

# JELF'S CORE VALUES

## Foundational Values

JELF has foundational values of enriching the Jewish community through the Jewish values of *tzedakah* (justice and righteousness) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) with education to support people helping themselves and reaching their potential in life.

## Operating Values

<i>JELF values...</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Examples of How They are Operationalized</i>
<b>Fairness</b>	free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice	The loan application process is objective. We evaluate each applicant individually and do not penalize students for their parent's or community's actions
<b>Responsibility</b>	answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship of financial resources</li> <li>• Student's initiative to apply for and repay loans</li> </ul>
<b>Dignity</b>	treating individuals with respect, regardless of situation	Confidentiality of the loan process
<b>Serving Those in Need</b>	Seeing those valuable and worthy to be served and providing something that they need	Need-based process
<b>Recycling Money</b>	Reusing resources to make them last longer	When loans are repaid, new loans are made.