

Jewish communities rely on knowledgeable and dedicated professionals to provide vision, set priorities, and lead the community to make good decisions for the future. The Ruskay Institute cultivates and nurtures one's ability to imagine our Jewish future and impact the Jewish community.

Who Are Ruskay Fellows?

Ruskay fellows are rising leaders with a track record of accomplishment and a desire for growth.

Eligibility Criteria

- Passionate and knowledgeable about Jewish communal life
- Between four to nine years of full-time work experience in any Jewish nonprofit
- Currently employed in any Jewish nonprofit in New York City, Long Island, or Westchester
- Ready to participate fully in an intensive group experience

Meet the 2017 – 2018 Ruskay Fellows

Program Features

- Transformative learning experiences with expert faculty
- Leadership assessments
- Professional coaching
- Engagement with outstanding leaders and teachers
- Time for reflection and practice
- A network of diverse colleagues
- Strategies and tools to inspire collaboration, creativity, and authentic leadership

Read Our Curriculum Overview and Leadership Vision

For More Information

If you have any questions, please contact Penina Grossberg, Program Manager, at ruskayinstitute@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1864.

2019 Program Schedule

Between January and September 2019, Ruskay Fellows will participate in interactive learning experiences including:

- Welcome reception and orientation (January 16, 2019)
- Two intensive overnight retreats (March 11 – 15 and June 3 – 5, 2019)
- Seven single-day learning sessions and ongoing opportunities for communication and practice
- Professional coaching sessions

Application Process

In order to shape a diverse cohort of outstanding professionals, the Ruskay Institute has a three-stage selection process that includes nomination, application, and interview.

NOMINATION: We welcome nominations for the 2019 class. Any professional who meets the eligibility criteria may seek nomination by a supervisor, mentor, colleague, executive director, or lay leader. **Online nomination forms are due July 13, 2018.** You may nominate as many candidates as you wish; however we expect many nominations and can invite only some to apply.

APPLICATION: A select number of nominees will be invited to complete an online application which will be **due August 27, 2018.**

INTERVIEW: Selected applicants will be invited as finalists to interview with the admissions committee. Finalists must submit our letter of support form signed by their supervisor and executive director.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWS: Ruskay Fellows will be selected and announced by November 2018.

Role of the Sponsoring Agency:

The Fellowship is almost fully subsidized, and sponsoring agencies pay a fee of \$1,000 per Ruskay Fellow. If the fee affects your agency's ability to nominate a candidate, please contact ruskayinstitute@ujafedny.org to explore an alternate arrangement.

John Ruskay: A Visionary Leader

The Ruskay Institute is funded by an endowment created by friends and colleagues of John Ruskay upon his retirement in 2014, after 15 years as executive vice president and CEO of UJA-Federation of New York, and honors John's visionary leadership and commitment to professional development.