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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

105TH ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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SANDY DONSKY

Sandy Donsky is a long time Jewish community lay leader who is dedicated to supporting a vibrant community on both the local and global scale. She currently serves on the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas Board of Directors, the Planning and Allocations Committee and is an Annual Campaign solicitor. In the past, she has served as Annual Campaign Co-Chair, Jewish Women's Philanthropy President, and Jewish Women's Philanthropy Campaign Chair.

Additionally, Sandy has held numerous positions within the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas including Lion of Judah Campaign Chair, Women's Event Co-Chair, President of Younger Set, and Campaign Chair of Younger Set. She also developed and implemented the first Singles Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas named New Dimensions, now known as YAD. A past member of the National Young Leadership Cabinet and National Women's Cabinet, Sandy was awarded the Bess Nathan Young Leadership Award and the National Women's Philanthropy International Lion of Judah Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. Through the Federation, Sandy has traveled on Missions to Poland, Romania and Israel to broaden her understanding of the Jewish community worldwide.

Sandy also serves on The Legacy Senior Community Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee, AJC Board of Directors and is incoming VP Co-Chair for Development and Congregation Shearith Israel Board of Directors. Her other passions include community service projects with her Ebby Halliday Real Estate office, helping the homeless and feeding the needy through The North Texas Food Bank. Sandy is also involved with the Diversity and Tolerance initiative at The MetroTex Association of Realtors.

Sandy and her husband Howard of nearly 40 years have a daughter Lauren who resides in Los Angeles and Howard's son who resides in Florida. Sandy is always on the go, loves her family, friends and clients and believes in giving back to the community 150%.

HELEN GROSS LEADERSHIP AWARD



BILL FINKELSTEIN

Although Bill Finkelstein has many accomplishments that should be noted, the most unique one, perhaps, was his stint as Camp Cook for the Texas Cowboys at U.T. in 1970! Having gained recognition from this, Bill went on to serve in leadership positions at UT and received academic honors at Baylor School of Law, followed by a clerkship at the Supreme Court of Texas. His 43-year law career has taken him from Hughes & Luce to Dykema Cox Smith where he heads the Dallas office.

Bill's service to the Jewish community includes UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, Akiba Academy, Dallas Kosher, Forest Lane Synagogue (Chabad), Mount Zion United Jewish Cemetery and TTI Annual Dinner. Most recently, he served as co-chair of the 2016 Israel Bonds Event and is a frequent High Holiday Bond Appeal speaker.

A Pacesetter at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, Bill has chaired the Lawyers' Division and Cardozo Society, has been a Pacesetter Division solicitor and was co-chairman of the \$11.25-million 2009 Annual Campaign. In 2011, he received both the Campaigner of the Year Award and Cardozo Member of the Year Award (now named for him). He originated the Shofar Society and was a member of the Board of Directors in 2012-2014. Bill participated in the 1987 Mission to Washington for Soviet Jewry, the 1995 Minyan Mission (Bus Captain), 2004 Executive Mission, and the 2009 Community Mission (Leader).

Among all his accomplishments, Bill is most proud of his 44-year marriage to Jeri Goldberg Finkelstein, his three daughters Robin Stone, Lisa Sadoughi and Shana Bygott-Webb, their spouses, and his eight grandchildren. On his horizon, he sees travel, skeet shooting, single malt whiskey tastings, and looks forward to future retirement. And perhaps another stint as "Camp Cook"? Glatt Kosher, of course.

HELEN GROSS LEADERSHIP AWARD PAST WINNERS

1991	Evelyn Colton★	2004	Florence Kramer
1992	Minnie Smith★	2005	Marilyn Paillet
1993	Sadie Waldman★	2006	Shirley Rovinsky
1994	Minnie Smith★	2007	Harry Kabler
1995	Bernice Polins★	2008	Zona Pidgeon
1996	Jacque Budow Prager	2009	Shirley Strauss
1997	none	2010	Sandy Cohen
1998	Ollie Goldfarb★	2011	Lynda Newman
1999	Renee Stanley	2012	Susan Levy
2000	Doris Levine	2013	Barbara Stein
2001	Robert B. Weinfeld	2014	Leslie Schultz
2002	Bert Romberg	2015	Ynette Hogue
2003	Larry E. Golman		

BOB WEINFELD CAMPAIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD PAST WINNERS

