AVODAH
Sparking Jewish Leaders, Igniting Social Change

THE JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Find your Jewish community

The Justice Fellowship is a learning and community-building program designed to strengthen the field of Jewish social justice leaders working towards effective and sustainable change in Chicago and New York City.

Expand your network of local changemakers passionate about exploring justice, Jewish life, and the powerful intersections between the two. Fellows create a pluralistic, diverse community built on mutual trust and respect through 8 months of in-person evening and weekend sessions, retreats, mentorship, project-based work, and community events. In these chaotic and complex times, this cohort will ground you, sustain your justice work, and help you grow your skills and relationships to make meaningful, material change in your city.

Our Justice Fellows are usually in their 20s or 30s, in their early and mid-career stages. We welcome applicants who work professionally in social justice as well as those whose justice work is on a personal/volunteer basis.

Through a year-end project, you'll build a tangible articulation of how you've advanced your analysis and work for justice. Past projects have included everything from counting the Omer to live a zero-waste lifestyle, to a family book club, to leading a panel of Chicago Jewish organizers, to facilitating a group dialogue about how we can better align our money with our values. These projects have been featured in the New York Times, The Rachel Ray Show, The Forward, and more.

Jewish Learning Community

Find your people and cultivate a powerful, creative, diverse Jewish community. Learn how to contribute as Jewish people to the broader justice movements in your city. Build a community where your Judaism flourishes and integrates with your understanding of collective liberation.

Jewish Framework for Justice

Explore Jewish texts, history, rituals, and culture. You'll develop throughlines between your Jewishness and your justice commitments, and locate yourself in an unbroken history of progressive Jews resisting oppression.

Justice Analysis

Deepen your analysis of the root causes and effects of economic, social, racial, environmental, and other systemic injustices. Trace the intersections of different facets of oppression and learn about historical and contemporary intervention strategies.

Learn more at avodah.net/fellowship

Applications for our 2026-2027 program are due September 8, 2026 but will be accepted as space allows.