

APPENDIX B

TIKKUN OLAM FAMILY WORK TRIP To Cumberland, Maryland

Interfaith Consortium of Greater Cumberland

When: Sunday, August 14, 2005 through Saturday, August 20, 2005

Ages: 13 and older together with a parent

Cost: \$150 (includes three meals a day and housing)

Weather: Avg. temperature in August is 72.8 F

The Interfaith Consortium is a non-profit organization that buys blighted properties and rehabilitates the homes for safe and affordable housing in the Appalachian Mountains. It was formed in 1969 by a priest, rabbi and three ministers for the care, love and concern of all people in need.



Tikkun Olam

Tikkun Olam translated from the Hebrew means “to mend the world.” It is a call to action for each of us as Jews to help end injustice and create a better world for everyone. For some, social action is religious action that can result in the strengthening of one’s inner spiritual life.

Housing issues have been a part of the consciousness of the Jewish people since our Exodus from Egypt, when we endured 40 years of homelessness in the desert while living in temporary housing. This extended homelessness compels us to understand that every person deserves decent housing, regardless of income, background or religion.

The Power of Example

The ability to build a loving and close relationship with a Jewish teenager is influenced by a parent’s actions in the world as an effective role model. Leading by example through acts of tikkun olam provides an educational model for the moral development of the next generation. In addition, this trip provides a beautiful bonding experience that will be loads of fun!

Social Action

Working together with the Interfaith Consortium, participants on the trip will help repair housing for low-income families during the day from 9 am to 12 pm, and from 1 pm to 3 pm. The Interfaith Consortium will provide work leaders familiar with required repair work. A local church will provide space to the group for housing (army cots, so bring your sleeping bag!). Breakfast and dinner are provided at local hospital cafeteria and bag lunches are distributed to volunteers on-site. After work is done for the day, we’ll be able to explore the area, swim, hike and relax together.

Space is Limited. For info. contact Tikkun Olam Family Work Project,
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