



Introduction to Jewish Teen Philanthropy

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Session Overview

- What is Jewish Teen Philanthropy?
- The Field of Jewish Teen Philanthropy
- Content, Goals and Strategies
- Questions to Consider
- About JTFN (and how we can help)

What is Jewish Teen Philanthropy?

- Jewish → values and traditions
- Teen → ages 13-18
- Philanthropy → grantmaking (giving money in an intentional/strategic way)

Program Models

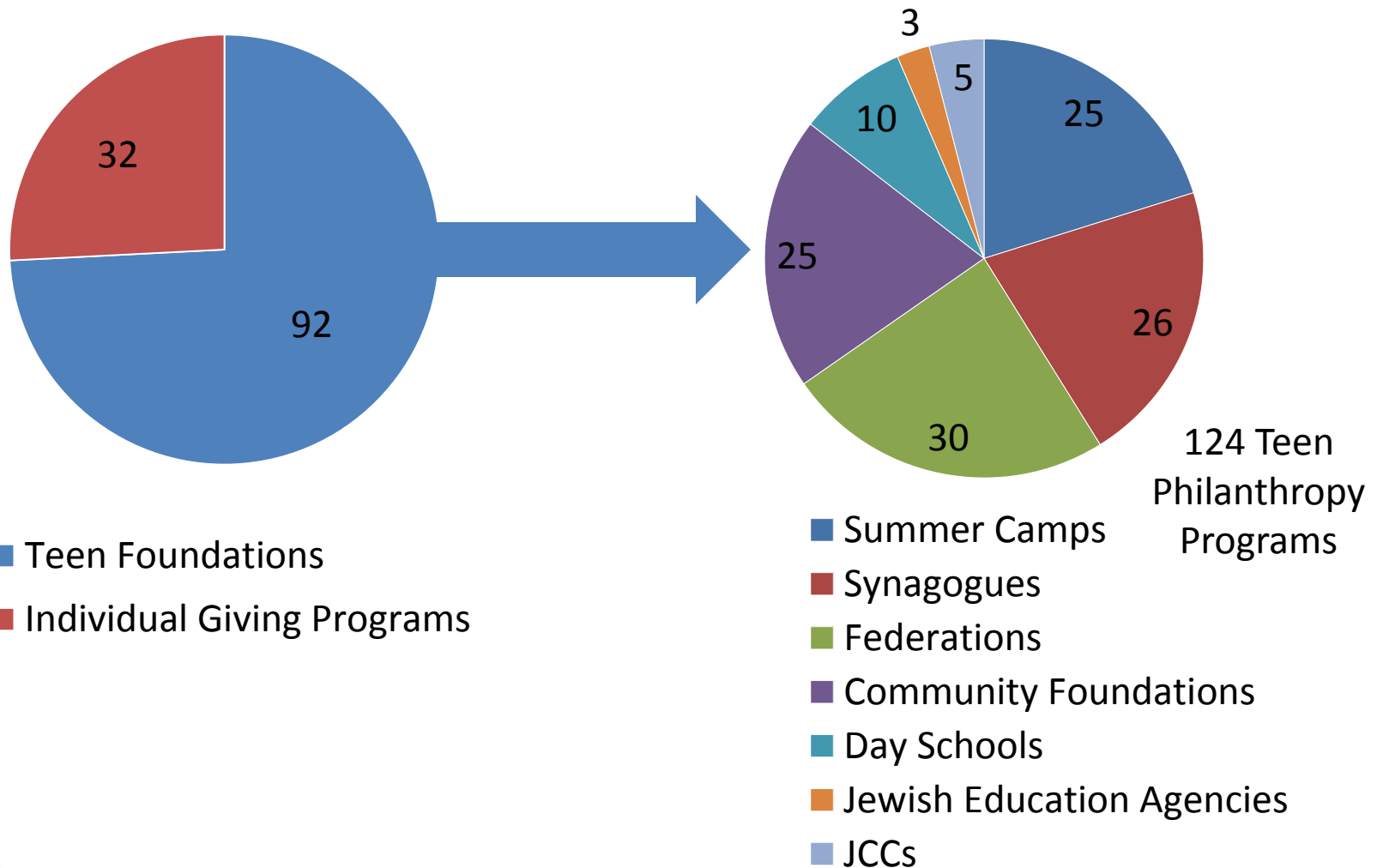
Teen Foundations:

- Granting pooled funds
- Collective giving
- Simulates a foundation board

Individual Giving Programs:

- Personal accounts
(e.g. Sarah Cohen B'nai Tzedek Fund)
- Individual giving
- Simulates donor-advised fund

Jewish Teen Philanthropy Programs by Institutions



Jewish Teen Foundations: By the Numbers

Over 2000 Teens
Annually

In 124 Programs

Awarded 362
Grants

To Organizations
Around the
World

Totaling over
\$1,000,000
Annually

Brief History

- Secular youth philanthropy grew in the late 1980s in schools, community centers, and religious institutions in the Midwestern United States.
- Jewish teen philanthropy began in the late 1990s; Jewish Funders Network convened leaders re: how to support growing field.
- Jewish Teen Funders Network founded in 2006 as a networking & training organization for Jewish teen philanthropy educators and professionals.

