Wics NextGen Council

Mission Statement

The WJCS NextGen Council represents a powerful investment in the future leadership of Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), designed to cultivate the next generation of committed leaders, advocates, and supporters. The Council engages aspiring leaders in their 30's and 40's who are passionate about serving the community and making an impact. Through integrated opportunities for philanthropy, volunteerism, and leadership development, the Council empowers participants to become lifelong ambassadors and changemakers for WJCS and the broader Westchester community.



Strengthening Lives. Shaping Futures.

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Program Outline

GOALS

Leadership Development: Identify, engage, and mentor future leaders who are committed to WJCS's mission and prepared to serve in board or committee roles over time.

Philanthropic Engagement: Foster a culture of giving through meaningful fundraising efforts and personal philanthropic commitments that support WJCS programs.

Community Building: Through networking events, social gatherings, and service projects, create opportunities for connection and collaboration among like-minded peers.

Education & Awareness: Deepen members' understanding of WJCS's breadth of services, impact in the community, and the unique role it plays in the greater Westchester landscape.

Legacy & Continuity: Serve as a pipeline for long-term involvement, ensuring continuity of leadership and stewardship of WJCS's mission for generations to come.

STRUCTURE

- Members selected through nomination, application, or direct invitation.
- Renewable one-year term, with optional multi-year involvement.
- Minimum philanthropic commitment through an annual gift of \$1,800 to WJCS.

LEADERSHIP

- Chair/Co-Chairs: Provide vision and direction for the Council by guiding overall strategy; serve as liaisons to WJCS Staff and Board
- Founding Members: Serve as ambassadors for the Council, helping to shape programming and priorities, and inspiring future members through their early commitment and involvement.
- Committees/Subgroups:
 - Events & Engagement: Plan social, volunteer, and fundraising
 - Philanthropy & Impact: Drive giving campaigns and volunteer service opportunities
 - Leadership Development: Facilitate mentorship, speaker series, and networking

MEETINGS & PROGRAMMING

- Bi-monthly meetings (virtual or in-person)
- Annual signature event (e.g., fundraiser or community impact day)
- Quarterly engagement opportunities: service projects, speaker events, networking mixers, etc.

STAFF SUPPORT

WJCS Chief Advancement Officer & Director of Development serve as the primary liaisons and advisors to the Council.