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FROM OUR CHAIR, Harvey N. Wallace



Many exciting events are happening in our St. Louis Jewish community, but one of the highlights of the fall was the gathering of 720 women (and a few men) at the 2nd Annual Women's Philanthropy Live, Laugh, L'Chaim! event that took place on November 2. The theme was "An evening of comedy, community and giving," and those in attendance were not disappointed. Women of every age were in attendance. It was wonderful to see the joy that was exhibited when greeting old friends, making new friends and sharing the common goal for the evening—supporting our Jewish community.

The same week as the Women's Philanthropy event, St. Louis welcomed former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Although the Jewish Federation of St. Louis did not arrange for his visit, many members of our community were in attendance when Mr. Barak spoke at a luncheon we sponsored, and then attended his keynote presentation as part of the Maryville University Speakers Series.

As the year comes to a close, and when you are reading this, the results of our national elections will be known. From a truly nonpartisan perspective, I believe it is more important than ever that we commit to strengthening our agencies by providing the necessary funds to assist them in fulfilling their missions.

Whether it is day care for the young, assisting with basic needs including food insecurity for some members of our community, or funding programs for those seniors who benefit from NORC and senior housing, I believe we live in a time when self-determination and control, as opposed to government funding, seems to be the message.

Our Annual Campaign "100 Days to Make an Impact" is certainly making an impact. We have seen many positive signs supporting the Campaign and inspiring new gifts and increased gifts. However, there is a great deal of work to be done, and, if we are to reach our goal, we need widespread community support. Although we welcome the opportunity to meet with each donor, we know that is not possible. We hope you will support the Campaign by responding to the appeal that is in your mailbox or your inbox. We truly do appreciate your support.

I am happy to visit with you and answer your questions. You can reach me at HWallace@JFedSTL.org.

FROM OUR CEO, Andrew Rehfeld, Ph.D.



Every election has consequences; few elections produce results as unexpected as those of November 8, 2016. Whether you celebrated the outcome or were disappointed by the result, it will take some time to understand what the consequences for our community will be.

Over the next few weeks, Jewish Federation of St. Louis will be convening its leadership to assess what this means for our work. And to help us understand the implications of a new administration for Israel and the Middle East, the JCRC and Federation will be jointly hosting Dennis Ross at the Jewish Community Center on January 24 (more details to follow).

Jewish Federation of St. Louis will continue to support those who stand in solidarity with religious and racial groups who feel vulnerable given the tenor of the campaign. And we must also recognize the millions of individuals who have been left out of the development of a new economy and feel alienated by the economic shifts of the last 20 years.

The frequency of hate-speech and action that has risen recently is particularly concerning. We will continue to work in close partnership with law enforcement and other agencies, including the ADL, to help us respond to threats as they may arise, and partner with other communities at risk. Our Holocaust Museum & Learning Center's exhibit "Change Begins With Me," remains a valuable resource to counter any message of hate. And we should never forget our own historical experience as a marginalized, immigrant minority, subject to the worst abuses of power.

Whether you support or oppose the new direction in Washington and Jefferson City, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis encourages you to get involved to make a positive difference in this world.

For over 75 years, the independent Jewish Community Relations Council has been a representative voice of the Jewish community. Join a policy committee or participate in a program, like their widely recognized Muslim-Jewish Day of Service on December 25.

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Use our religious tradition to enrich, inspire and mobilize your work through conversations with your clergy, attending services at your synagogue or joining its social-action committees. Use the Jewish Community Center to be inspired by our cultural tradition, using theater, film and ideas to deepen your understanding of politics.

Engage in advocacy work by organizations like the ADL, the AJC and the National Council of Jewish Women, that, together with the JCRC, provide a network to advance the common good based on Jewish values.