2006	Bob Weinfeld	2011	Michael Stulmaker
2007	David Brickman	2012	Shirley Strauss
2008	Larry Schoenbrun	2013	Mark Kreditor
2009	Leonard Epstein	2014	Nancy Immerman
2010	Bill Finkelstein	2015	Nate Levine

★ Of Blessed Memory

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CYNTHIA SPECHLER

Cindy has held many positions at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. She has been the Lion of Judah/Pomegranate Chair, Women's Philanthropy Chair, and is presently General Campaign Chair. She also chaired the building and structuring of the current Jewish Women's Philanthropy Center (JWPC), served on the JWPC Board, and has been a solicitor since she and her family moved to Dallas. Cindy volunteers at the Dallas Holocaust Museum and has been a docent for 18 years. Cindy is also the owner of Invitation Company of Dallas.

On Federation calling nights, you will often find Cindy sitting at the little table outside the boardrooms going through a pile of cards and securing pledges. Many donors will receive a call during her own private "Super Sunday" at home on Sunday evenings. She strives to ensure that each donor receives a personal call.

Cindy and her husband, Stuart, have three children: Dawn Strauss, married to Brad; Diana Spechler; Ian Spechler, married to Shaine, and four grandchildren: Jessica, Shayna, Jordan and Gabe Strauss.

Cindy loves playing tennis, reading books, her Book Club, and, most of all, hanging out with her family. Cindy especially thanks the awesome professional staff at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas!



STACI RUBIN

Staci Shapiro Rubin has grown up with community involvement at the forefront of her family life. Her parents, Florence and Howard Shapiro, taught her about giving back to her community from a very young age. It only made sense that she would become involved with the Jewish community upon returning to Dallas after graduate school and beginning her life as a newly married young woman.

Staci grew up in Plano, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelors and a Masters in Social Work. She has always loved helping people, listening to their problems, and helping them find resources to get through the toughest of times. Staci worked as a clinical social worker at Children's Medical Center prior to the birth of her first child and then continued her work as a social worker in private practice and with Camp Sol, a non-profit helping families cope with the loss of a child. Staci has been married to Dr. Paul Rubin, a pediatric dentist, for 14 years, and they have five wonderful children: Sam (10), Natalie (8), Sophie (5), and twins Eli & Brody (2).

Staci feels fortunate to have a partner in life who also believes in community involvement. Paul has been so supportive of Staci's commitment to the Jewish community, even through the birth of their twins at 28 weeks and the 10-week NICU stay that followed. Staci and Paul truly have a team approach to raising their family and continuing their leadership in the Jewish community.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas has held a special place in Staci's heart since she began her involvement through the Young Adult Division. She continued by participating in LDG with Paul and then leading LDG, helping with the Women's Philanthropy Rebuild, and is currently serving as the chair for the Younger Set council. She recently completed the Wexner Heritage Program, a two-year intensive Jewish leadership program. Staci is incredibly honored to receive the Bess Nathan Young Leadership award and feels incredibly proud to be a part of our strong Dallas Jewish Community.

The Bess Nathan Young Leadership Award provides a generous stipend for the award recipient to attend a national Jewish leadership conference or mission.

BESS NATHAN YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD PAST WINNERS

1961	Peggy Lerner*	1989	Peggy Tobolowsky
1962	Hannah Beren	1990	Cheryl Pollman
1963	Barbara Lipshy	1991	Stacey Davis
1964	Suzanne Ablon	1992	Sandra Veeder
	Sharon Leviton	1993	Wendy Stanley
1965	Jeneane Pearlman	1994	Melissa Ackerman
1966	Joy Burk*	1995	Betsy Kleinman
1967	Janet Hershman	1996	Leslie Lucks
1968	Sandra Kupfer	1997	Lisa Genecov
1969	Phyllis Somer	1998	Cheryl Weitz
1970	Linda Schwartz*	1999	Cindy Sweet Moskowitz
1971	Rena Silverberg		Terri Rohan
1972	Janice Sweet	2000	Halley Singer Satz
	Roslyn Goldstein	2001	Lizzy Greif
1973	Andrea Weinstein	2002	Beth Gold
1974	Ynette Hogue	2003	Shani Romick
1975	Harriett Hoffman	2004	Shelley Becker
1976	Carol Gene Cohen	2005	Cathy Brook
1977	Barbara Gutow		Angela Horowitz
1978	Karen Stern	2006	Marci Frenkel
	Linda Steinberg	2007	Stefani Eisenstat
1979	Beverly Levy	2008	Elizabeth Bendalin
1980	Janis Music*	2009	Joey Daniel
1981	Maddy Unterberg	2010	Stacey Baer
1982	Andrea Statman	2011	Joanna Greenstone
1983	Carol Newberger Weinstein		Mahra Paillet
1984	Michelle Tycher Stein	2012	Lindsay Feldman
1985	Sandy Donsky	2013	Robin Stone
1986	Becky Bruder	2014	Dawn Strauss
1987	Sharon Levin	2015	Lindsay Bendorf Epstein
1988	Hedy Morton Meltzer		

