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Around Our Communities

Top Row L-R: Regional Director Ed Finkel honors Jewish Community Council of Erie President Robert Breakstone and Temple Anshe Hessed's Rabbi John Bush for Erie's exemplary financial commitment to the Stop the Sirens Emergency Campaign in 2014; Jewish Federation of the Treasure Coast officers Carol Cobb and Larry Wapnick in Port St. Lucie, FL; Regional Director Tiffany Yankovich with Debbie and Steve Roosth in Tyler, TX.

Second Row L-R: Board members Myron Levy, Rodney Gleiberman, Dr. Bob Matlin, Steve Zuckerman, and Dr. Gary Goldman at a campaign event in Lancaster, PA; Regional Director Rachel Levy with board members Myral Robbins, Jacob Weintraub, and Beth Grode in Kalamazoo, MI.

Third Row L-R: University of Iowa Hillel Director Jerry Sorokin, Rabbi Jeff Portman, President David Roston and guest speaker Gil Tamary in Iowa City, IA; Dr. David Frolich and Dr. Bobby Donner in Macon, GA; Kate, Sarah, and John Webster in Mobile, AL.

Bottom Row L-R: Rita Whitlock, Irving Silver, Patricia Silverman, Eileen Susman, Barry Silverman, and Larry Voit in Mobile, AL; Executive Director Danny Nathanson and Gwen Wallace in Lafayette, IN; Stephen and Madeline Flaster in Lansing, MI.

A NOTE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to celebrate another Jewish New Year.

You'll see an Annual Campaign feature in this issue of Net News that poses the idea of being happier with your reflection. The high holidays are always a time of meditation on the past and planning for the future. As I look back on my first full year as the Advisory Committee Chair for the Network of Independent Communities, I am filled with such a wonderful sense of pride and accomplishment. Our staff continues to do amazing work and offer unprecedented support for our communities, our lay leaders work tirelessly to support both local and overseas needs, and our donors continue to amaze us with their ongoing generosity. And as I look to the future of the Network, I am filled with optimism and excitement. In 2016, we will be offering two exciting missions, we will be holding our second annual GA+ program, and we will be expanding our marketing efforts to reach a much wider audience.

Individually, we can all be very proud of the important work we have accomplished this year. The events held, the campaign dollars raised, and the special programs planned – they are all cause for immense gratification. But it is as a group, a team – indeed a Network – that we can look in our collective mirror and be very happy with what we see.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and joyous New Year.

Julie

Julie Wise Oreck, Network Chair

As we approach the High Holidays, I want you to know how proud I am to be directing the Network of Independent Communities.

The dollars we raise to support those in need locally and overseas are making a significant difference. From helping Jews in Ukraine and France make Aliyah to strengthening Jewish life around the world, we are following the teaching that all Jews are responsible for one another. This issue of Network News highlights some of our important collaborations and initiatives. We support Global Day of Jewish Learning, which offers people the opportunity to explore Jewish texts through community-based learning. We are partnering with the Jewish Community Legacy Project (JCLP) to assist small Jewish communities in planning for their future when faced with aging and changing demographics. We are excited to be organizing a JFNA Network Mission to Israel, during which participants will be able to experience first-hand the essential work we do there. This year's GA in Washington DC will again include a GA+ program with private briefings and networking opportunities for Network leadership. Finally, you will now be able to read about the Network and all of our activities on Facebook.

Again, we deeply appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of the Jewish people. *Shana Tova Umetuka* – a good and sweet New Year to you and your families.

Danny

Danny Nathanson, Executive Director

A WV SUMMER CAMP WITH SURPRISING ORIGINS

BY LINDA KLEIN – BOARD MEMBER, HUNTINGTON, WV

Camp Kief, the first Jewish day camp in Huntington in many years, has just completed its first summer. It was quite an accomplishment for a small community like ours and something we are immensely proud of. But you may ask – how did Camp Kief actually happen? As strange as it may seem, the idea came about at JFNA's 2014 General Assembly (GA) in Washington DC.

Last year, for the first time, the Network of Independent Communities offered an event called GA+, a full day of extra programming designed just for representatives of small Jewish communities. Along with my fellow leaders from seven other Network communities, I participated in a variety of meetings and activities that were geared to our particular concerns and interests. We attended private briefings with Jewish Agency and JDC representatives, heard powerful

stories from funding recipients, and had the chance to ask questions of professional staff members.

