



# **Presents:**

# **TZEDEK Youth Initiative** Ethics, Responsibility, Justice



Take risks, raise your voice and push everyone to do better." - Rabbi Abraham Heschel

### **Purpose:**

The NYM/FJMC Region is committed to promote social justice and well-being in education and programming. As a Region we want to encourage "caring for the other" and the opportunity for personal growth, activism, and leadership.

Tzedek is designed to stir up students and teenager ideas from NYM/FJMC members Synagogues with a mission of developing community programs to address Jewish values that can have an impact on the Jewish community.









## The areas of Jewish values are:

- 1. Jews of the Diaspora.
- 2. Mental health, suicide, and addiction especially within our youth.
- 3. Diversity, equity, and inclusion of underserved populations to include race, ethnicity, LGBTQ, gender Jews of color those with physical and mental disabilities.
- 4. Antisemitism.
- 5. Climate and environmental change.



## **Eligibility and requirements**

- Applicants must be members of the New York Metro Region clubs in good standing.
- Boys and Girls 12 18.
- Approval for their proposal from their Synagogue Men's Club and Committee of the New York Metro FJMC.
- With approval, the student will then begin his/her project.
- The program can take place either within the synagogue or outside in the community.

#### **Awards Committee**

Composed of the Regional President, Drs. Steven, and Heidi Mandel, and three additional members chosen by the NYM Executive Committee.

#### **Critical Date**

Programs need to be completed by April 2023 to be considered, along with a written summary of their project.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

There will be a maximum of four awards recipients per year of \$250.00 per student.

The student will receive a plaque of recognition.

Recognition at the Man of the Year event.

Recognition in the Regional newsletter.

Recognition on the Regional website.

Donations for additional grants will be accepted and appreciated.

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