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I. ZESMER YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD



AVI EDWARDS

Born in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Avi was aware of his Jewish roots and involved in his Jewish community from a young age. He attended the Milwaukee Jewish Day School which provided him with a solid foundation of Hebrew and Judaica before his family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he attended Talmud Torah of Minneapolis, Camp Hertzl and then Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.

Avi graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Marketing/Business degree and currently has a financial practice where he helps his clients plan for the future.

I. Zesmer Young Leadership Award provides a generous stipend to the award recipient to attend a national Jewish leadership conference or mission.

Avi's first experience with the Jewish Federation was a 10-day mission called Tel Aviv One. Avi learned about and saw firsthand the scope and reach of the Jewish Federation and UJC. The trip was so impactful that upon his return he learned more about the organization and became more involved in the Minneapolis Jewish Community.

In 2008, when his company asked him to relocate, he chose Dallas and immediately became involved in the Dallas Jewish community. He was the Outreach Chair for two years, participated in multiple events, co-chaired a site for Mitzvah Day several times, made calls on Super Sundays, and participated in the LDG program. Last year he was a Venue Director for soccer at the Dallas JCC Maccabi Games and has spent the last two years as the co-chair of campaign for YAD.

The highlight of Avi's sporting and Jewish life was his fourth trip to Israel in 2013 where he co-chaired and competed for the USA Men's 35+ Soccer Team in the 19th Maccabiah. The two-week trip gave him the opportunity to see and experience Israel, Judaism, and community in a whole new way.

Avi has been married to his amazing wife, Gretchen, for 6 1/2 years and they have two beautiful children, Ryan (4) and Sari (10 months). Avi thanks G-d every day for bringing him to Dallas, where they met, and he knows that all that he has been able to do has been through her support.

I. ZESMER YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD PAST WINNERS

1962	Morton Lewis*	1988	Steve Waldman
	Martin Tycher*	1989	Steve Rosenberg
1963	Sidney Stahl	1990	Ken Goldberg
1964	Morton Rachofsky	1991	Stuart Prescott
	Ronald Weiss	1992	Mark Kleinman
1965	none	1993	David Veeder
1966	J. A. Rosenfeld*	1994	Dan Prescott
1967	Mitchell Rasansky	1995	Jack Baum
1968	none	1996	Scott Miller
1969	Arnold Sweet*	1997	David Brickman
1970	Dr. Ed Genecov*	1998	Jeff Genecov
1971	Charles Sugarman	1999	Jay Kleinman
1972	David H. Rosenberg*	2000	Dr. Mitch Moskowitz
1973	Lawrence Steinberg		Lane Weitz
1974	Jim Hogue	2001	none
1975	Larry Schoenbrun	2002	Steve Rudner
	Loren Weinstein	2003	Craig Weinstein
1976	Gary Hoffman	2004	Jeff Romick
1977	Steve Ungerman	2005	Kevin Paillet
1978	none	2006	Seth Kaplan
1979	Richard Pullman	2007	none
1980	Martin Auerbach	2008	Ron Bendalin
1981	Ben Statman	2009	Blake Eltis
1982	Steve Gutow	2010	Doug (Henry) Baer
1983	Mark Unterberg	2011	Scott Cohen
1984	none	2012	David Greenstone
1985	Sol Munves	2013	Michael Waldman
1986	Mark Werbner	2014	Brett Diamond
1987	Dennis Mosesman	2015	Paul Rubin

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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

