If you want to work in the Jewish communal world, this is a step-by-step handbook.
Jaime Fox | Jewish Federation of San Diego County

Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies

Yes. You can move forward in your career serving the community you love, even in challenging times.

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Grow professionally
Gain the skills to drive positive change in your organization, career, and community

Spertus Institute’s
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- An accredited Master’s degree program for professionals serving the Jewish world
- Taught in a welcoming, pluralistic environment
- Relevant right now, with course content you can immediately put into practice
- Designed to accommodate the schedules of busy professionals, with no need to move or leave your job
- Priced to be affordable for those working in the nonprofit sector, with financial assistance available for qualified applicants

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As part of the program, you are paired with a professional mentor selected for you based on your career aspirations.

You’ll learn from real-world leaders
Courses are taught by passionate, effective faculty who bridge theory and practice.

You can complete your degree in 30 months and be ready to step forward in your career
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Program Delivery

Instruction takes place through:

- Four week-long seminars held online or at Spertus Institute’s award-winning downtown Chicago campus.

- Six eight-week-long online courses.

Spertus operates on a quarter system with the coursework for each quarter scheduled over approximately 11 weeks.

For seminar courses, students receive access to course readings and materials approximately six weeks ahead of each of the week-long seminars, to prepare ahead of the start of class (whether online or on campus). During the seminars, students immerse themselves in full days spent learning together with their cohort and professors. After each seminar, students have approximately four weeks to complete their final papers or projects.

For online courses, students come together for synchronous two-hour class sessions held weekly for eight weeks, with several weeks following to complete their coursework.
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Curriculum Components

Jewish Life & Leadership
- Becoming an Effective Jewish Leader
- Jewish Studies for the Jewish Professional
- Jewish Peoplehood
- This American Jewish Life
- The Role of Israel in Jewish Life
- Major Jewish Values
- Mini Courses

Nonprofit Management
- Working with People
- Marketing & Communications Fundamentals
- Fundraising
- Strategic Management
- Applied Research & Design Methods
- Management & Supervision
- Effective Strategies in Written Communication

Courses Taught by Leading Faculty

Year-Long Mentorship
Those who learn at Spertus bring new competencies, creativity, and credentials to a diverse range of organizations across the sphere of Jewish life.

Our students are fundraisers and funders, program planners and policy advocates, camp directors and department managers, marketers, educators, youth advisors, rabbis, cantors, and more, doing innovative work to serve every sector of the Jewish world.

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Most important among the skills I learned from Spertus is the ability to authentically bring Jewish values into my professional work.

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