



Connecting Our Jewish Community Members Through Constructive & Meaningful Dialogue for Generations to Come

What is the Year of Civil Discourse?

Community members will be trained to engage in difficult conversations that advance community-wide initiatives in Jewish Louisville and promote constructive dialogue across differences. Grounded in Jewish values, this effort is intentionally designed to foster safety, build skills, and strengthen connections. We have partnered with Resetting the Table, a nationally recognized organization that equips communities to have courageous conversations on difficult topics. Their proven approach includes training a core group of community members to engage in, facilitate, and extend constructive dialogue throughout the broader community.

Why now?

Political polarization, rising antisemitism, and complex debates can strain relationships. Even in the face of disagreement, we are choosing skills, respect, and relationships over division, together. This initiative will **strengthen community resilience** and allow us to **navigate conflict responsibly**.

Jewish Values at the Center

- **Machloket l'shem shamayim** - Disagreement for the sake of heaven
- **Eilu v'eilu** - Wisdom in multiple truths
- **Kavod** - Honor the person before the point



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Other Details

- **Free program** – limited spots available
- Apply by Oct. 5; notifications sent by Oct. 15 for training workshops (Part 1 of A Year of Civil Discourse)
- Nov. 11: For Jewish professionals working with a Louisville Jewish organization
- Nov. 12: Open to community members (18+) from across Jewish Louisville

Two Tracks Available

Community Members Track (Nov. 11): For staff working with Jewish organizations in Louisville

Jewish Professionals Track (Nov. 12): Open to diverse members of the Jewish community

Program Structure

Part 1 (Nov. 2025): Introductory training on constructive dialogue with Resetting the Table

Part 2 (Early 2026): Advanced facilitator training (participants selected from Part 1)

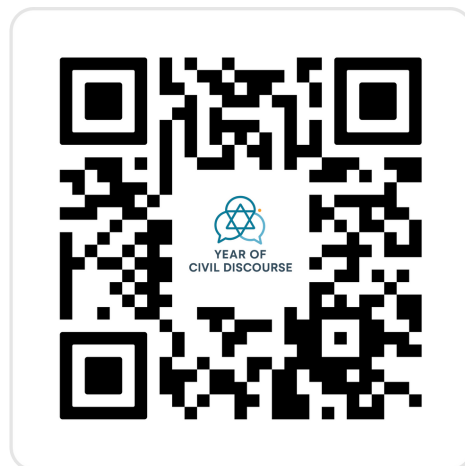
Part 3 (Throughout 2026): Various events and learning opportunities open to the entire broader Jewish community

Time Commitment

Availability on Nov. 11 or 12, 2025 (Time TBD)

Who should apply?

- Anyone in the Jewish Community, aged 18 years or older
- Interested in building skills for constructive and meaningful dialogue
- Committed to reducing bias and strengthening community relationships
- Passionate about maintaining open, respectful conversation within Jewish Louisville
- Participants from a wide range of perspectives, ideologies, and backgrounds



Apply now!

Community Members Leading This Initiative:

Bill Altman, Jewish Community Relations Council

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, The Temple – Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom

Dr. David Finke, Jewish Family & Career Services

Rabbi Ben Freed, Keneseth Israel Congregation