

TORAH V'CHOCHMAH EXPERIENTIAL (TVCx) 2026 – 2027

A RABBI SACKS LEGACY PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BJE



*“To defend a country you need an army.
But to defend a civilisation you need education.”*

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS ZT”L

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Torah V'Chochmah Experiential (TVCx) is an intensive, transformative professional development experience for Jewish educators in Australia – curriculum developers, session leaders, youth workers, and camp staff – who are ready to bring their teaching spaces and programs to life through the thought of Rabbi Sacks.

Delivered by The Rabbi Sacks Legacy in partnership with BJE, this program combines deep intellectual content with practical curriculum design skills. Following a four-day residential conference in Sydney, participants will receive a full year of personalised mentoring and implementation support, culminating in an AU\$1,000 completion stipend.



CONFERENCE

10–13 August 2026
Sydney, Australia



COMPLETION STIPEND

AU \$1,000
upon successful completion



YEAR-LONG PROGRAM

August 2026 – July 2027
Mentoring & implementation

THE PROGRAM IN DETAIL

PHASE 1: THE SYDNEY CONFERENCE • 10–13 AUGUST 2026

Arrive in Sydney for an immersive four-day residential conference bringing together Jewish educators from across Australia. This is an exciting opportunity to collaborate and develop skills in engaging the next generation of Jewish students, built around the stimulating ideas of Rabbi Sacks and grounded in effective practice

During the conference you will:

- Learn with colleagues from across the Australian Jewish community in an energising, collegial environment
- Explore the key themes of Rabbi Sacks' thought – covenantal responsibility, Jewish identity, hope and resilience, the dignity of difference, and Judaism's engagement with the world
- Work within a structured curriculum design framework guided by expert faculty
- Begin developing original curriculum units tailored to your school or program context
- Engage with a rich variety of pedagogical approaches, from storytelling and chavruta learning to experiential methodologies designed for camps, shabbatonim, and community settings

PHASE 2: YEAR-LONG MENTORING • AUGUST 2026 TO JULY 2027

The conference is just the beginning. The real transformation happens in the year that follows, as you implement your learning in your own context with expert support.

Throughout the year you will receive:

- Regular one-to-one and group mentoring sessions with experienced RSL faculty
- Ongoing curriculum development support as you refine and implement your materials
- Access to RSL content, resources, and the global Torah V'Chochmah network
- Feedback and guidance on adapting Rabbi Sacks' ideas to your school or youth program setting
- Connection with fellow participants across Australia as a community of practice

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The curriculum is rooted in the thought of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z”l, and structured around these universal values that lie at the heart of Jewish life and learning in the 21st century.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENRICHMENT • (YEARS 3–6)

- Torah: Stories and Values
- Festivals including Shabbat
- Jewish Identity: Knowledge and Community
- Israel: Nation and Land

SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPERIENTIAL • (YEARS 7–10)

- Jewish Identity and Continuity
- Covenantal Responsibility
- The Jewish National Mission
- Hope and Resilience
- Judaism’s Engagement with the World

HOW YOU WILL LEARN AND TEACH

A central element of Torah V’Chochmah is its commitment to active, creative, and experiential pedagogy. You will both experience these approaches first-hand and develop the skills to use them with your own students and participants.

METHODOLOGIES AND PEDAGOGIES EXPLORED

- The power of storytelling and role-play
- Dilemmas and panel debates
- Chavruta and chabura peer learning
- Games and creative challenges
- Hebrew language and phraseology
- Video triggers and guest speakers
- Music, dance, and ruach
- Excursions and incursions
- Reflective and review techniques
- Shabbatonim, camps, and outdoor settings

Participants will also develop expertise in Understanding by Design (UbD) – a rigorous and widely-used curriculum design framework that helps educators build backwards from clear learning goals to create coherent and meaningful educational experiences.





WHAT YOU WILL TAKE AWAY

Successful completion of Torah V'Chochmah Experiential (TVCx) will equip you with both the intellectual grounding and the practical tools to transform Jewish education in your context.

