

Dear *Youth Professional*:

As someone who works directly with youth I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that supporting the people who are connecting with our youth is a top priority of the [Campaign for Youth Engagement](#).

I would like to ask for your help and input in our effort to best support you. We are thinking about the types of training and / or professional development that is needed in our field.

Our questions to you are:

- What kinds of professional development (for you or your colleagues) would you find helpful to enhance youth engagement in your congregation?
- What has been helpful in the past?
- What types of training and support might your youth leaders themselves benefit from?

Please think about these questions and get back to me with your thoughts and ideas so that we can prioritize the right areas in our upcoming training and support initiatives for the people working with youth.

We are working closely on professional development with RYPA, the [Reform Youth Professionals Association](#). RYPA is a community of professionals who are striving to make an impact on Jewish youth, offering professional development, mentorship, support and resources.

We also want to personally invite you to the Youth Engagement Conference in Los Angeles, February 15-19. More information can be found on the [conference website](#).

Thank you for your input on this important area and we hope to see you in February,

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