

# Qushiyot קושיות: Israel Education Fellowship

## A special cohort for Long Island Educators of Teens

Because Israel's complexity can best be addressed through a series of Qushiyot\* rather than a set of simple answers.



A partnership between The Jewish Education Project and Makom

**Now more than ever, teens are asking about Israel.  
We can help you respond.**

Participants in the Qushiyot Israel Education Fellowship will be empowered to develop and impart meaningful and relevant Israel education experiences for their teens. They will learn the open and comprehensive approach of the “Four Hatikvah Questions (4HQ)”, created by Makom: The Jewish Agency for Israel Education Lab, which has been used in communities around the world, including Israel.

Our students are struggling to express themselves and respond to others with different, strongly held opinions. The pedagogic approaches that create safe spaces allow teens to engage in complex, respectful dialogue, cultivating a more nuanced relationship with Israel. These approaches can be applied to many components of our work as Jewish educators.

**\*Qushiyot:** the word originates in the Four Questions from Seder night, and the chevruta and study involved in answering them. Qushiyot are questions that stop you in your tracks, makes you dig further into an issue and demand a considered answer.

## WHAT? The cohort of Qushiyot Long Island Educators of Teens will:

- Induct educators into a new, practical framework for structuring Israel education.
- Empower educators to develop contemporary Israel curricular modules.
- Address the complexity of Israel and examine personal relationships to Israel.
- Provide individual coaches to guide and support educators' work throughout the year.

## WHO? Long Island based Jewish educators that:

- Work with students grades 7 - 12 in a congregation, JCC or similar part-time setting.
- Have current or future responsibility for teaching Israel at their institution.
- Have a desire to upgrade the Israel education at their institution.
- Feel inspired by the challenge of Israel education.

## WHEN? Important Dates:

- November 9 - 10, 2021: Workshop #1 (including senior professional & lay leader)
- January 12 - 13, 2022: Workshop #2
- January 2022 - May 2022: 1 hour coaching consultation every 4-6 weeks
- March 2 - 3, 2022: Workshop #3
- April 5, 2022 (time TBD): Webinar #1
- June 1, 2022 (time TBD): Webinar #1

## WHY? Partner with Makom:

Makom educates leaders and creates content to embrace the vibrant complexity of Israel. Makom empowers educators, rabbi, activists, arts and community leaders across the spectrum to ask tough questions, articulate compelling visions and provides the content and tools to craft honest programming.

## PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS in the '21 - '22 Academic Year:

- Create and facilitate two education modules (minimum) for teens.
- Facilitate one pre-prepared module for a group of adult stakeholders (faculty, parents, etc.)
- Bring a senior professional and lay leader to day 1 of workshop #1; Nov 9th, 9am - 12 noon
- Full and active participation in all workshops, webinars and coaching.
- The cost for participation in the full year Qushiyot Israel Education Fellowship is \$180.

## TESTIMONIALS

- "The Qushiyot fellowship has completely re-framed the way I look at Israel. I consider 4HQ to be a great gift - I think it is a game changer in being able to communicate Israel to North American audiences."
- "The other members of Qushiyot are talented and creative educators; we have the ability to share what we do and often, to create together. We all learn from each other, and that is critical."
- "This experience has given me not only a new framework, but a new understanding of Modern Israel. I am beyond appreciative for this opportunity."