

The Foundation For Jewish Campus Life

(Washington, D.C.)

Tzedek Hillel

Total Award: \$110,000 over 1 year

To support Tzedek Hillel (TH), a dynamic initiative within Hillel International to engage Jewish college students in community service and activism and to work in partnership with campus and community organizations to make social action a vibrant part of Jewish life on campus. Launched in 1998 in partnership with the NCF, TH has succeeded in infusing many Hillels with serious ways for young Jews to involve themselves in service and activism as an expression of their Jewish identity. Each year through TH thousands of Jewish college students create positive social change and develop an ethic of service and activism. This in turn shapes the adults they are becoming, the commitments and choices they are making, and in some cases even the careers they are pursuing. There are currently 30 designated TH campuses -- Hillels that focus intensely on tzedek programming and leadership -- but TH has reached well beyond these select campuses and has shaped Hillel's programs and culture on virtually every campus. In the coming year, TH will deepen its affect on Jewish college students by focusing on four strategies identified as key to TH leveraging its impact: 1) Tzedek Advocacy Interns & Campus Campaigns; 2) Professional Staff Training in Advocacy; 3) Post Alternative Break Programming; and 4) Evaluation of TH's impact and determination of future directions.

Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objectives 1 & 3*