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JPRO UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALL

*"The State of World Jewry: Implications of European Anti-Semitism"
For Jewish Community Professionals*

Tuesday, April 14th from 3pm-4pm EST

Mr. Ira N. Forman, Special U.S. Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism

Moderated by: **Michael Schmidt**, Director, AJC New York Regional Office

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THE STATE OF WORLD JEWRY:

**IMPLICATIONS OF
EUROPEAN ANTI-SEMITISM**

FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY PROFESSIONALS

Conference Call
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
3:00pm EDT/Noon PDT
Register at <http://tinyurl.com/pobnayo>



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WORK ABOVE THE BULL: *Becoming the Wise Child*

Brenda Gevertz, JPRO Network Executive Director

We have just responded to the four children who ask questions at the Passover Seder: The Wise, the Wicked, the Foolish and the Simple. Just as these children are guided to understand and identify with their history, we, too, must place ourselves in the arc of Jewish history as community leaders. We are required to retell the Passover story as if we, ourselves, were slaves in Egypt-oppressed and diminished as human beings. Few of us have known any oppression or discrimination approaching slavery. We are privileged to enjoy secure and free lives as Jews in North America. Yet, we are required *kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*, All Israel is responsible one for another.



From a position of security and privilege, It is all the more shocking when anti-Semitism spews from misguided extremists or hatred catapults into violence. We have seen this happen here on rare occasions and can recall the fear and anger it aroused. Yet, for the most part, we have been bystanders and our daily lives have not been impacted.

Today, across Europe and in communities in Latin America and other areas, Jews are living in fear and uncertainty. What are the roots of today's Anti-Semitism? Are we on the precipice of another Holocaust?

On April 14th, JPRO will continue its series on The State of World Jewry: Implications for Jewish Community Professionals. We will host an important conference call with Ira N. Forman, Special U.S. Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. Moderated by AJC's NY Regional Director, Michael Schmidt, Mr. Forman will address and answer questions such as roots and trends in anti-Semitism, how anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiments intersect, the role of Islam and how today's anti-Semitism differs from the 1930s. You will want to listen and ask your own questions. There is no cost, but you must register at tinyurl.com/pobnayo.

We wish you a joyous conclusion to Passover and happiness in spring's arrival.



Featured Professional: Jyl Jurman



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Jyl Jurman is CEO of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley (JFSV).

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LOCAL GROUPS

AJP-NYC

Breakfast with the Exec: An Intimate Conversation with Leonard Petlakh, Executive Director of the Kings Bay YM/YWHA

Date & Time: Thursday, April 16, 2015; 8:00 - 9:30 AM EDT

Location: UJA Federation of NY (130 E. 59th St, Room 706/708)



Join AJP-NYC for a conversation with Leonard Petlakh, an experienced Jewish nonprofit executive who serves the Jewish community in a professional academic, and lay capacities. Leonard will share his insights as a Jewish nonprofit executive and leader, from tips for success to challenges along the way to changes and trends in Jewish communal life.

To register click

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Save the date: Monday, May 11, 2015; 6 PM EDT

Building the Jewish Future in Europe: A Conversation with European Jewish Communal Professionals, moderated by Rabbi Michael Paley.

JProStl

The Next Big Idea Series

JPro St. Louis continues their year-long series on innovation, **The Next Big Idea** with the "Power of a Clear Message" in March and the "Power of Presenting" in April. JProStL is excited about their first Gefilte Fish tank on Thursday, May 14. Based on the show Shark Tank, the program will feature presentations, celebrity judges, audience voting, and prizes.



Date/Time	Topic
Tuesday, April 14; 8:30-10:00 AM	Power of Presenting
Thursday, May 14; 3:00-4:30 PM	Gefilte Fish Tank

For information about JPro St. Louis' programs, click

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The Darrell Friedman Institute (DFI) for Professional Development at the Weinberg Center Baltimore, MD



DFI provides training and leadership development opportunities to professionals and lay leaders serving the Jewish community. Professional staff participation in workshops is covered by supporting organizations annual fee. If your organization does not pay a fee to DFI, the cost is \$36 per workshop, unless otherwise indicated.

