



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is your mission and vision for volunteerism at Manny Cantor Center?

Manny Cantor Center creates meaningful opportunities that empower committed and skilled volunteers to serve their community. We encourage each individual to invest and participate in building a stronger, more connected community.

We are part of a nationwide [Service Enterprise](#) movement that ensures we are thinking and using volunteers in a purposeful and meaningful way.

How do I get started?

- Fill out our volunteer application: mannycantor.org/volunteer
- Check out available volunteer opportunities here: <http://mannycantor.org/volunteer/volunteeropportunities/>
- Contact our Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager, Deb Scher at dscher@mannycantor.org or 646-395-4184 to get more info, schedule a meeting or ask questions.

Volunteering sounds great, but I am looking for information on internships and careers?

Check out: [Internships at MCC](#) and [Careers at Educational Alliance](#)

What sort of volunteers are you looking for?

We are looking for volunteers of all types, ages and skill sets. There are so many ways to get involved at the Manny Cantor Center, we want to help you find something that fits you best, utilizes your skills and fills a need at our center, this will make it meaningful for everyone. All we ask is that we both stick to the commitments we make to each other.

When do volunteer activities take place?

Depends! There are opportunities during the day and in the evening. Some are flexible (like translating content), while some have specific times (like serving meals or events). We will work together to determine the best match for your availability and our needs.

How much time do I have to commit to volunteering?

Commitment level varies by your role and the amount of time you have available. We have recurring slots that require a weekly commitment, we have project-based opportunities and we have special events and more sporadic offerings. Even one hour a week can have a tremendous impact.

Do you provide ongoing support for volunteers?

Yes! We want you to feel comfortable in your role, and at Manny Cantor Center. At orientation you will learn about our organization and the important role volunteers play for us, you will receive training during your first 1-3 shifts to enable you to be successful in your role, you will have the opportunity for both formal feedback, our volunteers and staff are given quarterly surveys and informal feedback through conversations and emails.

Volunteers are also invited to monthly meet-ups specifically for them, these include text studies, professional development opportunities, networking, social and cultural events. Volunteers are vital to ensuring the Manny Cantor Center is able to run smoothly, so we are always looking for ideas and suggestions from our volunteers about how we can best support them. Have an idea? Let us know!

What if my company or school group wants to volunteer together?

Our Weinberg Center Lunch program is great opportunity for your team to give back together. Contact volunteers@mannycantor.org for more information.

Can I receive service credit for my volunteer work?

We are happy to sign-off on student community service hours for your school or for your affiliated group (i.e. company, synagogue) and fill out any necessary paperwork. Reports can also be generated on your volunteer hours and we can provide letters of recommendation for dedicated volunteers when needed.

Who funds this initiative?

A generous grant from the UJA-Federation. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about funding opportunities.

Who can I contact to learn more?

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