

To whom it may concern,

Over the spring of 2023, **Hannah Raskin** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC**.

Hannah started the program **Teens Combatting Parkinsons'**. She wanted to get involved in **helping the cause of Parkinsons'**, but couldn't find any options for teens, so she created her own! She has collected letters from over 50 teens to send to people living with Parkinson's disease and raises awareness about the cause through social media.

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Hannah was assigned a mentor** to guide her through the process of furthering her program. She met with the rest of her cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach. All youth are invited to participate individually and in groups.

Hannah displayed passion and dedication and we cannot wait to see what she will do in the world.

Best,

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Over the spring of 2023, **Alex Leichter** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC**.

Alex started the program **Calling Generations**, a program that **partners teens at PAS with seniors to get to know each other**. She hopes to teach teens how to conduct interviews in order to turn the program into a podcast to share with the wider Park Avenue Synagogue community.

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Alex was assigned a mentor** to guide her through the process of furthering her program. She met with the rest of her cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Dani Bessinger** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Dani started a website ***Our Unique Minds***, which displays optimistic anonymous stories about teens who have **recovered from mental health issues** so that other teens feel less alone and more hopeful. The website will also display resources for teens struggling with mental health crises.

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Dani was assigned a mentor** to guide her through the process of furthering her program. She met with the rest of her cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Sloane Easton** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Sloane has created the program **Women Fund Women**. *She fundraised to develop seed funding which she loans to small businesses run by women in Africa. When the women pay her loan back, she finds another woman to support.*

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Sloane was assigned a mentor** to guide her through the process of furthering her program. She met with the rest of her cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Ava Lipsky** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Ava has created the program **Dress Equity**. *After attending Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, she realized she and her friends had dresses that they probably wouldn't wear them again. With Dress Equity, she collects lightly used formal dresses and sells them at highly discounted rates. She then donates the profits to charities to support the environment.*

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Over the spring of 2023, **Ava Epstein** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Ava helped found the **Teens Combatting Antisemitism Task Force** at Park Avenue Synagogue. Along with her peers, she grew tired of reading the news about the latest antisemitic incident and wanted to do something about it. The Teens Combatting Antisemitism Task Force is comprised of 35 teens who meet monthly to discuss the state of antisemitism in the world, hold space for each other's feelings, learn about antisemitism through outside speakers, and take action to shift legislation around hatred.

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Ava was assigned a mentor** to guide her through the process of furthering her program. She met with the rest of her cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Aaron Egol** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Aaron helped found the **Teens Combatting Antisemitism Task Force** at Park Avenue Synagogue. *Along with his peers, he grew tired of reading the news about the latest antisemitic incident and wanted to do something about it. The Teens Combatting Antisemitism Task Force is comprised of 35 teens who meet monthly to discuss the state of antisemitism in the world, hold space for each other's feelings, learn about antisemitism through outside speakers, and take action to shift legislation around hatred.*

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Aaron was assigned a mentor** to guide him through the process of furthering her program. He met with the rest of his cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Asher Klein** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC.**

Asher has been a part of the **teen-led food pantry at Park Avenue Synagogue** for years, but he noticed something missing. While we provide crucial food, including vegetables, fruits, grains, and protein. He realized our clients might be missing out on other necessary items, like other cooking supplies and toiletries. *He helped create a position on the food pantry board to implement changes next year. He also lobbied state legislators to increase funding for food pantries and food banks.*

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Asher was assigned a mentor** to guide him through the process of furthering her program. He met with the rest of his cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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Over the spring of 2023, **Andrew Hermann** participated in the **Tzedek Fellowship, a leadership program at Park Avenue Synagogue backed by the NY Metro FJMC**.

Andrew is working on the concept to **combine his love of fashion and sports with making a difference in the world**. His hope is to help children with terminal illnesses design clothing for athletes to wear. Then, either through selling the design or auctioning off the item the athlete wore, he will raise money to donate to research for the terminal illness each child has.

Through the Tzedek Fellowship, **Andrew was assigned a mentor** to guide him through the process of furthering her program. He met with the rest of his cohort monthly to **learn crucial leadership skills** including vision and mission statement crafting, public speaking, organization, and outreach.

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