

The Power of Community

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Federation programming that enhances our Jewish community



JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

As the public affairs program department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, the **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** brings together Jewish agencies, organizations and religious institutions to plan, coordinate and implement an effective program of positive public relations both within and between the Jewish and general communities of greater Dallas.

Examples of how the JCRC works within our Jewish community include:

■ RALLY TO STAND WITH ISRAEL

On July 30, about 2,000 people came together at our Israel solidarity community rally. Speakers, including Governor Rick Perry, Deputy Consul General of Israel Maya Kadosh, local rabbis and interfaith leaders with congregations numbering in the thousands, articulated our support for Israel's right to defend herself and to live in safety and security. This public show of support was seen by the Dallas community and throughout the United States through media outlets, including CNN, as well as numerous local media stations.

■ VIGIL TO BRING BACK OUR BOYS

The JCRC worked closely with the Federation to produce the vigil held Monday, June 23, for the three abducted, later found to be murdered, Israeli teenagers. Nearly 600 people attended the program. Speakers included the Deputy Consul General of Israel, who flew in from Houston to attend. Many attendees took photos of themselves with the #BringBackOurBoys sign to post on social media.

THE WEXNER HERITAGE PROGRAM

The **Wexner Heritage Program**, funded by the Wexner Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and many generous local donors, provides an advanced Jewish learning and leadership experience for 20 emerging and current leaders in our Dallas Jewish community. Through bi-weekly study sessions with notable scholars from across the country focusing on Jewish history, culture, sociology and leadership, the Dallas cohort becomes immersed in Jewish learning with the purpose of Jewish literacy.

Twice through the program, the cohort attends a domestic retreat along with participants from other cities in the Wexner Heritage Program. Additionally, the cohort travels to Israel on a learning and leadership mission. Upon attending a recent retreat, participant Sue Fox Schwartz said, "It is such a privilege to be a part of this experience. I know we will all feel the weight of the responsibility to take what we learn back to the Dallas Jewish community at large in a meaningful way."

OUR MISSION

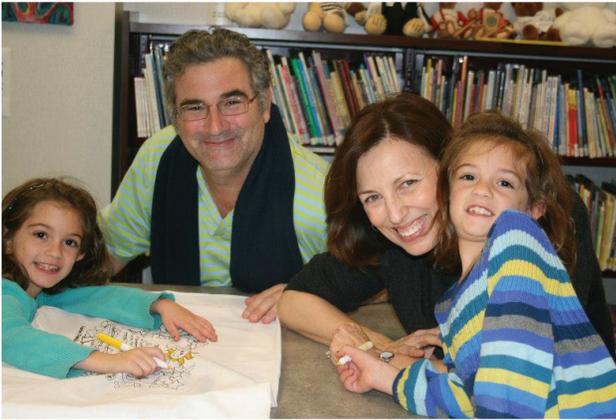
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THE CENTER FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

The Center for Jewish Education (CJE) serves on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas as a community resource for Jewish education. The CJE enriches programs and facilitates new initiatives that support Jewish education to ensure continuity and engagement of the Greater Dallas Jewish Community.

A recent example of CJE's work includes bringing to Dallas the prestigious 18-month Leadership and Fundraising Academy taught by the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE). This program, made possible by a generous grant from the Legacy Heritage Fund, taught five of our community's day schools about best practices in governance, professional leadership, and fundraising. In less than a year, several of our schools saw an increase in fundraising of more than 10% along with developing more effective boards and leadership strategies.

One such school that has been positively impacted from this program is Mesorah High School for Girls. Says Headmaster Rabbi Avraham Zev Kosowsky, "The interest and involvement of our new board is something that hasn't happened in at least 11 years." In addition to the PEJE program, the CJE assisted with sending a Mesorah teacher to a training in the Feuerstein Method in Critical Thinking from Jerusalem at the Texans CAN Academy in Dallas. This past year has also been enriched by a visit from former British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks which the CJE successfully arranged. More than 300 Jewish students left inspired by the Rabbi's talk. CJE's never ending energy and commitment to building our Jewish community means Dallas will continue to be at the forefront of Jewish education for our children.



THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Leadership Development Group (LDG) is a program specifically for young adults run through the Federation's **Young Adult Division (YAD)**. YAD inspires and engages young Jewish adults through networking, education, and philanthropy for the purpose of community building and leadership development. LDG provides a forum for disseminating information about the Federation and experiences that offer group opportunities to learn about the vital work Federation does for our community and Israel.

From visiting the Federation's partner agencies such as CHAI, Jewish Family Service and The Legacy at Preston Hollow to learning about the planning and allocations process, these young leaders commit to a year of Federation activities and involvement. Katrina Gross, co-chair of LDG, says, "This enriching experience is one that my husband and I both cherish and look forward to continuing as we co-chair the group this year furthering our growth in the Jewish community."

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THE HARTMAN LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING PROGRAM

Upon returning from the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly in Denver two years ago, Senior Rabbinic leadership from across Dallas met with local Federation leadership and Boston Federation CEO Barry Shrage to improve Federation/Synagogue relations while also advancing our Dallas Jewish community. With five senior rabbis representing the three major movements and 100 select congregants who are current or emerging leaders, the Hartman Leadership and Learning program was born. Using a unified curriculum about "Jewish Peoplehood" from the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, participants learned monthly in their congregational groups. A kick-off and concluding session featured Yehuda Kurtzer, CEO of Hartman North America and Elana Stein-Hain, Director of Leadership Education, respectively. Our community is stronger when our congregations, agencies and Federation work together towards a unified goal—in this case, to advance adult Jewish literacy.



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