Purim Sameach!

On Purim, we read about Esther and Mordechai, innovators and heroes of their time. They identified a problem, and worked proactively to create change. Through the Accelerator selection process, it is clear that our community is still following in their footsteps today.

Selection stats

Cohort IV applications are in, and interviews are underway. Who applied for our next cohort?

- 71 Jewish nonprofit founders
- Founders from 10 states and 5 different countries
- Programs ranging from educational technology, communal affordability, leadership, and more
- 20 of the organizations were founded in 2021, 28% of our total. And, 33 applications, close to 50% of all, were founded since 2020
Purim plans? Spend it with our ventures

Give with *My Tzedakah*

Elevate your Mishloach Manot by gifting your loved ones the gift of giving back. My Tzedakah will match every dollar and donate it on your behalf to Yad Eliezer's Matanot L'Evyonim Campaign on Purim Day! Check out the My Tzedakah (cohort III) Purim Campaign.

Prepare with *Communities Confronting Substance Abuse and Addiction*

CCSA (cohort II) shares information about the role of alcohol in Jewish ritual. Be safe and prepare for Purim with their recording here.

Learn with *TorahLive*

Make your own Megillah! TorahLive (cohort III) shares a free Purim coloring book and additional learning resources about Purim.

Get creative with *GrowTorah*
GrowTorah (cohort I) shares fun resources for your Purim prep!

Alumni activities

News

My Tzedakah (cohort III) is partnering with The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to donate money to help the efforts in Ukraine. All money donated to their campaign will be matched by My Tzedakah.

Listen to Miriam Leah Gamliel, founding director of ATARA (cohort III), in an interview on the JOWMA podcast.

TIBC (cohort III) has recruited more than 50 students to become involved in Torah learning with recruiting the support of a new program director and a partnership with The Podcast Fellowship.

Read about how My Tzedakah (cohort III) is closing the generational gap in philanthropic giving.

For the first time in the history of the OU Impact Accelerator, two leaders from different cohorts have joined forces! Rabbi Arieh Friedner, founder of Torah Institute Beyond Campus (cohort III) joined the team of Dr. Jonathan Donath’s Daily Giving (cohort II) as their Chief Operating Officer.

Upcoming

Tamar Nusbaum (cohort II) will be presenting at the Prizmah Mental Health Summit in May.

GrowTorah (cohort I) is recruiting for their summer college inchwormship. If you know a college student looking for a meaningful and environment-friendly summer internship, send this their way!
View all the upcoming events and news from our alumni here.

**On deck...**

**March '22**: Interviews with 24 cohort IV semi-finalists  
**April '22**: Pitch presentations for the top 10 cohort IV finalists  
**May '22**: Cohort III demo day graduation and cohort IV launch  
**Summer '22**: Accelerator internships, cohort IV education, and more!

A freilichen Purim and may we always be inspired by our Jewish heroes. Invest with us to support communal innovators of today.

Sincerely,

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*Founding Director*  

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