FROM OUR CHAIR, Harvey N. Wallace

As Board Chair, I am honored to receive invitations to many of the events that our community agencies and religious institutions sponsor. It is truly exciting to see what is happening in our St. Louis Jewish community and hopefully you have the opportunity to participate with the organizations that are most meaningful to you.

Bais Abraham recently had its annual fundraiser and celebration, honoring its leaders and emphasizing "Bais Abe’s” goals of inclusion and accessibility for everyone in our community. Guest speaker, David Newburger, spoke of the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.

The Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School had their annual gala with attendance of about 350 individuals. The evening was a wonderful success as the guests honored the faculty, received an update on what is happening at Mirowitz and generously supported several targeted projects that were high priorities for the school.

“Cheers! Where Good People Meet” was the theme of a recent Jewish Family & Children’s Service evening. Whiskey and wine tasting along with tasty appetizers and decadent desserts made for a fun event, but the message was clear – the work JF&CS is doing requires community support.

And, of course, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ calendar is quite busy. Recently, under the leadership of Janie Weiss, Sheri Sherman, Kara Newmark and Stephanie Gross, all of the past presidents and board chairs of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, going back to 1901, were honored at a special evening, "L’Dor V’Dor,” which recognized their legacy and leadership.

At its April meeting, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ Board of Trustees heard from David Bernstein, the new leader of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Joan Denison, Executive Director of Covenant Place, and a panel consisting of the leaders of our three Jewish Day Schools – Rabbi Tzvi Freedman, Rabbi Yakov Green and Cheryl Maayan.

In May, members of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis Professional Societies attended an event at Cortex where Travis Sheridan, founding Executive Director of Venture Café Foundation-St. Louis, spoke. Later in the month, the Kehillah Society members will have the opportunity to see The Muny Troupe in a special performance focused on the musical history of the Jewish contribution to theater.

Is there a better time to get involved in the Jewish community in St. Louis? I think not. I look forward to visiting with you at an upcoming event.

FROM OUR CEO, Andrew Rehfeld, Ph.D.

This year, the Staenberg Family Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, is celebrating its 10th year of giving back to the St. Louis region. Guided by Jewish values, the Staenberg Family Foundation was founded in 2005 by Michael and Carol Staenberg. As such, it supports projects and programs that meet the mission of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, which is to mobilize resources needed to preserve and enhance Jewish life in St. Louis, Israel and around the world. The Staenbergs chose to establish the Foundation in this manner because they believe that the Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ mission is consistent with their family values as Jews. Tzedakah (righteousness) and Tikun Olam (repair of the world) are values that have guided the Jewish people and the Staenberg family. The Foundation’s other significant areas of interest include arts and culture, children, education and medical research which work toward the betterment of the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

To celebrate 10 years as a supporting foundation, the Staenberg Family Foundation is embarking on a campaign to inspire others to get involved in our local nonprofit community, share stories of impact and ask YOU to be part of their 10 Gifts Challenge.

**Over the course of the year, challenge 10 people to do something inspired by the Staenbergs.**

This can include but is not limited to:

- Mentor someone in the community who needs your help.
- Volunteer your time at the food pantry, with seniors or at an upcoming event.
- Make a donation to an organization that impacts a cause you care about.
- Celebrate your successes to stay motivated in the future.
- Inspire a friend to take on the 10 Gifts Challenge, too!

As you complete the 10 Gifts Challenge, share your journey on social media with the hashtag #10GiftsChallenge and don’t forget to tag your family and friends. Follow along to see what other members of the community are doing to honor the Staenberg Family Foundation and follow in their footsteps. Together, we can accomplish the Staenbergs’ goal to “inspire others to give back to the community.”

Throughout the year, the Staenberg Family Foundation is also...
We congratulate Michael and Carol on starting this celebratory year by receiving the Philanthropic Legacy Award from Gateway Center for Giving. The entire Staenberg Family, Michael, Carol, Rachel, Leah & Hannah and their Foundation have been recognized for granting more than $70 million in financial support to nearly 500 organizations, in addition to pro bono contributions and cost-saving measures valued at over $15 million, over the past decade, creating a significant legacy of philanthropy that now extends to a second generation of givers.

Let’s continue this important work and join the Staenbergs in leading lives of philanthropy.
FOOD BLOGGER AMY KRITZER VISITED ST. LOUIS ON APRIL 19

The Community Development department was proud to partner with Jewish Food Experience and Next Dor STL to bring in Amy Kritzer, food blogger from What Jew Wanna Eat, on April 19. Amy created a special day centered around Jewish food and helped community members discover new Passover recipes, answer food-related questions and learn great cooking tips and tricks. Amy started the day with an engaging cooking demo and lunch with women from our partner organization, Nishmah. In the afternoon, she hosted a hands-on cooking class for young adults. Finally, Amy took to the big stage to host a “TV-style” cooking demo for the greater St. Louis community. We hope that many of the great recipes made it to your Seder table this year!

