

Jewish communities rely on knowledgeable and dedicated professionals to provide vision, set priorities, and lead the community to make good decisions for the future. The Ruskay Institute cultivates and nurtures one's ability to imagine our Jewish future and impact the Jewish community.

Who are Ruskay Fellows?

Ruskay fellows are rising leaders with a track record of accomplishment and a desire for growth.

Eligibility Criteria

- Passionate, committed and knowledgeable about Jewish communal life
- Four to nine years of professional work experience in the Jewish nonprofit sector
- Currently employed in a Jewish nonprofit organization (such as a UJA-Federation nonprofit partner, nonprofit start-up, day school, synagogue, or other Jewish communal organization) in New York City, Long Island, or Westchester
- Ready to participate fully in an intensive group experience

Meet the 2016 Ruskay Fellows

Program Features

- Transformative learning experiences with expert faculty
- Leadership assessments
- Professional coaching
- Engagement with outstanding leaders and teachers
- Time for reflection and practice
- A supportive network of outstanding, diverse colleagues from a range of organizations.
- Strategies and tools to inspire collaboration, creativity, and authentic leadership towards building the Jewish future

Faculty

- Leaders, thinkers, and innovators from a broad range of disciplines, including faculty from The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America and the Rockwood Leadership Institute
- Professional coaches

Read Our Curriculum Overview and Leadership Vision

John Ruskay: A Visionary Leader

The Ruskay Institute is funded by an endowment created by friends and colleagues of John Ruskay upon his retirement in 2014 after 15 years as executive vice president and CEO of UJA-Federation of New York and honors John's visionary leadership and commitment to professional development.

For More Information

If you have any questions, please contact Penina Grossberg, Program Manager, at ruskayinstitute@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1864.

2017 Program Schedule

Between September 2017 and June 2018, Ruskay Fellows will participate in interactive learning experiences including:

- Welcome reception and orientation (September 12, 2017)
- Two intensive overnight retreats (November 5-9, 2017 and June 4-7, 2018)
- Seven single-day learning sessions and ongoing opportunities for communication and practice
- Professional coaching sessions

Application Process

In order to shape a diverse cohort of outstanding professionals, the Ruskay Institute for Jewish Professional Leadership has a three-stage selection process that includes nomination, application, and interview.

NOMINATION: We welcome nominations for the 2017 class. Any professional who meets the eligibility criteria may seek nomination by a supervisor, mentor, colleague, executive director or lay leader. **Online nomination forms are due February 10, 2017.** You may nominate as many candidates as you wish; however we expect many nominations and can invite only some to apply.

APPLICATION: In late February, a select number of nominees will be invited to complete an online application which will be due **March 23, 2017.**

INTERVIEW: Selected applicants will be invited as finalists to interview with the admissions committee. Finalists must submit our letter of support form signed by their supervisor and executive director.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWS: The second cohort of Ruskay Fellows will be selected and announced by June 2017.

Role of the Sponsoring Agency:

We look forward to working with you to identify rising leaders for this program. The Fellowship is almost fully subsidized, and sponsoring agencies only pay a fee of \$1,000 per Ruskay Fellow. If the fee will affect your agency's ability to participate, please contact ruskayinstitute@ujafedny.org to explore an alternate arrangement. Finalists need to submit a letter of support signed by their supervisor and executive director.