NOMINATE AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLEAGUE FOR A JPRO AWARD!
Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2015 by 2 PM EST.

JPRO AWARDS

JPRO Network recognizes exemplary talent in the field through prestigious awards. The awards provide various scholarships, trips to Israel, and recognition. We are currently accepting nominations for the following awards:

- The Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award
- The JPRO Network Young Professional Award
- The Bernard Rodkin Professional Development Israel Fellowship
- The Norman Edell Scholarship

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WORK ABOVE THE BULL: Creating Career Paths
Brenda Gevertz, JPRO Network Executive Director

Early career professionals understandably question how they can build a career path in the Jewish community. What are the opportunities? How can they grow and advance? What is the message when it appears so many top executives come from outside the field?

CONTINUE READING HERE

JPRO NETWORK UPCOMING CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 15, 2015
Sharpening Your Leadership Toolbox: Communicate to Motivate and Inspire
Jump-start your new year with skills and inspiration with the incomparable Dr. Erica Brown, who combines content-rich skill-building, interactive exercises, and meaningful discussions, all infused with Jewish text and tradition. This program is presented in collaboration with the Wiener Educational Center of UJA-Federation of NY.

Successful leadership at all levels requires effective communication to inspire and motivate everyone you meet in your workday - colleagues, supervisees, supervisors, lay leaders, clients, and more. During the program, you'll sharpen the following communication tools:

- Learn to speak so others listen and listen so others respond. You'll learn how to create and deliver clear and impactful presentations, apply some productive techniques, and consider what does and does not work in a variety of settings.

- Explore traditional Jewish texts and popular leadership literature as a platform for thinking about what inspires you in the nonprofit work you do. You'll then turn personal stories connected to your organization into sources of inspiration to reenergize yourself, volunteers, and colleagues.

- Address the challenging aspect of communicating with difficult people. You'll examine different perspectives on what constitutes a difficult person and how you can better navigate these complex relationships.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 15, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A light breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and the program begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

**Fee:** $75 for professionals with less than five years of work experience; $90 for professionals with more than five years of experience.

**Location:** UJA-Federation of New York (130 East 59th Street, NY)
Registration will be available after September 9th.

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**LOCAL GROUPS**

**JProStl**

Creating Connections Through Social Media with Miriam Brosseau
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015; 11:30 - 1:30 PM

A Spiritual Approach to Community Building with Rabbi Hyim Shafner
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015; Noon - 1:30 PM

**Location for the above workshops:** Jewish Federation Kopolow Building

**SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, January 28, 2016

2016 JPro Annual Recognition Luncheon
JCPSC Awards Dinner  
**Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2015  
**Location:** Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel  
Mazel Tov to all the awardees.

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**EVENTS & UPDATES**

**Ma’yan**  
Webinar with Riki Wilchins: How Gender Norms Hurt Jewish Girls  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2015  
Please join Ma’yan on September 1st for an interactive presentation and discussion about the key terms, ideas, and research behind "gender transformative" programming and how addressing rigid feminine norms can lead to better life outcomes for our young women and girls. Be a part of a wider community dialogue on how to challenge gender norms in our community.  
For more information and to register, contact shayna@mayan.org.

**Survey for CEOs of Social Service Agencies**  
The link below is to a survey for research being conducted by a student at HUC. The
researcher would like to learn more about the use of government funding at Jewish social service agencies and how senior nonprofit professionals feel about this funding source.

MORE DETAILS

Big Tent Judaism
The Stained Glass Ceiling
Check out the research project that asks the question, "Is there a glass ceiling facing intermarried Jewish communal professionals?"

MORE DETAILS

Jewish Home Lifecare
13th Annual Palliative Care Conference
Date & Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2015; 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM EDT
Location: UJA Federation of NY (130 East 59th St, NY)

RSVP & DETAILS

JCC Association
Pre-registration for JCC Professionals' Taglit Birthright Trip 2015
JCC and other Jewish organization professionals that come through the JCC are able to apply early for a birthright trip that leaves NY on November 8th.
Please note: The age limitation is up to 30 years old.

