



The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center™

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The Professor Ronald C. Curhan and Joan Pokross Curhan Research Fund

The **Professor Ronald C. Curhan and Joan Pokross Curhan Research Fund** at the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center (JHC) supports scholars in Jewish History or Jewish Studies, especially, but not limited to those at the beginning of their academic careers. One or more scholars a year will be selected to receive an award, which supports their research in the Boston- and New England-based collections at the JHC. **Graduate, undergraduate, or predoctoral students will be given preference, although the annual scholarship may also be awarded to postdoctoral scholars.** At the completion of their research, Curhan Scholars are asked to present their research in a public presentation, and to acknowledge the JHC and the Fund in any paper or published work that results from their research.

Timing: In 2026, the application deadline is March 23. To apply, candidates will need to describe their research project, how they plan to use the JHC's collections, and provide at least two references. (See below.)

Selection Process: Applications to the Curhan Research Fund will be reviewed by a committee, who will select the awardee(s). Recipients will be notified by the Jewish Heritage Center.

Requirements: Once notified of their award, Curhan Scholars will schedule and conduct their in-person research in the JHC archives in consultation with, and with assistance from, JHC archives staff. Following their research, scholars will give a presentation on their research at a time and in a manner decided upon with the JHC. They must cite the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center in all subsequent work that results from use of the collections.

About the Curhan–Pokross Family: Professor Ronald C. Curhan and Joan Pokross Curhan have generously funded this fellowship out of a longstanding family commitment to scholarship and American Jewish history. Professor Curhan was the president of the American Jewish Historical Society from 1990 to 1993, as was David R. Pokross, Joan Pokross Curhan's father, from 1976 to 1979. Professor Curhan is a Professor Emeritus at the Boston University Questrom School of Business, where he authored many articles about marketing, and Joan Pokross Curhan worked for 47 years in senior research and administrative positions at Harvard University, where she co-authored four books on multinational enterprises.

APPLICATION FOR PROFESSOR RONALD C. CURHAN AND JOAN POKROSS CURHAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with JHC archival collections. You can find a list of finding aids, subject guides, and information about our Digital Library & Archives in [the Archives section](#) of the JHC website. If you wish to speak to an archivist directly, please email jhcreference@jewishheritagecenter.org or call 617-226-1245.

Section I: Applicant Information

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Country	
E-mail	
Phone	
Current educational status (e.g., undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral, independent scholar, etc.)	
University Affiliation (if any)	
Area(s) of Study	
What are at least three collections at the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center you would like to access? Please list the call number (ex: I-223; or JHCl-001), followed by the name of the collection.	

Section II: Proposal and Supporting Documentation

Please submit the following documentation with your application:

1. Current curriculum vitae.
2. A research proposal, between 500-700 words, that clearly outlines:

- a. Your research interests.
- b. How the archival collections and resources at the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center support your research.

Section III: References

Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation, preferably from academic supervisors or colleagues with knowledge of their work. Please provide their names and addresses below. Letters of recommendation may be sent directly from the reference to sarah.quiat@jewishheritagecenter.org.

Reference #1:

Name	
Institution or organization	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Email	
Phone	

Reference #2:

Name	
Institution or organization	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Email	
Phone	

Directions for submitting your application packet (including this application, supporting documentation, and references)

- 1) Your application packet must be received by **March 23, 2026**; email is preferred.
- 2) References may be sent separately from the application.
- 3) If emailing materials, use the following format for the subject line:
Fellowship application: First Name, Last Name

Submit your application packet to:

Sarah Quiat, Programming and Outreach Manager
sarah.quiat@jewishheritagecenter.org