

INSIDE FJC**Nikki Carpenter joins FJC as new Staff Assistant**

Nikki received her *Juris Doctor* from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City in May 2010.

Nikki brings extensive volunteer experience in the nonprofit sector. She volunteers at The Makers of Memories Foundation, as *Assistant Director of Development for Special Events*, where she plans the annual fundraising gala and other events.

Nikki also volunteers at the Merchants and Drivers Tavern Museum Association, in Rahway, NJ. There she developed a new website and designed and maintains a member and donor database.

Nikki is looking forward to helping FJC in its continuous improvement and growth.

SPOTLIGHT ON FJC'S FISCAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Fiscal Sponsorship Program (FSP) enables FJC to assist organizations and projects that: are awaiting their IRS tax-exempt approval; are too small, or temporary, for it to be fiscally viable for them to exist as an independent organization; are based overseas and choose not to maintain an "American Friends of" entity on their own behalf. Through the FSP, FJC is furthering its philanthropic mission enabling approved participants and their supporters to benefit from FJC's expertise and charitable auspices. Areas of focus include education, intergroup relations, health services, social services, religion, science, arts and culture and the environment.

The FSP has proved to be a successful fundraising channel for both domestic and international organizations, as well as those who want to establish a presence in the non-profit community. This vehicle provides a U.S. tax-deductible opportunity to FSP participants, regardless of their geographic location.

To date, over 200 organizations from 30 countries have participated in the FSP. Here are some projects which recently received media attention:

B3/The Jewish Boomer Platform (*The Jewish Week*, June 28, 2011): The oldest Boomers are 65, and the youngest near 50. They are at an important time in their lives as they consider many next steps. What they do and how the Jewish community connects with them affects the generational landscape. In fact, the next decades of Boomer behavior might determine what kind of Jewish community we share and whether it grows stronger or is buffeted by forces beyond our control.

Natalie Gourvitch of TrailTalks (*Jerusalem Post*, June 7, 2011): Starting later this year TrailTalks will take up to 160 would-be Israeli backpackers and give them tools to better navigate the world, represent themselves and, by association, Israel and the Jewish people. For Israeli-American Gourvitch, herself a veteran backpacker, it's important to stress the aim of her project is to open minds to the world, not condition them.

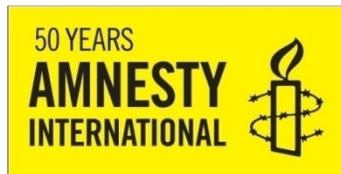
Friends of Fresh and Green Academy (CNN, May 30, 2011): [T]he little school in Keteme, a poor neighborhood on the eastern edge of Ethiopia's capital city Addis Ababa, aims to do a lot more than just provide children from impoverished backgrounds with an education.

"Fresh and Green is the only school of its type in the area," explained Mitiku. "It is unique in that it provides three daily meals year round to the children and assists the families in becoming more self sufficient."

TopSpin, (Bloomberg, May 5, 2011): Last month, *SPiN New York* hosted its inaugural "Clash of the Hedge Fund Titans" tournament, a prelude to a July meeting between private-equity competitors. A New York-based charity tournament, Top Spin, is planning events in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, and aiming to attract 2,000 players from companies such as Delta Air Lines Inc., American Express Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp.'s Lexus division. "It's like a real-life version of LinkedIn," says founder Peter Farnsworth. "We're bringing the business community together [for charity] through ping pong."

The Russell Ferber Fund (*The Wall Street Journal*, April 12, 2011): The Russell Ferber Foundation funds a scholarship through Careers through Culinary Arts Program, a nonprofit program that helps underserved high school students pursue careers in the hospitality industry.

Jewish New Media Innovation Fund (*The Wall Street Journal*, March 25, 2011): Putting the Torah into app form and translating Jewish liturgy into slang are just two of the projects being funded by the Jewish New Media Innovation Fund. Over \$500,000 was recently awarded to nine projects, including funding of roughly \$170,000 to four projects based in the New York.



Amnesty International: a powerful force for change

Amnesty International is celebrating its 50th anniversary as a global movement for human rights. Our 3 million members are united by the commitment to fight injustice and the belief that human rights abuses anywhere are the concern of people everywhere. Through collective action, Amnesty International (AI) has achieved extraordinary results over the past five decades: freed tens of thousands of prisoners of conscience, protected human rights defenders, brought tyrants and torturers to justice, commuted death sentences and persuaded governments to change their laws and practices.

“Ordinary people, whose personal well-being and security are assured, join together in huge numbers to save people they do not know, and will never meet,” wrote author J.K. Rowling, who once worked for Amnesty International’s London headquarters. When Amnesty International intervenes, and our members take action, governments pay attention. A simple act by caring strangers halfway around the world can make the difference between faith and despair, freedom and imprisonment, life and death. The AI movement was born in 1961, when British lawyer Peter Benenson read a newspaper story about two Portuguese students who were jailed for raising their glasses in a toast to freedom. Appalled by this injustice, he was spurred to action. He published an appeal in *The Observer* urging readers to write letters on behalf of six “prisoners of conscience” around the world, one of whom was the Rev. Ashton Jones, a leader in the fight against segregation in the American South who was beaten and jailed for standing up to Jim Crow laws. That year, at the age of 65, Jones organized the Freedom Riders to push the civil rights movement inexorably forward.

That first appeal sparked an international grassroots campaign to protect human rights, one that eventually spread to more than 150 countries. Today, AI members around the world are working to realize their vision of a world in which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a reality for all people. They are pressing Chinese authorities to release 2010 Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, fostering accountability from Egypt’s former regime for three decades of torture and repression and advancing legislation to guarantee basic maternal care. In order to protect people from life-threatening circumstances, such as torture, execution, unjust imprisonment, sexual violence, forced eviction or denial of healthcare, AI uses a combination of signature tactics:

RESEARCH: Amnesty International keeps vigilant watch on the rights of people around the world and publishes hundreds of independent reports based on our rigorous research, free of corporate and government influence.

ACTION: Through our dynamic campaigns, Amnesty International members propel key human rights concerns into the glare of the international media and to the attention of government officials, corporations, international institutions and other policy makers.

ADVOCACY: We combine high-level legislative work, media outreach and grassroots mobilization to shape legislation to advance human rights, protect individuals and free prisoners of conscience.

And here are just some of the spectacular ways in which the movement has changed the world:

- Freedom for tens of thousands of prisoners of conscience and the protection of untold numbers from torture
- The adoption of the United Nations Convention Against Torture
- Abolition of the death penalty in law or in practice in two-thirds of the world’s nations – a sea change from the 1970s, when only 16 countries had abolished it
- The establishment of treaties and legislation to advance the freedom and dignity of millions of people around the world—including the United States
- Amnesty International received the Nobel Peace Prize for its live-saving work

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