**The Sylvia and Moshe Ettenberg Research Grant in Jewish Education**

Isa Ettenberg Aron and David Ettenberg instructed the NRJE to create and implement a research award with dedicated funds provided by their parents to realize their wishes to further Jewish education through research in the field. The committee that oversees the grant will have the discretion of awarding a number of smaller grants if the applications warrant it. The Sylvia Ettenberg Memorial fund will provide research grants of up $10,000 in 2023.

Who were Sylvia and Moshe Ettenberg?

Sylvia Ettenberg devoted her career to Jewish education within the Conservative Movement, serving as the Assistant Dean of the Teachers Institute and later as the Dean of Educational Development at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She was passionate about Jewish literacy and the Hebrew language in the formation of an American Jewish elite. This led her to play a key role in the creation of Camp Ramah, Prozdor, Leadership Training Institute, Mador, the Melton Institute, and the Joint Program of JTS with Columbia. Sylvia edited a book about Camp Ramah and was an avid reader of Jewish research in general and the *Journal of Jewish Education* in particular. She often voiced her disappointment with the dearth of scholarly research on a wide range of educational issues. This award honors her memory by contributing to the scholarly conversation about Jewish education in all of its manifestations.

Moshe (Morris) Ettenberg was the quintessentially Kaplanian Jew—living comfortably in two civilizations. As Morris, he was a Professor of Electrical Engineering at his beloved alma mater, the City College of New York, and a researcher at the Westinghouse Corporation. As Moshe, he was an avocational Jewish leader, who regularly served as *shaliah* *tzibur* at the synagogue at JTS and taught Talmud to his *Hevre Shas*, where his students included several prominent rabbis. Moshe credited a range of institutions for his rich Jewish education—at Brooklyn Talmud Torah, Camp Cejwin, the Teachers’ Institute at JTS, and several years’ living in Israel, including serving in the nascent Israeli Air Force during the War of Independence. This award honors his dual commitment to both research and a variety of forms of Jewish education.

The goal of the award is to make an impact on the field of Jewish education through the support of innovative and significant research and a significant contribution to the research literature in the field. The award may be used towards salary for the researcher, honoraria for outside scholars to advise on the project, for securing course release, or for project-related expenses. It may not be applied to institutional indirect costs. Applications for preliminary, intermediate, and final stages of a research project will be considered. The award is intended for PhDs, but PhD candidates may apply with written endorsement from their advisor. The award is for one year only, and only current members of the NRJE can apply. This grant is for the 2023-2024 academic year. The application deadline is March 1, 2023. The winner(s) will be notified in May 2023.

Please direct questions to Dr. Miriam Heller Stern, Ettenberg Award Selection Committee Chair, at mstern@huc.edu.

**Application Cover Sheet**

Network for Research in Jewish Education

APPLICATION for ETTENBERG RESEARCH GRANT IN JEWISH EDUCATION

*Please include this cover sheet with your proposal in a single document/PDF*

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| NAME (If there is more than one collaborator, please appoint one person as the primary contact) | |
| MAILING ADDRESS | PHONE (*Area Code & Number):*    E-MAIL: |
| POSITION/INSTITUTION AND TITLE  (Independent Scholar, Faculty member, etc.) | |
| If additional scholars are collaborating on the project, please list their names, with titles/affiliations, and email addresses, here: | |
| TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT | |

**REFERENCES** List below the names, positions and contact information of two people who can provide information on your background and abilities and on the merit and scholarship of your research. If you are a PhD candidate, please submit a letter of support from your advisor endorsing the project and your capacity to complete it, and an estimated date of completing the dissertation.

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**BUDGET**

Please include an itemized budget with the breakdown of how funds will be used (sample below; feel free to replace with applicable items only). If you have already received funding for this grant, be sure to include it in the Income and Source column.

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| Item | Cost | Income and Source |
| Time, salary or course relief |  |  |
| Travel expenses: Where, how many days, airfare, lodging, per diem |  |  |
| Supplies (Describe and itemize all costs) |  |  |
| Outside services (researchers, transcription, etc. Include hours and costs per hour.) |  |  |
| Other costs: Please specify. |  |  |
| Income, if any, from other sources |  |  |
| Total funds requested from the Sylvia and Moshe Ettenberg Research Grant |  |  |

#### **Completed applications, including cover sheet and proposal, should be submitted as a single .pdf or word file via email to** RABBI MELISSA STOLLMAN ([nrjecoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:nrjecoordinator@gmail.com))

#### Applications are due on or before **March 1, 2023**

Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee of scholars from a range of Jewish educational research disciplines.

**PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

*Please craft a proposal that does not exceed 8 pages. Extensive papers not edited for this application will not be considered by the committee.*

**Proposals must include:**

1. An abstract: a succinct statement of your research question, your aims, methodology, and, if appropriate, your preliminary findings. What makes your contribution unique? (250 word maximum)
2. Project description: Discuss the nature and purpose of the project, the scope of the work, and its contribution to the field of Jewish education. Your project description should include:
3. Statement of your research question and its significance.
4. Literature review: What previous scholarship has laid the groundwork for your project? How do you understand the scholarship with which you are in conversation? What unique contribution do you hope to make to this field of scholarship or practice?
5. Methodology: describe your methodology, keeping in mind the multi-disciplinary nature of the field of Jewish education. Please indicate if you have IRB approval, if applicable.
6. Contribution to the field of Jewish education: How will this project advance the state of the field? How will your project contribute to the practice or understanding of Jewish education?
7. Works Cited
8. Plans for Completion
9. Timeline: Starting date, benchmarks for progress and estimated completion date for the project
10. What current support, if any, do you have for this project?
11. What other avenues are you pursuing for support?
12. A narrative summary of the items in your budget, including the rationales for each.
13. Please append a budget (a sample template is included in the cover sheet).