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WORK ABOVE THE BULL: A Light Unto the Nations
Brenda Gevertz, JPRO Network Executive Director

The Hasidic story is told that a Rebbe asked his students how they could determine when night ends and day begins. Is it when we can distinguish between a dog and a sheep from a distance? Or is it when we can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine? "No," and "no," the Rebbe said. "It is when…

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JPRO UPCOMING WEBINAR
The New Israeli Government: Views from Jerusalem and Washington
Forecasts and inside perspectives from two leading journalists

The State of World Jewry
For Jewish Community Professionals

Tuesday, May 12th
12 PM EDT/9 AM PDT

Register Now

William Daroff, Moderator
Senior VP for Public Policy & Director of the Washington Office
The Jewish Federations of North America

David Horovitz
Founding Editor
The Times of Israel

Ron Kampeas
Washington Bureau Chief
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

How will Prime Minister Netanyahu's new government impact:

- US-Israel Relations
- Religious Pluralism
- The Iranian Nuclear Agreement
- Other Political Parties in Israel
- The Length and Activities of the Coalition
- His Ability to Lead

FEATURED PROFESSIONAL: Erik Kessler

“What motivates me to work in the Jewish community? Walking through the halls of Moriah each day, seeing smiling, happy, Jewish children engaged in Jewish texts, living Jewish lives, and learning. That keeps me motivated on a daily basis, and there is nothing better!”

Meet Erik
Director of Operations
The Moriah School
Englewood, NJ

LOCAL GROUPS

AJP-NYC & UJA’s Wiener Center
Building Jewish Future in Europe: A Conversation with European
Professional Leadership  
**Date & Time:** Monday, May 11, 2015 6:00 PM EDT  
**Location:** UJA Federation of NY (130 E. 59th St, NYC, 7th Floor)  

RSVP & DETAILS

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JPro DC  
Pitch Perfect: Storytelling 101; Local Group Meet-Up  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 5:30-7:30 PM EDT  
**Location:** Native Foods Cafe (1150 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington D.C.)  

RSVP & DETAILS

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JProStl  
Gefilte Fish Tank  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 14, 2015, 3:00-4:30 PM CDT  
**Location:** Carl & Helen Mirowitz Performing Arts Center  
(JCC Staenberg Family Complex, 2 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO)  

RSVP & DETAILS

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JCPSC  
A Day of Professional Development  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 28, 2015, 9:30 AM-5:00 PM PDT  
**Location:** AJU (15600 Mulholland Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90077)  

RSVP & DETAILS

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DFI  
Professional Leadership Summit: People Before Program  
Creating a Culture of Ownership in Your Organization  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 28, 2015, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM EDT  
**Location:** Temple Oheb Shalom (7310 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD)  

RSVP & DETAILS

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Yasher Koach to JPro NJ on coordinating the Bier Seminar in April!  
Pictured left is Erik Kessler, JPro NJ President and Julie Rosenberg, recipient of the Saul Schwarz Award.
Mazel Tov to the incoming **JPro St. Louis** Board:
President, **Rabbi Levi Landa**,  
Vice-Presidents: **Amy Stone** and **Shannon Rohlman**, & Past-President: **Jean Cavender**.

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**EVENTS & UPDATES**
For full list of programs, visit the new **JPRO calendar**

**My Jewish Coach**
**Dealing with Difficult Personalities**  
**Facilitator:** **Noa Peri-Jensch**  
**Date & Time:** May 21, 2015; 1:00 PM EDT

**Creating Happy and Healthy Lay-Pro Partnerships**
**Facilitator:** **Donna Schwartz**  
**Date & Time:** June 17, 2015; 1:00 PM EDT  
**Location:** ONLINE

Special discount for JPRO Members:  
$100 off the whole webinar package! Use the code "JPRO" when purchasing.
The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
Ira and Nanette Gordon Professional Achievement Award Reception
**Date & Time:** Thursday, June 4, 2015; 9:30 AM EDT
**Location:** Aaron Court, Rodef Shalom Congregation (4905 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh)

**RSVP & DETAILS**

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**GIVING PURPOSE TO OUR WORK: D'Var Torah**
by Arthur Sandman

*Shavuot*, a joyous day, on which we take time out for remembrance. Memorial Day, a day for remembrance, on which we barbecue. Shavuot a holy day. Memorial Day a holiday. Shavuot a religious day. Memorial Day a secular one...

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Senior Legislative Associate, Strategic Health Resource Center**
Washington, DC Office, The Jewish Federations of North America "JFNA"

**Jewish Programming Director**
Jewish Community Center Overnight Camps (Emma Kaufman Camp, West Virginia & Camp Chi, Wisconsin)

**Missions Director**, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ

**Program Coordinator**, Global Immersive Experiences, JDC Entwine

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](http://www.jewishfederations.org) or email personnel@jewishfederations.org.

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](http://www.hilleljobs.com) to see the full list of director, program and development roles that are open.

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](mailto:searchcommittee@mussarinstitute.org).

Please go to the [JPRO Job Board](http://www.hilleljobs.com) for other employment opportunities.

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**CERTIFICATE IN JEWISH PHILANTHROPY**  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

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MAZAL TOVS

Mazal tov to former AJP-NYC Board Member Yishai Mizrahi on his new position as Development Officer at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach.
Mazal tov to Joy Brand-Richardson on her son's, Mike Brand, new position as Director of Policy and Programs at Jewish World Watch.
Mazal tov to Leon Zinger and Rachel Kaplan Zinger, daughter of Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Director of the Center for Community Leadership at JCRC of NY, on the birth of their new baby, Asher Chaim.
Mazal tov to Caren Heller on her appointment as Director of Programs at Big Tent Judaism. Caren will also continue in her role as Central New Jersey Concierge.
Mazal tov to Meredith Grabek, on her new position as Senior Development Office of Professional Networks at Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies.
Mazal tov to Julie Rosenberg on receiving the Saul Schwarz Award at the JPro NJ Bier Seminar in April.

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. 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.

MORE DETAILS
GRADUATE SCHOOLS

The [Gratz College](#), **M.S. in Nonprofit Management for Faith-Based Organizations** is a 36-credit online graduate degree program designed for the adult working professional. Participants in the MSNPM program expand their understanding of the economic, ethical, organizational, social, and behavioral concepts which are critical to the management of organizations within the nonprofit sector. Two other programs include, [M.A. in Jewish Communal Service](#) and a specialization in [Jewish Nonprofit Management](#). Contact: [admissions@gratz.edu](mailto:admissions@gratz.edu)

[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 nonprofit organizations, a critical need in the field today. Contact: [sandron@yu.edu](mailto: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 has a strong network community of alumni, students, faculty and Jewish organizations. Contact: [hornstein@brandeis.edu](mailto:hornstein@brandeis.edu) 2015 Commencement Ceremony: May 17th.

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- [American Jewish University](#)

**New York**
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- [JTS: A Hebrew Seminary and Graduate School](#)
- [American Jewish University](#)
- [Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies](#)
- [Jewish Communal Leadership Program](#)

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- [Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies](#)
- [Towson University](#)

**Maryland**
- [Towson University](#)

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- [University of Michigan](#)
- [Jewish Communal Leadership Program](#)

**Pennsylvania**
- [Gratz College](#)

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