The biggest impact, however, came from the time during GA+ that was set aside to get to know the other attendees from small communities – all of which share similar issues, regardless of geography. I found myself particularly interested in a conversation with Beth Grode from Kalamazoo, when she mentioned her community's

Jewish day camp. Beth explained that they started small – with just five children – and were able to get counselors from an organization called Soul Train (an Israeli organization partially funded by the Jewish Federations). Beth further explained that the community only had to provide room and board for the counselors, a facility in which to hold camp activities, and of course, the kids! Kalamazoo's camp grew little by little and four years later, now hosts 25 children. I listened to Beth's amazing story and thought, we could really do this in Huntington!

With the support and approval of our board and our rabbi, I was able to get commitments from parents of eight children. I then approached Soul Train and we soon had an agreement – two counselors (one of whom who has family in Huntington) would come from Israel to lead Huntington's camp.

I checked in with Beth as we progressed, and borrowed liberally from Kalamazoo's experience. We had frequent email contact with our two counselors before the summer started, and they submitted a

wonderful curriculum. We were ready for camp to begin!

Camp Kief's first summer was truly fabulous and exceeded everyone's expectations. It was full of Jewish learning, activities, songs, field trips (to the local YMCA pool, Marshall University's theater, Blenko Glass, and Heritage Farm) and recreation. Campers made cookies and sweets, challah for Shabbat, and Israel cake maps. Our campers

all want to come back next year, and their parents were very pleased with the experience.

What works for one small community often works very well for another – I was so grateful not to have to reinvent the wheel.

It's amazing to think that all this was the result of a meeting for small community leaders in Washington DC last fall. We are so grateful to Kalamazoo

for their guidance, and to the Network of Independent Communities for providing the opportunity at the GA for this kind of collaboration to take place. We often forget that our fellow small communities face similar challenges, and we have so much to learn from each other. We can't wait to find out what information and ideas come to us at this year's GA+ and what inspiration we can pass on to other small communities.

Camp Kief kids and counselors at Marshall University's theater



I COULD HAVE BEEN THEM

BY **SAMANTHA DUBRINSKY** – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY IMPACT & SPECIAL PROJECTS, BIRMINGHAM, AL

“I could have been them.” This sentence constantly ran through my head while I was in Ukraine in June on a Jewish Federations of North America trip. The purpose of the trip was to assess the needs of the Jewish community there and see how Jewish Federations are helping our fellow Jews amid the turmoil in their war-torn country.

You see, my great-grandfather was from Odessa, formerly a part of Russia but now a part of Ukraine. He immigrated to the US in 1917, during the Russian Revolution – a time when many Russians, and especially Jews, experienced hardship and threats to their safety.

If not for my great-grandfather making the courageous decision to leave for a better life, I could easily have been one of those people we met in Ukraine.

At dinner on the first night in Dnepropetrovsk, we ate with some of the young leaders in the Jewish community. As we sat eating together, I thought about my great-grandfather and my safe and comfortable life in the United States. It continually occurred to me that any of these

young people could have easily been my friends or me, planning for the future and hoping for better lives for ourselves. But in contrast to my life filled with freedom, choice, and possibilities, these young people were dealing with basic questions of safety and security for themselves and their families.

Even earlier this year, I traveled to Paris on a Jewish Agency fact-finding trip in the wake of two terrorist attacks. Again, the same sentence ran continually through my head. “I could have been them.” But in France

it was different. My family has no roots in France, but I could easily see myself in that Jewish community. I could imagine myself in their shoes when I saw the fear in the eyes of the young Jews deciding whether they should leave for Israel because of the anti-Semitism facing their community, or stay in what might be a risky situation.

Before traveling to France, I did not understand how much the freedom and protection that we receive from the government in the US contributes to the safety and well-being of our American Jewish community. No, French Jews are not in a country suffering from war and struggling to meet basic necessities, but they are in a war of their own – a war against intensifying and, at times, violent anti-Semitism. In Paris, a

Jewish community member told our group that the French government has made a religion of being secular, so there is no real protection for religious groups by the government.

With the help of the Federation system, we are helping Jewish people all around the world to live safe and secure lives. The agencies we support are doing amazing work around the globe, but they need our help to fulfill continuing needs.



Samantha Dubrinsky, left, speaking with an internally displaced family who narrowly escaped the conflict in Ukraine.

I hope that, in the coming years, none of us will ever think, “I could have been them.” But for that to happen, these dire situations must be resolved.

