

The **JEA Action Research Initiative (ARI)** is a competitive grant program available to members in good standing to facilitate the development and implementation of groundbreaking projects in the field of Jewish education.

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- ❖ Enrichment programs
- ❖ Computer and audio-visual materials
- ❖ Academic research projects

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For more information on the ARI award, or to take that first step, send your proposal to: Marshall Kupchan, Chair, JEA Action Research Initiative, Broadway and Locust Avenue, PO Box 413, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 or [jewisheducators@jewisheducators.org](mailto:jewisheducators@jewisheducators.org)





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## **Announcing the JEA Action Research Initiative**

Shalom Colleagues,

We are excited to announce the JEA Action Research Initiative, the ARI Award. This grant program is a revisioning of the former JEA Fund for Educational Research and Development awards. This Action Research Initiative is to provide grants to JEA members to enable them to implement innovative groundbreaking projects in the field of Jewish education. Types of programs that are considered for awards include: Curriculum projects, Evaluation instruments, Creative Arts programs, Enrichment programs, Computer and audio-visual materials, and Academic Research projects. ARI prize recipients will be awarded a grant of up to \$1,000 to pursue their project.

The term “action research” was first coined in the 1940s by Kurt Lewin, then a professor at MIT. He described it as “a comparative research on the conditions and effects of various forms of social action and research leading to social action” that uses “a spiral of steps, each of which is composed of a circle of planning, action, and fact-finding about the result of the action”.

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# JEA ARI (ACTION RESEARCH INITIATIVE) AWARD PROPSAL



Name:

School:

Email:

Contact Info:

I. Objective:

Address these guide questions as relevant to your proposal:

What question do you hope to pursue?

What alternative pedagogy is being applied in a unique way?

What curricular objective is being advanced?

What makes this project unique?

II. Project:

Describe your project (in 250 words or less)

III. Goals:

What do you expect to achieve through this project?

IV. Assessment:

How will you know that you have achieved or made progress toward achieving your goals?

V. Outcomes:

VI. Projected program budget, including:

1. Personnel expenses
2. Program and Administrative Expenses
3. All income sources. Please be specific. Income must equal expenses.

It is understood that:

- a) These resources are not intended to substitute for funds in your institution's operating budget.
- b) Applicants must be members in good standing of the JEA.
- c) Grantees will make an effort to be available at the annual conference to discuss their projects.

Grant recipients will be expected to submit:

- a) a one page report within six months of being awarded funds,
- b) a summation of the results at the end of the academic year for which the proposal was intended and,
- c) materials in digital format to be posted to the JEA website in order to enhance the potential for the project being replicated.

Submission deadline – May 15, 2011