

## ANNOUNCING SEFARIA'S PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS—APPLICATIONS OPEN

For the 2016-2017 school year, Sefaria seeks creative educators who are ready to innovate and are open to new ways of thinking about teaching and learning. We plan to include up to 5 organizations in our Partnership Initiative for Jewish Organizations, including but not limited to supplementary schools, youth groups, Jewish nonprofits, Hillels, young adult and adult learning programs. Each organization will need one or two lead educators who are committed to working closely with Sefaria over the course of the year. We invite you to read more and consider applying!

### GOALS:

This initiative will enable us to experiment with Sefaria in diverse educational settings; to think through “best practices” of teaching with Sefaria; to change and improve engagement and pedagogy around Jewish texts; and to foster a more innovative spirit in the community of Jewish learners. We want to explore the following questions:

1. What does Sefaria afford us in our teaching and learning that might be difficult or impossible without these tools?
2. What would it look like to create new forms of engagement around Jewish texts, in conjunction with the new medium we have for exploring these texts?
3. How can the teachers and learners of Jewish texts drive technological innovation that benefits our community? How can we nurture students who are creative both in their learning and beyond?
4. What can Sefaria offer to teachers and learners in supplementary schools, informal learning, or adult learning contexts? And how can we support collaboration and resource sharing across these institutions?

### EDUCATORS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be open to and excited about exploring the above questions, and ready to try new things in service of this exploration.
- Commit to using Sefaria in some sustained way throughout the school year.
- Communicate with Sefaria staff on a regular basis by phone and/or video chat and participate in the Initiative's Facebook Group. Feedback is critical to Sefaria's development and educators will benefit collectively from sharing ideas and best practices with the group.

### SEFARIA WILL PROVIDE:

- On demand tech and curricular support. Sefaria's Director of Education, Sara Wolkenfeld, will be available to train faculty and students in the use of Sefaria, help plan and craft course materials, and connect educators with our engineer or content teams whenever necessary.
- Opportunities to connect with other like-minded educators and share resources and ideas.
- Opportunities to influence the direction of product and feature developments on Sefaria.
- Translator services when necessary and available.
- Special access to new features on Sefaria.

If you have questions, please contact: [sara@sefaria.org](mailto:sara@sefaria.org)

For the application, click here: <https://goo.gl/710O4W>