

# **Make A Difference**

## **Jewish Organizations in Metropolitan Detroit and Beyond Offering Opportunities for Youth to Make a Difference**

**<http://www.jewishdetroit.org/programs/p2k.asp>**

Become a Partnership 2000 School to School Ambassador in your religious school. Many of the congregational schools, including Adat Shalom Synagogue, Temple Beth-El, Temple Kol Ami, Temple Emanu-El, Congregation B'nai Moshe, Congregation Beth Shalom, and the Jewish Parent's Institute, are partnered with schools in Detroit's Partnership 2000 region of the Central Galilee. Learn more about this partnership from the congregations.

### **Birthright Israel**

This unique, first-time trip to Israel for metro Detroit college students incorporates participation of Israeli students from Michigan's Partnership 2000 Region. The involvement of the Israeli students encourages friendships between the two peer groups, while enhancing their Michigan peers' Israel experience. The participating Israelis subsequently visit metro Detroit and their American Birthright friends, learning about the local Jewish and campus communities. Teen Mission Mifgash

An integral part of the Teen Mission, the Mifgash, or "Encounter," encourages metro Detroit teens to establish friendships with their Israeli counterparts. In addition to the Israeli teenagers joining the Mission itself in Israel, these students, who all hail from Michigan's Partnership 2000 Region, visit Detroit during the spring prior to the summer experience in an effort for the Israeli and American participants to meet each other and develop meaningful relationships. The families of the Detroit Teen Mission participants host the Israeli teens and share in a week of educational and social events together.

### **Jewish/Arab Coexistence Creative Coexistence Leadership**

This program, geared towards Arab and Jewish high school youth, develops leadership, Jewish/Arab cross-culture interaction, tolerance, and understanding. By pairing each of the three municipalities of the Partnership 2000 Region with three neighboring Arab cities, 60 young people are actively involved in workshops to reinforce national and bi-national identity and to plan and implement joint community projects.

### **Notes of Harmony Music**

Students and teachers participate in school music programs and music centers in both Jewish and Arab towns and cities in the Central Galilee. The program offers the Jewish and Arab music students the opportunity to enrich their individual musical experiences by studying, practicing and performing music together. Additionally, the project provides a forum for the music instructors to share resources and enhance skills through a variety of workshops, focusing on choirs, string ensembles, wind instrument ensembles, and ensembles that integrate oriental (Arabic), classical, and folk music. This program fosters an environment of interaction and understanding.

**<http://detroit.planitjewish.com/jp/organizations?type=all&location=organizations.all&page=1&sort-attribute=org-area-of-town-mi>**

**<http://www.thisisfederation.org/programs/default.asp>**

Ask each student to choose one program powered by the Jewish Federation

The student will discover what the organization does, whom it serves, where it's located, contact person, volunteer opportunities.

These facts can be compiled into The Tikun Olam Directory to be shared with other synagogues and helpful in recruiting students become active in the Jewish community.

**<http://www.nothingbutnets.net/>**

*Nothing But Nets* is a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa.

Go to **<http://urj.org/relief/nets/>**

On right side of page under **Get Involved**

Click **Congregational How-To Guide** for comprehensive explanation of the project and ideas for getting students involved

Send a "sweet" message to Israeli soldiers through Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FDIF). Have students write letters to soldiers in Israel to let them know they are thinking about them. These letters should contain information (along with a picture) about the student/student's family, and a kosher chocolate bar for the soldier. Send letters to FIDF Michigan Chapter, P.O.Box 999 Walled Lake, MI 48390 with name and address of writers so each might receive a response from the soldier. Also teacher needs to include a phone number in case FDIF has any questions. You can reach them at 248-926-4110/1.

### **The Mitzvah Book**

Compiled by Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

Complete information of more than 30 agencies needing youth volunteers plus resources section with social internet sites for families, mitzvah related books and mitzvah related videos

### **Tell Me a Mitzvah: Little and Big Ways to Repair the World**

By Danny Siegel

Published 1993, Kar-Ben Copies (Rockville,MD)

Recounts good deeds of a dozen men and women and suggests ways youngsters can help others.