The **2016 campaign year**, which began in September, has been a huge success! With networking and educational opportunities, fundraising, outreach events, and social action awareness programming, your Jewish Federation continues **to make a difference** in the lives of **Jews in Dallas, Israel** and in more than **70 countries** around the world. We are proud of the work we do on behalf of so many and invite you to see some of the highlights from the year.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The **Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas's Annual Campaign** raises more than **\$10 million dollars** every year to provide the basic infrastructure that supports our local and global Jewish community. Core campaign funds are gifts to the Jewish Federation for allocations among our community partner agencies, Israel and overseas and Federation programs and administration. By allocating your philanthropic dollars to ensure the greatest impact, your Jewish Federation has earned a reputation as **a trusted, effective charity** that makes **a real difference** in our community and around the world.

FEDERATION AFFINITY GROUPS

This year's **Lion/Pomegranate Event** took place at **Cantoni**, one of Federation's Corporate Sponsors, on December 8. Author, television host, public speaker, and non-profit executive, **Alison Lebovitz** from Chattanooga, Tennessee was the keynote speaker. Alison not only inspired and moved Dallas' most influential ladies with both laughter and tears, but as a strong leader in the National Federation system, it was no surprise she was able to close the night with a **26% card for card** increase.



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

On December 10, the **Real Estate Division** held a breakfast with **Scott Beck** presenting on the **Dallas Midtown project**.



The **Cardozo Society**, the Jewish Federation's giving society for **attorneys who give \$2,000 or more** to the Federation's Annual Campaign, hosted their annual networking cocktail event at the home of **Robin and Evan Stone**. **23 new members** were honored at the event attended by more than **70 members**.



The **Maimonides Society**, the giving society for **doctors who give \$2,000 or more** to the Federation's Annual Campaign, held a continuing education program with **Dr. Mike Emmett** who led a presentation on Nazi physicians and the Holocaust.



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The **General Business and Finance Division** held a networking breakfast with a panel of private equity professionals led by **Jim Tolbert**, General Campaign co-chair.



On March 29, **35 Lions and Poms** participated in the second **Lunch & Learn** of our series. Guest speaker **Zsuzsa Fritz, Director, Balint Jewish Community Center, Budapest, Hungary Educational Director, Szarvas Camp** discussed the revival taking place in Hungary, which is currently home to 120,000 Jews and is the largest Jewish community in central Europe.



More than **325 volunteers** from across greater Dallas took part in **Good Deeds Day** on April 10, an international day of service with more than **1,000,000 individuals around the world** working to make a difference. The Federation's Good Deeds Day included **Super Sunday**, the **Young Adult Division (YAD) Mitzvah Day**, Federation's **Jewish Women's Philanthropy Center's (JWPC) Younger Set** and collaboration with **J-Serve** for teens.



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

JWPC's Younger Set's "Let's Get Personal" program held on April 12 featured **Ruth Lurie**, **Mary Pat Higgins**, **Gail Herson** and **Dr. Daniel Achtman** and **Dr. Carmine McConnell** who covered topics including breathing and meditation, dermatology, finding your passion and Jewish spirituality.



On Wednesday, April 13, more than **50 young adults** from across greater Dallas attended Federation's **YAD (Young Adult Division) Meet and Greet Happy Hour at HG Sply Co.** The Happy Hour introduced the newest members of the YAD Team and offered networking opportunities.



January 31, 2016 is an evening that will go down in Federation history! **ONE Night with Seth Meyers** was Federation Board Chair **Dan Prescott's** vision of combining the traditional **Men's and Women's Events** into **ONE** evening of community, connection and fun. Chaired by **Candy and Ike Brown**, **Lisa and Neil Goldberg**, and **Laurie**



and Todd Platt, the evening was one of the largest fundraising events in recent history for the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. It was an incredible night of entertainment and philanthropy that highlighted the work of the Jewish Federation and raised more than **\$1.5 million** to support each of the Federation's **64 partner agencies and initiatives**.

ISRAEL AND OVERSEAS

The Federation's Israel & Overseas Department builds local community connection to Israel, raises and implements funds, helps implement designated overseas projects, and participates in the collective support for world Jewry.

