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“ I have made lasting friendships, have been exposed to all kinds of things, Jewish or not, and have gained valuable leadership skills. I realized that I truly can make a difference. As a Jew and as an American, I realized the importance of advocating on behalf of the Jewish people. As a person, I feel more confident and empowered than I was before.”

# Boston Diller Teen Fellowship

An international fellowship experience for high school sophomores and juniors who seek to develop leadership skills, explore their Jewish identities and help their communities.

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## Who are the Diller Teen Fellows?

The Diller Teen Fellowship is an international partnership that inspires and empowers Jewish teens to be active, effective leaders. The 12-month program offers a select group of 10th and 11th graders the opportunity to focus on leadership training, Tikkun Olam, Jewish identity, and a connection to Israel and Jewish peoplehood.

The Diller Teen Fellowship program is active in 32 communities in North America, South America, Europe, Israel, South Africa and Australia. In Boston, the program is implemented by the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston.

Twenty Boston area teens are selected each year based on their leadership aptitude, commitment to Jewish learning, interest in connecting to Israel, and passion for serving their communities.

## What is the Fellowship program?

There are six core experiences of the Diller Teen Fellowship:

**Leadership.** Through its programs, the Diller Teen Fellowship helps develop the next generation of Jewish leaders.

**Tikkun Olam.** The Diller program aims to inspire young people to embrace the spirit of Tikkun Olam (Hebrew for “repair the world”) by inspiring them to serve as role models for community service.

**Jewish Identity.** Diller Teen Fellows explore Jewish values, community and history as they develop and enhance their own Jewish identity. This helps inform their decisions on how they want to live their Jewish lives.

**Israel.** The Diller program seeks to promote a strong physical and spiritual connection to Israel and to the global Jewish community.

**Peoplehood.** The Diller program explores the concept of Jewish Peoplehood – the idea of a collective Jewish experience, flourishing now and in the future – through multiple lenses.

**Pluralism.** Diller Teen Fellows embraces pluralism in the broadest sense. Fellows are introduced to a wide range of different Jewish practices, beliefs, values, and perspectives and are encouraged to develop an appreciation for the spectrum of Jewish expression.

Staff and Fellows build programming around these six themes with engaging, experiential activities designed to promote critical thinking, communication and trust.

## What will my experience be like?

You will be part of a group of peers with different backgrounds, joined together by the desire to:

- Question, search and gain insights into Jewish identity and unity
- Experience a cultural exchange with Israeli teens during a three-week Israel seminar and 10-day Boston mifgash (encounter)
- Cultivate lasting friendships with Boston and Haifa Diller Fellows through a significant partnership experience
- Become a member of the Diller International cohort of 32 cities

## What is the time commitment?

The Boston JCC Diller Teen Fellows is a 12-month (September to September) commitment

- 12 Sunday afternoon workshops
- Ten-day hosting of Haifa Fellows in the spring
- Three-week Israel experience in the summer
- Three weekend retreats
- Two overnight experiences

## How do I apply?

Apply online or nominate a teen at [bostonjcc.org/diller](http://bostonjcc.org/diller)

- All applicants must apply online and participate in a group experience session and interview
- Applications are accepted between April 5-May 25, 2018. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed only after all on-time applications are considered
- Final decisions are announced in late June

The fee for participation is \$3,800 which includes all costs for the Fellowship, including the Israel trip. Generous financial aid is available.

Each Fellow receives a substantial subsidy from the Helen Diller Family Foundation, the Boston-Haifa Steering Committee of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies and from private donations.

To learn more, contact [teens@jccgb.org](mailto:teens@jccgb.org), 617-558-6512 or visit [bostonjcc.org/diller](http://bostonjcc.org/diller)

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