MORE DETAILS

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

I find myself writing a thought for August on this last day of July, Erev Shabbat Nachamu-the day before we begin the cycle of seven haftaras of consolation that span between the sadness of Tisha B'Av and the promise of Rosh Hashanah. Today's news brings the following headlines:

- Palestinian infant killed in apparent Jewish arson attack
- Abbas: Islamic State already operating in Gaza
- Iran says it will ban US experts from UN nuclear inspections
- Jerusalem gay pride stabber found fit to stand trial
- Obama in call to arms: Stop big money from quashing nuke deal

I wonder what the headlines in the coming weeks will read. It gives me cause to
reflect on the first words of this series of haftaras: Nachamu, nachamu ami - Comfort, oh comfort My people Why Nachamu, nachamu?

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- **Program Director**, Leichtag Foundation
- **Volunteer Coordinator**, Family Mentor Program Coordinator
- **Professional Placement Mentor**, SeniorITIS Program, The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life
- **Senior Legislative Associate, Strategic Health Resource Center**
  Washington, DC Office, The Jewish Federations of North America "JFNA"

The Jewish Federations of North America Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence is looking for talented professionals for open positions in Jewish Federations across North America. Check out their new Career Opportunities site to learn more [https://jewishfederations.org/career-opportunities](https://jewishfederations.org/career-opportunities) or email jobs@jewishfederations.org.

**Hillel** has exciting opportunities around the country, most recently at Loyola Marymount, University of Southern Maine, Hillel of Silicon Valley, DePauw University, Hillel of Metro Detroit, Texas Foundation, George Washington University, University Center of Pittsburgh, Brandeis University and Northwestern University. Please visit [http://www.hilleljobs.com](http://www.hilleljobs.com) to see the full listing of available opportunities and share them with your network! Email Aviva Snyder with any questions.

**IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME, IT COSTS TOO MUCH**

By Brian Silberberg, JPRO Benefit Plans Administrator

The money factor and the denial factor are the two knee jerk reactions when the discussion about Long Term Care comes up. Has your trusted advisor ever discussed with you why traditional Long Term Care Insurance can be a "lose to win" program and how it can be turned into a "win, win, win" scenario?

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MAZAL TOVS

Mazal tov to Steven Kraus on his recent appointment as Executive Director of the
Mussar Institute.
Mazal tov to Eva Stern, Big Tent Judaism's Senior Director of Training on being
named Jewish Week's annual "36 Under 36" list of Jewish millennials blending their
Jewish values with education, social justice and art to create a more thriving and
secure world.
Mazal tov to Rachel Litchman Shanken on her new position as Director, Employment
& Settlement Services, Food Security & Administration at the Jewish Family Service
Agency of Greater Vancouver.
Mazal tov to Penina Grossberg on her recent appointment as Program Manager of the
Ruskay Institute for Jewish Professional Leadership at UJA-Federation of NY.
Mazal tov to Ellen Hattenbach on her new appointment as Vice President for
External Relations at Spertus Institute.
Mazal tov to Jessica Nare, Director of Leadership Programs of the Jewish Family
Service of San Diego, on receiving this year's Bernice S. Tannenbaum Prize from the
Hadassah Foundation.
Mazal tov to the JCPSC award honorees: Beryl Geber, Richard Siegel, Rabbi Yechiel
Hoffman, Shiela Moore, Ayana Morse, Allison Lee and John Magoulas.
Mazal tov to Josh Kanter, AJP Board Member, on his new position as Planning
Executive on the COJIR Team at UJA-Federation of NY.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Pictured left are the 17 graduates of the 2015 Wurzweiler School of Social
Work Certificate in Jewish Philanthropy, along with faculty. The Certificate in Jewish Philanthropy is a
professional development program to train skilled, knowledgeable, and
committed fundraisers for Jewish nonprofits.
Pictured left are the graduates from the University of Michigan's School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program. From L to R: Max Glick (now employed at Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor), Haviva Rome Greenbaum (Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit), Emily Meister (Camp Ramah in New England, Palmer, MA), P'ninah Kanai (continuing student), and Emily White (Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago).

Pictured above are the graduates from Gratz College.

California
- Hebrew Union College
- American Jewish University

New York
- The Jewish Theological Seminary of America Jewish Studies & Social Work Program
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- Wurzweiler School at YU

Illinois
- Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies

Maryland
- Towson University

Michigan
- University of Michigan
- Jewish Communal Leadership Program

Pennsylvania
- Gratz College
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