

## **J-SERVE 2005 PROJECTS**

### **Atlanta, GA (2 projects)**

A. *Project Description:* Participants worked at Atlanta's Project Open Hand preparing meals for HIV/AIDS patients and others with chronic/ debilitating illness for delivery to their homes

*Lead Agency:* CJEE/JATCO

*Lead Agency Contact:* Rachel Lazarus, 404-641-6196, [rachellazarus@yahoo.com](mailto:rachellazarus@yahoo.com)

B. *Project Description:* Background information about different causes was introduced throughout the weekend (April 14-17) at the Merchav (District) Spring Convention. Those causes included: the resurgence of anti-Semitism locally and around the world; the situation in Darfur, Sudan; and Hadassah Hospital and its contributions to medical advancements and treatment of the Middle East region, as well as the rest of the world. On Saturday night (April 16th), the convention body participated in a Fashion Show/Auction, where they split up into groups to create t-shirts with slogans to publicize/support problems that they feel passionate about (ex. "Fight Hunger" or "Homelessness is whack"). The shirts were then auctioned off to the participants and the money raised went to benefit Hadassah Hospital. On Sunday morning (April 17th), students held a Social Action fair. There were different booths with summaries of information about the 3 causes where students signed petitions, wrote their own letters to their local Congressmen, bought bracelets whose proceeds go to support Hadassah Hospital, etc.

*Lead Agency:* Southeast Merchav (District) of Young Judaea

*Lead Agency Contact:* Jamie Maxner, 404-634-7883, [jamie@campjudaea.org](mailto:jamie@campjudaea.org)

### **Baltimore, MD**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Creating Caring Communities: In Baltimore, teens were engaged in supporting programming, providing companionship, and building and refurbishing recreational centers for youth and seniors in the area. Teen leadership came together from a range of agencies and synagogues to develop the outreach strategies, the reflection and training sessions, and the evaluation tools.

*Lead Agency:* Jewish Volunteer Connection of Baltimore\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Ashley Klapper, 410-369-9313, [aklapper@jcfb.org](mailto:aklapper@jcfb.org)

### **Chicago, IL**

*Project Description:* Teens worked with Project Namuwongo Zone B.

*Lead Agency:* Greater Midwest Young Judaea

*Lead Agency Contact:* Daniel Schnitzer, 847.492.9616,  
[DanielSchnitzer@midwestyoungjudaea.org](mailto:DanielSchnitzer@midwestyoungjudaea.org)

### **Cleveland, OH (2 projects)**

A. *Project Description:* Teens worked to deliver food packages for Passover to poor families. The program was coordinated with the Jewish Relief Agency

*Lead Agency:* Cleveland Chapter of NCSY

*Lead Agency Contact:* Channah Appel, 216-691-0859, [clevencsy@aol.com](mailto:clevencsy@aol.com)

**B. Project Description:** Bnei Akiva held a school-wide program:

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades: Youth met at Young Israel Synagogue to write letters to Israeli soldiers for Israeli Independence day.

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades: These students went to Rainbow hospital for children to give games to the residents. The money for the games was collected through a bake sale held before this date.

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades: The Jr High students went to Somerset old age home to throw a Pesach party for the Jewish residents (as a part of an ongoing connection through the year).

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades: The teens delivered Pesach food packages to needy families in Cleveland with the Jewish Relief Society.

Following each service project, all grades met back in the Synagogue for a summary of the day.

*Lead Agency:* Bnei Akiva of Cleveland

*Lead Agency Contact:* Ilan & Oshrat Frydman, 216-291-0309, ilan@bneiakiva.org

### **Denver, CO**

*Project Description:* Mitzvahpalooza mobilized teens in the greater Denver area across denominational lines to participate in a day of service. Projects were identified and planned by a teen leadership group. Pre- and post-service group reflection allowed for interdenominational interactions.

*Lead Agency:* Rocky Mountain BBYO\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* David Adelson, [david@rmbbyo.org](mailto:david@rmbbyo.org), 303-316-6385

### **Detroit, MI**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Building Bridges, L'Dor V'Dor: Teens came together to meet the needs of seniors in their community and to develop and sustain ongoing intergenerational relationships. They touched populations of seniors in nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and independent apartments or single homes. Planning of the projects, reflection, and bration was coordinated by a joint teen and staff steering committee reflective of the different participating agencies.