Jewish Federation of St. Louis was formed in 1901, mobilizing our community to help those fleeing persecution in other lands. We have been here ever since, rising to the multiple challenges of our people, uniting the community and inspiring hope. Thanks to thousands of supporters in the St. Louis area, we will continue that work, building our community, helping individuals live lives of dignity, meaning and purpose.

I invite you to join with us as we collectively seek to make a positive difference in our world.



The Montefiore Society Presents: **Enriching St. Louis' Innovation from Israel: Attracting Cybersecurity**

Monday, December 12, 2016

Lunch 11:30 am-12:00 pm

Program 12:00-1:00 pm

RubinBrown, 1 N. Brentwood Blvd, Clayton, MO 63105



Leaders of GlobalSTL, Don Rubin (President & CEO, BioSTL and founder of GlobalSTL) and Vijay Chauhan (Ventures and Partnership Lead) and SixThirty (Atul Kamra Managing Partner) will discuss the innovation attraction initiative with Israel and spotlight the work they

are doing with Cybersecurity leaders in Israel to attract Cybersecurity innovation to St. Louis. Learn how St. Louis is succeeding in its innovation partnership with Israel and the impact this could have in transforming St. Louis' innovation economy.

GlobalSTL (GlobalSTL.org), an initiative of BioSTL, has developed a strong connection between the innovation ecosystems of Israel and St. Louis by matching the strengths of the two regions in the areas of Agritech, Cybersecurity, Digital Healthcare and Financial technology. Since GlobalSTL's launch in mid-2014, four Israeli Agritech companies have setup their US HQ in St. Louis. GlobalSTL has partnered with STL corporations and SixThirty (a business development accelerator focused on Financial Technology and Cybersecurity) to attract Cybersecurity innovation from Israel to St. Louis.

The Montefiore Society is a division of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis' Professional Societies for financial professionals. All Professional Society members are welcome to attend.

RSVP by December 7 to Karen Sher at KSher@JFedSTL.org or 314-442-3824. Space is limited. Dietary laws observed.



Featuring Karen Grinzaid, Director of JScreen, a not-for-profit at-home education and carrier-screening program for Jewish genetic diseases.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

6:30 pm Reception • 7:00 pm Program

Jewish Federation of St. Louis Koplow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146

Karen will present on the prevalence of Jewish genetic diseases, their impact on individuals, families and communities, the importance of genetic screening to help people plan ahead for the health of their future families, and ways healthcare professionals can help families access information and testing.

Register online at JFedSTL.org/Knowledge-Is-Power. For more information, contact Karen Sher at KSher@JFedSTL.org or 314-442-3824, or Lynne Palan at LPalan@JCCSTL.org or 314-442-3266. Dietary laws observed.

Karen Grinzaid is an instructor, program co-director and senior genetic counselor at Emory University in the Department of Human Genetics. She received her Master's in Human Genetics from the Sarah Lawrence College in 1984 and her Bachelor's in Psychology from Northwestern University in 1982. Since joining the Emory Division of Medical Genetics in 1986, Karen has specialized in multiple program areas including prenatal, pediatric and adult genetic counseling, newborn screening, lysosomal storage disease clinical care and research, and Jewish genetic disease carrier screening. She is currently co-director for Emory's Gene Screen Program and senior director of the JScreen Jewish Genetic Disease Screening Program.

This event is generously sponsored by SSM Health-St. Louis University Hospital and is exclusively for Professional Societies members.

The Maimonides Society is a division of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis' Professional Societies for medical professionals. All Professional Society and Ben Gurion Society members are welcome to attend.



Wrap Up the Year with YPD

Singles

Saturday, December 10, 2016 | 8:00-10:00 pm

Doors open at 7:30 pm

YPD SINGLES EVENT

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Vanguard Crossing, 8342 Delcrest Drive, St. Louis, MO 63124

Shake your own cocktails, snack on sweet treats and support families in need! Register by December 7 at YPDSTL.org/WrapUpYPD.

Dietary laws observed. For more information, contact Becca Near at BNear@JFedSTL.org.

