

REPAIR THE WORLD

2010 GRANTS FOR IMMERSIVE JEWISH SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS

Repair the World is pleased to announce its 2010 Grants for Immersive Jewish Service Learning (IJSL) Programs. These grants enable the continued delivery, growth and development of quality IJSL programs for 18 to 25 year old North American Jewish young adults. The 2010 cycle focused on the following priorities:

- **Sustenance and growth.** Enabling programs to maintain the capacity to serve at the same levels and, when possible, to increase the number of young adults engaged in Jewish Service Learning.
- **Capacity building.** Developing core skills and capabilities to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of programs as they work towards their organizational mission (e.g., overhauling a program management system; conducting program evaluation; developing additional service host sites).
- **Innovation and experimentation.** Encouraging existing as well as potential new programs to take well-calculated risks in the use of new, creative concepts and technologies for program design and delivery (e.g., developing a new model for recruitment, participant selection or pre-program orientation; adapting an effective practice from another service learning program to the Jewish Service Learning context).
- **Collaboration.** Fostering opportunities for programs to work together to leverage knowledge and resources (e.g., in curriculum design, training trip leaders, developing service host sites, etc.).

Repair the World is pleased to announce grant awards totaling \$2,573,700 to 18 organizations. Repair's eleven current grantees will receive \$2,265,000 in funding (a 13% increase over 2009 awards), and seven new programs will receive \$288,700. With these grants, an estimated 3,083 Jewish young adults will participate in various IJSL programs, an increase of 465 from the same programs in 2009. These grants also enable a 31% increase in the number of days of service performed by these young adults, bringing the total to 61,395 for 2010.

NEW SUPPORT

Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village (ASYV)—Service and Jewish Learning

Groups of young adults from the US participate in a one-week Service and Jewish Learning (SJL) program at ASYV in Rwanda, which houses, cares for and educates orphans and vulnerable children. Repair the World's capacity building grant for this new program will support its potential to provide valuable direct service to a community in need, while also providing a unique opportunity for an immersive Jewish service learning experience in Rwanda.

B'tzedek—Leadership and International Fellowship Experience (LIFE)

LIFE provides one month of preparation in Israel, followed by eight months of Jewish service learning (four months in India and four months in Israel) engaging in internships with local NGOs and meeting with other leaders within the Jewish community. Repair the World's grant will support building the capacity of this program to continue to offer a deep learning and service experience in two countries—Israel and India—to a growing number of North American young adults.

Jewish Farm School (JFS)—Organic Farming Alternative Break (OFAB)

JFS's OFAB program provides young adults with a week-long farm-immersion experience on sustainable farms on the East and West Coasts. JFS was incubated by Hillel International in its initial three years of development. Repair the World's grant provides important annual funding and sets the stage for future funding diversification.

Ma'ase—Seeds of Hope

This new program is being designed for Israelis and North Americans to do a year of joint volunteering (five months in this pilot stage) in the periphery of Israel, together with an educational program on identity and leadership based on Jewish values.

Tevel b'Tzedek—North Americans in Tevel b'Tzedek Nepal

Tevel b'Tzedek's four-month core program begins with one month of study and orientation in Kathmandu, Nepal, followed by three months of service involving partnering with local organizations in multi-focus community development projects. Repair the World's grant will enable participation of North American young adults in a sound program model.

Uri L'Tzedek Summer Fellowship

Uri L'Tzedek engages Orthodox young adults in a summer fellowship that combines education, leadership development and social action through canvassing for the Tav HaYosher, or ethical seal, in Jewish neighborhoods; meeting with restaurant owners; interviewing restaurant workers; and advocating for workers' rights. Repair the World's grant will support young adults to engage in Jewish service learning focused on supporting workers rights in kosher restaurants. The grant is aimed at helping to build the program's overall capacity and to support planning for program expansion.

Yahel—Israel Service Learning—Yahel Social Change Program

This five-month experience for young adults is based in the town of Gedera, Israel, and combines in-depth learning and immersion with hands-on volunteer work in collaboration with Friends by Nature, a grassroots nonprofit organization working with the local Ethiopian community. Repair the World's grant to enable Yahel to launch what has the potential to be a leading Jewish Service Program in Israel.

