

# YES WE CAN ... YES WE WILL!

In the spirit of these days, the Center for Sport and Jewish Life  
announces the creation of

## ANI V'ATA

(You and Me)

### An Athlete-Led Initiative Reaching Out to Ourselves and Others

Across the country, hundreds and thousands of people are stepping up in a new spirit of volunteerism, a kind of re-incarnation of President Kennedy's inaugural exhortation that we ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for others.

For Jewish athletes at campuses around the country, as well as for others involved in sports, the ANI V'ATA initiative hopes to take this spirit to another level. Those student-athletes and others who sign on to this effort will pledge to:

- (a) give 18 hours in combined community service and Jewish study, embodying the classical Zionist call "livnot u'lehibanot" – to both give to others and contribute to our own growth
- (b) donate \$18 or multiples thereof to tzedakah, including efforts in the U.S., Israel and elsewhere which promote Jewish identity through sport

We hope by Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees and a time devoted to planting new seeds, to post an initial list of those athletes, coaches, and other sport professionals who will comprise TEAM ANI V'ATA.

For more information, or to be a signatory to this effort, please contact us at [info@jewishsport.org](mailto:info@jewishsport.org)