SHABBAT SHALOM! ST. LOUIS

JOIN YPD AND NEXT DOR IN EXPLORING ST. LOUIS SYNAGOGUES

This series offers young adults an exciting opportunity to see, feel, hear and taste a variety of St. Louis synagogues. Experience meaningful services, share a delicious meal and engage

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JAN 27

**TEMPLE
ISRAEL**

FEB 24

**B'NAI
AMOONA**

MAR 10

Please sign up for the meals that you would like to attend at YPDSTL.org/Shabbat-Shalom-STL or contact **Becca Near** at BNear@JFedSTL.org or 314-442-3879.

Kashrut standards are determined by each partnering synagogue. A vegetarian option will always be available.

HIP HOP HOORAY, IT'S PJ LIBRARY'S 9TH BIRTHDAY

On Saturday, December 3 from 5:30-7:30 pm at COCA, PJ Library is hosting a Birthday Bash! This evening of fun is free and will have activities for kids of all ages. Bring the whole family and enjoy dinner and entertainment to celebrate PJ Library's birthday.

Help launch the PJ Library Kindness project by bringing a donation of any item to help someone in need have a more snuggly bedtime (i.e. teddy bear, nightlight, pajamas, blanket, etc.).

For registration or more information, contact Jennifer Lotsoff at JLotsoff@JFedSTL.org, 314-442-3867 or visit PJLibrary.org. First 100 families to register will be entered in a drawing to win an iPad-Mini and a \$50 iTunes gift card. Kosher, vegan and vegetarian options will be available.

PJ Library is a family engagement program for kids ages 6 months through 8 years old with a Jewish connection. Each subscribed child receives a free age-appropriate Jewish-themed book or CD mailed directly to their home each month. Registration and delivery are free.

PJ Library is made possible by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and through generous grants and donations.



LEADING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



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ADVOCACY TRAINING AND MISSION EXPERIENCE: ST. LOUIS – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Federation of St. Louis' Millstone Institute join together to invite you to participate in a transformational leadership experience.

St. Louis

Sundays: February 12, March 5, and April 23

Facilitated by professional consultants who have expertise in lobbying, grass roots and coalition building, participants will:

- Learn skills for outreach and advocacy
- Gain tools for lobbying government officials
- Grow and develop confidence and competence to be a more active and impactful constituent

Applicants should have a passion for social justice and an interest in expanding their volunteerism in the St. Louis Jewish community. Participation is limited and all applications will be subject to review.

Washington, D.C.

Sunday, April 30-Tuesday, May 2, 2017

From behind-the-scenes briefings at the U.S. Department of State to face-to-face meetings with House and Senate leaders, policy makers and Jewish leaders, participants will:

- Explore the needs of the global Jewish community
- Discover the influence the Jewish community has on America's social and political landscape
- Be briefed on national security, Israel and Federation funds flowing to agencies
- Engage with the new political realities that shape our future

For more information, visit JFedSTL.org/DC-Mission or contact Karen Sher at KSher@JFedSTL.org.



ROSENBERG SUNDAY AFTERNOON FILM SERIES SCREENS DISTRICT 9

The last film of the year in the Sandra and Mendel Rosenberg Sunday Afternoon Film Series is District 9, screening at 1:00 pm on December 18 in the Holocaust Museum & Learning

Center's theater at 12 Millstone Campus Drive. This Academy Award nominated action film portrays an extraterrestrial race that comes to earth. Initially welcomed, they are later confined to a militarized refugee camp/ghetto and ultimately targeted for destruction. This thought-provoking film focuses on how we as a society deal with the "other" and resonates on many levels with current events and issues in our world today.

Introduction and post-screening discussion facilitated by Drew Newman, who received a bachelor's degree in film from Syracuse University. His film, The Man Who Loved Flowers, appeared in the Stephen King Dollar Baby Festival in Los Angeles and Belgium.

