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We are delighted to announce that **\$2 million in Cutting Edge Grants** have just been awarded to nine new and innovative programs serving the Los Angeles Jewish community. This culminates a nine-month process of vetting dozens of programs and initiatives. Our Cutting Edge Grants Committee is comprised of Foundation staff and board members, and other community leaders. Together, these grants will have a significant impact on a variety of populations and issues facing the Jewish community today, including providing teens with peer support around mental health; protecting and advocating for the elderly; and serving adults with special needs.

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Below please find a full listing of our **2018 Cutting Edge Grant recipients**.

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We look forward to seeing all of these programs grow, thrive, and strengthen the Los Angeles Jewish community in the months and years ahead.

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Best wishes for a wonderful and safe summer,

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## 2018 CUTTING EDGE GRANTS 9 NEW PROGRAMS AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$2 MILLION

### Act.IL

The **Los Angeles Media Room** will mobilize, train, empower, and engage hundreds of teens and young adults in the LA Jewish community to effectively advocate for Israel across social media platforms.

### Bet Tzedek

**For the Sake of Our Elders: A Campaign to Fight Elder Abuse in the Jewish Community** will address the prevalence of elder abuse in the LA community by focusing on empowering older adults within the Jewish community to identify and speak out on the issue, and by training Jewish clergy and educators on legal responsibilities and tactics for ending elder abuse.

### Fuente Latina

The **Los Angeles** launch of this "Latina Source of Information" will build on its success in Miami to develop a Spanish language, pro-Israel media presence in LA, to positively impact perceptions of Israel and the LA Jewish community in Spanish-language media and in the wider Spanish-speaking community.

### Hillel 818

The **Jewish Identity Project** will lay the groundwork for the next generation of diverse Jewish leaders by scaling up its program to engage hundreds of Jewish Russian, Persian, and Israeli college students in Jewish life through culturally specific social, religious, and educational programming.

### IsraAID US

The **Humanitarian Professional Network** will introduce LA Jews to IsraAID and train young Jewish professionals to deploy on its international aid missions, where they can carry out their Jewish values and engage with Israel through providing emergency relief around the world.

### Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles

**Teen Talk** will train Jewish teens under the guidance of trained practitioners, to become effective peer mentors to other teens seeking support for anxiety, depression, relationships, family issues, school and beyond, who connect via a smartphone application. The program aims to build a community of empathetic teens, inspired by Jewish values, who are ambassadors of social and emotional health.

### Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles LIFE @ Home (Living, Inspired, Fit, and Engaged)

support greater connectivity between homebound Holocaust survivors and the wider survivor community through the use of cutting-edge technology to access a blend of supportive services, including social, educational, and holiday programs, improving quality of life and enabling them to age-in-place with dignity and grace.

### Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

The **Campaign for Civil Discourse** will train Jewish leaders to facilitate and practice difficult conversations around critical issues to develop a culture of dialogue across diverse sectors of the LA Jewish community, in partnership with Resetting the Table.

### Project Miracle

**Miracle Masters** aims to address the social isolation and unemployment experienced by adults with special needs, by scaling up its performing arts, Judaica education, and vocational services for Jewish adults with disabilities, as well as training Jewish clergy on inclusion of people with special needs.

# IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER GIFT – A POWERFUL PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCE

Create an endowment to support your chosen charities  
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## Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift

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- Your IRA charitable rollover gift can be used to meet all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- Gift not subject to charitable gift limitations.

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