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COVID-19 Faith in the Vaccine Ambassador Program

Meeting the Need

In response to the growing need for vaccine access in certain underserved populations, **Hebrew College's Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership** (<http://hebrewcollege.edu/miller-center>) and **Interfaith Youth Core** (<http://ifyc.org/>) (IFYC) have teamed up to pioneer a new **COVID-19 Faith in the Vaccine Ambassadors Program**. IFYC is spearheading the project nationally, and Hebrew College is organizing the Greater Boston effort.



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RABBI OR ROSE, DIRECTOR OF THE MILLER CENTER FOR INTERRELIGIOUS LEARNING & LEADERSHIP AT HEBREW COLLEGE

We are honored to work with IFYC and local Boston partners to empower youth and young adults from diverse walks of life to engage in this sacred and urgent public health campaign.

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Overview

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Background

The arrival of effective vaccines marks a transitional moment of hope in the COVID-19 crisis. However, two significant challenges emerged in the move from vaccine to vaccination, accessibility to and trust of the vaccine within certain subsets of the American population. While African American, Native American, and Latino/a/x communities are particularly ravaged by COVID-19, they also have less access to and in some cases are less likely to trust the vaccine. Politically and religiously conservative white communities, often evangelical, are also less likely to trust the vaccine. National research shows that individuals in all these groups are more likely to be connected to religious communities, which are vast sources of trust and social capital.



The Response

Interfaith leaders from religiously diverse institutions have a unique opportunity to promote vaccine trust and increase accessibility.
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Student Ambassadors will begin the program by participating in a training designed and led by IFYC. They will then work with the Program Coordinator and Lead Organizer to plan and implement accessibility and trust-building projects in high need communities with which they are connected. Ideal student participants for the Ambassador program will have a personal connection to communities where vaccine hesitancy is high. Ambassadors will have the opportunity to develop their own plans to address hesitancy or access with the guidance of mentors.

If you would like to support this vaccine ambassador program, please click the button below and choose “Miller Center” from the giving form drop-down menu. Thank you!

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