Films in this Sunday series are free and open to the public, although reservations are requested. For further information, call 314-442-3711 or email AGoldfeder@JFedSTL.org.

ANNUAL JPRO LUNCHEON

Honorees have been announced for the Annual JProStl Recognition Luncheon, which will take place on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the J's Staenberg Family Complex. The theme of the program is "Shining the Light on Our Professional Community." Recipients were chosen by a committee of JProStl leadership and former honorees representing colleagues from across the community.



Marty Oberman has been chosen as the recipient of the JProStl Partnership award, recognizing a board leader who best exemplifies the lay-staff relationship through commitments to the Jewish community and St. Louis region, ethical leadership, Jewish values and acts of kindness. Those selected to receive a JProStl Peer Award in eight categories include Rick Recht (Jewish Rock Radio) for

Visionary, Rosalie Stein (Congregation Shaare Emeth) for Career Achievement, Amy Pakett (Jewish Federation of St. Louis) for Emerging Leader, Derrick Bryant (Temple Israel) for Dedication, Ellen Futterman (Jewish Light) and Randi Schenberg (Crown Center) for Pillar, Craig Neuman (The J) for Mentor, Rabbi Micah Buck-Yael (JF&CS) for Chesed/Kindness and Leiba Levine (Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School) and Esti Zuravin (Esther Miller Bais Yaakov) for Education.

Julie Gibbs is JProStl President and Marianne Chervitz is Special Events Chair. The upcoming luncheon is co-chaired by Ellen Alper (NCJW) and Erin Schreiber (Maryville Hillel). Peer Awards co-chairs are Patty Bloom (Mirowitz Jewish Community School) and Bryan Anderhub (The J). Partnership Award co-chairs are Rabbi Michael Rovinsky (JSU) and Nancy Weigley (CRC).

The Luncheon is \$25 for guests and free of charge for staff who work at least 15 hours per week annually at a Jewish organization. The Luncheon is directly supported by the Lubin-Green Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, Maryville University and Maryville University Hillel. JProStl is affiliated nationally with the JPro Network.

To register and donate to professional development in honor of the recipients, go to MillstoneSTL.org/JPro17. For information, contact Marci Mayer Eisen at 314-442-3810 or MEisen@JFedSTL.org.



Picture Yourself IN ISRAEL June 11-July 2, 2017

Open to teens currently in 10th-12th grade.

- **Explore** ancient Jerusalem and modern Tel Aviv
- **Climb** Masada at sunrise
- **Float** in the Dead Sea
- **Participate** in Community Service projects
- **Raft** the Jordan River

\$5,550 All Inclusive (including flight from St. Louis).

Earlybird pricing \$5,350 through December 1, 2016.

Additional \$750 travel grant available to all St. Louis teens!

For more information, contact Karen Rader at 314-442-3756 or email KRader@JFedSTL.org.



CONNECTING JEWISH COMMUNITY AN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Lend your hands and your hearts with Women's Philanthropy!



Women's Philanthropy is hosting a special volunteer opportunity to enhance the holidays for individuals who feel isolated from the Jewish community. They will be making care packages to be delivered to these individuals for Hanukkah. In order to accomplish this, Women's Philanthropy has scheduled two assembly times:

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm
Families welcome. Drinks and desserts provided

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:30 am
Drinks and snacks provided.

The bags will benefit the Jewish Family and Children's Service Chaplaincy Program and Meals on Wheels. They will be distributed to elderly members to alleviate feelings of isolation and make them feel more connected to the Jewish community.

In addition to this community service opportunity, Women's Philanthropy is hosting a Hanukkah Hugs toy drive to collect new books, toys and gifts for children 1-18 years old for families served by JF&CS.

To learn more or to RSVP for one of the packaging events, contact Katie Sheldon at WP@JFedSTL.org or 314-442-3751. Both events will take place at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis Kopelow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive, 63146. Dietary laws observed.