**Save-the-Date: May 22-24, 2016** in Columbus, Ohio, for a continental convening of Jewish community professionals.

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**WORK ABOVE THE BULL: Keeping our Vows**

Brenda Gevertz, JPRO Network Executive Director

Did you make a New Year resolution? Are you planning to exercise more? Disengage from social media and read some books? Spend more time with family? Did you make a similar pledge last year and fall short? You're in good company! According to Forbes Magazine, only 8% of Americans actually...

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**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)

**2015 JPRO Network Award Honorees**
JPRO Network recognizes exemplary talent in the field through prestigious awards.
The awards provide various scholarships, trips to Israel, and recognition.
Mazel Tov to the award honorees!

The Mandelkorn, Young Professional, and Edell awardees will be recognized at a
dessert reception at the 2015 JFNA General Assembly on
**Monday, November 9, 2015; 8:30-10:30 PM ET**
JOIN US!

**Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award**
The Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award annually recognizes individuals who have made significant and enduring contributions in the field of Jewish community organization practice.

**2015 Awardees**
Charles “Chip” Edelsberg  
Executive Director  
Jim Joseph Foundation

Marc B. Terrill  
President  
The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore

Young Professional Award  
The JPRO Network Young Professional Award provides premier recognition of extraordinary young talent, nominated by their colleagues, who are dedicated to professional careers in the Jewish community.

2015 Awardees  
Kim Kaplan, Deputy Director, Hebrew Free Loan Society  
Mordy Walfish, Vice President for Programs, Repair the World

The Bernard Rodkin Professional Development Award  
The Bernard Rodkin Professional Development Israel Fellowship provides an opportunity to increase one’s knowledge and understanding of Israeli society and its social welfare system, and to enhance community organization skills and career development.

2015 Awardees  
Lori Hoch Steifel, Senior Director of Community Engagement, Charleston Jewish Federation  
Mark S. Young, Director of Alumni Engagement, The William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education, JTS

Norman Edell Scholarship  
The Edell Scholarship was established in loving memory by Norman Edell’s family and recognizes his accomplishments as the Executive Director of federations in smaller communities.

2015 Awardee  
Jamie Cahn, Campaign Director, Savannah Jewish Federation

For more information about the awards,
LOCAL GROUPS

JPro Colorado
Seven Habits of Highly Effective Jewish Professionals
Based off of Stephen Covey's book, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, learn how to apply these habits to enrich yourself both personally and professionally.
Presented by: Dr. Sarah Levy, CAJE
Date & Time: Tuesday, November 17, 2015; 8:30 AM - 10 AM CT
Location: JCC - MACC Boardroom (350 S. Dahlia St. Denver, CO 80246)

MORE DETAILS

Confronting Ignorance - Talmudic Stories
Presented by: Rabbi Dr. Elie Kaunfer
Date & Time: Tuesday, January 5, 2016; 12 PM - 1:30 PM CT
Location: Hebrew Educational Alliance
(3600 S. Ivanhoe St, Denver, CO 80237)

MORE DETAILS

JProStl
Coaching Skills Training with Deborah Grayson Riegel
Increase your ability to help others reach their full potential by increasing your own leadership skills. Join for this interactive coaching skills workshop.
Date & Time: Sunday, October 11, 2015; 6- 9 PM CT
Location: TBD

MORE DETAILS

Mazel tov to the JCPSC Award Honorees
On September 10th, JCPSC held their 35th Annual Banquet recognizing dedicated leaders in the community. Pictured on the right are the honorees at the event.
(From L to R): Sheila Moore, Ayana Morse, Beryl Geyer, Richard Siegel, Yechiel Hoffman, Allison Lee and John Magoulas.
D'Var Torah
By Arthur Sandman

Few of us have read either Mason Locke Weems or Bereishith Rabbah, but the gist of these excerpts will be familiar:

"When George [Washington]...was about six years old, he was made the wealthy master of a hatchet! of which, like most little boys, he was immoderately fond, and was constantly going about chopping every thing that came in his way. One day..."

EVENTS & UPDATES

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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. Below is a partial listing of upcoming workshops.

Creating a Culture of Ownership
Begins October 14th, 5-7:30 PM ET (4 Monthly Sessions)

Jewish Leadership Series 2.0
Begins November 19th, 8-10 AM ET (8 Monthly Sessions)

New Frontiers in Confronting Anti-Semitism
Begins December 3rd, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM ET (5 Monthly Sessions)

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

IAJVS Annual Conference
Date: April 17th-19th
Location: Sofitel Hotel Philadelphia, PA
Details will be announced at a later date.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Marketing/Sales Associate, Wilf Campus, Central NJ

Manager, Young Adult Engagement & Philanthropy, Manager, Endowment Funds, Donor Advised Fund Administrator, Jewish Community Federation & Endowment Fund of San Francisco

Young Leadership Associate- Staff, Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Program Coordinator, Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore

Program Director, Leichtag Foundation, San Diego

Professional Placement Mentor, SeniorITIS Program, The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life, New Jersey
**The Jewish Federations of North America Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence** is seeking talented professionals for open positions in Jewish Federations across North America. Check out our Career Opportunities site to learn more [jewishfederations.org/career-opportunities](http://jewishfederations.org/career-opportunities) or email jobs@jewishfederations.org.

**Hillel** has exciting opportunities for great professionals to join our growing community of exceptional talent. Positions include Executive Director roles at Cornell University and Ithaca College Hillels, as well as many opportunities on the Hillel International team. Contact **Aviva Zucker Snyder**, Director of Talent Acquisition with questions.

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**WHAT IS YOUR RETIREMENT PLANS FIXED RATE?**  
By Brian Silberberg, JPRO Benefit Plans Administrator

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**MAZAL TOV**

**Mazal tov** to the 2015 AJVS Award Winners: **Linda Ehrenreich**, Chief Innovation Officer, JF&CS Pittsburgh, **Aryeh Sherman**, President & CEO, JF&CS, **Linda Chapman**, Volunteer, JFSA Cleveland, **Tara Mullen**, Program Director, JEVS, **Irene Vaksman**, Program Manager, JVS Toronto, and **Carol Hacker**, Director of Disability Services, JVS Toronto.

**Mazal tov** to **Justin Rosen Smolen**, AJP Board Member, on his recent promotion as
National Director of Youth Programs at Keshet.
Mazal tov to Audra Berg, JPRO Board Member on her recent promotion as Vice President, Leadership Engagement and Board Relations for Jewish United Fund.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Gratz college is currently accepting applications for mid-career Fellows in:

- Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management for Faith-based Organizations
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- Master of Arts in Jewish Education

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