

Baltimore-Ashkelon Partnership

Summaries of Funded Proposals for Fiscal Year 2010

Gesher Chai School Exchange Programs

The Louise D. & Morton J. Macks Center for Jewish Education

Gesher Chai School Exchange Programs will continue to strengthen the living bridge between the teachers, students and families from nine schools in Baltimore and nine schools in Ashkelon. This year, participants will benefit from support of an educational coordinator, continued professional development programming, funding for projects and a newsletter. In addition, coordination with the *shinshinim* will help schools to maximize the impact of the Gesher Chai.

Allocated: \$73,336

Developing Business Student Exchange

MIDC/UBalt

This project will entail student and faculty exchanges between the University of Baltimore and Ashkelon College. The goals are to build a growing cadre of people-to-people exchanges between the colleges and communities, as well as to support economic development and job creation in Ashkelon by making available UB MBA students and faculty to help Ashkelon businesses develop and expand. In addition, UB's MBA program, including the online degree program, can be used to expand AC's business class offerings. Specifically, this grant will allow two UB and AC officials to travel to Ashkelon and Baltimore to help plan the details of the program and explore longer term collaboration.

Allocated: \$12,000

Living, Learning and Working Together: Teen Service Learning Exchange

The Center for Community Engagement and Leadership

Living, Learning and Working Together: Teen Service Learning Exchange brings teen leaders from the Diller Baltimore Teen Fellows Program together with Diller Ashkelon Teen Fellows from schools, the youth council and the AMEN program for a seven-10 day exchange in Baltimore. Diller Ashkelon Fellows will travel to Baltimore in the spring, where they will volunteer throughout the community, meet community leaders, travel in the region and interact with teens and their families in Baltimore.

Allocated: \$55,000

2010 Associated Family Mission Volunteer Day

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The volunteer day will create a platform to develop relationships between Ashkelonians and Baltimoreans based on volunteerism and to improve the conditions of the Ethiopian *Olim* who live in Beit Canada in Ashkelon. Participants on the 2010 Associated Family Mission, residents of the Absorption Center and youth and families from Ashkelon will work together to beautify and enhance the common areas at the Beit Canada Absorption Center.

Allocated: \$15,000

