

Moving Traditions

Engaging teens in meaningful Jewish community while applying a gender lens and Jewish values to the challenges of everyday life.

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2005

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2014 expenses

\$1,889,552

Amidst the note passing and acne, teens' lives overflow with social pressures, bullying, depression, eating disorders, and questioning sexuality. Moving Traditions creates a framework for integrating Jewish values into these typical teenage challenges. Teens face daily bombardment from competing messages about each of these issues, and Moving Traditions is the only organization that bridges that messaging with Judaism, utilizing experts in the field of sexuality education to create a state-of-the-art curriculum for teens. By training rabbis, camp counselors, day school educators, and youth group leaders, Moving Traditions affirms that the Jewish community provides the best place to engage with teens on the most pressing issues in their lives.

Through its two programs, Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! and Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood, Moving Traditions has certified more than 1,200 educators and empowered over 12,000 Jewish teenagers of all affiliations to immerse themselves in Jewish tradition as they navigate what it means to be a teen. These non-judgmental safe spaces allow teens to fall back on their Jewish communities when the trials of teenage life emerge. Continually growing and evolving, the organization has recently trained 55 new adult male group leaders in order to increase the number of Brotherhood participants. As Moving Traditions moves into its tenth year of operation, it continues to create a new ethic of respect, equality, and healthy sexuality, which allows teens to be the leaders of a new, countercultural conversation.

“ Moving Traditions offers time-tested programs that are unlike anything else offered for girls and boys in the Jewish community as they figure out what it means to be an adult in the world.

