

"It is through programs such as this that our communities learn to understand each other better so that we ...can live in mutual respect and peace." – Student to Student Participating Teacher

The Background

Prejudice often results from a lack of knowledge and familiarity. As a response, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, developed Student to Student, a program that seeks to reduce stereotypes and prejudice in the students it reaches.

Initially funded in 1992 by a planning grant of the Jewish Federation, Student to Student has reached thousands of students in area schools that lack a Jewish presence. These young people can now put a "human face" to Judaism—the best antidote to bigotry and intolerance.

Last Year...

65 Jewish Participants

45 Presentations

1,250 Students Impacted

This Program...

Creates Leaders

Fights Anti-Semitism

Fosters Understanding

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What is Student to Student?

Presentations are given by a group of three or four students representing the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform branches of Judaism. Since this is a presentation by peers, it resonates with the students. The style of presentation is more like that of an informal discussion.

Presenters discuss a range of topics, including the following:

- · A typical day in the presenters' lives
- · The Jewish calendar and holidays
- · The Sabbath
- · The Jewish life cycle
- · Jewish dietary practices
- · The Hebrew language
- · The Holocaust
- · Israel

"I always leave presentations with an incredible sense of accomplishment, realizing that through this program,

I really could change some of the problems in the world today."





