

# Temple Community Service Corps

## Congregation Gates of Heaven Appeal Letter

**Tikkun Olam TCSC Appeal for the Summer of 2019**  
*“Naaseh v’nishmah. We will do, and we will hear.”*

Whether you call it “giving back” or “paying it forward,” we are called to do *Tikkun Olam* – to help to repair the world. Especially today, where can our young people start? How can *they* help? With your support, our teens can find an answer in Gates’ own Temple Community Service Corps (“TCSC”) – Entering its 49th season (!) of national prominence, TCSC offers our teens not just a great summer job, but a remarkable way to learn by doing. TCSC gives our teens a chance to feel what it’s really like to “pray with their feet,” as the great Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel described marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma 53 years ago this month.

TCSC is the best way we know for our teens to learn *for themselves* how important it is to pay it forward by caring for the vulnerable, how good it feels to give back by enriching the lives of others . . . and how they really can make a difference.

A summer with TCSC lasts a lifetime – sometimes influencing career paths and always opening eyes and hearts along the way. And there are other rewards of a summer as a TCSC, as well. Through your response to this year’s appeal, we hope to fund stipends of up to \$2331.00 each for our interns.

Teenagers from the Gates family are placed in funded internship positions with community agencies that serve our neighbors in need. With the support of our mentors, TCSC connects our Jewish teens to the less fortunate in our own community, whom they might otherwise never meet. We can offer these paid internships *only* with your financial support. Whether working with the homeless at Bethesda House, sharing with the elderly at Daughters of Sarah, playing with the kids at Schenectady Day Nursery, trading talent at the Hamilton Hill Arts Center, or assisting refugees, our TCSC interns earn a stipend while, through their own acts of loving-kindness, they become ambassadors to those in our own community who need a helping hand.

Awarded the prestigious National URJ Social Action Award, TCSC has *never* received support from the Congregation’s budget. Instead, it has ALWAYS looked to the generosity of our members to provide funding for the interns.

If you are already a supporter of TCSC, please consider increasing your contribution from last year. Your contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more makes it possible for us to continue TCSC for another year.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

***Ellen Blake and Maxine George***

Co-Chairs, TCSC

***Eric Siegelman***

Social Action Committee Chair

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find our contribution of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$36 \_\_\_\_\_ \$54 \_\_\_\_\_ \$108 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other amount

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