



HILLEL'S ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Rebuilding the Gulf Region

March 19-26, 2006

FAQ's

Who is going?

Forty college students from Baltimore area campuses will join students from campuses across the country to participate in Gulf Coast relief efforts. Hillel's International Center is coordinating efforts "on the ground" in the Gulf Coast area.

Who is partnering with us? (Plans are still in progress)

- Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life
- Nechama: www.nechama.org, Jewish disaster relief organization. Focus will be using tools to gut basements/first floors to ready them for rebuilding.
- Southern Mutual Help Association: Focused on local efforts, cleaning disaster areas; assessments; salvaging of antiques and properties.
- Urban League: Empowerment of the African American community. Working with their affiliates to identify projects.

What is the cost-per-student?

Thanks to some generous donors, the cost for the entire week is only \$250, which includes: round-trip airfare from Baltimore, simple lodging, food, etc. Each individual trip is subsidized by 75%.

What will we be doing?

All of the activities are currently being planned in cooperation with our partner agencies. We do now that there will be opportunities during the week to meet with community leaders, to learn about poverty in the Gulf Coast region, to reflect on the causes of and response to the disaster, and to learn about the Jewish texts and traditions that can serve as guides or challenges.

What commitments do I need to make as a participant?

You must attend two pre- and post-trip meetings. There will be reading materials you will be expected to become familiar with prior and during the spring break trip. We will expect you to participate in all activities, and be prepared to participate in discussion and reflection sessions.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Alison Wielechowski at awielech@goucher.edu or call her at 410-337-6545.



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK - APPLICATION FORM

Student Information:

Name _____

Birth Date _____

School Address _____

Permanent Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Cellular _____

School _____ Major _____ Graduation Year _____

Parent(s) Information:

Name(s) _____

Address (if different from permanent address above) _____

Email address _____

Phone # (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cellular) _____

Emergency Contact Person:

Name _____ Relationship To You _____

Phone # (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cellular) _____

How did you learn about the program? Please be specific. _____

Please answer all the questions below. If the space provided is not adequate, please answer on a separate page.

1. Participants are asked to demonstrate a commitment to Jewish communal and/or university activities and events. Please list any community or university programs or projects with which you have participated or are currently involved.

2. Please describe any experiences you may have had in which you felt "out of place" or out of your comfort zone. This may include any experience with another culture, age-group, or any other group of people. What did you learn from this experience?

3. What motivates you to participate in this trip and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

4. Are there any dietary restrictions or health conditions that we should know about in order to ensure your full participation? (Your answers to this question will be confidential and will not impact your chances of acceptance into the program)

References

Please provide two references providing information about working with you, either professionally or in a community or volunteer capacity. Please do not list family members as references.

Name and Relationship

Daytime Telephone

1.

2.

The information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understood and agree to the responsibilities and expectations for program participants as explained on the first page of this application.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit your application to your local Hillel Director or fax to 410-653-7809.

You will be notified about the selection process upon receipt of your application. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Wielechowski, Goucher Hillel Director at 410-337-6545 or email awielech@goucher.edu.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 1, 2006