Protecting Our Teens from Unhealthy Relationships - April 21, 2015

Jewish Values Related to the Health and Safety of Our Teens - May 13, 2015

Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity - Wednesdays at Noon,
April 15-June 17

For additional program listings, click

[HERE](#)

JPro NJ

The Present Moment in Jewish History: Challenges and Opportunities

Date & Time: Friday, April 24, 2015 9 AM-12 PM EDT

Location: JCC MetroWest (760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange 07052)

Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

The event will feature keynote speaker, Dr. John Ruskay.



To register, click

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Jewish Communal Professionals of Southern California (JCPSC) The Professional Development Conference

Save the Date: May 28, 2015



Access your local group below.

JCPSC , Los Angeles, CA	JPro San Diego , San Diego, CA	JPro DC , Washington, D.C.
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GIVING PURPOSE TO OUR WORK: *D'Var Torah*

by Arthur Sandman

הים ראה, וינס; הירדן, יסב לאחור.
ההרים, רקדו כאילים; גבעות, כבני-צאן.

*The sea saw and fled;
The Jordan turned back;
The mountains danced like rams,
The hills like lambs.*



It is sometimes worthwhile to take a look at things from a different perspective. Psalm 114, which is recited in *Hallel*-the celebratory psalms on festive occasions throughout the year and at our seders-reports on Israel's departure from Egypt. We understand the statement "The sea saw and fled." That accords with our understanding of the central event of the Exodus-the parting of the Red Sea. But ...

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a partial listing of Job openings in the Jewish community.

The [Mussar Institute](#) is seeking an entrepreneurial professional to lead and expand the impact of an organization dedicated to inspiring individuals, organizations and communities to grow spiritually through the study and practice of Mussar. The Executive Director will provide excellent management skills, create and implement marketing and fundraising plans, and develop and implement operational plans in support of a new strategic plan. For more details and to apply, please send an email to searchcommittee@mussarinstitute.org.

Missions Director, [Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ](#)

Director of Development, [Yshivat Chovevei Torah \(YCT\)](#)

Director, Empowerment of Families with School-Age Children, [THE PARTNERSHIP for Jewish Learning and Life](#)

Director of Jewish Learning, [JDC Entwine](#)

Hillels around the country are looking for talented professionals to help shape the emerging Jewish leaders of tomorrow. Top executive director roles include Brandeis, University of Washington, Florida International University, Towson, Temple, University of Rochester, and University of Georgia. Please visit <http://www.hilleljobs.com> to see the full list of director, program and development roles that are open.

The Jewish Federations of North America Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence is looking for talented professionals who are passionate about having an impact on the Jewish future. To learn more about open positions across North America, visit www.jewishfederations.org or email personnel@jewishfederations.org.

Please go to the [JPRO Job Board](#) for other employment opportunities.



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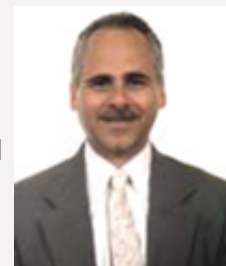
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MAZAL TOVS

Mazal tov to **Esther and Howard Feinberg**, on becoming first time grandparents to grandson, **Aiden Mitchel Feinberg**, son of **Zev and Denise Feinberg**. Aiden was born on February 13, 2015.

Mazal tov to **Karen and Marc Sponder** on the birth of their daughter on March 11, 2015.

Mazal tov to **Beth H. Gansky**, on her new position as Executive Director of ACHARAI.
Mazal tov to **Ed Case**, on his appointment as Founder of InterfaithFamily and **Jodi Bromberg**, on her new position as CEO.
Mazal tov to **Richard Siegel**, Director, HUC on his upcoming retirement.
Mazal tov to **Lori Marx** on receiving her doctorate degree.



EVENTS AND UPDATES

The Wiener Educational Center at UJA-Federation of NY Big Ideas for Jewish Professionals and Volunteers with Deborah Grayson Riegel



Hosted by: UJA-Federation of NY in collaboration with the JPRO Network

Date & Time: 5:00-7:00 PM EDT

Location: UJA-Federation of NY

Deborah Grayson Riegel will be reading from her two new books and sharing the three crucial skills that professionals and volunteers need, in order to be successful within their Jewish organizations.

