I have just returned from Paris where I attended the Board of Governor’s meeting of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). JAFI is one of three overseas agencies the Jewish Federation of St. Louis funds. Thanks to giving from you and our community to the Annual Campaign, this year our community will be providing about $2 million in both unrestricted and program specific grants to our overseas partners.

JAFI’s mission has traditionally been to facilitate immigration and absorption of new immigrants into Israel. In this role, it has been working closely with the Jewish community of Paris as the number of Jews from the city who are immigrating has recently increased due to the significant rise of anti-Semitism in Paris and throughout Europe. Because of JAFI’s close working relationship with local communities, they, along with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), are often our “boots on the ground” to help us assess the needs of distressed communities.

Prior to the meeting, I also attended a small three day pre-conference with other Federation executives from around North America. We met with high level community leaders and government officials to assess the state of the Jewish communities in Paris and throughout Europe. This is a very sensitive time for European Jews and there is a great deal of concern. JAFI continues to be an important partner of the St. Louis Jewish community and their work in assessing and meeting needs is inspiring.

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But times are changing. With over 85 percent of Jews now living in Israel or the United States, and another 500,000 or so in France—a relatively affluent community—JAFI's challenges are different today than what they once were. With decades of experience in resettlement in Israel, the agency has become a driver of Jewish educational programs even as they retain and use the knowledge they have gained from their rescue and relief efforts to be ready in case of a crisis.

During this trip, we joined the JAFI staff on site visits around Paris to see the work they are doing here first hand. This included visits to a Jewish day school, and another visit with the Reform community, work JAFI is doing to promote pluralism in the Jewish community.

The work that JAFI is doing must be supported so long as there are any communities in harm's way. At the same time, our community in St. Louis is facing greater needs to invest in education and community support to promote Jewish continuity and access to Jewish camping, education and experiences in Israel. We are thus exploring ways to partner with JAFI in less traditional ways so that we can continue their support, but in a manner that will align with our own needs at home. I am optimistic we will find ways of doing so very soon.

I do want to thank former Jewish Federation of St. Louis Board Chair Heschel Raskas, who was also at the JAFI meetings where he serves on its Board of Governors.

Thank you for your continued interest, investment and involvement in the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

**10 GIFTS CHALLENGE**

This year, the Staenberg Family Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, is celebrating its 10th year of giving back, and we need your help in showing the Staenbergs how much we all appreciate their generosity.

We have launched the 10 Gifts Challenge to spread the spirit of Michael and Carol Staenberg and family throughout the St. Louis region and around the globe. The Staenbergs and the Foundation have gone above and beyond over the past 10 years to make sure local and global organizations receive the financial support and professional involvement in the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Step 1. Accept the Challenge

- 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!

Step 2. Share your success

- Post a photo of whatever you accomplished with the hashtag #10GiftsChallenge on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to tag us, @Jewish Federation of St. Louis on Facebook or @JewishFedSTL on Twitter.
- Challenge your friends and family to also complete the 10 Gifts Challenge. Tag them in your post!

Step 3. Continue your good work

- Now that you’ve completed the challenge, it doesn’t have to end!
- Read the Staenberg Stories for inspiration from St. Louis community leaders:
  - Get involved in the Jewish Federation of St. Louis by visiting BuildJewishSTL.org.
  - Continue to spread the word to family and friends.

The Staenbergs have inspired you. Now it is your turn to inspire someone new. Learn more at JFedSTL.org/Staenberg-Family-Foundation.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY SUMMER READING CLUB**

Full STEAM Ahead: Where STEAM* and Literacy Come Together is the theme of a collaborative effort this summer between the Brodsky Library and PJ Library. More than 150 parents and kids, ranging in age from babies through 11 years, gathered on June 16 for the first of two educational summer literacy programs. Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ Kopolow building was filled with the sounds of budding engineers, artists, chemists and architects as they constructed catapults and zip lines, built skyscrapers out of recycled materials, planted terrariums, created lava lamps, transported themselves into a story, and, in what was possibly the most challenging activity of the afternoon, tried to eat their ice cream before it melted in the hot sun. Each week, new at-home activities related to PJ Library books and other favorites are released for families to work on together and post their results to the PJ Library and Brodsky Library Facebook pages, with hashtags #BuildDesignRead, #JSTEAM and #FullSTEAMAhead.

Keep an eye out for our next program on July 27, when our STEAM activities will be focused on Israeli inventions. Activities ranging from water conservation to creating a new kind of Jerusalem street art will again bring together families from across the St. Louis Jewish community. To RSVP, contact Jen Baer Lotsoff at 314-442-3867 or email JLotsoff@JFedSTL.org. Visit JFedSTL.org/BrodskySummerReading for more information.

*STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

**ARTIFACT SPOTLIGHT**

When the HMLC opened in 1995, archival holdings had already been accumulated and recorded. Survivors, veterans and other community members have been donating artifacts, documents and other memorabilia, creating a repository of memories connected with the Holocaust/WWII years. Some artifacts have been integrated into the Museum’s permanent exhibit, others have been used as the focus of temporary exhibits as well as historical research and publications. Professionally inventoried, preserved and made accessible, the contents of the HMLC archives are handled with the honor and respect these artifacts, documents and material culture deserve.

