



Cornerstone Senior Fellows 2026

The Cornerstone Senior Fellows program is a career development opportunity at the Cornerstone Seminar for recent Cornerstone alumni and/or seasonal camp staff who have not been to Cornerstone before. **There will be three career-focused Senior Fellow tracks: Education, Clergy, and Community Care.** Senior Fellows are dedicated camp community members who express interest, or display potential, in careers related to one of these three content areas. For each track, seminar programming will include mentorship from outstanding professionals in each career area, opportunities to build a professional peer network across camps, career visioning, and more. Senior Fellows will spend time as a full cohort, by career track, by camp cohort, and with the entire Cornerstone community. Additionally, Senior Fellows will dive deeper into methodology by observing and learning with Cornerstone faculty.

Each Senior Fellow is responsible for executing their **Senior Fellow Shiputzim** (שיפוצים / renovations): a multi-pronged track-informed initiative for Summer 2026 that fosters Jewish life and wellbeing at their camp. The Senior Fellow Shiputzim will serve as a focus for their experience at Cornerstone, throughout Summer 2026, and as an opportunity for long-term professional development.

Senior Fellow(s) will...

- Complete the Senior Fellow Application by Friday, February 13th, by 11:59pm PT
- Work at camp in Summer 2026 in a role with the capacity to implement their Shiputzim
- Attend the Cornerstone Seminar in its entirety (May 17-20, 2026)
- Complete pre-seminar work:
 - Meet with their camp's Lead before the Cornerstone Seminar to develop an initial idea for their Shiputzim
 - Participate in a 30-minute one-on-one Zoom with Senior Fellow Faculty to discuss their Shiputzim
 - Participate in a 90-minute pre-seminar group Zoom on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 12:30PM Eastern / 11:30AM Central / 10:30AM Mountain / 9:30AM Pacific
- Complete post-seminar work:
 - Execute their Shiputzim with access to up to \$300 USD from FJC to cover material / supply costs
 - Attend and participate in Cornerstone cohort meetings at camp throughout Summer 2026
 - Fill out Shiputzim survey after camp by August 27, 2026
 - Participate in a 30-minute post-camp group Zoom on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 12:30PM Eastern / 11:30AM Central / 10:30AM Mountain / 9:30AM Pacific

Cornerstone Lead will...

- Nominate Senior Fellow(s) in Cornerstone Camp Application by January 23, 2026
- Integrate program requirements into accepted Senior Fellow's job description for Summer 2026
- Meet to discuss and further refine Senior Fellow's Shiputzim before Thursday, April 30, 2026
- Supervise the Senior Fellow in implementing their Shiputzim throughout Summer 2026

Cornerstone Supervisor will...

- Integrate Senior Fellow into camp's Cornerstone cohort
- Add Senior Fellow's Shiputzim to camp's action plan
- Support the Senior Fellow's work during Cornerstone and Summer 2026

Questions? Ask Henry Weltman, Associate Program Manager at FJC: Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org.