WHAT is ELP?
The Emerging Leadership Program (ELP) is a unique and high-caliber leadership initiative for Jewish community members who live/work in the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County catchment area: Boynton Beach in the South, to Wellington in the West, to Martin County in the North. It is open to people who want to better understand the Jewish community locally and internationally, while simultaneously engaging in leadership skills. The primary intended outcome is that ELP participants will take a variety of active leadership roles in the Jewish community in future years.

WHO is ELP for?
The Federation is seeking people who care about the future of the Jewish community and want to engage in learning about Jewish Federation and the variety of Jewish communal organizations within the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County catchment area. We encourage anyone within the parameters to apply. During the participant-selection process, careful attention will be paid to the diversity of the group (in regard to occupation, age, gender and location within the catchment area).

WHY ELP?
Our local Jewish community has been and continues to grow with people who choose to live, work and raise their families here full-time. Jewish Federation is at the helm of major changes to better serve our growing community. Our community needs strong Jewish leadership to lead our Jewish organizations into 21st century models of planning and philanthropy. ELP will train our future Jewish leaders. Participants will learn about Jewish Federation and its agencies, including how they are structured, the allocation process and the governance processes. ELP will be helpful to participants through the teaching of leadership skills that can be applied to one’s career and other areas in life. ELP participants will also forge close social relationships. With the combination of prior leadership experience and the knowledge gained from their respective sessions, participants will be poised for success as they take their place among the very best leaders in our community.

WHEN?
The next ELP cohort will begin January 2023 and run through June 2024.

ELP Alumni Involvement?
ELP alumni are involved deeply in Jewish Palm Beach. Since 2009 when ELP was established, there have been 122 individuals who have completed the program, 112 of whom still live in the Palm Beaches. More than 40 alumni are currently serving in leadership roles at Federation, Mandel JCC, Meyer Academy and several synagogues.

THING ELSE to know?
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