



JCA's Better Together™ Program Overview

What is The Better Together™ Program?

- Better Together™ is a program that seeks to create meaningful intergenerational programming.
- Students have the opportunity, prepared with the skills and sensitivities, to “live” our traditions and practices and engage in the fulfillment of essential Jewish values.
- Better Together™ activities help alleviate the loneliness often characteristic of the lives of seniors, bringing stimulation, social interaction, and recreation to their lives.
- Students and seniors alike will acquire new skills, develop relationships, and make connections as well as develop a sense of deep fulfillment.

What are the Participant Commitments?

- Having an open heart and an open mind.
- Regular attendance – this is essential to the success of the group and the relationships you will form with the Elders. JCA Better Together Participants meet at the JCA on the first Sunday each month from 10am-1pm.
- Participating in the Better2Write Essay contest as guided by your program facilitator.
- Contributing creatively to the culminating project.

Who are the Elders we will be working with?

- We will be working with seniors in our area. Both JCA members and non-members are invited to participate.

Transportation Logistics

- JCA Teens should be dropped off at the JCA at 10am on the Better Together dates, and should be picked up at 1pm. Lunch will be provided.

What is this “culminating project”?

- Each Better Together™ program includes a strong culminating project that is worked into the curriculum from the beginning. The project showcases the experience of the teens and elders in a format that tells the story of their partnership. This year we will be working in partnership with the Eric Carle Museum to create picture books based on the lives of the Elders.