

Adult Mentors Needed for Kol Koleinu Fellows

Cis-female, trans and non-binary adults are welcome to apply, as these reflect the 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 41 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 passion project with the ultimate goal of creating change around an issue in their community. Passion projects are as varied as the interests of our fellows. Past projects have included a space for teens to create art inspired by challenges that they face; creating an intergenerational torah study at synagogue; collecting recipes from community members to narrate their deeper stories; organizing a book club with students of different religions and cultures to discuss immigration; 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 for their project goals and timelines.
- 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. If you are assigned multiple fellows, it's because they are working together on the same project and you will meet with them together twice a month.
- Check in with Moving Traditions staff to debrief the mentorship as needed, including a 15-minute meeting at the beginning and midyear of the program.
- 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 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 can share with a young feminist.

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