Goals of a Jewish Teen Foundation

- Teach basic philanthropy principles and giving with Jewish values
- Develop teen leadership
- Encourage group decision-making and build consensus-reaching skills

Jewish Teen Foundations as Experiential Education

Recreation:

Experiential Jewish education aims to provide its participants with a social comfort, fun and [belonging in a Jewish context](#).

Socialization:

Experiential Jewish education aims to provide the [knowledge, skills and attitudes](#) to be an active member of the Jewish community.

Challenge:

Jewish educators aim to encourage participants to undertake the challenge of [stretching themselves and growing towards a more complex participation](#) in one's Jewish life.

Source: Prof. Joseph Reimer and Dr. David Bryfman, "What We Know about Experiential Jewish Education," Fall 2008

Core Educational Content

Jewish Texts and Values Clarification



Mission Statements



Nonprofits/Grantmaking



Request for Proposals



Site Visits



Consensus Building

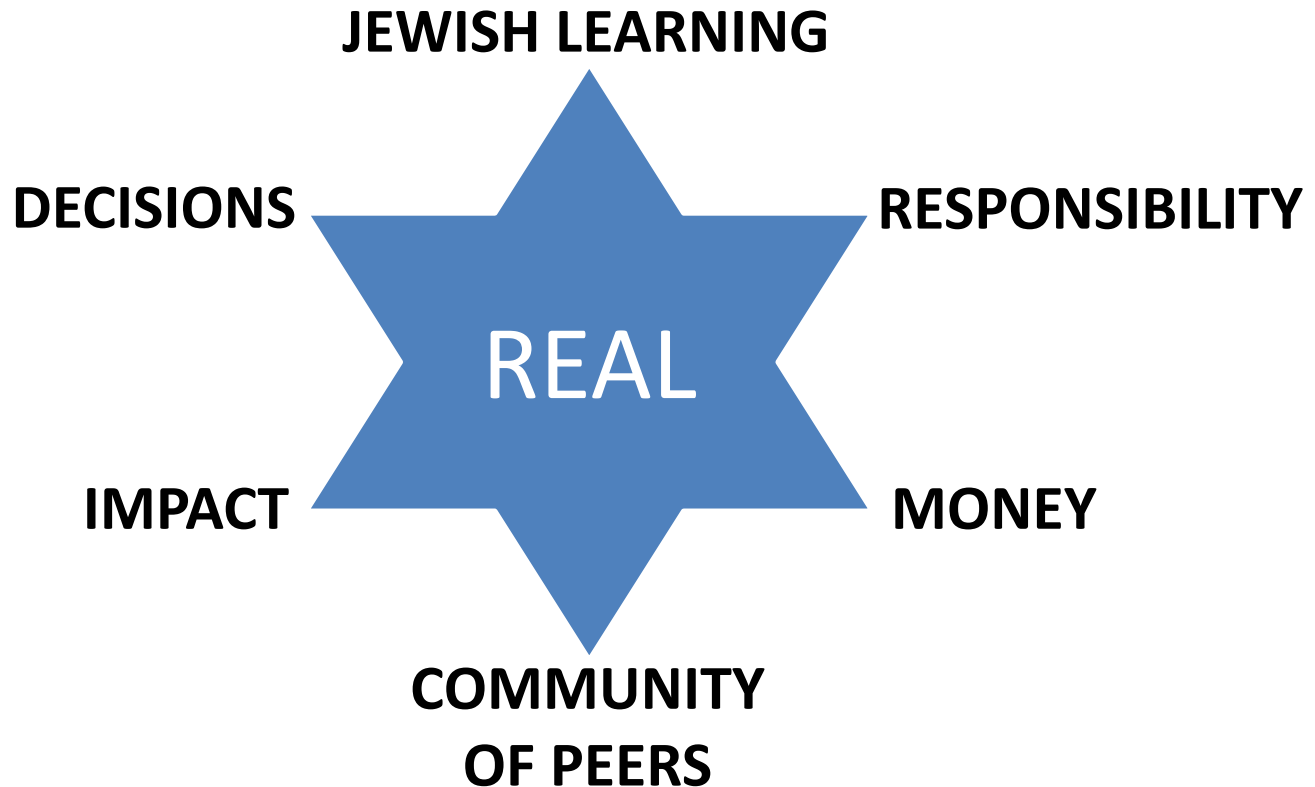


Grant Decisions

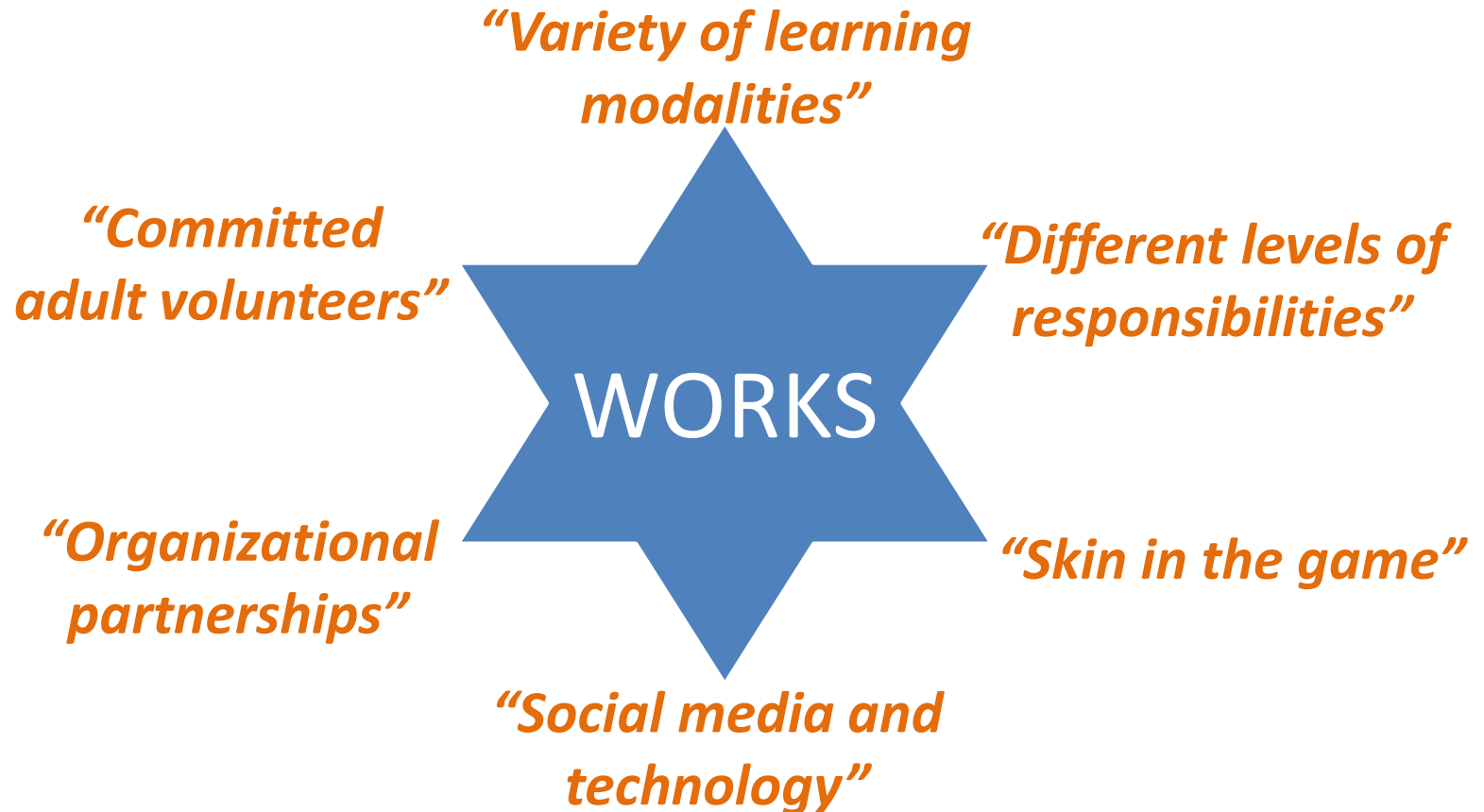


Celebration and Sharing

Jewish Teen Philanthropy is REAL



Strategies for Educating and Engaging Teens



To Consider: Goals

- WHY Jewish teen philanthropy?
- WHAT do you hope to accomplish?
- HOW will you know if you're successful?

To Consider:

Organizational Host/Sponsor

- Community Specific
- Institutional Host
 - Federation
 - Community Foundation
 - Synagogue
 - Day School
 - Summer Camp
 - Jewish Education Agency
 - JCC
- Field Research FIRST: Do programs already exist in your community in any of these settings?

To Consider: Leadership

- Staffing
 - Full-time/Part-time
 - Appropriate experience/expertise
- Lay leadership (adult)
- Teen leadership

To Consider:

Calendar and Participants

- Program Sessions
 - Frequency
 - Length
 - Duration
- Scheduling
 - Maximize participation
 - Avoid conflicts
- Recruitment
 - Age/Grades
 - Selectivity

To Consider:

Grantmaking Pool

- Teen participant contributions
 - Mandatory/Optional
- Participants' families contributions
- Local (adult) donors
- Grants
- Teen fundraising
 - Individually/Collectively
- Sustainability

Questions?

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