Samantha's writing has been featured in many Federation outlets. She is also available as a guest speaker for local events through the JFNA Speaker's Bureau. For more information on Samantha or to book her for an event, please contact your Regional Director.

Overseas Focus

AN EYE OPENING VISIT IN LOD

BY **JULIE WISE ORECK** – CHAIR, NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JDC is an overseas partner receiving financial support from
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PACT (Parents and Children Together) is one of three signature programs funded
by the Network of Independent Communities.

In Israel, immigrant Ethiopian families can face enormous struggles, even once they have made Aliyah. In addition to language and cultural barriers, young children can face vast educational and social gaps. But without proper support, their parents often lack the skills needed to assist in their children's development.

That is why the PACT (Parents and Children Together) program is so incredible. It is one of the Network of Independent Communities' signature programs, in partnership with the JDC, and it provides comprehensive educational and community services for many Ethiopian-Israeli families in Lod, Israel. As children move from daycare to preschool to kindergarten, a social worker guides parents through the services available to them, including vital educational enrichment, medical check-ups, and promotion of health awareness. Every year, over 630 Ethiopian-Israeli children in Lod, aged 0-10, benefit from PACT programs.

On June 25th of this year, I had the incredible privilege of visiting the community of Lod to see first-hand the incredible work being done by JDC through PACT and supported by our campaign dollars. Although hundreds of pictures were taken that day, I wanted to share just a selection of photos from my visit. Take a closer look at the faces of the people we are helping with our dollars. They are beautiful, gracious, and so deserving of our support. I'm so proud to be a part of an organization that ensures the wellbeing of our fellow Jews.

Julie Wise Oreck visits with staff, volunteers, and participants at the PACT program in Lod.





Be Happier with your reflection.

It's Rosh Hashanah. The time when we all need to take a deeper look.

If you'd like to brighten your reflection, here's an inside tip. **Give to Federation.** You'll be nurturing and sustaining our people wherever they're in need. Helping thousands to connect to their Jewish identity wherever there's a longing.

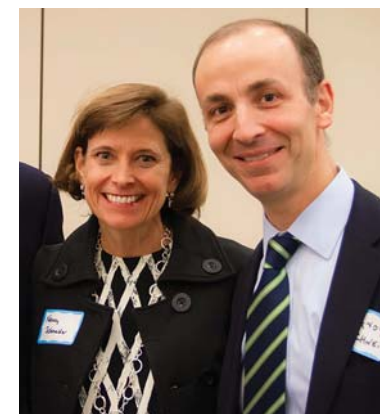
In fact, you'll be sweetening the new year for our entire global Jewish community. Please give as generously as you can. When you look in the mirror, you'll definitely like what you see!

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Top Row L-R: Sheila Spector and board chair Bob Spector with Jody Belsher, Danny Nathanson, and John Belsher at a major donor event in San Luis Obispo, CA; Art and Cindy Fries with Danny Nathanson at a major donor event in San Luis Obispo, CA; Mary Bianco with Executive Director Lauren Bandari at a major donor event in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Second Row L-R: Suzy Nash, featured speaker Morris Dees, Nadine Fox, and Senator Richard Burr of North Carolina at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference; Michael and Lyn Green, Bob Deutsch, Don Sawyer, Sharon Wechter, Julie Wise Oreck at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference.

Third Row L-R: Network Executive Director Danny Nathanson, Mike Brenner at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference; Julie Wise Oreck and featured speaker Susan Jackson at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference; Bob Deutsch, featured speaker Morris Dees and Richard Brenner at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference; Felice Brenner at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference.

Bottom Row L-R: Attendees at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference; Wendy Brenner and Dr. Andy Schneider at Abe Brenner Southeast Network Leadership Conference.

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FROM HEARTBREAK TO HAPPINESS

BY STAFF WRITERS, WORLD ORT

World ORT is an overseas partner receiving financial support from JFNA/ Network of Independent Communities

Many Jewish families emerged from the Soviet regime knowing next to nothing of their heritage and, given the anti-Semitism in the prevailing culture, little incentive to find out more. World ORT's schools have provided an entry point for many on the margins of the Jewish community.

Tatiana Elokhina is a single mother of two, living in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. "My family was assimilated and I did not give much importance to the fact I was Jewish," she said. "But when my husband and I quarreled, I was always subjected to insults related to my Jewish roots." Similar experiences also led to the collapse of her second marriage, but Tatiana emerged defiant. "My experiences made me think about my origins – I had no reason to be ashamed! I had a strong desire to tell my children about their Jewish roots and to accustom them to Jewish traditions. I learned about the ORT school

from friends and fate gave me a wonderful opportunity to fulfill my desire," she said.

