



## The Jim Abraham Jewish Leadership Fellows

Application

**Jim Abraham** served as a leader of Congregation B'nai Israel, in the greater Bridgeport Jewish community and the Union for Reform Judaism. He served as a mentor for lay leaders and Jewish professionals and his vision lives on through them.

**The Jim Abraham Jewish Leadership Fellowship** was established to assist in the development of potential, future synagogue leaders through their participation in educational programs and opportunities. The ultimate goal is to assure the perpetuation, continued growth, and vitality of Reform Judaism locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Fellowship is designed to support young adults (late teens – twenties) who display significant interest and seriousness in their approach to Jewish values and education as well as who show leadership potential as demonstrated by their academic ability, and/or active involvement in Reform Jewish programs and activities.

Fellowships are awarded to partially subsidize participation of worthy candidates in programs that promote the development of Jewish leadership skills. Programs may include: Judaic High School Programs (not including Merkaz), leadership academies, conferences, song leading institutes and Israel programs of academic merit offered by Hebrew Union College, The Union for Reform Judaism, the North American Federation of Temple Youth or similar institutions committed to the perpetuation of liberal Jewish values.

The grants are *not* designed for those in formal degree granting graduate studies programs in Jewish studies or for the Jewish professions.

**Application to become a Jim Abraham Jewish Leadership Fellow** is on a rolling basis. Potential fellows are invited to apply at any time during the year and may expect to learn the results within six weeks of application. Programs will be approved and Fellows will be selected by the Senior Rabbi and the Director of Religious Education in consultation with the other clergy and appropriate teachers of the Congregation.

No more than \$1000 shall be given to any one individual and the annual disbursement from the Fund shall be limited to \$2000.00 per year. An individual can receive only one grant within a three years period.

Recipients are expected to provide some feedback to the synagogue about their experience. This may include (but is not limited to): using blogging during the event, an article to be published in the temple bulletin and/or web site, a program to be implemented at temple or other appropriate venue or a graphic/visual representation after attendance.

To apply, please complete the following form and return it to Chris Rocha ([crocha@cbibpt.org](mailto:crocha@cbibpt.org)) in the temple office.

**The Jim Abraham Jewish Leadership Fellows Application**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/Event you wish to attend as a Jim Abraham Fellow.  
Please include the date(s) and the name of the sponsoring organization:**

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**Please describe how this program meets the parameters of the Fellowship as described above and how you hope it will impact you.**

(You may attach an additional page if you wish)

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**What are the costs associated with your participation in the program?**

**Registration/Tuition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing** (if not included): \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals** (if not included): \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that Fellowships may not exceed \$1,000 but may also be less.