



Request for Nominations Shoshana S. Cardin Leadership Award

USCJ is now accepting nominations for the fifth annual Shoshana S. Cardin Leadership Award. Created in 2014, this award recognizes an emerging Jewish leader (of any age) who is making a difference in advancing the values of an authentic and dynamic Judaism. The award will be presented at the meeting of USCJ's General Assembly of Kehillot on December 2, 2018, in New York.

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Recipients will be recognized for:

- ❖ Clarity of vision and a strong articulation and dissemination of that vision
- ❖ Innovative ideas and processes that motivate and inspire others to engage in the vision
- ❖ Taking initiative
- ❖ Demonstrated metrics of success

Qualifications:

- ❖ Identifies with the values of Conservative Judaism
- ❖ An emerging leader; in any decade of one's life
- ❖ Based in and work in North America
- ❖ Nominated by peers, colleagues, supervisors or self
- ❖ Jewish professionals cannot be nominated for their work unless it is in a volunteer capacity

Recipient will receive:

- ❖ A \$5,000 stipend
- ❖ Opportunities to connect with other emerging Jewish leaders from across the continent through USCJ and its network of *kehillot* and leaders
- ❖ Public recognition at USCJ's General Assembly of Kehillot, in marketing and publicity materials

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Nomination Deadline: October 15, 2018

The Shoshana S. Cardin Leadership Award is named to honor Shoshana Cardin's leadership qualities, inspirational guidance and exceptional creativity. The Award

recognizes an emerging leader whose work reflects the Cardin ethos and who will continue to follow this path in the future.

Shoshana S. Cardin was one of the most influential Jewish leaders of our time. As a leader, philanthropist, and tireless activist, she had a global impact in the areas of human rights, women's rights, education, and strengthening the Jewish People and the State of Israel. She led by example, rolling up her sleeves and getting to work, persevering in the face of any obstacle to achieve what she knew was right. For Shoshana, true giving included not only financial help but taking personal responsibility for the people and institutions one supports. Her fearless approach and unbounded energy inspired a generation.



Shoshana's family wants to inspire a new cadre of leaders. As a lifelong member and longtime leader of Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore, she recognized how profoundly Conservative Judaism has shaped her worldview and inspired her work. She also believed strongly in the power of individuals to effect change, in leaders who confidently pursue their goals and in doing so, engage and inspire others. The Shoshana S. Cardin Award is designed to recognize and celebrate individuals, of any age and at any stage in their careers, who are nominated by their peers for demonstrating dynamism, leadership and creativity. The award will help ensure that Conservative Judaism has the leaders it needs to inspire a new generation of committed, caring and engaged Jews.

About USCJ

Our Mission

We strengthen *kehillot* - Jewish communities inside and outside the walls of a synagogue. We are the network that ensures 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.

Our Values

Our values define who we are and how we work. We hold ourselves accountable to these pursuits each and every day as we demonstrate what an authentic and dynamic Judaism looks like.

We thrive in the tension of old and new

Balancing tradition and modernity is a dance, which ignites innovative ideas—those that shape our work to strengthen *kehillot* and those that influence how we live meaningfully as Jews today.

We find unity in diversity.

A range of viewpoints and backgrounds—religious, racial, ethnic, sexual, socio-political—strengthens us all. We celebrate our differences and believe that those differences make our wholeness possible.

We are dedicated to lifelong Jewish growth.

It is our imperative to ensure that Jews at every age have meaningful opportunities to learn and grow—through traditions, study, Torah, prayer, and *mitzvot* - and to feel inspired to take action, serve the world, and connect to God and a higher purpose.

We act with integrity and strive for excellence.

Our success is defined by the success of our partners. We are accountable to each other, to our *kehillot*, and to the larger Jewish community, which means being responsive, communicating honestly, and always doing our best work.

We are part of something larger than ourselves.

Our connections to the Jewish people in North America, Israel, and around the world strengthen us intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually, and active collaboration among sacred communities benefits every *kehilla* and the larger world.

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