ORT schools provide a warm, accepting and safe environment in which students and their parents are able to rekindle, explore, and celebrate their identity.

Tatiana's children started at ORT in a time of civil unrest in Kyrgyzstan, during which there were many public expressions of anti-Semitism. "Friends warned me of the danger of sending the children to a Jewish school, but I've never doubted their safety at

ORT Pri Etz Chaim," Tatiana said. "It's perhaps the safest school in the city!"

She continued, "It's not easy raising children alone, but ORT has given our family a future."



Ratibor, Tatiana's son, enjoying his lunch at ORT Pri Etz Chaim

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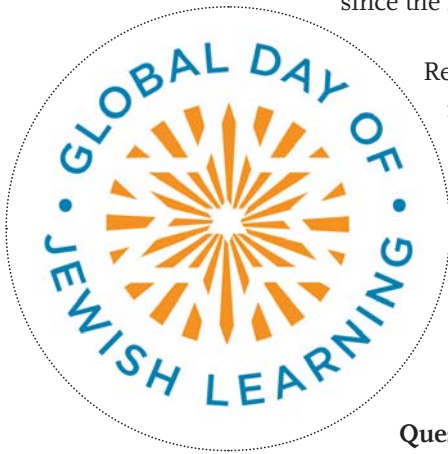
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LET MY PEOPLE KNOW!

Join a once-a-year opportunity to unite with hundreds of Jewish communities worldwide through the study of our shared texts. The 2015 Global Day of Jewish Learning will take place on Sunday, November 15th. This year's theme is "Love Devotion, Desire and Deception." Participating in Global Day is an easy way to offer a dynamic learning event that will create connections within your community, and connect your community with the world – answering Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's call to "let my people know."

Each year, over 350 communities across 40 countries celebrate Global Day with full-day or partial-day learning sessions. Many Network communities have been a part of Global Day since the inception of the program.



Registered communities are provided with resource materials, including a detailed curriculum and live online global learning opportunities – all free of charge. Programming can take a variety of forms, but are always tailored to a community's interests.

To get started, mark Sunday, November 15th, 2015 on your community events calendar, then take two minutes to complete the registration at theglobalday.org/register.

Questions? Reach out to Community Coordinator Zach Cohen at 212-840-1166 or zach@theglobalday.org.



What does a small Jewish community or congregation do when it slowly loses its membership to aging and its youth moving to larger cities? What happens to its cemetery, synagogue building, Torahs, candlesticks and other assets? The Jewish Community Legacy Project (JCLP) can help these small remote communities face those questions by engaging their leadership in a legacy planning process. JCLP, which is a collaborative program of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), helps the community leaders develop a Legacy Plan for the time when the community or congregation is no longer viable. Each customized Legacy Plan reflects the issues and interests of each community. As part of its mission, JCLP helps create partnerships with larger Jewish organizations that will help the small community implement its wishes.

If your community could benefit from JCLP's services or for more information, please contact your Regional Director or visit jclp.org.

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Overseas Focus

ALIYAH OF RESCUE SPARKS RENEWED ENERGY IN LANSING

BY **CANDACE SIMON** - COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR/ ASST. REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT COMMUNITIES, JFNA

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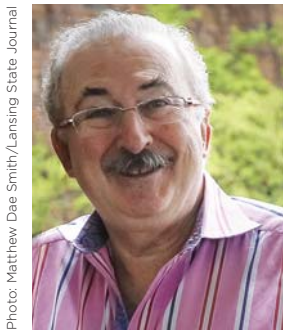


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Steve Flaster has been a campaign chair for Lansing for many years. Like many small communities, in the last few years, Lansing has seen a decline in the total amount they were able to raise to send overseas to Jews in need. Steve says that he has heard every justification for this downturn that he can imagine: “The big givers are moving away...” “The population is declining...” “The young people aren’t engaged...”

But recently, one local donor said something to Steve that changed his thinking about this issue. He looked him straight in the face and said, “Those things are not the problem – you just have to start thinking of bigger ideas.” And for Steve, that bigger idea was the Federation-supported Jewish Agency initiative of Aliyah of Rescue. And though the program has the ability to rescue Jews from a long list of countries around the world where it is unsafe for them to live freely, the most affecting idea to Steve was bringing our brethren from war-torn Ukraine home to Israel. There are so many American Jews whose ancestors made their way here from that area of the world, and Steve recognized that if circumstances were different, these Ukrainian Jews in need could easily have been any of us. That idea sparked a new energy in Steve.