*Lead Agency:* Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, Detroit\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Judy Lewis, lewis@jfmd.org, 248-642-4260

### **Foster City, CA**

*Project Description:* Teens picked non-native plants with Half Moon Beach State Park's Dune Restoration Project.

*Lead Agency:* Peninsula Jewish Community Center

*Lead Agency Contact:* Reina Pasternak, 650-378-2767, [rpasternak@pjcc.org](mailto:rpasternak@pjcc.org)

### **Fulton, MD**

*Project Description:* Temple Isaiah held a Mitzvah Day with five Mitzvah Stations in our social hall where kids, parents and grandparents were able to complete projects to help others in the community.

*Lead Agency:* Temple Isaiah

*Lead Agency Contact:* Eric Krupin, 410-888-9100, [eric@templeisaiah.org](mailto:eric@templeisaiah.org)

### **Irvine, CA**

*Project Description:* At the "Chometz for the Homeless" event, students brought bags of donated food to the Orange County Food Bank. Participants received a tour of the facility and learned about how they operate to serve those in need in the community. Teens also saw a PowerPoint presentation from Frankie Wiggins, a teen who has supported a Beer-Sheva, Israel program called "Restaurants for the Needy." Everyone then joined together as a community of teens to sort and pack food boxes for senior citizens. At the end of the program, 136 boxes were packed!

*Lead Agency:* Bureau of Jewish Education of Orange County

*Lead Agency Contact:* Sheri Gropper, 949-435-3450, x329, [sheri@bjeoc.org](mailto:sheri@bjeoc.org)

### **Houston, TX**

*Project Description:* High school students participated in a three hour trail clean up as part of the Spring Convention. Throughout the convention, the teens learned about tikun olam and conservation. At the clean up, they had a nature-themed t'fillot and learned more about how they can participate in environmental conservation in their own communities. This event took place in Austin, and was hosted by *Keep Austin Beautiful*.

*Lead Agency:* Young Judeaea Texas/Oklahoma/Louisiana Region

*Lead Agency Contact:* Amy Reynolds, 713-723-8354, [amy@CYJtexas.org](mailto:amy@CYJtexas.org)

### **Las Vegas, NV**

*Project Description:* USY Annual SATO Day

*Lead Agency:* Far West Region USY

*Lead Agency Contact:* David Frydman, 702-336-7583

### **Long Island, NY**

*Project Description:* Passover Holiday food delivery for needy families.

*Lead Agency:* BBYO Nassau Suffolk Region

*Lead Agency Contact:* Fran Haskell, 516-433-2296, [Frizzymomma@aol.com](mailto:Frizzymomma@aol.com)

### **Los Angeles, CA**

*Project Description:* USY Annual SATO Day: Project Chicken Soup. Teens prepared meals and then delivered the meals to people with AIDS.

*Lead Agency:* Far West Region USY

*Lead Agency Contact:* Talya Silver, 310-408-6972, [gapgrl6587@aol.com](mailto:gapgrl6587@aol.com)

### **Miami, FL**

*Project Description:* Teen volunteers created a luau-themed picnic for underprivileged children. The volunteers were assigned to either man various games and/or activities, serve food, sort donated items, or be a buddy to a child participating in the activities.

*Lead Agency:* Jewish Volunteer Center of Miami

*Lead Agency Contact:* Ofi Osen-Cohen, 305-576-4000 x 414, [oosin-cohen@gmjf.org](mailto:oosin-cohen@gmjf.org)

### **Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Twin Cities Jewish Youth Service Conference: Alone You Can Make A Difference - Together We Can Repair the World. The Jewish Youth Service Conference in Minneapolis brought together youth from the area to learn components of learning about, planning for, and doing community service. During the conference, teen

participants had opportunities to learn the specifics about the causes of the social problems in our community and world, discuss solutions to the problems, plan specific projects to address the problems, and learn how to advocate at the legislative level. All participants also participated in a direct service project and signed an agreement to continue to provide direct service in the coming months.

*This project took place on April 10, 2005*

*Lead Agency:* Minneapolis Jewish Federation

*Lead Agency Contact:* Laura Brandys, [lbrandys@mplsfed.org](mailto:lbrandys@mplsfed.org), 952-417-2349

### **New York City, NY (3 projects)**

#### **A. \*Mini-Grant Recipient\***

*Project Description:* Teen Passover Package and Delivery Program: Teen volunteers brought cheer and friendship to homebound elders in New York City, along with gifts of traditional holiday food and hour-long visits. Teens participated in a traditional DOROT holiday food distribution as well as an additional educational program on the connection between Jewish values and providing direct service to those in need. By bringing in *spark* and The Curriculum Initiative, DOROT reached beyond its traditional food distribution and created a service-learning opportunity.

