

JEWISH STUDENT CONNECTION (JSC)

ENGAGING TEENS IN SECULAR HIGH SCHOOLS

Our program bridges the gap from a parent-imposed Jewish childhood to a proud self-chosen Jewish adulthood.

Student-led clubs guide teens in exploring their personal Jewish identity. Programs and activities focus on: developing Jewish pride, deepening Jewish identity, learning about Jewish and Israeli culture and traditions, and having a safe place to understand and discuss Israeli/Palestinian issues.



JSC IN ACTION:

Over pizza, during lunch and after school, Jewish and non-Jewish teens in secular high schools create a new thread to Jewish life. JSC provides space for Jewish teens to meet each other, deepen their relationships with other Jewish teens, embark on, and continue their Jewish journeys.

"This is how we personalize Judaism. We can really change people's lives. JSC has taught me how to work with everyone, of every faith and cultural opinion." - Eliana Goldberg, JSC South High School student chair



AFTER JSC...

JSC alumni stay Jewishly involved in college and beyond. Thousands of JSC alumni live as engaged Jewish adults.

Some of the places you'll find them:

- · Hillel on their college campus
- AIPAC on Campus
- AIPAC National Convention, engaging with legislators
- In Israel after making Aliyah
- In the Israeli Defense forces as lone soldiers
- Chabad on Campus
- · Sinai Scholars Society on Campus





















2018 GOALS:

\$240,000 will allow JSC to:

- · Start clubs in middle schools
- Grow the number of high school sites
- Expand programming to 800 students (by 2021)



JSC CURRENTLY SERVES STUDENTS AT:

- · Cherry Creek High School
- · Denver Center for International Studies
- Denver School of the Arts
- Denver School of Science and Technology Byers
- · East High School
- George Washington High School
- · Grandview High School
- Overland High School
- · Rock Canyon High School
- · South High School
- Thomas Jefferson High School



SNAPSHOT OF 2018:





"JSC had been an amazing way for me to explore my Jewish identity. JSC has given me so many wonderful opportunities to direct and expand my Judaism."

"After participating in JSC, I want to be active in Hillel next year to continue the conversation."

"JSC provides a space for Jewish teens to meet one another and celebrate their Jewish identity."

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