BY THE END OF THE PROGRAM, YOU WILL HAVE

- A complete, coherent, values-based curriculum unit – ready to use with your students or participants
- Deep familiarity with Rabbi Sacks' key works and their application in education and youth programming
- Advanced curriculum development skills, including the UbD framework
- A rich repertoire of experiential pedagogies suited to classrooms, camps, shabbatonim, and youth movement settings
- Ongoing connection to the global Torah V'Chochmah network of Jewish educators
- Confidence to continue embedding Rabbi Sacks' voice and vision in your work for years to come

AU\$1,000 COMPLETION STIPEND

Participants who successfully complete the full program – including the Sydney conference and the year-long mentoring and implementation cycle – will receive an AU\$1,000 stipend in recognition of their commitment and achievement. This reflects our belief that investing in Jewish educators is investing in the future of our community.

HOW TO APPLY

Places on Torah V'Chochmah Experiential (TVCx) are limited. To apply, please complete the application form below **before 15 May 2026**. If you have any questions before applying, feel free to reach out directly.

APPLY NOW



For questions or further information, please contact:

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THE TEAM

Torah V'Chochmah Experiential (TVCx) is led by a team of experienced Jewish educators with deep expertise in curriculum design, teacher development, and Rabbi Sacks' thought.



RABBI DR JEREMY BRUCE

*Director of Programming,
The Rabbi Sacks Legacy*

Born and raised in London, Jeremy is Director of Programming at The Rabbi Sacks Legacy, where he oversees key initiatives including the Sacks Scholars and Torah V'Chochmah programs. He received semicha from Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat, holds a BA in International History and Politics from the University of Leeds, a Master's in Educational Management from King's College London, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University. Previously, he served as Head of School at the Hebrew High School of New England and Principal of Fuchs Mizrahi Stark High School in Cleveland, Ohio. With more than 20 years in Jewish education in the UK and US, he is also an adjunct lecturer at Case Western University and the London School of Jewish Studies, teaching Bible and Jewish philosophy.



YOLANDE PIETERS

*Program Lead & Faculty,
Torah V'Chochmah Experiential (TVCx)*

Yolande is Head of Undergraduate Degrees and CPD (Continuous Professional Development) at the London School of Jewish Studies (UK). She also consults for The Rabbi Sacks Legacy Torah V'Chochmah project as a curriculum expert, developer, and mentor, and supports francophone schools in Belgium and France with curriculum and coaching. Yolande is currently pursuing an Ed.D through the Institute of Education, UCL, and holds a Master's degree in Education and a National Professional Qualification in Leading Teacher Development.



RABBI DR DANIEL ROSE

*Director of Education,
The Rabbi Sacks Legacy*

Daniel is Director of Education at The Rabbi Sacks Legacy and Director of Education at Koren Publishers in Jerusalem, with additional teaching roles at the London School of Jewish Studies and the Tikvah Fund. British-born, with over 30 years in formal and informal Jewish education, he has

worked with youth movements in the UK and Israel, taught in Jewish day schools in the UK and US, and consulted for schools across the UK, US, Australia, and South Africa. At Koren, he was series editor and developer of the Koren Magerman Educational Siddurim series, used worldwide. In 2017 he began working closely with the Office of Rabbi Sacks, developing resources including the Ten Paths to God curriculum and the Family Edition of Covenant & Conversation. He holds a doctorate from the Hebrew University and lives in Modi'in, Israel.



SIMON LAWRENCE

*Faculty Member | Director of Jewish
Life, Carmel School, Perth*

British-born and Jerusalem-trained, Simon is Director of Jewish Life at Carmel School in Perth, Western Australia, where he has served since 2007. He studied at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat, completed a BA in Jewish Studies at Jews' College in London, and made aliyah in 1997. He later studied Special Education at David Yellin College and taught at Keren Ohr and Chavat HaNoar HaTzioni. After moving to Perth, he completed a Master's in Special Education at the University of Western Australia, and served as Youth Director and Assistant to the Rabbi at the Perth Hebrew Congregation before joining Carmel School in 2012. A Sacks Scholar, he brings deep experience in Jewish curriculum, experiential learning, and whole-school Jewish life.



BENJAMIN EZZES

*Australian Communal Consultant |
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Benjamin holds a BA and BEd with First Class Honours from the University of Sydney. He is currently Assistant Head of Jewish Studies at Moriah War Memorial College in Sydney, where he has taught high school for more than eight years. In the wider community, Benjamin serves as Chair of the Education Committee at the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and as Education Consultant for the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. These roles give him a strong understanding of the Australian Jewish education landscape. He brings to Torah V'Chochmah both classroom expertise and extensive experience in curriculum design, evaluation, and implementation.