*Lead Agency:* DOROT

*Lead Agency Contact:* Judith Turner, [JTurner@dorotusa.org](mailto:JTurner@dorotusa.org), 212-769-2850

B. *Project Description:* In conjunction with the spring convention, approximately 300 teens participated in a service activity and learned about service projects they can do in their local communities.

*Lead Agency:* Young Judaea

*Lead Agency Contact:* David Rosen, 212-451-6226, [drosen@youngjudaea.org](mailto:drosen@youngjudaea.org)

C. *Project Description:* Good Sports is a unique inclusive athletic program where *Yachad* members who have developmental disabilities and their non-handicapped peers participate in a variety of sports activities on a monthly basis. Chapters from all over the NY metro area met at a high school in Brooklyn where professional special education gym instructors coordinate the activities.

*Lead Agency:* National Jewish Council for Disabilities

*Lead Agency Contact:* Aryea Aranoff, 732-278-8885, [aryea10@gmail.com](mailto:aryea10@gmail.com)

### **Oceanside, NY**

*Project Description:* Project description not received.

*Lead Agency:* Friedberg JCC

*Lead Agency Contact:* Monika Wasser, 516-766-4341 x 139, [MWasser@friedbergjcc.org](mailto:MWasser@friedbergjcc.org)

### **Overland Park, KS (2 projects)**

A. *Project Description:* NCSY members gathered together, along with unaffiliated teens, siblings, and parents to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. These sandwiches were then sent to a shelter which distributed them to residents or others in need.

*Lead Agency:* NCSY of Overland Park, KS

*Lead Agency Contact:* Kaley Wajcman, 913-209-2757, [Kayk1440@aol.com](mailto:Kayk1440@aol.com)

B. *Project Description:* Continuation of Mitzvah day programming - projects included visiting a retirement home, park clean-up, food bank packaging, visiting the Humane Society, and helping at the Ronald McDonald House.

*Lead Agency:* Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy

*Lead Agency Contact:* Todd Clauer, 913-327-8178, TClauer@hbha.edu

### **Phoenix, AZ**

*Project Description:* USY Annual SATO Day: Teens worked with St. Vincent de Paul of Phoenix preparing meals.

*Lead Agency:* Far West Region USY

*Lead Agency Contact:* Jeffery Frankel, 602-944-3359 x.209

### **Philadelphia, PA**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Bringing Passover Home mobilized teens in the greater Philadelphia region to participate in an expanded hunger relief effort. J-Serve participants participated in a region-wide food delivery program as part of a day of learning and reflection on Judaism's mandate to help the less fortunate of our communities.

*Lead Agency:* Service Learning Institute of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Beth Margolis-Rupp, 215-635-7300 x 122,  
[bmargolisrupp@gratz.edu](mailto:bmargolisrupp@gratz.edu)

### **Plantation, FL**

*Project Description:* From 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm teens worked in conjunction with the United Jewish Community of Broward County to completely refurbish the Sexual Assault treatment center of Fort Lauderdale. The project included painting, decorating, building, cleaning, and gardening. Prior to the event, the teens heard from a guest speaker during youth group and learned about the center and its role in the community.

*Lead Agency:* No'ar Hadash at Ramat Shalom

*Lead Agency Contact:* Samantha Wilco, 954-581-8278, [SwtEmoshon417@bellsouth.net](mailto:SwtEmoshon417@bellsouth.net)

### **Redondo Beach, CA**

*Project Description:* USY Annual SATO Day: USY'ers and teens from the South Bay Jewish community packed boxes of Passover food items for the needy in the South Bay and Los Angeles areas. In addition, they stocked shelves in a local food pantry and learned about SOVA, a food pantry in Los Angeles that serves Jewish people.