Through our monthly Artifact Spotlight, we want to share some rarely seen objects from our archival holdings. Visit HMLC.org/ArtifactSpotlight to view this month’s feature. For more information about the HMLC archives, or if you are considering a donation, please contact Diane Everman at 314-442-3722 or email DEverman@JFedSTL.org.

**Jewish Federation of St. Louis’ Grant Workshop**

Your Key to Unlock Jewish Funding Opportunities

Jewish Federation of St. Louis, Kopolow Building
12 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146

Thursday, August 11

11:45 am-1:15 pm

RSVP by August 8 to Mary Brown at MBrown@JFedSTL.org
TO HONOR AND REMEMBER: TESTIMONIES OF ST. LOUIS SURVIVORS AND WITNESSES

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Enjoy batting cages, pitching in the bullpen, a special photo booth, visit from Fredbird, walks through both dugouts and a chance to make your 2016 Annual Campaign pledge.

Learn more about the mission!

• Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 pm
• Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm
Jewish Federation of St. Louis Kopolow Building
RSVP is requested but not required.

Early Bird Pricing is available through September 6, 2016.
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Deborah Grayson Riegel, MSW, PCC, returns to St. Louis September 11-13 to lead training programs targeted to different leaders in the Jewish community and St. Louis region. Riegel is an internationally recognized expert in communication skills and professional coaching.

On Tuesday, September 13, nonprofit leaders are invited to participate in a full-day of Leadership Coaching Skills Training supported by Maryville University. The program is designed to introduce participants from throughout the St. Louis region to core coaching skills that deepen listening, highlight powerful questions to unlock new thinking, increase empowerment and accountability and boost successful work relationships. Deborah will be facilitating the same session for Millstone Fellows and Millstone Fellows alumni on Sunday, September 11.

On Monday, September 12, professionals from the St. Louis Jewish community are invited to professional development programs. Each program is designed for staff based on roles and experience. All day-time programs take place at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis Kopolow Building.

Creating a Culture of Feedback for Executives, Senior Managers and Clergy will take place from 8:00-10:00 am. With real-time practice and coaching, managers/clergy learn how to give feedback in a way that leaders to increased trust, motivation and accountability.

Making Time for Living a Whole (and Happy) Life is planned for support staff from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and includes a light lunch. Participants will explore how to balance work and personal priorities with the expectations of others.

Powerful Conversations is open to all staff from 1:30-4:00 pm. Practical, interactive exercises teach participants how to manage different perspectives, reduce resistance, and create shared solutions.

The twice-yearly Millstone Institute Presidents’ Circle will take place Monday, September 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm at The J on the Staenberg Family Campus and is open to all board presidents, presidents-elect, clergy and Executives/CEOs. Deborah will present on How to Be a Chief Engagement Officer.

For more information and to RSVP for all programs, contact Marci Mayer Eisen at 314-442-3810 or MEisen@JFedSTL.org.

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ST. LOUIS WOMEN’S MISSION TO ISRAEL: LEARNING ... LEADING ... COMMUNITY

Jewish Federation of St. Louis and AISH HaTorah of St. Louis are traveling to Israel as part of the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project (JWRP) St. Louis Women’s Mission. JWRP was established in 2008 by eight diverse women in the Washington D.C. area who saw a deep need to create an inspiring values driven trip to Israel that will empower women to change the world.

This is AISH’s seventh year bringing women on this trip and the first year for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, thanks to the generosity of the Staenberg Family Foundation. This inaugural partnership trip allows the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and AISH the opportunity to bring women together to experience Israel with a focus on learning, leading and community. Through the JWRP Israel curriculum, they will learn Jewish values that elevate their leadership.

The St. Louis participants will arrive in Israel early to spend their first day visiting sites and learning about programs that the Jewish Federation of St. Louis helps support. They will visit Orr Shalom, a foster and group home care for Israel’s most vulnerable children, they will hear from a director at Hand in Hand, a center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel and will visit Leket Israel, the country’s largest food bank where the participants will have the opportunity to package and prepare much needed food parcels. Before meeting up with the rest of the JWRP group, the St. Louis women will make a stop in our Partnership city of Yokneam to join with Israeli participants.

Jewish Federation of St. Louis and AISH St. Louis will be bringing the following women to Israel July 11-20, 2016:

- Denise Aprill
- Gina Bernstein
- Laurie Berwald
- Marcie Brook
- Julie Flom
- Robin Fox
- Abby Goldstein
- Lisa Goodman
- Debbi Grebler
- Mindy Grossman
- Beth Higdon
- Allison Izsak (madricha)
- Amy Kanfer
- Debra Klevens
- Jill Mannis (madricha)
- Shern Meyers
- Carolyn Morris
- Michelle Nobbe
- Joyce Opinsky
- Jennifer Pines
- Debbie Polinsky
- Lynne Prywatch
- Michelle Rubin
- Caryn Rudman
- Debora Sartori
- Pearl Serota
- Lori Steinbein
- MaryAnne Smly Sabin
- Tracy Speller (madricha)
- Pam Super
- Stacey Wallach
- Lisa Weiss
- Jenny Wolkowitz
- Julie Gibbs and Karen Sher (staff)
- Mimi David and Pirchie Greenspon (staff)