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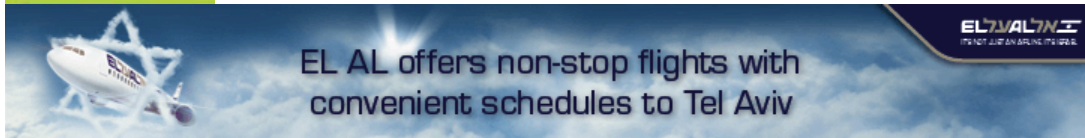
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Five Hundred Toronto Teens Serve Their Community on April 28th

Torontonians to Join 10,000 Peers From Around the World

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Pictured are some of the more than two dozen J-Serve Ambassadors who are leading J-Serve recruitment efforts among their peers and within their schools and youth movements.”

Five hundred Toronto area teens, along with 10,000 Jewish teens from across North America, Europe, and Israel, will participate in a day of community service and improvement projects as they take part in J-Serve, the Global Day of Jewish Youth Service, on April 28, 2013.

J-Serve is the Jewish service component of Youth Service America’s annual Global Youth Service Day and also coincides with the sixth annual ChangeTheWorld - Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge. The province’s three week challenge kicks off April 21 in partnership with Volunteer Canada’s National Volunteer Week, Canada’s largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation.

J-Serve Toronto, hosted by BBYO in partnership with dozens of youth movements, synagogues and social service agencies from across the city, is one of over 100 international projects in which youth in grades 6 through 12 will participate as they explore the Jewish values of *gemilut chasidim* (acts of loving kindness), *tzedakah* (just and charitable giving) and *tikkun olam* (the responsibility to repair the world).

This year marks the fourth year that Jewish teens from across the Toronto area will have the opportunity to participate in the international initiative, thanks to funding by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the BBYO Panim Institute.

J-Serve Toronto, hosted at the Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto’s Wallenberg Campus from 11:30am to 5pm, has been coordinated by BBYO in an effort to encourage community building and connections across religious and societal lines.

Participants can choose from more than a dozen project options including planting trees and shrubs at city parks, assembling education kits for families in need or playing games and hosting a sing-along for young adults with physical and cognitive challenges.

For more information or to register as a teen participant or adult chaperone for the event please visit www.jservice.ca.