



Leadership Empowerment and Development

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

AFHU LEAD identifies, cultivates, and mentors the next generation of leaders for American Friends of the Hebrew University (AFHU). By engaging seasoned facilitators and distinguished Hebrew University researchers, AFHU LEAD connects future leaders to Israel's premier research university, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

THE PROGRAM

AFHU LEAD is an 18-month leadership training program designed for outstanding emerging leaders from across the United States who are interested in taking on meaningful roles with AFHU.

The program includes:

- Three U.S.-based sessions featuring leadership training, educational seminars, networking, and social opportunities
- A week-long Israel experience hosted by the Hebrew University, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the Start-Up Nation
- Exclusive webinars highlighting Hebrew University innovation, research breakthroughs, and technologies with global impact
- Mentoring and networking opportunities with influential AFHU and Hebrew University leaders

Each AFHU Lead cohort consists of 12 exceptional individuals from across the country.

FACULTY

AFHU LEAD engages outstanding Hebrew University researchers, faculty, and leaders to educate and immerse participants in the mission of the Hebrew University. In addition, leadership speakers provide hands-on tools and guidance so participants are prepared for future leadership opportunities at AFHU and beyond.

STAFF

AFHU LEAD is under the direction of Laura Abrams, National Director of Leadership Development. Laura works closely with AFHU's national and regional leaders to identify and steward each cohort and ensure the program's success.

CURRICULUM

AFHU LEAD provides historical context on the founding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and its pivotal role in the formation and continued success of the state of Israel. The curriculum introduces participants to the groundbreaking research taking place today and explores how Hebrew University innovations are improving lives around the world.

The program also offers exclusive training opportunities designed to strengthen leadership skills.

TOPICS COVERED

Topics may include:

- High-Tech Innovation
- Jerusalem's Central Role in the Start-Up Nation
- Israel's Economic Transformation
- Entrepreneurship
- Israeli Society and Politics
- The Cannabis Revolution
- New Frontiers of Medical and Brain Research
- Advances in Agriculture
- Albert Einstein and the Founding of the Hebrew University
- Strategic Approaches to Social Innovation
- Leadership and Social Responsibility
- Personal and Organizational Leadership

Participants also enjoy special receptions with Israeli and Hebrew University dignitaries, as well as unparalleled networking, learning, and shared experiences.

ELIGIBILITY

AFHU LEAD participants are leaders, between the ages of 30 and 50, who have an interest in innovation, Israel, and global solutions that can change the world. These individuals are creative, forward-thinking, and motivated to make a difference. They have the drive and capacity to assume leadership positions and are committed to doing well by doing good.

Previous AFHU involvement or giving is not required.

FUNDING

AFHU LEAD is fully funded through the generosity of donors and supporters who believe in the mission and future of AFHU. Upon completion of the program, participants are encouraged to support a LEAD class gift with a suggested contribution of \$5,000, helping create a lasting collective impact.

LEAD COHORT IV DATES

May-August 2026	LEAD Recruitment
Fall 2026	LEAD Cohort IV Announced
January 15-17, 2027	LEAD Seminar in Palm Beach, FL
June 7-16, 2027	LEAD Israel Experience in Jerusalem, Israel
January 14-16, 2028	LEAD Seminar in Palm Beach, FL
May 5-7, 2028	LEAD Seminar in Chicago, IL

*Dates and locations subject to change

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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