To register, click [HERE](#).

Other Workshop topics include: Introduction to Strategic Planning (5/6/2014), Fostering an Energized Workplace (5/13/2015), Managing Priorities: Your Time and Your Work (5/14/2015), and Thinking First: Effective Writing for professionals (5/19/2015).

For details and registration, click [HERE](#).

Temple Beth Am Gala: Save the Date

Date: Sunday, June 14, 2015

This year's Gala will honor Sheryl Goldman, Executive Director of Temple Beth Am for her dedication and service to the community. The Ma'ayan Hamitgaber Legacy Award will also be presented.



Yasher Koach to AJAS for hosting a great conference in February!



The 2015 conference was held February 22-25, 2015 in San Diego California. Pictured on the left is (from left to right): Don Shulman (President and CEO, AJAS), Carol Silver Elliott, Molly Forrest, Eli Feldman & Karen Flam.

NAASE hosted its Annual conference in La Jolla, California in March. NAASE elected its new officers and Board of Governors for the 2015-2017 terms, headed by President Bernard Goldblatt, FSA, ATz, Executive Director of Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minnetonka, MN. Marc N. Neiwirth, FSA, ATx, addressed the Annual conference with a "State of the Association" message. The 300 member association of executives of the Conservative synagogues across the United States and Canada will commence its 68th year of professional networking in April.

Picture right is Bernard Goldblatt accepting Presidency.





THE RALPH I. GOLDMAN FELLOWSHIP

The Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship in Global Jewish Leadership is JDC's premier leadership opportunity, awarded to one person annually, for young Jewish thinkers and doers -- policy makers, writers, business innovators, artists, and community builders. The Fellowship enriches a rising leader through direct exposure to local communities and key challenges confronting the Jewish people. Fellows plan their year alongside senior JDC staff, identifying and designing 2-3 unique overseas placements shaped by their skills, interests and the critical needs of communities abroad. This is a paid, professional opportunity for a young Jewish leader who is committed to impacting the global Jewish world. Application deadline: **May 31, 2015**.



For more information about the fellowship click

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

FEATURED SCHOOLS:

[Wurzweiler School of Social Work](#)

is now accepting candidates to enroll Fellows in its Certificate in Jewish Philanthropy for the 2015-16 academic year. This professional development program, now in its second year, aims to increase the pipeline of skilled, knowledgeable, and committed fund raisers for Jewish non profit organizations, a critical need in the field today. The Wurzweiler program is accredited by the NYS Department of Education as an Advanced Certificate program. The Certificate program includes two classroom-based courses, offered during after-work hours at Yeshiva University's midtown Manhattan campus and a mentored internship component in fund raising, with seasoned mentor coaches assigned to provide close mentoring support to each of the enrolled Fellows. In addition to the classroom-based program, Wurzweiler will introduce next year an online delivery option for the Certificate training, targeting select groups of agency professionals. The online program will also include two courses plus the mentored internship. This professional development program caters to communal professionals with 3-7 years of experience in fund raising and other agency professionals who want to retool with fund raising skills. For more information about the program, click [HERE](#) or email Dr. Saul Andron at sandron@yu.edu.



[Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program at Brandeis](#) is a master's dual-degree (MA+MBA; MA+MPP; or MA+MA) program preparing visionary leaders for the 21st-century Jewish community. Hornstein is unique in its integration of the two degrees, generous with scholarships, and strong as a networked community of alumni, students, faculty, and Jewish organizations.



Brandeis University is hosting a public reception and program to celebrate Professor Sarna's book .

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 28, 2015; 6:30 PM EDT

For more information, and to RSVP, click

[HERE](#)

[The University of Michigan's Jewish Communal Leadership Program \(JCLP\)](#)

will host its graduation ceremony on May 1, 2015. Or Mars, Director of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship/Davidson Scholars Program, will be the guest speaker. JCLP



offers a distinctive graduate educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st-Century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns. For more information and to learn about tuition scholarships, click [HERE](#) or contact [Dr. Andrea Siegel](#) with inquiries.

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