

REPAIR THE WORLD

RESEARCH & EVALUATION

Repair the World has embarked on the first year of an ambitious multi-year research and evaluation agenda to learn about and improve the quality of Jewish service and service learning programs. Work underway in 2010 includes:

GROUP LEADER TRAINING REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2010

In the fall of 2009, Repair the World provided support for three organizations – American Jewish World Service, the PANIM Institute of BBYO and Jewish Funds for Justice – to conduct the first-ever collaborative group leader training for immersive Jewish service learning programs. Repair the World has commissioned an evaluation of this training by the Maurice & Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University to better understand the potential for multi-organizational approaches to preparing group leaders.

HOST COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

NOVEMBER 2010

This research effort, conducted by *BTW: Informing Change*, will look at the impact of short-term immersive Jewish service programs on the communities served. It will include case studies of twelve successful community service partnerships as well as a review of existing literature to deepen the sector's understanding of the challenges associated with forging respectful and effective relationships around short-term service.

THE REPAIR THE WORLD INDEX

JANUARY 2011

The Index will be the first comprehensive study of service behaviors and attitudes of Jewish young adults in the United States and Canada. The Index will provide a critical baseline from which to measure change as Repair the World launches substantive social marketing efforts and programs to mobilize and inspire people to engage in a range of effective service activities. Repair is pleased to announce that as a result of a highly competitive RFP process, this work will be undertaken as a groundbreaking partnership between Gerstein | Agne Strategic Communications and the Cohen Center at Brandeis.

LOGIC MODELING CLINICS

ONGOING

We believe that a strong program field is one in which there are clear intentions around program design and outcomes. Repair the World has engaged Dr. Wendy Rosov to conduct logic modeling clinics with the Jewish service learning programs we support to clarify their program models. This work will enable Repair the World to find common design and outcome elements and will inform future research efforts.

FUTURE PROJECTS

PEDAGOGY & HUMAN CAPITAL

2010-2013

Repair the World has begun a multi-year effort to understand the attributes, knowledge and skills of superlative Jewish service learning educators and to develop outcomes-based training programs, standards and certification so as to strengthen and professionalize the field. We will seek to embed such programs and standardization in university, seminary and other contexts to ensure increased numbers of highly qualified educators.

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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Repair the World anticipates launching the first-ever experimental design study of Jewish service learning program outcomes within the next two years. This study, which will meet the "gold standard" for program evaluation, will firmly establish the outcomes of these programs, both for the communities served and for the young adults engaged in service.

JEWISH CITY OF SERVICE

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Repair the World is partnering with American Jewish World Service, Jewish Funds for Justice, AVODAH, JOI, and the Bureau of Jewish Education to create a city-wide pilot that would centralize marketing, recruitment, training and other functions around provision of a continuum of Jewish service opportunities. Repair the World will commission and direct overall pilot program evaluation.