



# Start up your Jewish idea. They did!

## UPSTART'S PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS 2006-2009

### **American Jewish World Service**

Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community.

### **Feinsmith Quartet**

The Feinsmith Quartet uses modern classical music to promote Torah principles and to honor the tradition of the great Jewish classical virtuosos.

### **Institute for Jewish Spirituality**

Nourishing the inner lives of Rabbis, cantors, educators, lay leaders, and Jews of all denominations, IJS's programs weave text study, meditation, prayer, yoga, and spiritual direction.

### **Tikshoret**

#### **Jewish Youth Media Project**

Jewish Youth Media Project provides Jewish educators and youth with the practical tools to change the way we teach and learn about Israel, making it relevant to the current and future generations of Jewish youth.

### **Jewish Community Youth Orchestra**

JCYO brings together young classical musicians to develop their skills through professional training, while building Jewish identity and community through the arts.

### **Jewish Gateways**

J-Gate, an Invitation to Progressive Jewish Learning & Celebration, is a new, progressive, pluralistic Jewish outreach organization, offering a gateway to Jewish learning, celebration, and social justice opportunities for Jews, non-Jewish family members, and those interested in Judaism.

### **Jewish Milestones**

Jewish Milestones supports Jews in creating lifecycle rituals that are authentically Jewish and personally meaningful, by helping to navigate the myriad of excellent resources -- people, books, websites -- and by providing professional development for the clergy and lay people who facilitate these rituals.

### **Jewish Mosaic**

Jewish Mosaic partners with Jewish organizations, communities, and individuals of every denomination to create a world where all Jews are fully included in communal life, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

### **Jewish Partisans Educational Foundation**

JPEF's mission is to develop and distribute effective educational materials about the Jewish partisans, bringing this celebration of heroic resistance against tyranny into educational and cultural organizations.

### **Progressive Jewish Alliance**

PJA educates, advocates, and organizes on issues of peace, equality, diversity and justice, as a progressive voice in the Jewish community and a Jewish voice in the progressive community.

### **Remember Us: The Holocaust Bnai Mitzvah Project**

Remember Us offers an invitation to children preparing for bar/bat mitzvah to connect with the memory of children lost in the Holocaust before they could be called to the Torah.

### **The Curriculum Initiative**

The Curriculum Initiative (TCI) is the leading Jewish educational organization serving independent schools by strengthening students' Jewish identities and nurturing school communities' appreciation for the Jewish heritage.

### **The Forest Foundation**

The Forest Foundation's Moishe House program provides a rent subsidy and a program budget for a handful of young, eager, innovative Jews to live in and create their vision of an ideal Jewish communal space.

### **The Friendship Circle, Palo Alto**

The Friendship Circle pairs South Bay Jewish teen volunteers with local Jewish children coping with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.

### **The Jewish Webcasting Service**

The purpose of this corporation includes, but is not limited to, the development of an institution to organize and disseminate quality Jewish webcasting resources to the public.

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