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Nativ Alumni
99% want to raise their children in a Jewish home
91% believe Nativ prepared them for college life
90% of Conservative kehillot in South America are USCJ network
200 kehillot at the recent USCJ Convention
155 synagogue leaders in 352 leadership programs
1,000s of conversations provided by USCJ experts

Convention Participants: 2011-2017

2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017

200 400 600 800 1,000+ 1,200+ 1,400+ 1,600+ 1,800+ 2,000+ 2,200+


10,000 teens & leaders across North America
350 students enrolled
22 countries represented in the student body
35+ Rabbinic School Israel Experience students
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