

Customizing Your Connectedness Survey

Please meet with your congregational team to discuss the following and submit this completed template to Shaina Wasserman, swasserman@jewishedproject.org, by January 15, 2013.

I. What will you learn?

Which of the following does your team want to learn from the Connectedness survey?
(Check all that apply.)

- Sense of connection on the part of parents and children—to each other and to the synagogue
- Sense of connection to clergy
- Differences in perceptions between participants and non-participants
- Interests in further learning
- Perceptions of the model's contribution to connectedness
- Factors that contribute to people's sense of connection
- Making comparisons among different groups of people (e.g., those who participate in EI programs and those who don't)
- Seeing change over time (e.g., do participants in a program grow in their feelings of connectedness to the congregation?)

- Other (please fill in):

II. How will you use it?

How will you use what you learn from the Connectedness survey?
(Check all that apply.)

- PLANNING:** Examine the current state, compare it with goals, and plan for how to get from one place to the other. How can we expand/intensify/improve our programming to get us to our goals?
- MEASUREMENT:** Determine the extent to which you met your goals
- ADVOCACY:** Share information about goals, current state, growth, future plans to generate participation and support.
- DIRECT FURTHER INFORMATION GATHERING:** Figure out what you would like to understand more deeply through other approaches (e.g., interviews, focus groups).

- Other (please fill in):

III. Customize Your Survey

This year we will be able to customize the surveys. You will be able to add questions that ask about things you are particularly interested in learning, with response options based on your model.

Below are examples of questions; the first one includes sample response options that are for demonstration purposes only. They are not based on a particular model.

Directions: Look at the following questions with your team. Indicate which of the new questions, if any, would help you meet the goals you identified above.

- 1. Which of the following helped most to increase the number of connections you made to others?
 - a. *Fill in options; ex: Family havdalah experiences*
 - b. *Fill in options; ex: Retreat*
 - c. *Fill in options; ex: Informal conversations with other parents*
 - d. *Fill in options; ex: Formal discussions*
 - e. Other: _____

- 2. Which of the following helped most to build the depth of your connections to others?
Fill in options

- 3. Which of the following helped most to increase the number of connections your child made to others?
Fill in options

- 4. Which of the following helped most to build the depth of your child's connections to others?
Fill in options

- 5. Which of the following did you find most powerful?
 - a. *Fill in options; ex: Family havdalah experiences*
 - b. *Fill in options; ex: Retreat*
 - c. *Fill in options; ex: Informal conversations with other parents*
 - d. *Fill in options; ex: Formal discussions*
 - e. Other: _____

5a. What made this experience powerful for you?

- 6. Which of the following did your children find most powerful?
Fill in options

- 6a. What made the experience powerful for your child?

IV. Your Burning Questions

If your team has burning questions it would like to ask your families, please include those questions on an additional page (or on the back if you are writing the responses).