

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS ACT NOW HOUSTON?

Act Now Houston (ANH) is a volunteer mobilization effort to help the Jewish community meaningfully serve those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Volunteers will serve through local disaster relief agencies and community partners. ANH will ensure participants have a meaningful service experience that connects them to service, local community, Jewish values, and each other. Act Now Houston is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and the Leadership Coalition for Jewish Service (LCJS) which is led by BBYO, Hillel International, JDC Entwine, Moishe House, OneTable, and facilitated by Repair the World.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

This unique service experience comes at NO COST to groups as a result of Act Now Houston's national funding. Groups are only responsible for covering their travel costs. Modest lodging accommodations (e.g. cots in a church) may be available. ANH has a limited ability to provide subsidies for groups looking to lower their costs for travel. To request a micro-grant please complete registration.

WHAT DOES THE ACT NOW HOUSTON EXPERIENCE INCLUDE?

- Volunteering experience
- Facilitated education and reflection
- Meeting with local community members
- Logistical recommendations (e.g. lodging, transportation, food, Shabbat, and post-service activities)

Act Now Houston staff will welcome and orient your group, provide service training, and facilitate Jewish learning and reflection throughout your experience. Groups will work with Act Now Houston to coordinate how they will spend their time in Houston, the partner(s) with whom they will serve, and the timing of basic activities like training, education, reflection, and meeting with the local community.

WHAT IS MY GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR?

We ask groups to take responsibility for their travel, food and logistical arrangements (including post-service and other needs). Groups are also responsible for bringing all staff required to support their participants.

ARE THERE ANY GROUP REQUIREMENTS?

Due to the nature of rebuilding work, we encourage groups of ~10-15 individuals who are able to spend at least 2 days volunteering. This ensures that groups can have a meaningful experience and help the community. To accommodate larger groups, organizations will work directly with Act Now Houston to make accommodations and divide up the group's service.

IS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT MY ACT NOW HOUSTON EXPERIENCE?

Act Now Houston is picking up all the costs of the service experience. And, YES! If you are trying to lower your travel costs, limited subsidies are available. To request a micro-grant, please complete registration.

ACT NOW HOUSTON IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:



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