*Lead Agency:* Far West Region USY

*Lead Agency Contact:* Ami Berlin, 310-377-6986, aberlin@nertamid.com

### **San Diego, CA**

*Project Description:* USY Annual SATO Day

*Lead Agency:* Far West Region USY

*Lead Agency Contact:* Beth Klarish, 619-697-6001

### **San Francisco, CA**

*Project Description:* A community-wide day of learning about the Holocaust for teens and their families. The opening and closing ceremonies were created by teens who also participated in workshops on the Holocaust, genocide, and related issues

*Lead Agency:* Holocaust Center of Northern California

Lead Agency Contact: Adrian Schrek, 415-777-9060 x 204, [aschrek@hcnc.org](mailto:aschrek@hcnc.org)

### **Seattle, WA**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Dorot Seattle: Teens participated in a day of service to and with the elderly community of the Seattle region. After a training session, teens visited elderly individuals in their homes with the task of interviewing the elderly and hearing their stories. Teens also performed unobtrusive visual surveys of the individuals' environment which were then passed on to the Jewish social service agency for follow-up.

*Lead Agency:* Jewish Education Council of Seattle\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Tammy Kasier, [tammyk@jewishinseattle.org](mailto:tammyk@jewishinseattle.org), 206-774-2213

### **Spring House , PA**

*Project Description:* Teens made cards for sick children at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

*Lead Agency:* Congregation Beth Or Youth Group

*Lead Agency Contact:* Sarah DeWoskin, 215-646-5806, [alligold87@yahoo.com](mailto:alligold87@yahoo.com)

### **Stamford,CT**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Stamford United gathered teens from across the Stamford, CT Jewish community to participate in a day of direct service and Jewish learning. Participants provided direct service to a range of agencies throughout the region.

*This project will take place on May 15, 2005*

*Lead Agency:* Stamford JCC\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Beth Bernstein, [bbernstein@stamfordjcc.org](mailto:bbernstein@stamfordjcc.org), 203-487-0980

### **Toronto, ON**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* T<sup>2</sup> – Tikkun Toronto mobilized teens in the greater Toronto area across denominational lines to participate in a day of service. Projects were identified and planned by a teen leadership group. Pre- and post-service group reflection allowed for interdenominational interactions.

*Lead Agency:* Toronto BBYO\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Sharon Marcus, [smarcus@bbyo.on.ca](mailto:smarcus@bbyo.on.ca), 416-398-2004

### **Washington, DC**

#### ***\*Mini-Grant Recipient\****

*Project Description:* Make a Difference DC engaged teens in providing direct service through a variety of service venues.

*Lead Agency:* Jewish Youth Philanthropy Project and Jewish Experiences for Teens\*

*Lead Agency Contact:* Eytan Hammerman, 301-348-7346, [Eytan@JYPI.org](mailto:Eytan@JYPI.org)

### **Wellesley, MA**

*Project Description:* Project description not received.

*Lead Agency:* Temple Beth Elohim

*Lead Agency Contact:* Brett Lubarsky, 781-235-8419 x128, [blubarsky@bethelohim-wellesley.org](mailto:blubarsky@bethelohim-wellesley.org)

### **West Coast, CA**

*Project Description:* Young Judaea on the west coast put on a "singing in the streets" program. Teens recruited local bands (pre-screened) to perform in between speeches about Israel and uniting the Jewish people. In addition, social action booths were set up (writing letters to soldiers, etc...). All of the youth groups from California were invited to participate.

*Lead Agency:* Northwest Young Judaea

*Lead Agency Contact:* Barbara Brady/Alex Boris, 503-244-9322/702-561-0536,  
[yjpnw@qwest.net](mailto:yjpnw@qwest.net); [alexboris@gmail.com](mailto:alexboris@gmail.com)

### **Westchester County, NY**

*Project Description:* Teens participated in a 3-track program working on the environment, housing, elderly and hunger.

*Lead Agency:* JCC of MidWestchester

*Lead Agency Contact:* Jan Borger, 914-472-3300 x 322, [borgerj@jcca.org](mailto:borgerj@jcca.org)

### **York, PA**

*Project Description:* Spring 2005 hunger awareness program and youth mitzvah project which included walk-a-thon.

*Lead Agency:* JFS of York PA

*Lead Agency Contact:* Joan Krechmer, (717) 843-5011, [jkjfs@blazenet.net](mailto:jkjfs@blazenet.net)

### **Youngstown, OH**

*Project Description:* The teens made condolence cards for families who had just lost a child to disease.

*Lead Agency:* JCC of Youngstown

*Lead Agency Contact:* Benjamin Kranitz, 330-746-3250 x 152,  
[benkr@idmi.net](mailto:benkr@idmi.net)