Welcome to Cohort IV

While some people chill out over the summer, at the OU Accelerator, we're just heating up. We've chosen our fourth cohort and are underway with curriculum, mentorship, and more to advance our next set of innovative nonprofits.

Cohort IV:

We are excited to announce the five innovative ventures who will be part of our newest accelerator cohort.

After The School Bell aims to empower students with accessible, after-school academic support and provide an opportunity for volunteer tutors to gain experience and skills while helping others.

The Foundations Curriculum’s mission is to combat the lack of spiritual connection in our communities by providing a curriculum framework for
participants to realize their spiritual potential.

The Jewish Orthodox Women's Medical Association (JOWMA) provides free health education to the Orthodox Jewish community and supports a network of current and future Jewish female physician leaders.

Kochvei HaShamayim champions the values of family, community, and education by supporting young Jewish couples who must otherwise choose between family life (getting married or having kids) or continuing their education.

Lech Lecha facilitates empowering outdoor adventures and wilderness journeys that catalyze personal development and spiritual growth, connection with the wonder of Hashem’s creation, meaningful interpersonal relationships, and joyful community deeply rooted in Torah and a holistic approach to Jewish life and practice.

Read the full press release here

Giving Day:

Thank you to our generous donors who helped us raise over $45,000 on our giving day campaign. This money will continue to support innovation by building the address for nonprofit startups in our community, the OU Accelerator.

Summer Spotlights:

There is a new bunch coming in, but our alumni are still building also.

Jews You Should Know ran a 4-part mini-series on the Impact Accelerator, interviewing Jenna Beltser and alumni venture founders - Tamar Nusbaum,
Miriam Leah Gamliel, and Rivka Ariel & Yael Wedeck.

Read Rabbi Hauer's thoughts about the Impact Accelerator in Jewish Action.

Cohort I:

- **Work At It** received a grant from the UJA- Federation of NY- Grassroots Haredi Community Grants.

Cohort II:

- **Communities Confronting Substance Abuse and Addiction**: Lianne Forman reflects on the past school year and the CCSA curriculum in the Jewish Link. Read their 2021 impact report. And, read Lianne's blog post in Times of Israel.
- **Daily Giving** broke the $10,000 a day plateau. There are now over 10,000 people from around the world giving $1 a day together through Daily Giving. They distributed their $5 millionth dollar this past week since their inception. And, over 10 thousand people watched the Women's Unity Concert hosted by Jamie Geller. You can get instant access by registering.
- Ani Tefillah released another series of Tefillah videos. The "Going Up" video lessons captivate and open one's heart to understand the Shemoneh Esrei on an entirely new level.
- **Chinuch Yehudi** has expanded its program to 35 schools nationwide, helping transfer Israeli children to Jewish day schools.

Cohort III:

- **ATARA** released its 8th Women's only YouTube playlist. Listen here! And, Miriam Leah was interviewed about ATARA on the JOWMA (cohort IV) podcast. Listen here!
- **MyTzedakah** partnered with World Mizrachi to help yeshiva and seminary students develop their own personalized tzedakah portfolio.
Then & Now

OU Impact Accelerator ventures are making an impact in our community!
Check out their growth since applying to the Accelerator

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Read more about the partnership! Listen to an interview with MyTzedakah founder, Carly Friedman, on the Change the World podcast
Want to keep up with our alumni?
Check our news and events pages.

Continue supporting innovation in our community.

Sincerely,
Jenna Beltser
*Founding Director*

**Orthodox Union Impact Accelerator**

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