

JCUA's Or Tzedek Organizing Internship Application Questions 2020-2021

Personal information

Use these questions to help us get to know a bit about you.

1. Name
2. Email address
3. Phone number
4. Home address
5. Name, email and phone number of at least one parent or guardian
6. School you attend
7. Grade in the fall of 2020

Jewish Background & Identity

Below are some questions about your Jewish identity and other identities you hold. These help us better understand who you are and where you are coming from. Please use as much detail as feels comfortable - it is okay to skip questions or write "I don't know" if you wish.

8. Tell us a bit about your Jewish background: if you belong to a congregation (which one), if you identify with a particular denomination, and any other information you would like to share about your Jewish identity.
9. Have you ever been involved with other Jewish programming? Please tell us a little bit about it.
10. Gender identity & pronouns
11. Racial identity
12. Ethnicity or cultural heritage
13. Socio-economic class (raised, current, or both)
14. Other identities that feel important
15. How did you hear about Or Tzedek?
 - a. Congregation/synagogue newsletter or flyer
 - b. From a Rabbi or Educator at my congregation
 - c. Through a Jewish youth group
 - d. Through another Jewish program I am involved in
 - e. At my school
 - f. From my parents
 - g. Social media
 - h. JCUA email
 - i. Family member or friend
 - j. Other
16. Which one of the above influenced you most to apply?

Open Response Questions

Use these questions to describe your interest and passion for social justice work in Chicago, and why you are moved to be a part of Or Tzedek. Answer in full paragraphs and please use as much detail as possible.

17. What motivates you to fight for social change, and why do you want to make change in the Chicago area? What issues are important to you?
18. Describe a social justice experience you have had. What was it like? What makes you want to do more of that?
19. Describe your experiences taking on leadership roles, whatever that means to you.
20. Why are you interested in exploring social justice through a Jewish lens? What are you excited for in being a part of an intentional Jewish social justice community?
21. We understand that teens are often busy with many commitments. How do you see Or Tzedek fitting in with other things you have going on, such as school, jobs, other programs, extracurricular activities, etc.? How will you make the program a priority?

If you have questions about any of these questions or the Or Tzedek program, please reach out to the Manager of Youth Programs at mara@jcua.org or 617-276-7139.