

N.J. NCSY teens coming to help

Recognizing that damage from Hurricane Katrina is still being repaired, NCSY members from New Jersey will send two delegations of teen leaders from public high schools and yeshivas to New Orleans. NCSY is the international youth movement of the Orthodox Union.

The students will clean up, clear out, take apart, reestablish, build up and strengthen. From Feb. 8 to 12, the largest all-girls delegation yet will represent Fair Lawn High School, James Caldwell High School in West Caldwell, Livingston High School, Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck and Teaneck High School.

A second delegation will be sent Feb. 22 to 27 consisting of boys and girls from Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School of Livingston, N.J.

The New Jersey NCSY volunteer missions, coordinated by Rabbi Ethan Katz, associate regional director of New Jersey NCSY, send Jewish teen leaders across the country two-fold: as proud Americans, teens assist communities damaged by natural disasters, regardless of the faith and cultures of those citizens; and proud Jews, they invest energy and love to inspire and strengthen the local Jewish communities by their presence.

An additional student leadership mission, consisting of students from The Frisch School in Paramus, N.J., is currently in planning stages for late March to tornado-stricken areas in Alabama or Joplin, Mo.

