider and answer.

EXPLORE + BUILD:

Here we engage in problem-solving activities and facilitated discussions aimed at identifying exciting new ideas and existing bright spots.

PLAN + ACT:

Finally, we will evaluate the implications of our new ideas for our local Federations, for our neighbors and for our broader society. It's here that we work together to determine what it all means for the future.

Participants are asked to apply this approach in one of three tracks:

Jewish Security & Empowerment

From the rising danger of anti-Semitism, hate crimes and targeted violence, to political divisions that threaten to divide our communities – as Jews and as part of a people – we must collectively define what it means for us to be secure. Throughout the lab, we will explore the threats to our collective security and will examine the impact of the efforts to delegitimize the Jewish state. The Lab will help us, as a system, chart our course forward in working through these challenges.

#EngageJewish

Organized Jewish life in the 20th century was rooted in how Jewish life was lived – taught in the synagogue, socialized within the walls of the JCC and delivered through a rote curriculum. Today, we – particularly younger Jews – are just as likely to consider our home address to be yourname.com as 222 Maple Street. We check out books on our iPhone rather than the library. 21st century Jewish education must evolve to fit the reality of how we live and learn today. The Lab will enable us to discuss and evaluate what engagement really means, how we can pursue our Jewish communal goals, how we must adapt and how we can to shape a strong, brighter, Jewish future.

Action for Good in the 21st Century

There are so many challenges facing our communities today. So many needs that call out for our support. It's hard to decide where to focus. While we wish we could cover them all, for the 3-day Lab, we have identified three of the top issues facing our social service agendas today: poverty, aging and disabilities. In partnership with the Weinberg Foundation and the Jewish Funders Network Affinity Group on Jewish poverty, we will think through what our communal agenda should be and discuss the challenges of balancing universalism and particularism in Jewish life.



EXPLORE NEW PATHS FORWARD

BY INVITATION ONLY

In the Lab, you are the active ingredient that makes our experiment possible. You bring passion, commitment, experience and insights – all of which help shape the conversations that happen during this structured, interactive experience.

No matter your track, everyone will follow the same journey at FedLab:

DISCOVER + DEFINE

EXPLORE + BUILD

PLAN + ACT

Sunday >>

Monday >>

Tuesday

1:30 - 2:15 PM

FedLab Welcome

Gather together as we launch the Lab and lay the framework for the next three days.

2:30 - 3:15 PM

Building Our Design Muscles

Take part in an innovative discussion in order to begin engaging in creative problem solving techniques that help set the stage for the next two days in the Lab. Choose from: Agile Leadership, Change Management, Innovative Mindsets, A Hero's Journey, or Design Thinking.

3:30 - 5:45 PM

Track Specific Sessions

Connect with your tracks for the first time and begin discovering and defining the various dimensions of your topic.

5:50 - 6:10 PM

Maariv Services

There will be both egalitarian and traditional options.

6:00 - 7:45 PM

Dinner & Keynote

Join renowned TED speaker, Lior Zoref, for an interactive presentation on mindsharing and the wisdom of crowds.

8:15 - 9:30 PM

Track Specific Sessions

Meet back in your tracks to continue the conversation.

6:45 - 7:30 AM

Shacharit Services

There will be both egalitarian and traditional options.

7:00 - 7:45 AM

Breakfast

8:00 - 11:30 AM

Track Specific Sessions

Convene in your tracks as you begin the day.

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch & Program

Join celebrated White House speechwriter Sarah Hurwitz in a discussion with Dr. Erica Brown about Jewish identity and spirituality. Following the discussion, we'll take part in an engaging text study led by Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Self-Selected Exploration

Step away from your specific track and explore the important issues being addressed in the other tracks. *There will be eight topics to choose from.*

3:15 - 6:00 PM

Track Specific Sessions

Spend the afternoon exploring and building the various dimensions of your track.

6:00 - 6:20 PM

Maariv Services

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6:00 - 9:00 PM

Time on Your Own

Relax, join friends and community members or take part in one of the "No-Host Dinners" with other Lab attendees looking for a dinner conversation. *"No-Host Dinner" sign-up instructions coming soon.*

9:00 - 10:30 PM

Optional Programming

Join one of four programs: Israel & the Elections, US & the 2020 Elections, the Growing Diversity of the Jewish Community or a presentation about Theodor Herzl and the Power of Dreams.

7:00 - 7:20 AM

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Track Specific Sessions

Wrap up your three days together by summarizing, planning and mapping out what's next during your final track specific session.

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Wrap Up & Call to Action

Hear from Eric D. Fingerhut, the new President & CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America, as he helps synthesize the work of the past several days and outlines our call to action coming out of FedLab.

11:15 - 12:30 PM

Agenda Building with Your Community

After spending three days in different rooms and deep dialogues, this is the time for your community to come back together and think about what to bring back home. *Smaller community delegations will be grouped together for these discussions.*

Program is Subject to Change