It has been an active and exciting year with Federation's Israel & Overseas Department! With a partner organization of our Partnership Program, **Aharai!**, we have worked supporting them in cultivating **youth leadership** and enhancing **social activism** among youth from poverty-stricken neighborhoods in our partnership region of the Western

Galilee. The Federation supports Aharai!'s **pre-military preparation groups** in these cities in our region: **Acre, Maalot, Shlomi, Nayariya** as well as the "**Gal**" **Pre-Army Academy Leadership College** in **Akko**. A delegation from Aharai! visited Dallas this May for Israel Independence Day and led activities at a few of the Jewish day schools in Dallas and connected with **Moishe House** and leaders from **Federation's Cabinet** program.



VISITS TO ISRAEL

More than **85 individuals** have visited **Dallas's Partnership Region** this year on individual and group trips. They have experienced some of the best sites in the region and learned about the work of our community across the region. An additional **15 individuals** have travelled globally with Federation, visiting **Argentina, Budapest, and Peru**.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

This year, the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas awarded **18 Community Impact Grants** to our partner agencies for programs that address new or unmet needs in order to have a positive impact on the Dallas Jewish community.

Some highlights include:

- Through a Community Impact Grant, the **Center for Jewish Education** convened **415 early childhood and day school educators** for a session on the Conscious Discipline technique at their community-wide day of learning. In addition to the session for educators, the grant also included a session for the parents, so that they could become familiar with the philosophy being implemented in our schools. More than **100 parents** attended the evening session.
- Through our assistance, the **Aaron Family JCC** utilized grant funding for its Seniors program and provided **4,680 senior trips** to the JCC to those seniors who otherwise would be homebound and unable to have social connections. Our support enabled the J to grow its Senior membership to **more than 450**. This year, programming increased to **focus on wellness** including classes on chair yoga, art class, line dancing, immunity boosting restorative yoga, and more.
- The Federation partnered with **Jewish Family Service** on their **At-Risk Youth Prevention and Intervention** initiative providing individual and family assessment, crisis intervention, and ongoing counseling/mental health services. **99 teens** have been served through the program this year. The initiative also offered a **series of workshops** for teens focused on body image and self-esteem, social communication skills, crisis management, how to talk to parents about challenges teens are facing, and more.
- The Federation awarded Community Impact Grants to our partner **Hillels (Hillels of North Texas, Texas Hillel, and Texas A&M Hillel)** to engage more than **1,500 Jewish college students** on their campuses. Students have been learning about **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), tikkun olam** programs (community service), celebration of Shabbat and Jewish **holidays**, and more. Each of the students engaged has maintained a strong connection to Jewish life on campus.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

In addition to the Community Impact Grants, which are awarded to existing partner agencies, the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas awarded **11 Outreach & Engagement Grants** to non-partner Jewish organizations for their engagement work across the community. Efforts ranged from a **sukkah building workshop at Home Depot** last fall to **college students at UT Dallas and SMU coming together** to celebrate Shabbat and holidays, and **young family outreach** in Allen, McKinney, and Frisco.

We appreciate the work of each of these organizations to connect more people with our Jewish community. As an example, through the Outreach & Engagement Grants, Temple Emanu-El hosted Guide training and matching events for **Sh'ma Emanu-El**, their small groups initiative, with more than **120 members** attending. Following those events, some Sh'ma Emanu-El groups were expanded and **10 new groups** were formed.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (JCRC)

Combatting BDS

More than 60 Dallas area Jewish high school students attended ***Ready for College: Navigating Jewish and Pro-Israel Life on Campus*** on Sunday, May 1 at Studio Movie Grill. The event sought to educate students about the **Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement** and other anti-



Israel movements on American college campuses, and to help prepare them to be confidently Jewish and pro-Israel at college. The program included a screening of ***Crossing the Line 2***, a short film about BDS, and a panel discussion with pro-Israel Jewish student activists sharing their own experiences defending Israel and Jewish life on campus. The event fits into the greater **Combatting BDS Federation initiative**, making Dallas one of the **first Federations in the nation to create a committee focusing on this issue.**

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

4th Annual Interfaith Seder

The JCRC brought more than **400 people together** for its **4th Annual Interfaith Seder**. Co-led by **Rabbi David Stern, Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El** and **Reverend Jan DeVries, General Presbyter of Grace Presbytery**, this year's Seder offered those in attendance the opportunity to examine the universal value of



welcoming the stranger. **Fifteen faith leaders**, representing more than **10 faith and denominations** participated in the Seder. Feedback was outstanding, and the event served as an important opportunity to teach others about our Jewish values and to strengthen relationships between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Earned Income Tax Credit

