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Advancing Inclusiveness in the North American Jewish Community

Chairs: David Steinhardt & Justin Zises

Supporting organizations that are revitalizing the mainstream Jewish community by making it a more tolerant and welcoming place for groups that have traditionally been marginalized, including women, intermarried families, gays and lesbians, and racial/ethnic minorities, in order to avoid dis-affiliation among these populations.

Birthright Israel NEXT/Natan Grants for Social Entrepreneurs

Chairs: Jeremy Falk & Tavi Yehudai

Birthright Israel NEXT and Natan have teamed up to provide small grants (up to \$10,000) to Taglit-Birthright Israel trip participants who are creating grassroots programs for their peers relating to Jewish life and Israel.

Core Grantees

Chair: Greg Mondre

Supporting a highly selective group of organizations that Natan has funded for more than three years. Core Grantees are those organizations most closely aligned with Natan's grantmaking mission. Their exceptional leadership develops programs with significant and measurable impact, and they have the potential to transform the field in which they are working. Applications are by invitation only.

DC-Area Small Grants Initiative

Chair: Jeffrey Goldberg

Launching in 2011, Natan's first local grantmaking program will provide small grants (up to \$10,000) to support new efforts by individuals and organizations to create new access points to Jewish life for young Jews in the Washington, DC area. Applications are by invitation only.

Economic Development in Israel

Chairs: Gil Schorr & Talia Siegel

Supporting innovative approaches for giving underserved Israelis the tools and guidance to lift themselves out of economic hardship. Natan prioritizes programs in the Negev that strengthen the economy in a particular municipality or region, provide vocational training for residents in strategically important fields, attract new residents to the region and economically empower existing residents, and, ideally, incorporate principles of environmental sustainability.

Emerging Models of Jewish Connection

Chairs: Andrew Waranch & Amy Zises

Supporting new methods for building Jewish networks and communities and for creating new access points to Jewish experience and education in North America.

Jewish Peoplehood

Chairs: Hilary Reich & Boaz Weinstein

Natan's Jewish Peoplehood grants support innovative organizations that build connections between young Jews across national, ethnic, denominational, and ideological borders; that foster a sense of mutual responsibility between Jews; that emphasize the Jewish People's collective responsibility to heal the world; and/or that grapple with the special role that Israel plays in contemporary Jews' identity.

New Media

Chair: Greg Brenner

In 2011, Natan is launching a new grant program to support innovative approaches to using new media technologies to enrich and create new access points to Jewish life. The committee will announce its strategy and focus in early 2011.

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