Executive Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies (EMAJPS) Degree Program

Why the Executive MAJPS?
Recent studies, such as the 2014 Leadership Pipelines Alliance Report, have noted a significant need for new executives in Jewish organizations over the next several years, as current executives transition or retire. More astounding, there are few opportunities for leadership training for the professionals who are most likely to fill these executive-level vacancies.

The Executive MAJPS program serves Jewish professionals in Chicago and other cities who have significant professional experience who desire the academic and theoretical foundations provided by MAJPS. Through assessment of prior learning and professional experience, targeted seminars and courses, executive coaching, and a work-related capstone project, the Executive MAJPS will:

- Arm senior Jewish professionals with enhanced skills and knowledge.
- Foster a culture of executive development essential for successful, vibrant, and growing Jewish communities.
- Focus on leadership evaluation and development in key areas that are vital for successful and reflective Jewish leadership in the 21st century.
- Provide a community of practice through its cohort model of 8–10 senior-level professionals.
- Produce experienced Jewish leaders ready to lead.

Being effective in a Jewish milieu requires informed approaches. My investment provided tangible returns, advancing both personal and community interests.

Aaron Cohen, Vice President, Marketing Communications, Jewish United Fund Institute/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
Only at Spertus

Spertus Institute is guided by two principles, that vibrant communities are learning communities and that great Jewish communities need great Jewish leaders.

Effective Jewish leadership is essential for Jewish organizations to successfully serve, enrich, and perpetuate the Jewish community. Guided by Jewish wisdom and history, Spertus participants gain knowledge and expertise that is relevant, applicable, and meaningful to them and their careers. This experience cannot be duplicated by business school programs. Targeted training gives participants the precise proficiencies they require to maximize their organizations’ performance, stay current on best practices, and avoid expensive outside consultants.

Through Spertus programs, current and new Jewish leaders gain strong peer networks and deeper understanding of Jewish life while learning from the most effective and creative faculty in this field.

Executive MAJPS Program Components

- Leadership Skills Assessment
- Six Modules | Taught by Leading Faculty

**This American Jewish Life**
Synchronous Online Course September 12, 19, and 26, 2016
Taught by Dr. Dean P. Bell
Spertus Institute Provost, Vice President, and Professor of Jewish Studies

**The Role of Israel in Jewish Life**
Seminar July 24–26, 2016
Taught by Dr. Rachel Fish
Associate Director, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University

**Jewish Studies for Jewish Executives**
Synchronous Online Course September 12, 19, and 26, 2016
Taught by Dr. Dean P. Bell
Spertus Institute Provost, Vice President, and Professor of Jewish Studies

**Working with Constituents**
Seminar January 8–10, 2017
Taught by Dr. Barry Chazan
Founding Director of Spertus Institute MAJPS Program and Professor of Jewish Leadership

**Leading People Through Change**
Seminar March 12–14, 2017
Taught by Dr. Russ Rogers
Professor and Director of Graduate Programs, School for New Learning, DePaul University

**Becoming an Effective Jewish Leader**
Six-Session Course May 1, 8, 15, and 22, June 5, 12, and 19, 2017
Taught by Dr. Hal M. Lewis
Spertus Institute President, Chief Executive Officer, and Professor of Jewish Leadership

- Executive Coaching
- Capstone Project

Program Delivery and Cost

The Executive MAJPS will be delivered through a combination of seminars, online and onsite courses, and individualized work (including executive coaching and a final project). Each course will meet for approximately 21-24 hours of class and require 2–3 short papers or the equivalent, participation in class discussion, and 50–75 pages of reading per session.

Students will receive generous financial support that reduces the total cost to $5,000.

For further details and eligibility requirements, contact: Tal Rosen, Director, Center for Jewish Leadership trosen@spertus.edu or 312.322.1711.

Are You Ready to Lead?

I gained business skills, collaboration skills, and greater self-awareness.

Susan Levin-Abir, Midwest Regional Director of Development, Hadassah

Helped me reach a personal understanding of what it means to lead Jewishly.

Joshua Donner, Executive Director, Shapira Foundation