

Spertus | Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies

The **Spertus Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies (MAJPS)** program is a new model of learning and training for Jewish communal professionals. This unique graduate program is offered through a combination of on-campus courses, seminars, and distance learning, specifically designed to meet the needs of working adults.

Learning Outcomes

Students in the MAJPS program learn to:

- Understand key themes in Jewish communal life today
- Possess a grounding in classical Jewish thinking and texts
- Understand best practices in nonprofit management and adapt to Jewish communal work
- Develop skills for critical self-reflection and career planning
- Integrate theory and practice in the professional environment
- Learn to work constructively with diverse groups of constituents and colleagues

Course Requirements

45 quarter-hour credits

At Spertus, course credit is granted in quarter hours (as opposed to semester hours).

- Jewish Studies (7 courses, 3 credits each)
- Professional Skills and Program Capstone (5 courses, 3 credits each)
- Individualization, including Mentoring, Outside Course Work, and Final Project (9 credits)

Course Titles

- This American Jewish Life
- Jewish Studies for the Jewish Professional
- Dialogues, Confrontations, and Interactions: Jews in Majority Cultures
- The Role of Israel in Jewish Life
- Major Jewish Value Concepts
- The Aesthetics of Jewish Civilization
- Modern and Post-Modern Jewry
- Working with People
- On Becoming an Effective Jewish Leader
- Nonprofit Management Skills
- Theories of Formal and Informal Education
- On Adult Learning
- Program Capstone
- Individualization (Mentoring, Outside Course Work, and Final Project)

Current Core MAJPS Faculty

Rabbi Scott Aaron
Dr. Dean Bell
Dr. Barry Chazan
Dr. Steven Cohen
Dr. Betsy Dolgin Katz
Dr. Peter Knobel
Dr. Vernon Kurtz
Dr. Elliot Lefkovitz
Dr. Hal M. Lewis
Dr. Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern
Dr. Claire Sufrin

Interested in Learning More?

Contact Director of Enrollment **Stacey Flint**, who will meet you for coffee, discuss your goals, and share how the Spertus MAJPS program could benefit you. She can be reached at sflint@spertus.edu or **312.322.1707**.



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