RENEWED SUPPORT

Adamah

The Adamah Fellowship, housed at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, is a three-month residential leadership training program that teaches the connection between Judaism and environmental stewardship. Adamah provides an opportunity for young adults to cultivate Jewish identity and a commitment to *tikkun olam* through immersion in an ecologically sustainable, spiritually vibrant and intergenerational Jewish community.

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

JDC runs three Jewish service learning programs worldwide, ranging in length from one week to 12 months: Through its Short-Term Service Programs, JDC sends college students from North American Hillels to Diaspora Jewish communities for a week. Jewish Service Corps is a year-long, paid program for recent college graduates to serve overseas. The 8-10 week JDC Jewish Service Corps, based on JDC's year-long Jewish Service Corps program, offers young adults who cannot spend a year abroad an opportunity to serve. Repair the World's grant will enable JDC to continue to grow and develop these programs.

American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

AJWS offers three JSL Programs for young adults to engage in hands-on service projects with NGOs in developing nations around the globe: Alternative Breaks (AB), Volunteer Summer (VS), and World Partner Fellows (WPF). Repair the World's grant will support all three JSL Programs, in part as a 1:1 matching grant to engage donors in support for AJWS' JSL programs.

AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps

AVODAH engages Jewish young adults in a year-long service assignments at nonprofit organizations working on issues of poverty within the U.S. The program model includes full-time work, Jewish study, skills training, issue-based education and communal living. Repair the World's multi-year grant will in part be provided as a matching grant for 2011 to support capacity building and help leverage additional resources.

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Hillel provides week-long Alternative Break (AB) programs, working directly with City Year as well as indirectly supporting Hillel campuses to coordinate their own AB experiences and participate in ABs provided by other providers. Hillel is also exploring various innovations to support the field. Repair the World's grant, which will be tied to participant numbers, will enable ongoing support of Hillel and will make possible between 1,050 and 1,435 participants.

Jewish Funds for Justice (JFSJ)

Repair the World will support JFSJ's partnerships with community-based organizations to bring young adults on week-long service projects where they interact with the local community, connect their service to Jewish values and consider ways to sustain their involvement in community issues.

Jewish National Fund (JNF)

JNF's Spring and Winter Alternative Break (ASB/AWB) programs are aimed at American Jewish young adults who have already visited Israel (many on Birthright trips) and are now prepared to make a deeper commitment by performing service there.

RENEWED SUPPORT, continued

Jewish Organizing Initiative (JOI)

JOI's Fellowship Program includes a year-long, Boston-based, paid internship where participants live independently while interning for a community, interfaith or labor organization. Repair the World's grant to JOI will enable not only the ongoing support of program participants but also the continued development of organizational infrastructure to sustain the program in the long-term.

OTZMA

OTZMA, a program of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), is a service-based leadership development program that includes four components: Hebrew Studies and Volunteering (Ulpan and community service assignments); Mini-Interest (3-week Judaic studies and/or service assignment); 3-month residential community service assignment; and an unpaid internship at a nonprofit or on a kibbutz. OTZMA's new Israel Teacher Corps (ITC) brings North American young adults to Israel for one year to teach English in under-served Israeli public schools. Repair the World's grant will enable ongoing programmatic support.

Tikkun Olam Tel Aviv-Jaffa

Participants in Tikkun Olam Tel Aviv-Jaffa, a program of the Bina Center for Jewish Identity and Hebrew Culture, can opt for either the 5- or 10-month track, live in the communities where they serve, volunteer and study in either a community service or co-existence track (side by side with Israeli peers), and attend seminars and trips throughout Israel. Repair the World's grant will enable Tikkun Olam Tel Aviv-Jaffa to continue to develop and strengthen its programming.

Yeshiva University—Center for the Jewish Future

The Center for the Jewish Future's Student Service Corps offers students a 9-day winter mission to Israel coupling Jewish and academic studies with direct service work, a week-long summer immersive service experience in New Orleans, and a five-week program in the Negev running a summer camp for teens. Repair the World's grant will enable YU not only to continue to run programs but also to have the capacity to explore college credit options for Jewish service learning.