

# Repair the World Alternative Breaks

## Repair the World: Pittsburgh



Repair the World is excited to welcome you to participate in an Alternative Break! Alternative Breaks offer participants a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Jewish service-learning. Through these trips, participants get hands-on service experience and learn how Judaism can offer a framework for repairing the world.

Repair the World is offering Alternative Breaks in **Baltimore, Detroit, Miami, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh**. These are organized experiences, with deep support from Repair the World Fellows.

### What we provide:

- Well-designed, meaningful service projects, with the opportunity to serve alongside Repair the World Fellows on their long-term projects
- Close collaboration with fellows on Jewish service-learning pieces of the AB. The educational program will be customized based on the group's needs. For example, fellows could lead sessions, help arrange for local speakers and more.
- Referrals for local logistics (housing, food, transportation)
- Repair the World swag
- Each AB participant is required to complete and sign the Repair the World Alternative Break Release and Waiver of Liability.

### What we don't provide:

- Arranging for travel to city
- Arranging for local logistics. **Groups are responsible for their own housing but should check in with the local city director prior to booking** to confirm that the location is appropriate from a logistical and safety perspective.

**Dates:** Anytime in March, April or May. We're open to other times of the year, as there is interest.

### Group Size:

Minimum of 8 (including staff), maximum 20. We are open to larger groups, but that would take special coordination.

### Cost:

- For AB's with up to 15 participants, a flat fee of \$1,200 for a 5 day program (non-refundable if the group cancels).
- For AB's with more than 12 participants, \$50 extra per-participant (excluding staff).
- If you are a Hillel group, you are eligible to apply for microgrant to reduce costs and reduced programming fee of \$100/day.

Questions about hosting an AB in RTW Pittsburgh? Contact Rachel Schwartz, Program Associate, at [rachel.schwartz@werepair.org](mailto:rachel.schwartz@werepair.org).

# Repair the World Pittsburgh AB

## Local Information



### What is Repair The World?

Repair the World works to inspire American Jews and their communities to give their time and effort to serve those in need. We aim to make service a defining part of American Jewish life.

Repair the World Pittsburgh launched in 2013 to tackle pressing local needs by mobilizing communities to volunteer. We enable people to transform their neighborhoods, city and lives through meaningful service experiences, rooted in Jewish values, history and heritage. Our team of six full time fellows partners with organizations across Philadelphia to recruit and train the volunteers needed to address education and food justice needs in in the city. Repair the World's collaborative community workshop space at 6022 Broad St is a hub for service and social justice initiatives. Learn more about us on our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

### Our Location:

The Repair the World Workshop is located at 6022 Broad Street in the East Liberty neighborhood of Pittsburgh. From steel mills to startups, Pittsburgh is making its comeback as a legacy city. East Liberty is a vibrant mix of longtime residents and newcomers, bodegas and boutiques, and ornate architecture.

#### Housing:

See below for 2 reasonably priced hotels that are proximal to the Repair the World Workshop. With 4 people to a room, the cost per night is around \$50 per participant.

**3 min walk:** [Hotel Indigo](#)

**5 min walk:** [Ace Hotel Pittsburgh](#)

There are many other hotels proximal to East Liberty with varying rates.

Some groups choose to rent housing through Airbnb. The RTW staff would be happy to review and advise on any housing that you are considering. Please have a member of the RTW staff review the location prior to booking.

#### Budgeting:

<b>Travel</b>	Varies by Location
<b>Housing</b>	\$50pp per day
<b>Food</b>	Groceries for breakfast and \$10pp per meal
<b>Transportation</b>	Varies by location: cost of fuel/car rental/ flight/etc.

**Education/Entertainment**      Varies by Activity

**Repair the World Fee**      \$1100 for the first 12 participants, plus \$50 per additional participant

## Dress Code

### In Schools/working with children

- Long pants
- Closed toed shoes
- T-shirts or sweaters (no shoulders or chest showing, no tank tops)
- No ripped/distressed pants

### On Farms

- Closed toed shoes
- Clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty

### With Jewish Partners (during Rabbinical learning, at Shabbat Services, etc.)

- Modest dress
- No knees showing for men or women
- Men - polo, button down, or nice shirt with no logos on it
- Women - tops that cover chest and shoulders

### In Soup Kitchens and food pantries

- Closed toed shoes
- Clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty
- T-shirts or sweaters (no shoulders or chest showing, no tank tops)
- Pants or modest shorts

## Tips and Tricks for Getting Around Pittsburgh

- Always carry a photo ID, it is illegal to not have one on you.
- Google Maps is a great tool to help you navigate the city.
- Be mindful of leaving valuables inside your vehicle. Always lock all doors.
- Get fuel for your vehicle during daylight hours.

# Alternative Break Sample Itinerary

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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning		Optional Shabbat morning services at Rodef Shalom Prepare sandwiches for lunch	Sew seeds (indoors) for RTW-Squirrel Hill Food Pantry Garden  Design your own food pantry exercise and reflection	Split between EECM hunger programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Pantry</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Serving Hot Lunches</li> </ul>
Lunch		Eat sandwiches and learn about Open Hand Ministries	Whole Foods and eat at the salad/hot foods bar	Depart
Afternoon	Arrive and settle in at Rodef Shalom. Service with Open Hand Ministries: Prepare house to be cleared tomorrow	Service with Open Hand Ministries: clearing out an abandoned home	Prepare a meal for Circles East Liberty at Rodef Shalom	
Dinner	Shabbat Services and Dinner at Hillel JUC with students from Pitt and CMU	Dinner and reflection	Dinner with Akira Robinson to learn about Circles East Liberty	
Evening	Night program with RTW fellows to learn about Pittsburgh's geography and culture as it relates to food and education justice.	Fun bonding time (prepared by RTW or Hillel)	Debrief service experiences. Pack up bags	