

Benefits of Affiliation



USCJ

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together

USCJ is the network that ensures that there are thriving centers of Jewish practice across North America, Israel, and beyond that celebrate both tradition and contemporary life. Together, we demonstrate what an authentic and dynamic Judaism looks like, inspire people to be a part of it, and advance its critical role in the world.

When you join USCJ, you are connecting to a network of nearly 600 Conservative congregations across North America.

Here are some of the benefits we offer to our affiliated congregations:

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Sulam for Current Leaders
- Sulam for Presidents
- Sulam for Officers
- Sulam for Emerging Leaders
- IMUN for ritual leaders of small congregations

COACHING/CONSULTING

Individualized coaching for synagogue leaders on various issues including strategic planning, leadership development, member engagement, board effectiveness, human resources, interfaith and LGBTQ inclusion, financial sustainability, and mediation services.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- Thriving Congregations Assessment
- Board Self-Assessment
- Relational Judaism Assessment
- Safety and Security Assessment
- Financial Sustainability Assessment

CONFERENCES AND GATHERINGS

- District conferences on relevant topics
- District Presidents Gatherings
- Biennial Conventions
- Large Congregations Conference
- Small Congregations Gatherings
- New Directors Institute

WEBINARS

We regularly run webinars on a variety of topics related to synagogue life including security, fundraising, technology, leadership succession, membership engagement, social justice, and more. Visit our Webinar Archive to access recordings and materials here:

<https://uscj.org/leadership/webinar-archive>

COST-SAVINGS AND OPERATIONS

- The Buying Networks (U.S. and Canada)
- PPE Discounts
- Streamspot, LiveControl, JLicense access
- Accounting services with Kesef Accounting
- EPA Green Energy Program
- Insurance program with Church Mutual

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH (USY) FOR YOUR TEENS

- Membership affiliation is paid one time a year for all 3rd–12th grade students
- USY is grades 9th–12th, USY Geshet (formally Kadima) is grades 6th–8th, USY Chaverim (**new**) is grades 3rd–5th
- New Thriving Congregations Assessment specifically focused on Teen Engagement
- Pilot project to better serve teens who are Jews of Color in USY and your congregation

ASSISTANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT

- Clergy
- Executive Directors

Learn more at our website, www.uscj.org

I just want to say that I'm really impressed with the quality of the Kol Tzedek program. I learned so much and I look forward to catching up on all of [the programs]. Each breakout session that I was in was a catalyst to thought. There is so much to do!

– Participant in Kol Tzedek Conference on Racial Justice

Sulam for Presidents was all so useful... Certainly the focus on running an effective Board and improving member engagement was timely and helpful. The simple sharing of experiences/hopes/challenges with other Presidents-Elect was worth the 'price of admission.'

– Participant in Sulam for Presidents