

Edah, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Tikun Olam: Merging Action and Study

Total Award: \$35,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To support Tikun Olam: Merging Study and Action (TOMSA), a project of Edah, Inc. The project aims to create a vehicle to stimulate Orthodox synagogues to engage in serious social action work while building relationships with congregations of other denominations. The project will be piloted with 5-6 pairs of synagogues in select communities throughout the country. (Each pair will be made up of one Orthodox and one non-Orthodox synagogue.) Each synagogue will have an active lay committee that will work – in partnership with its sister congregation – to involve their community in serious study and action through engagement with the TOMSA intensive study guides, "how-to" manuals, and website. The project seeks to cultivate in Orthodox congregations greater communal and personal involvement in social action while building cross-denominational bridges. The pilot congregations will focus on the issue of energy conservation – delving into Jewish sources and designing and implementing policies for both the synagogue and home.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$35,000 Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objectives 3*