



Cornerstone Senior Fellows 2021

The Cornerstone Senior Fellows program is an exciting opportunity for 15-20 recent Cornerstone alumni to participate in the program for a second year. Building on the success and learnings from the first two years of the program, the group will engage in deeper learning about experiential Jewish education, higher-level skill-building workshops around facilitation and program design, and receive mentorship from Faculty in their particular areas of interest. Senior Fellows are nominated by their camps and submit a personal application. If accepted, they participate as additional cohort members from their camp.

The Ideal Senior Fellow is a camp staff member who is enthusiastic about Jewish education (excited about future professional opportunities in Jewish camp and/or Jewish life), takes initiative, knows how to facilitate a great camp program, is a role model and a leader, and loves camp.

Senior Fellows should...

- Be a recent alum of the Cornerstone Fellowship
- Work at camp in Summer 2021 in a programmatic role
- Have the capacity to create and implement an initiative at camp that is rooted in Judaism and be interested in pursuing a career in the Jewish community
- Attend the Cornerstone Seminar in its entirety (May 21-26, 2021)
- May not also serve as the camp's Cornerstone Liaison and should not be in a role that is *supervising* the camp's Cornerstone Liaison during the summer

Responsibilities of Camp Leadership:

- Nominate Senior Fellow(s) - no more than 2 nominees per camp
- Speak with the nominee before they apply to review program requirements, how they would fit in with their summer responsibilities at camp, and begin to develop a Senior Fellow project idea
- Touch base with Senior Fellow(s) before the Cornerstone Seminar to further refine project idea
- Have regular check ins with Senior Fellow(s) throughout the summer
- Ensure there is time and space for the Senior Fellow's project implementation

Responsibilities of a Senior Fellow:

- Touch base with their Camp Director before the Cornerstone Seminar to develop their project idea
- Complete any pre-seminar work and participate in a pre-seminar group Zoom meeting with FJC Faculty and other Senior Fellows
- Bring back programs from their Cornerstone experience to camp
- Execute a **Senior Fellow Project (a Jewish-educational initiative planned and executed at camp over a period of time)**. The target population should be broad (an age group or an entire camp).

Senior Fellow Project Examples:

- *A structured staff mentorship program using Middot (Jewish values) as a framework for elevating the intentionality of the mentorship and the application of skill sets to the work of the mentees.*
- *A summer-long composting campaign rooted in the study of Jewish principles of Bal Tashchit (custodianship of the earth) and Achrayut (responsibility) that leverages mealtimes as Jewish experiential classrooms.*
- Accountability throughout and after the Summer:
 - Fill out a post-Cornerstone seminar **and** an end of summer evaluation survey
 - Have regular check-ins with Camp Leadership during camp **and** do a (virtual) meeting 1:1 with camp's Cornerstone Advisor during the summer
 - Write a reflection about the project for the FJC blog **OR** a curriculum piece inspired by the project that can be shared with the field of Jewish camp