

Shefa Fund

(Philadelphia, PA)

Yedidya Center for Jewish Spiritual Direction

To support the Yedidya Center for Jewish Spiritual Direction, an organized effort to cultivate and disseminate the practice of Jewish Spiritual Direction. Jewish Spiritual Direction, a one-on-one contemplative counseling practice, is a new development on the American Jewish landscape. Through regular, one-on-one meetings, an individual is guided through the use of Jewish textual sources and religious practices in recognizing and deepening the holy dimension of his or her life. Yedidya seeks to cultivate this field and expand awareness of the practice in the Jewish community through its training programs, public education, and intellectual development. Yedidya will: continue to train Jewish spiritual directors through its *Morei Derekh* program; offer new, advanced training opportunities; offer programs of public education on Jewish spirituality and spiritual direction; further develop its website; enhance its Advisory Committees; secure additional fundraising; and convene Jewish Spiritual Directors for conferences. The award will be made in two payments: the first payment of \$50,000 will be made upon execution of this agreement and the second payment of \$50,000 – to be awarded after January 1, 2006 – is conditional upon receipt of confirmation that an additional \$50,000 has been raised by May 2006 from a new funding source for this project.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$100,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objective II*

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year