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# Jewish European Professionals - JEP-2014

**Name of program**

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**Status of program**

JEP organizes extended weekends around Europe offering singles, especially from small communities, to meet a Jewish partner and to gain valuable insight into achieving relationship success. JEP provides ongoing support to help connect participants with a potential suitable partner and provides relationship coaching to help them overcome any issues.

**Main achievements during the last year of activity**

There were 3 major European events held in 2014. The quality of the events is extremely high. We are regularly told by our participants that the quality of arrangement, program, venue and participants is unmatched.

**Evaluation**

Firstly, we judge success by the number of couples that are created through our events. JEP is proud that many participants have met their life-partner through our weekends, and several engagements and marriages have already taken place in a relatively short period. Secondly, we assess whether the educational and coaching components are helping participants become more effective in forming a relationship. Finally, we judge success by the number of participants who feel that involvement in JEP has strengthened their Jewish identity and brought them close to the Jewish community. Many participants say that were it not for JEP they would have given up on looking for a Jewish partner.

Unlike most other singles organizations, JEP recognizes that simply meeting people is not enough. We therefore provide relationship education and coaching, so that participants may enjoy a greater level of success at finding or securing a lasting relationship.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

There will always be a high level of turnover for the JEP target group. JEP constantly loses participants, as it should, who meet their potential spouses at the events or elsewhere. We need to continuously market JEP and always reaching out to new participants. This will be a major challenge for the foreseeable future especially on a tight budget.

We would like to begin offering webinar sessions on relationship education so participants can continue learning and developing their relationship skills between events. It would provide an opportunity to discuss real-life issues as they develop and advice from professionals as well as peers.

Funding permitting we are considering organizing a volunteer humanitarian mission to Sri Lanka. Possibilities include language classes for youth, a beekeeping course and training for using drip irrigation.

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