

Torch Award Submission: TA11- 87

- Full Title of Entry (80 char max): Charitable Garden Project
- Entry Category (You can select up to 2, although you will only win in one):
 - Men's Club Shabbat Yom HaShoah / Yellow Candle Israel / Masorti Hebrew Literacy / Ritual Literacy
 - Hearing Men's Voices Men's Health Youth Programming Programs for Young Men (21-40)
 - World Wide Wrap XX Shomrei Ha'aretz Club Administration Non-FJMC Program
 - Best Overall Programming* [*Best Overall Programming is not on the basis of a single program, but your club's entire year. A single program submitted in this category will be re-categorized.]
 - I'm not sure, so please select for our club's submission.
- Contact Person: Hamilton Lempert
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- Club number & Club name: [#_] #301 Adath Israel Brotherhood
[Is it a Men's Club or a Brotherhood? Please specify]
- Number of club members: 290
- Synagogue name, city and state: Adath Israel Congregation 3201 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45312
- Club President name (at time of entry): Joel Kling
- Club President name (at time of convention): Hamilton Lempert
- Person preparing entry: Hamilton Lempert
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Part II. Summary Information (2 – 3 sentences):

This project created a garden on the premises of the Synagogue that was planted, tended and harvested by our Brotherhood and with strong participation by our 5th grade religious school students. The harvest was donated to local food pantries.

Part III. By submitting this document, I certify, on behalf of the club, that this submission has not been submitted by our club for a Torch Award in a previous year.

Part IV. Entry Documentation

During the spring and summer months, Adath Israel's 5th grade Hebrew school class and the Brotherhood planted, harvested, and delivered vegetables from the organic garden. One of the goals of this project was to teach the youth of the congregation the mitzvah of giving back to the community, this was incorporated into their curriculum. Throughout the project, families tended the garden and donated vegetables to local organizations. Organizations that received the donations were Jewish Family Service Food Pantry and Su Casa. One student commented, "It is really cool that the things we are planting will go to help others - I really hope it grows."

Thanks to the efforts of the 5th graders, their parents and the Brotherhood, the garden project yielded more than 25 lbs of vegetables. This project benefited the local community

and many families. Plans are currently underway to replicate this project for the 2011 growing season. We are currently working on a three year expansion of the garden, beginning next year with 3 more beds. Not only has it made kids aware of how to take care of the environment but it gave them responsibility. They grew as individuals and as a class.

Garden Initially



Kids Planting



Harvest Time



FJMC foundation for Jewish life provided some seed money for this project, the rest was provided by our Brotherhood. Our Rabbi, Irvin Wise, was also a great resource for the success of this project.

With the assistance of Brotherhood volunteers, we had the 5th grade class plant and had families sign up from the religious school to weed, water and harvest on certain weeks.

We did contract with a local garden center to have the garden beds built.