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Tikun Movement-2012-2013

Name of program

Tikun Movement

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Status of program

During this year we have established the basis of the Tikun movement. We hired an executive (Ms. Peggy Cidor,) enlisted an impressive list of members, from the academic, cultural and educative leadership.

We have selected a board which meets regularly, and have decided to focus on two major issues: the Shabbat as a Jewish and universal value and a border correction for regional councils, for a more equal repartition of tax properties, through Court petitions and media campaigns. We have hired Ms. Leah Wohl-Segal to coordinate the Shabbat issue.

Although this first year was aimed to establish the movement and build its structures, we have established our presence in the Israeli public discourse, through interviews and stories in the press (TV, radio, internet and newspapers, please see joined documents.)

We have launched a Facebook, and a Site.

We have launched a very active students and young adults section.

Along the year we participated in many panels, conferences and events in which we presented our vision.

We are approached by a growing number of associations and organizations for cooperation.

Main achievements during the last year of activity

1. Foundation of the movement of Tikun.
2. Establishment of a board, which meets regularly and set the movement's aims and activities
3. Hiring an executive and a coordinator for the Shabbat topic.
4. Established a large public repercussion.
5. Launched conferences, study days, large meetings which already attract hundreds of participants.
6. Established a very active students section
7. We have become a natural address for groups and organizations who seek for coordination in activities in Jewish and Social issues. We therefor work on strengthening ties and cooperation with other associations aimed at social justice.
8. We have begun to fundraise

The launching of Tikun in December 2012 was a successful beginning of our activity (with a positive and supportive media coverage.)

The website and the Facebook have gained us a lot of attention and enhance our visibility to the Israeli public.

Our two large conferences, in which panels and speeches were accompanied with top Israeli performers which appeared as benevolent, have set a unique model, highly appreciated by the participants.

The Tikun students' weekly meetings, focused on Judaism and politics, which attract growing audiences. (An average of 50-60 students and young adults each time.)

Evaluation

The Tikun movement is consolidating its institutions as well as its position among the Israeli society. Following a long and serious process of learning, the board has decided to focus on two major issues which have the potential to bring to a social and justice major change in the Israeli society: the Shabbat and the municipal boundaries correction. We are currently performing a comprehensive assessment of the two topics, in order to evaluate our capacity and the proper ways to promote these two very important issues. A detailed report on our progress will be presented in our next account.

Others

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

The Shabbat issue is gaining acceleration in public attention. We seek to act here on two tracks - Get away from Evil and do Good. On one hand to support workers' rights not to work on Shabbat, on the other hand to enrich the community's Shabbats, to enhance a public debate over the beauty of that day and to retrieve it from the traditional opponent discourse between observant and non-religious. For that purpose we have hired Ms. Leah Wohl-Segal, we are working in cooperation with the Tel Aviv Clinic for Legal consulting on Citizens' Rights.

We have contacted the groceries owners in Tel Aviv who won at the High Court on the issue of closing businesses on Shabbat, and we are currently busy organizing a Round-table to launch a stirring session on this, including a conference and a study-day.

In regards to the municipal boundaries correction we collaborate with Mayor Michael Bitton (Yerucham) who appealed to the High Court on this matter. Mr.Bitton is himself a registered member of Tikun and we support him on this mission, planning to widen the range of interest and support in the society. Here too, we are planning to fundraise for these tasks.

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