Adult Mentors Needed for Kol Koleinu Fellows

Cis-female, trans and non-binary adults are welcome to apply, as these reflect the identities of our participants.

Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a teen feminist in the coming year?

Moving Traditions recently selected 43 fellows to participate in the Meyer-Gottesman Kol Koleinu fellowship, our school year-long program to help them explore and deepen their Jewish feminist knowledge, channel their voices to share their beliefs, and express a call to action.

As part of the fellowship, fellows hone their skills by creating a tangible locally based project with the ultimate goal of creating change around a feminist issue in their communities. Fellowship projects are as varied as the interests of our fellows. Past projects have included bringing together community members to sew menstrual products for a local organization; creating an intergenerational torah study at synagogue; research and write an op-ed about teen mental health post Oct 7; build a compost program; create a queer, Jewish affinity space; create a day school policy for retreat rooming inclusive of non-binary teens and much more.

This is where you come in. Moving Traditions is seeking talented and passionate mentors interested in activism and from a variety of backgrounds to support our Kol Koleinu fellows.

As a mentor, you will:

- Support 1-2 fellows by sharing your valuable skills, experience, knowledge, and advice.
- Help fellows hold themselves accountable to their project goals and timeline.
- Be a sounding board for fellows as they brainstorm ideas.
- Ask thought provoking questions to help them refine their project vision.
- Keep in touch with fellows by email and text and schedule regular Zoom/facetime meetings with them. If you are assigned multiple fellows it's because they are working together on the same project and you will meet with them together once a month.
- Check in with Moving Traditions staff to debrief the mentorship monthly.
- Be a role model for young feminist activists.

A mentor's time commitment would be roughly two hours each month from November through March, most likely on nights and weekends. Additional events include a mentor training, fellow interview practice, mid-year check-in, and a final celebration.

You might make a great mentor if you:

- have experience working with young people in a mentorship capacity
- have experience coaching young people to collaborate and work as a group to meet deadlines
- have experience facilitating conversations with teens
- are passionate about feminism, Judaism, activism and community

Please note that while we have a small budget for honoraria, we are grateful for volunteers.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please fill out this application and let us know the skills you have to share with a young feminist.

Please refer any questions about the mentorship program to support@movingtraditions.org.