Repair the World | Los Angeles Wildfires Response

The recent wildfires in Los Angeles are among the most destructive in history, taking lives, creating urgent needs, and straining resources, while causing disruptions and uncertainty for countless individuals and families. As the devastation continues, we have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to act, guided by our Jewish value of strengthening each other, *hitchazkut*.

We are uniquely positioned to engage Jewish young adults in responding to the wildfires due to our extensive and trusted relationships with partners, including with Jewish Federation Los Angeles, and our network of service-minded young Jews in LA. Local partners have shared that while volunteers and resources are flooding in, they lack the capacity to meet the influx of services. In response, we are beginning to **mobilize a Jewish volunteer response** to support those impacted. We estimate these **initial response efforts will cost approximately $200,000**, with ongoing conversations to explore broader and longer-term efforts to meet continued needs in the months to come. Together, we can engage thousands of young Jews in the wildfire response to rebuild and restore.





Repair the World volunteers have begun serving to support those impacted by the wildfires, including packing 2,000 bags of clothing over MLK Weekend of Service.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

$120,000

Wildfire Response Service Corps (Two Cohorts)

Engage young adults (ages 18–29) in a stipended, 12-week cohort focused on service, Jewish learning, and issue-area education tied to the wildfire response. Each corps member will serve 5-10 hours/week at nonprofits leading recovery and relief efforts, alongside bi-weekly cohort learning sessions. Corps members will support service partners by coordinating and training volunteers, connecting impacted families to temporary housing and food support, providing administrative support so staff can focus on other projects, sorting and distributing donations, and much more.

$40,000

Wildfire Response Ambassadors

Empower up to 30 young Jews to design, recruit for, and lead service programs in response to the wildfires, either by partnering with direct service organizations or organizing volunteer initiatives for 10+ participants from their network. Through these programs, young Jews will engage in reforestation and wildfire debris removal to restore habitats and prevent further damage, distribute food to impacted families, care for those displaced, and address other needs identified by service partners.

$25,000

Activate the Broader Jewish Community

Equip local and national Jewish communal organizations through the Jewish Service Alliance (JSA) to engage their constituents in responding to the wildfires through Jewish service learning. By providing resources and support, as well as creating connections between Jewish organizations and local nonprofits addressing needs created by the wildfires, Repair will activate their constituents to conduct resource drives, serve to support affected families, and more.

$15,000

Wildfire Response Jewish Learning Resources

Expand our digital library of Jewish learning resources on wildfire response. These materials will provide Jewish texts and wisdom on crisis response, how the fires have exacerbated underlying issues impacting LA, and guidance for rebuilding, providing inspiration and reflection for those engaged in relief efforts.