First, he was thrilled that his community had an opportunity to directly help fellow Jewish families in Ukraine to come to a new life in Israel. Second, Steve felt that he proved to himself as a campaign chair that cam-

aigns don’t necessarily have to decline. This year, if not for this particular initiative, Steve says that Lansing’s total campaign would



A Ukrainian-Jewish family, aided by The Jewish Agency, arrives in Israel

have been down 10%. But with Aliyah of Rescue, they will be up by 30%. “With new ideas,” Steve says, “there is no excuse to live in the past. We must keep engaged and emotionally connected with the incredible programs that Federation is supporting.”

With the knowledge that a gift of \$5,000 is enough for The Jewish Agency to help one family make Aliyah, Steve immediately went to his family to share his enthusiasm. Together, members of the Flaster family made a generous gift of \$5,000. But Steve didn’t stop there. With renewed energy, Steve went out into his community and spread the word. In relatively short order, Lansing donors were making a collective donation to Aliyah of Rescue totaling \$25,000 – made up of four \$5,000 gifts, two \$1,000 gifts, and a variety of other contributions.

“After seeing my community’s incredible generosity and enthusiasm for such an important program,” Steve says, “I feel renewed as a leader in Lansing. And the knowledge that our community is helping five Jewish families come home to Israel is an incredible reward in and of itself.”

If you or your community is interested in contributing to Aliyah of Rescue or would like more information, contact your Regional Director or visit jfna.org/network.

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Top Row L-R: Gordon and Lesley Hughes, Dr. Harvey Tritel, and Dave Pfeifer at a campaign event in Andrews, NC; Don and Nan Goldwasser at a campaign event in Fayetteville, NC; Campaign Chair Linda Rosen, the JDC's Diana Fiedotin, Ellie Fleishman, and Dr. Sam Fleishman at a campaign event in Fayetteville, NC.

Second Row L-R: Board members Louis Weiner, Joel Weinbaum, Specialist Mark Silverberg, Ed and Judy Gollop, Pam Rhodes, and President Dr. Richard Brooks with Regional Director Richard Klein in Huntsville, AL; Sylvia Goldenberg, Rabbi Victor Rashovsky, Abigail Rashovsky, and Doug Bloomfield at a campaign event in Oak Ridge, TN.

Third Row L-R: Rabbi Bob Alper, Rhona Hurwitz, and Dr. Michael Baron in Tri-Cities, TN; Kathy and Steve Moskow, Gary Kramer, Linda Leder, Gary Mann, Campaign Chair Robert Leder, Jackie Steinberg, and David Owens at a campaign event in Whiteville, TN.

Fourth Row L-R: Eydie Greene, featured speaker Micah Halpern, and Barry Greene at a campaign event in Martinsville, VA; Judy and Steve Dashoff at a campaign event in Martinsville, VA; Regional Director Richard Klein with Rabbi Avi Perets in Myrtle Beach, SC; Professor Alvin Rosenfeld with Executive Director Danny Nathanson in Bloomington, IN.

Bottom Row L-R: Mayor Michael Gillette, Jodi Gillette, and March Schewel at a campaign event in Lynchburg, VA.



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Designed with Small Communities in Mind**

JFNA Network Mission to

Israel

April 4-10, 2016

Whether you are traveling to Israel for the first time, have lost count of your visits, or fall somewhere in between, this is the opportunity to experience the wonders of Israel with other members of small Jewish communities from around the country. Come see first-hand how our dollars are making a difference.

This mission will include opportunities to...

- Explore Jerusalem's historical past and Tel Aviv's high tech future
- Attend briefings from Israeli government officials and journalists
- Welcome new immigrants from France and Ukraine
- Visit the Network's signature programs in our partner community of Dimona
- Spend a spiritual Shabbat and Havdalah in Jerusalem
- Tour the Knesset, Yad Vashem, and Mt. Herzl
- Experience the wonders of Masada

Optional extension to the Golan Heights and the Galilee - April 10-13

The land-only cost of the mission is \$2,990 per person for double occupancy. Single supplement is \$950. Group flights are available from both New York and Los Angeles.

For more information, contact Danny Nathanson at danny.nathanson@jewishfederations.org or (818) 219-7948.

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