More than **225 civic and faith leaders** from both Jewish and non-Jewish communities across the Greater Dallas area assembled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center on Thursday, December 10 for **Promoting a Healthy Dallas: The**



Importance of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, as part of **Anti-Poverty Coalition of Greater Dallas**. The event served as the kick-off for a new marketing initiative promoting use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) as a means for alleviating poverty and promoting economic vitality in the greater Dallas area. In 2015, the JCRC led the Anti-Poverty Coalition's successful effort to urge the Dallas City Council to release **\$200,000 to support volunteer income tax assistance** in the greater Dallas area.

Iran Nuclear Deal Series

In the aftermath of the **Iran Nuclear Deal**, the JCRC hosted a series of speakers throughout the fall of 2015 to examine the Deal and its implications for Israel, the Middle East and the United States. The first program featured **two American journalists** discussing the implications of the Deal for American politics. The second program featured **Martin Raffel, former Senior Vice President at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)**, and discussed how to move forward as a united Jewish community after the Deal. The third and final program featured **James Jeffrey, former Deputy National Security Advisor and former Ambassador to Iraq, Turkey and Albania**, and discussed the Deal's impact on the future of relations between Israel and its neighbors in the Middle East.



Education Initiative

The **JCRC Education Initiative** is committed to providing Jewish parents with children in public school with the resources and support to enable them to have a **successful experience being Jewish in public school**. In an effort to achieve this goal, the JCRC hosted programs for parents in **Richardson Independent School District, Plano Independent School District, and Frisco Independent School District**. Speakers included the highest level of decision makers in the District, including the respective **School Board Presidents** and in some cases the **Superintendent of the School District**. These events brought Jewish parents together to get to know one another, learn about the resources available through the JCRC Education Initiative, and meet the leaders and decision makers in each of these school districts.



CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION (CJE)

Institute of Advanced Teacher Education

The CJE's Institute of Advanced Teacher Education offers teacher workshops, **Yom Limud** (a day of learning, appreciation, and networking for the teachers), and other Jewish education opportunities focused on professional development. Teachers receive cash stipends for completing a minimum of 12 hours of course study. On January 4, 2016, **415 early childhood and day school educators** had an opportunity to learn with **Conscious Discipline Associate Kim Hughes** at their community-wide day of learning. In addition, **100 parents attended an evening session** on the same topic so they could learn the philosophy as well. This project was funded by a Community Impact Grant of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. **20 teacher workshops** were offered this year. **43 teachers attended** more than **12 hours of workshops** and earned a \$100 stipend from the CJE.



LearningFest

Since 2008, **LearningFest** has been a signature annual event, providing the Dallas Jewish community an opportunity to sample an educational menu that offers varied personalities, teaching styles, and content comprised of the **rich educational resources** that are available in Dallas. In 2015, more than **600 people participated** in our LearningFest weekend of activities. Additionally, our LearningFest series continues throughout the year at the Mankoff Center for Jewish Learning featuring scholars from our community's finest universities and academic institutions. These evening programs usually draw more than **100 participants**. This year, **LearningFest** will take place on **November 6, 2016** at the Aaron Family Jewish Community Center.



Jewish Studies Professors

The goal of the newly formed **North Texas Council of Jewish Studies Professors** is to provide an opportunity for area professors to come together, collaborate and possibly coordinate programs. The CJE has compiled a directory featuring **34 professors and academicians** from area universities

and institutions which include **Southern Methodist University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of North Texas, University of Dallas**, as well as **Texas Christian University** and the **Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance**. The directory was compiled to provide area university professors with a networking tool and serve as a resource guide for the Dallas area Jewish Community to connect with Jewish studies professors associated with universities and academics to speak at their various institutions.



PJ Library

PJ Library Dallas touches the lives of more than **1,700 Jewish families** throughout the greater Dallas community. Close to **2,000 PJ Library books** are sent out each month to children ages six months through eight years old, here in Dallas. More than **25 meaningful programs** enriched both the lives of children and adults this past year.



