



1. coming into view, existence or notice
2. a tree that rises above the surrounding forest
3. a property of a system that is not predictable from its starting conditions
4. a transformative new paradigm for Jewish life

## The Impetus

An explosion of creative Jewish social entrepreneurship is giving shape to an emergent Judaism outside the walls of institutional Jewish organizations and beyond the labels of movement affiliation. There are more creative, passionate, authentic, and compelling ways to engage Jewishly than at any time in recent history. New communities and organizations are building a vision for 21<sup>st</sup> century Jewish life, and they must be supported for that vision to be realized.

## The Vision

Jumpstart navigates the unmapped path to a future that harnesses collective creativity to inspire and transform the Jewish community. A future in which innovation is not simply a challenge to existing conventions, but rather a multi-generational partnership, essential to continuous and intentional self-renewal. Leaders with great ideas have unfettered access to one another and to the resources and expertise they need to achieve success and sustainability. Funders throughout the community take a portfolio approach to their philanthropy, investing a significant proportion of their annual giving in start-ups and new ideas at the same time as they honor their commitments to successful ongoing initiatives. Thought leaders collaborate to hone their ideas, interweaving wisdom from across the spectrum of Jewish life, dissolving distinctions between culture, religion, and philosophy. Jumpstart catalyzes a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse Judaism that brings us closer every day to a world redeemed, a world of wholeness, pluralism, justice and peace.

## The Plan

- ◆ Jumpstart provides thought leadership for the Jewish Emergent sector by assessing key trends, spotlighting effective innovation, and leveraging new insights for use by practitioners, funders, and other leaders.
- ◆ Jumpstart helps grow mission-driven emergent organizations by providing an organizational, technological, and fiscal platform to build capacity and foster the stewardship that funders expect in deserving grantees.
- ◆ Jumpstart networks emerging leaders and organizations, creating idea marketplaces for the productive exchange of knowledge and best practices.
- ◆ Jumpstart helps philanthropists to make informed choices about their investments by monitoring developments in the field and identifying critical funding strategies.
- ◆ Jumpstart partners with existing Jewish organizations to integrate emergent values and approaches into new community-building initiatives.

## The Team

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