There's Nothing Holding Us Back

Have you met … the Interns?

We have a fantastic group of 14 Accelerator Summer Experience interns volunteering for each venture in the OU Accelerator’s Cohort II. They hail from California to New York, Michigan to Florida, and even… Idaho! Learn more about the program in the YU Spotlight and meet each of the interns here.

Creativity in our Community

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow today. Have you seen the young budding entrepreneurs in our community? Check out OUI Accelerator social media to learn more about young entrepreneurs who have been starting new business ventures including: 5 Minute Drop interviews with professional athletes, the CardUp fundraising platform, and Perfect Pair matching teenagers and seniors during this trying time.

Creativity in YOUR Home

Speaking of creativity… now we bring the venture-creation straight to YOUR home. Ever wanted to create your own project, business, or initiative? Introducing, the OU Impact Accelerator’s The BIG Idea Challenge. The week of August 9-13, we will provide a day-by-day guide for you and your whole family to play along and become the next great group of entrepreneurs. Sign up and check out how it works.
Venture Clinics

“If you're the smartest person in the [ZOOM] room, you're in the wrong room.” – every C-suite executive ever. With our move to virtual, we want to continue brainstorming and facilitate networking, while working on a challenge together. The venture clinics have been an opportunity for mentors, colleagues, lay leaders, and others to join together on a shared opportunity. Interested in joining a venture clinic? Reach out to our team.

Cohort II

Nothing stops us! Cohort II has been continuing to learn and build this summer. We have been gathering (virtually) for bi-weekly workshops about competitive landscape, collaboration, legal requirements, governance and more. Still more to follow about fundraising, marketing, and how to measure impact.

In the meantime, the ventures have been working nonstop.

- **Ani Tefilah** launched an @Home series to introduce children at home to the prayer curriculum. Over 40 schools from around the globe are accessing Ani Tefilah content, with over 13,500 views on their videos.

- **Chinuch Yehudi** launched a partnership with Partners in Torah to further connect Israeli Americans to their Jewish heritage.

- **Communities Confronting Substance Abuse (CCSA)** is hosting virtual support groups for families every other Wednesday. To learn more, email Time2TalkAddiction@Gmail.Com.

- **Daily Giving** helps donate over $3,200 to Jewish charities every day, allowing members of our community to ensure they do at least one mitzvah each day. Collectively, they will donate over $1.16 million dollars over the next year. [Sign up here](https://dailygiving.org).
Stay up to Date!

Follow our social media for updates about our Cohort II Demo Day Graduation, Cohort III application launch, and more!

Sincerely,

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*Founding Director*

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