

## TIVNU: BUILDING JUSTICE

The Tivnu Gap Year Program is a 9-month residential experience for high school graduates, ages 17-20. Participants work, study, and live together in Portland, Oregon, building homes and doing other hands-on service work, creating community, and exploring the connections between Judaism and social justice.

At Tivnu: Building Justice, we are driven by a sense of commitment to the Jewish concept of *tzedakah*. Often mistranslated as *charity*, the term derives from the Hebrew word for *justice and fairness*. Our goal is not to “give” our time and energy to those who are “less fortunate,” but to work together with others for a better world for us all. We act from the conviction that housing is a human right, intertwined with other vital rights including food security, environmental justice, and the overall health of neighborhoods and communities.