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## ***Jewish Star* leadership initiative cultivates a new generation of leaders in North America**

St. Louis, MO – Jewish Rock Radio has opened submissions for Season 5 of [Jewish Star](#), a nationwide leadership initiative that seeks to identify musically talented Jewish teens and young adults (ages 14-27) with a passion for Jewish music and leadership and provide them with training, mentorship, and networking with some of the top artists and educators in the Jewish world.

Through programs and special opportunities like the Jewish Star Mentoring Program, skills-training webinars, 1-on-1 consultations, free registration for the Songleader Boot Camp (SLBC) National Conference, new audio/video equipment and more, Jewish Star supports teens and young adults in growing and honing their leadership skills as well as identifying and achieving their goals.

**Interested teens and young adults should fill out the submission form individually or as a group by October 13, 2022;** participants are then matched to the Jewish Star program opportunities that will help them identify and achieve their goals throughout the school year.

### **Jewish Star program opportunities include:**

- The Jewish Star Mentoring Program, the only small-group mentoring program in the field of Jewish music and leadership, led by nationally renowned artists and educators [Chava Mirel](#), [Rick Recht](#), [Naomi Less](#), [Joe Buchanan](#), [Eliana Light](#), [Jacob Spike Kraus](#), and Rabbi [Josh Warshawsky](#).
- Personal consultation with a Jewish Star mentor
- Free audio/video equipment
- Free registration for the 2023 SLBC National Conference (February 19-21, 2023 in St. Louis)
- Monthly skills-training webinars led by top artists and educators in the Jewish world
- Access to the Jewish Star Community of Practice, a WhatsApp group of 200+ young Jewish leaders who share and discuss ideas, music, opportunities, and more in a supportive, growth-focused environment.

During the submission review process, **ten Jewish Stars will be named Jewish Star All-Stars**, five each from both the “Under 18” and “18 & Over” age brackets. Jewish Star All-Stars will also receive widespread recognition on JRR social media, website, and press.

Jewish Star serves as an entry point for the leadership pipeline of Judaism Alive, the 501c3 that oversees Jewish Rock Radio, Songleader Boot Camp, and JKids Radio and works to identify, train, promote, and place young leaders in Jewish organizations throughout North America. The Judaism Alive – *Take the Lead* Campaign aims to place 500 new young leaders in the Jewish world over the next 5 years to create the massive leadership infusion necessary to meet the demand for effective Jewish leadership.

“We want to guarantee that every teen and young adult who has the potential to be a Jewish leader will have free access to proven, one-of-a-kind mentorship and training; then we want them to go out and inspire Jewish

communities and making Judaism exciting and meaningful for future generations,” said Rick Recht, Founder and Executive Director of Judaism Alive. “The Judaism Alive pipeline is designed to turn on a light for young leaders who may have previously believed there was no viable leadership path for them in Jewish life, or who never considered a long-term investment in becoming a Jewish leader.”

Jewish Star cultivates Jewish leadership by leveraging the power of music. For teens and young adults, Jewish music is the soundtrack of their most profound Jewish experiences and the key ingredient in the formation of their Jewish identities.

“If [Jewish Star] had been around when I was a teen, I would have found my path to this work much earlier,” said Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, a Jewish Star Mentor and nationally touring Jewish artist and educator. “In a few years, all of these Jewish Stars will be ready to meet our challenges and needs.”

Season 5 opened on August 16, 2022 and entries must be received by October 13, 2022. **View the Jewish Star promo video, recommend a Jewish Star, and enter at the Jewish Star webpage:**  
<https://jewishstar.jewishrockradio.com>.

## **ABOUT JUDAISM ALIVE**

Judaism Alive identifies, trains, promotes, and places young leaders in Jewish organizations throughout North America to keep the spirit of Judaism alive for future generations. Judaism Alive consists of four well-established, nationally recognized organizations — the Jewish Star leadership initiative, the Songleader Boot Camp (SLBC) National Conference, Jewish Rock Radio, and JKids Radio. Together, they support a growing community of Jewish leaders, music artists, and educators while forming a leadership pipeline that — through the Judaism Alive *Take the Lead* campaign, will place 500 new, young leaders in North American Jewish communities by 2027.

## **ABOUT JEWISH ROCK RADIO (JRR)**

[Jewish Rock Radio](#) (JRR) is the first high-caliber, 24/7 international online Jewish rock radio station. The mission of Jewish Rock Radio is to strengthen Jewish identity and engagement for youth and young adults through the power of music. JRR engages Jewish youth, young adults, and families by broadcasting exciting contemporary Jewish rock music from the US, Israel, and beyond. Founded in 2009 by Jewish musical pioneer, Rick Recht, Jewish Rock Radio is a powerful platform that spotlights the wealth of cool Jewish engagement opportunities available to teens and young adults. With over 1.5 million listening minutes each month, JRR regularly impacts thousands of teens, young adults, and families.

## **ABOUT SONGLEADER BOOT CAMP (SLBC)**

[Songleader Boot Camp](#) (SLBC) is the premier Jewish leadership-training program in North America, providing training for clergy, Jewish educators, religious and day school teachers, family engagement and early childhood specialists, Jewish camping staffs, teen leaders, and songleaders of every experience level. SLBC’s deeply inclusive approach attracts over 400 participants annually and has served more than 3,000 people since its founding in 2010. SLBC programs include the SLBC National Conference and SLBC Shabbaton in St. Louis, Missouri, regional training programs, and leadership-training seminars in national Jewish conferences and synagogues. SLBC participants learn skills and strategies from nationally renowned Jewish thought leaders, educators and music artists, bringing ideas home to inspire transformative change in their communities.