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JPROSTL ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD FOR 2016-18

Julie Gibbs, Director of Women’s Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, has been selected as the President of JProStl for 2016-18. Julie becomes the seventh JProStl president, succeeding Rabbi Levi Landa of Chabad. JProStl is an initiative of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and has been recognized as the model for Jewish professional associations in the country. JProStl provides training, shares resources and promotes networking for staff at 50 organizations in order to strengthen staff members, their organizations and the community as a whole.

Incoming JProStl Vice Presidents are Randi Schenberg (Crown Center) and Tabari Asim Coleman (ADL’s A World of Difference). Committee chairs are Marianne Chervitz (Crown Center), Marian Gordon (Traditional Congregation), Erin Schreiber (Maryville Hillel), Rabbi Micah Buck-Yael (JF&CS) and Lory Cooper (The J) for Young Pros.

New and returning at-large board members for 2016-17 are Leah Frankel (JF&CS), Miriam Ross-Hirsch (Hillel at Washington University), Kelly Richter (Jewish Light), Rabbi Naftali Rothstein (Yeshiva Kadimah), Heather Silverman (NCJW) and Leslie Wolf (Deutsch Early Childhood, Temple Israel).

Recently rotating off of the 2015-16 JProStl board were Shannon Rohlmans (Mirowitz), Amy Stone (United Hebrew), Rabbi Ari Kaiman (B’nai Amoona), Shirley Wise (Jewish Federation of St. Louis), Rabbi Yitz Staum (JSU), Rachel Lubchansky (Epstein Hebrew Academy) and Jean Cavender (Holocaust Museum & Learning Center). Maharat Rori Picker Neiss (JCRC) also previously served.

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The Rubin Israel Experience

TEN COMMUNITY LEADERS SELECTED FOR THE RUBIN ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

Jewish Federation of St. Louis has announced the next cohort of “Rubinites” who will embark on The Rubin Israel Experience, an all-expense-paid trip for St. Louisans 27 to 45 years old who have never been to Israel. The 10-day trip brings together a diverse group of young adults for a life-changing journey, packing in activities that help them experience Israeli culture, food, nightlife, innovation, nature and history. The following community leaders will take the trip of a lifetime September 11-21, 2016:

Matt Berman  Steven Myers  Paul Sorenson  Lisa Greening  Neshama Roash
Jodi Glassman  Katie Rice-Guter  Lauren Gelber  Sharon Remis  David Sweeney

This unique trip was created to bring the Jewish experience full circle, inspiring a deeper connection to the St. Louis community and cultivating leadership. Now in its ninth year, philanthropists Ron and Pam Rubin believe this incredible Israel experience ignites a passion for a strong Jewish community within the potential leaders who participate. More than 80 young adults have been on this trip since its inception, and most of them are currently involved in meaningful and substantial leadership positions in our Jewish community.

The trip is offered and staffed by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and underwritten by philanthropists Pam and Ron Rubin and The Rubin Family Foundation. For additional information, contact Mindee Fredman at MFredman@JFedSTL.org.

L’DOR V’DOR: HONORING 115 YEARS OF LEGACY AND LEADERSHIP

Jewish Federation of St. Louis would not be the organization it is today without the hundreds of community members who give their time and money to better our mission. Among these volunteers are a special group of people who have dedicated themselves to the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and our broader Jewish community by becoming Presidents or Board Chairs. It is because of these individuals that the mission and goals of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis continue to be carried out in a manner benefiting thousands of Jews around the world.

On April 18, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis honored its past Presidents and Board Chairs for their years of service to Federation and our community at large. This special event celebrated these leaders and recognized their greatly valued efforts. Each President carried out the Jewish tradition of L’Dor V’Dor, from generation to generation, by creating change in our world and imparting their wisdom on their successors. Their family and friends were invited to learn about the tremendous impact the Presidents and Board Chairs have made in our Jewish community for the past 115 years.

Community Family Shabbat in the Park

Friday, June 10, 2016
5:30-7:30 pm | Shaw Park
(North Shelter at the Treetop Playground)
27 S. Brentwood Blvd., Clayton

For families with children 5 and younger (siblings welcome).

Bring your own picnic dinner and blanket.
Light the candles and celebrate Shabbat together.

Have a treat from the ice cream truck; dietary laws observed.
Play on a wonderful enclosed playground.

For each family, a tote bag.

This event is free of charge.
RSVP by June 6 at JFedSTL.org/ShabbatFamilyPicnic.