



Eight Points of Light this Chanukah

Happy Chanukah! We are constantly inspired and lit up by the Accelerator growth and success. This Chanukah, we are taking the opportunity to share 8 points of light.

1: Welcoming a new director

The Impact Accelerator is thrilled to welcome [Tamar Frydman](#) as Director. Tamar is an exemplary leader with 15+ years of experience in driving organizational strategy and pioneering new programs in the nonprofit world. She most recently served as senior

director of programs at the Jewish Funders Network and previously worked at UJA Federation of New York. We are excited for Tamar to bring new energy to the Accelerator, help make it grow, and increase the impact! Tamar can be reached at frydmant@ou.org.

2: Expanding alumni programming

Learning doesn't end with the cohort experience. This quarter has been busy for our alumni! Current and alumni Accelerator ventures [convened at the OU headquarters](#) for a full day of learning, networking, and collaboration. Alumni also attended a 5-part bootcamp to teach them to fundraise effectively as they grow their nonprofits. We look forward to continue building the alumni programming and network!

3: Completing education of cohort iv

The education portion of cohort iv finished earlier this month. Since June, the cohort has participated in [over 40 sessions](#) on different topics of nonprofit management including strategy, leadership, marketing, operations, fundraising, and more. That is 60+ hours that our nonprofit founders have spent learning how to best manage and grow their nonprofits in a sustainable and efficient way. Some would call it a mini MBA! You can learn more about each cohort member at [Accelerator.OU.org](#).

4: Sharing cohort iv successes

Hear from Cohort IV about what they've been up to!

"Since joining the Accelerator, Foundations Curriculum has branched out in new directions that we never anticipated. We just completed an 11 session Zoom Teacher Training with teachers in Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel. The curriculum is in the process of being translated into Hebrew for use with Israeli students. Israel is also using our English version to help acclimate new Olot.

In addition, we have moved forward on our manual revision project and have republished 3 of the manuals and will, hopefully, have the next 5 ready to go for this summer's in-person teacher training seminar. Thank you OUIA for investing in us!" -

Chana Noa Gelbfish, *Foundations Curriculum*

"The OU Impact Accelerator has been game-changing for After The School Bell. The ability to utilize the OU's resources, network, and experience allowed us to rethink things internally and begin to expand our reach. Without the OU, we wouldn't be helping the close to 100 students we're working with now!"

- Leah Solomon, [After The School Bell](#)

"The Accelerator has allowed Kochvei HaShamayim to take the next step in its growth and development as a startup nonprofit. From branding and marketing to fundraising and organizational leadership, the Impact Accelerator provided a breadth of education, training, and support that addressed all the nitty-gritty that help an okay organization become great."

- Daniel Lazarev, [Kochvei HaShamayim](#)

"Over the past year Lech-Lecha has made significant progress in becoming the leader in Backcountry Kiruv & Chizuk. We have developed a detailed strategic plan

that will guide us to 2025, made substantial headway on achieving fundraising goals, and began implementing market research that will guide the expansion of our program portfolio.

We look forward to continuing to utilize the lessons, skills, and relationships we have developed during the Accelerator to support journeys into communal connection, personal accomplishment, and spiritual meaning through Outdoor Adventure." - Nadav Slovin, [Lech Lecha](#)

5: Spotlighting our alumni

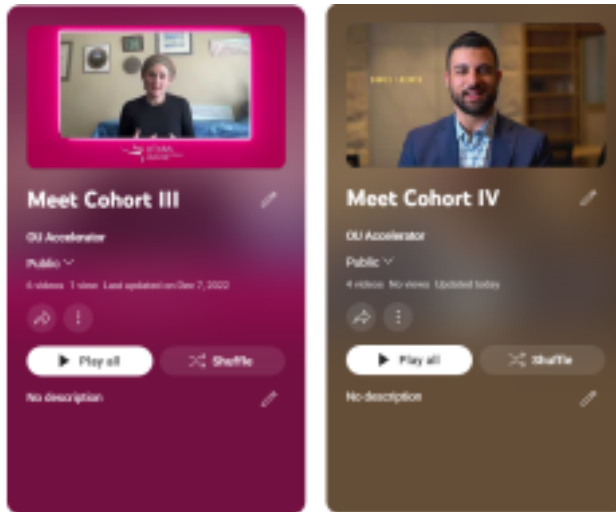
Wondering what our alumni are up to?

NechamaComfort, cohort i, is excited to be providing community awareness presentations both on zoom and in person. They will be in the San Diego and LA area the week of March 23, 2023. [Please be in touch](#) if your community is interested in leaning more about how you can help families going through pregnancy and infant loss.

CCSA, cohort ii, is excited to have reached a major milestone of partnering with 50 schools in several communities as of December 2022! We look forward to further expansion into more communities and hope to have educated over 10,000 students in the coming months.

Daily Giving, cohort iii, has now distributed over \$7 million since our founding in 2019. Over \$12,798 is sent to a different organization every day. Our Daily Giving family now includes members of 38 different countries. Listen to their founding story on the [Meaningful People podcast](#). Know an experienced coder/consultant to assist with building an important and integral software? Let us know!

6: Featuring Cohorts III and IV



Check out the latest release of our [Cohort III](#) and [Cohort IV](#) videos!

7: Investing at year's end

The shamash is the candle that lights the rest; you light one and it lights the others. The Impact Accelerator is the shamash; we help light the way for startup nonprofits making an impact. A donation to the Accelerator is fueling the candle that lights the others. Giving to us helps not only one organization, but rather all of our startup nonprofits bettering our Jewish community.

[Invest in strengthening Jewish startup nonprofits that are changing the landscape of our community. Donate to the Impact Accelerator today.](#)

8: Being thankful

As the year comes to a close and as we say Hallel and Al Hanissim, we take the opportunity to thank all the OU professionals and lay leaders who champion the Accelerator program. They leverage their expertise by teaching, mentoring, and individually connecting with the founders for networking and advice. Thank you!

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