



Leadership Empowerment and Development

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

AFHU LEAD identifies, cultivates, and mentors the next generation of leaders for American Friends of the Hebrew University (AFHU). By engaging seasoned facilitators and brilliant Hebrew University researchers, AFHU LEAD connects future leaders to Israel's premier research university, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

THE PROGRAM

AFHU LEAD is an 18-month leadership training program that includes three US-based sessions featuring in-depth leadership training, educational seminars, networking, and social opportunities. In addition, a week-long Israel experience, in which participants are hosted by the Hebrew University, provides a behind-the-scenes look at the start-up nation. LEAD webinars offer exclusive access to Hebrew University innovation, research breakthroughs, and new technologies designed for global impact, while mentoring and networking opportunities with influential AFHU and HU leaders provide unique access and entrée within the philanthropic and professional spheres.

Each AFHU LEAD cohort consists of 12 outstanding individuals from across the United States, who are interested in taking on meaningful leadership roles with AFHU.

FACULTY

AFHU LEAD engages brilliant Hebrew University researchers, faculty, and leaders to educate and immerse participants in the mission of the Hebrew University. In addition, leadership training facilitators provide hands-on tools and expertise so participants are prepared and equipped for future leadership opportunities at AFHU and beyond.

CURRICULUM

AFHU LEAD provides historical context on the founding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and its pivotal role in the formation and continued success of the state of Israel. The curriculum also introduces participants to the ground-breaking research taking place today and how HU innovations are improving lives around the world. In addition, LEAD offers exclusive training opportunities designed to strengthen leadership skills.

STAFF

AFHU LEAD is under the direction of Laura Abrams, Leadership Development Director. Laura works closely with AFHU's national and regional leaders to identify and steward each cohort and ensure the program's success.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

- High-Tech Innovation
- Jerusalem's Central Role in the Start-Up Nation
- Israel's Economic Transformation
- Entrepreneurship
- Israeli Society and Politics
- The Cannabis Revolution
- New Frontiers of Medical and Brain Research
- Advances in Agriculture
- Albert Einstein and the Founding of the Hebrew University Strategic Approaches to Social Innovation
- Leadership and Social Responsibility
- Personal and Organizational Leadership
- Special Receptions with Israeli and Hebrew University dignitaries Unparalleled networking, knowledge, and memories!

ELIGIBILITY

AFHU LEAD participants are leaders, between the ages of 30-50, who have an interest in innovation, Israel, and global solutions that will change the world. These individuals are creative, forward-thinkers, intent on making a difference, and have the drive and capacity to assume a leadership position. LEAD members are change agents driven to do well by doing good. Participants are not required to have previous AFHU experience or giving.

COHORT III DATES

May-August 2024	LEAD Recruitment
Fall 2024	LEAD Cohort III Announced
January 17-19, 2025	LEAD Seminar in Palm Beach, FL
June 9-17, 2025	LEAD Israel Experience in Jerusalem, Israel
January 16-18, 2026	LEAD Seminar in Palm Beach, FL
April 17-19, 2026	LEAD Seminar in Austin, TX

*Dates subject to change

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