These programs help to strengthen Jewish knowledge and build community. Jewish schools and organizations feel the impact of PJ Library through collaboration and partner programs which are offered as part of our monthly programming. Dallas continues to grow its newest chapter of the PJ Library program, **PJ Our Way**. This program for 9-to-11-year-olds is Dallas' fastest growing PJ Program and puts kids in the driver's seat by letting them select the book they receive each month. PJ Library is made possible by the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation** and through a generous grant from the **Mankoff Family Foundation**.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Teen Community Event

On Saturday March 26, almost **200 teens in grades 8-12** gathered together for an evening of laughter with **Comedy Mind Reader Eric Dittelman**. Sponsored by a **Federation Outreach and Engagement grant**, several youth groups joined together to plan the event which also included carnival games, havdallah, and a session with an improv group.



The Tycher Library

The Tycher Library is a Jewish content library serving more than **1,000 patrons**. It is located on the second floor of the Aaron Family JCC and offers books, DVDs, audiobooks, and public computer stations with free printing. It holds many community-wide engagement programs throughout the year including its signature event, the **Community Read**, where patrons come together to meet and hear an author whose book the entire community has joined to read. The Tycher Library continues to grow its collection and provides lifelong Jewish learning opportunities through its **quality programming and resources**. Regular programs like the



Morning Book Club, Fiction Flicks and the newest addition, the **BYOBook Club**, provide outlets for conversation. This year's Community Read author event with author **Nomi Eve** was featured on **KERA's Think with Krys Boyd** and had more than **180 attendees** including a number of local book clubs. **Alison Pick**, the Tycher Library's **Spring Read** author remarked about her visit, "I was humbled and honored to have my memoir ***Between Gods*** selected for the Tycher Library Spring Read. It was such a pleasure to travel to Dallas, to meet many wonderful readers, and to share my story with such a smart and literary audience."



ABOUT THE AWARDS



The Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas is incredibly appreciative of the generous spirit and incredible talent of George Tobolowsky who has agreed to produce unique works of art for our young adult award winners (**I. Zesmer Young Leadership Award** and **Bess Nathan Young Leadership Award**). As George has remarked, "This is an opportunity to start their art collection with a piece inspired by their Jewish leadership commitment."

George Tobolowsky is a Dallas native who earned his business and law degrees from SMU. Though he also minored in sculpture, it was not until nine years ago that he embarked on his own artistic path. He has produced more than 350 pieces, been featured in 16 solo museum and public art exhibitions and 25 group exhibitions through the country. His medium of choice is industrial metal castoff pieces that he attempts not to alter, but rather fit together to create a balanced and inspired piece out of a "recycled jigsaw puzzle."

For more information, please visit www.georgetobolowsky.com.

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Thank you to our partner agencies for their commitment and service to ensure our Dallas Jewish community remains vibrant and strong.



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YOUR GIFT MAKES A HUGE IMPACT

WE LEAD.

18 of our local **young Jewish leaders** serve on the **National Young Leadership Cabinet**.

Hundreds of **teens volunteer** their time through BBYO's J-Serve.

WE CONVENE.

ONE Night featuring **Seth Meyers** brought together **1,500 members** of our community raising more than **\$1.5 million**.

The Federation's **Center for Jewish Education (CJE)** convenes our area **Jewish Day Schools** resulting in **grants from foundations** to our schools in excess of **\$194,000**.

WE ADVOCATE.

\$200,000 was released by the **City of Dallas** through advocacy work from our **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** to promote the **earned income tax credit** for the working poor in Dallas.

More than **100 public school educators** are trained to teach the **lessons of the Holocaust** to their students through the **Dallas Holocaust Museum's Educators' Conference**.

WE SUPPORT.

325 volunteers participated in **International Good Deeds Day**.

Scores of families have been served through **Legacy at Home subsidies** for those unable to afford essential services.

WE SAFEGUARD.

\$75,000 in special funding has been provided to the **Aaron Family JCC** to ensure the **safety** of those on campus.

4,928 individuals and families were provided with **emergency assistance** through **Jewish Family Service**.

WE EDUCATE.

Nearly **2,000 children** receive **Jewish-themed books** each month through **PJ Library**.

Birthright Israel has just sent their **500,000th participant** to Israel this past summer funded by **Jewish Federations**.



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OUR MISSION

To help ensure the continuity and success of a strong and vibrant Jewish community in Dallas, Israel and throughout the world.