

From Strength to Strength: Developing & Expanding Your Leadership Skills

**“Pick from your tribe (those) who are wise, discerning and experienced,
and I will appoint them as your leader.” Deuteronomy 1:13**

In most cases, leaders are not born but are, in one way or another, “appointed” to the position. The Jewish community is no exception. Volunteer leaders come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. All are motivated to do a good job. The workshops listed here are designed to help develop (train) leaders so they can be more successful in their leadership roles and to do so from a more conscious Jewish perspective.

Intended primarily for committee members and chairs, and for board (and potential board) members, the majority of the workshops focus on a particular set of leadership skills. The goal is to help further develop leadership skills for lay leaders who are already involved in leadership at their respective congregation or agency.

Congregations are strongly urged to join together (either geographically and/or denominationally) when requesting a workshop or series of workshops. Because of the experiential nature of some of the sessions, a minimum number of participants may be required. There is no charge for the workshop unless otherwise noted. Cost of the sessions are underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

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From Strength to Strength: Leadership Development Workshops

Elements for an Effective Meeting

Workshop focuses on the dynamics of an effective/productive meeting. It covers recruitment and retention of committee members, role of the chair and staff, formation and use of agendas and internal meeting dynamics. Minimum 10 participants.

Leadership Styles

Does any style of leadership “fit” all situations? When should a leader be more directive and less directive? This very experiential workshop explores how styles of leadership impact meeting outcomes. Minimum 20 participants.

The Meeting Cycle

This workshop provides another look into running a meeting. Special emphasis on agenda building and the role of the chair as a facilitator. Session will also explore how to manage conflict and disruptions as part of the meeting process. Limited availability.

Conflict Resolution

Differences on a board or committee can sometimes lead to conflict and division. This workshop focuses on how to solve conflict without animosity and in a positive way.

Art of Listening

One of the key behaviors of an effective leader is to be a good listener. Participants will practice listening skills intended to enhance their capacity to listen well and to respond in an appropriate and effective fashion.

Ethics of Leadership

In these times, leaders need to have greater awareness and heightened sensitivity about ethical issues. The workshop looks at doing the right thing from the perspective of Jewish texts, current literature and practical experiences. Limited availability and additional fee.

Qualities of Leadership

Jewish texts offer a variety of insights into what characteristics and behaviors make for a “good” leader. In addition, the biblical story of Moses offers a number of often profound insights into the role(s) of a leader. How can these insights help us recruit and develop Jewish leaders?

The New Work of the Board

What should the board really do? How does a board transition from a managing board to a governing board? This workshop helps stimulate thinking about how the board becomes the strategic planning center for the organization and the role of the board member in this process.

Lay-Staff Relations

The relationship between the lay leader and the staff is critically important. What is the role of the lay leader and what is the role of the staff person? How do they develop a productive partnership?

This workshop will address these questions and help participants with the respective roles and relationships of lay and staff.

Team Building and Creating Community

Research clearly shows the importance of teamwork for high functioning organizations. This workshop will explore the importance of teamwork, the specific characteristics of high performing teams as well as understanding group dynamics.

Guided by Jewish text and contemporary research, the session will offer practical direction for moving your board and/or committee through the various stages of development to becoming high-performing teams and thereby building community. Limited availability.

Your impact is real.
It is tangible.

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in developing our leaders.

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