

## Tarbuton Backgrounder 2018-2019

**Tarbuton**, a 501c3 founded in 2006, supports independent Jewish and Israeli community builders who create new entry points for Jewish community in San Diego.

**Startup18 Lab** provides a network with support and fiscal sponsorship for Jewish and Israeli independent community initiatives.

**Fellowships** Offered for Jewish community builders offering training from best in class national related programs and a community to learn with. Examples are a [Jewish Yoga and Meditation fellowship](#) for enthusiasts who are building a Jewish practice with training from the [Institute for Jewish Spirituality](#). A Teen Song Leader Fellowship is also offered in collaboration with Rich Recht's [Song Leader Boot Camp](#) and the [Jewish Teen Initiative](#) to inspire the next generation of song leaders.

**Jewish Educator Awards** [offered in collaboration with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation](#) to celebrate the work of innovative independent (i.e. not institution based) local educators.

### Testimonials From Startup18 Project Founders

1. "I gained a better understanding of the local Jewish landscape"
2. "I connected to an amazing group of Jewish innovators"
3. "I felt empowered and excited about the possibility of collaborating with project founders to pilot and test out some incredible ideas"
4. "Startup18 has made me realize that there are other people like me that see a problem or need in our community and make a choice every morning to work on creative solutions"
5. "They have helped to introduce me to more of the Jewish community in San Diego"
6. "Brainstorming ideas with like-minded passionate individuals really helped me to see the creativity and opportunities"
7. "Valuable resource, with ongoing encouragement and willingness to work one-on-one"
8. "Have gained a lot of ideas for my own ... use in my ... program"
9. "Startup18 provides community connections to assist people just like me reach their goals"
10. "A hub of creativity in the San Diego Jewish world. Start Up 18 has become a magnet for the Jewish social entrepreneurial community"
11. "Without events like The Idea Slam and Jewish Engagement Lab workshops that Start Up18 hosts we would all be alone in a sea of "not sure hows"
12. "Providing a forum for start-up entrepreneurs to share information with each other means we don't have to reinvent the wheel on our own!"