

Digital Jewish Communities

In response to the rapid changes in online delivery of Jewish education and changes in ritual life as a response to COVID-19, the Foundation is interested in supporting communities to strengthen their capacity to deliver quality Jewish education and engagement taking advantage of blended (in person and virtual) opportunities.

We welcome projects that can address one, or more, of the following:

- **Blended communities** – Online community events have engaged new audiences with Jewish life and learning. Families and individuals have participated from home in Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah celebrations and have remotely joined funerals, weddings and shivas. Communities have also created on-line programmes to celebrate Jewish holidays and other events. Communities are invited to build on these experiences to train their staff, invite experts and learn to develop online offerings that complement their local community activities. For example: [Virtual Shavuot Crawl](#), [Virtual Havdalah](#), [Virtual cooking](#).
- **Jewish Education Platform for Educators** - A digital platform to support the work of professional and volunteer Jewish educators. This might be a website where Jewish education materials in local European languages can be discussed and shared, as a tool to support Jewish education. See examples: [J Teach](#), [Jewish Learning Matters](#), [Unpacked for Educators](#). [ZWST HADRACHA](#), [Hannukah](#), [Histoire Juive](#).
- **Virtual collaboration between Jewish heritage institutions and the local Jewish communities** – Jewish museums and other heritage sites depend heavily on international tourism, and visits from diverse school groups. Projects that consider new avenues of virtual engagement with local Jewish communities are welcome.