

American Pardes Foundation, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Spiritual Education Initiative

Total Award: \$35,000 over 1 year

To support the Pardes Spiritual Education Institute (PSEI) to pilot its innovative model of spiritual education through workshops on North American college campuses. PSEI, a project of the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, has already engaged hundreds of students and adults through workshops in Israel and at Hillel conferences in the United States. PSEI, through combining text study, personal development, and creative expression, will offer Jewish college students a way to engage Judaism in an intimate and holistic way and to experience a deeper connection between their spiritual lives and Judaism. During this pilot year, PSEI will partner with 6 Hillels to run workshops on campus, engage student teams, and train key Hillel educators who in turn will run additional PSEI workshops on their campus. PSEI will then begin the process of determining the best method for expansion to other campuses.

Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objectives 1 & 2*