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REFLECTIONS

Marla's voice

By Marla Cohen
Executive Director, Jewish El Paso



Every couple of days I am notified that my LinkedIn page is being seen. I'm too cheap to pay for learning who is looking because I'm not looking to get hired. And then I remember, it might be anyone in our area, trying to learn more about me as the new Executive Director of Jewish El Paso (Or whatever we are going to call ourselves. More on that a little later on). By the time you receive this edition of The Voice, I will have been in my position for six weeks. While I am making the rounds to visit each of our Jewish institutions, connect with donors and community members you may want to know what my plans are. Who am I anyway, and do I like El Paso?

The easiest question is liking El Paso. Yes, I love it here. I grew up in Denver, Colorado and proudly call myself a native. My summers were spent at Jewish camps with a lot of Texans, both at the JCC Ranch Camp in Elbert, Colorado and Camp Alonim in Simi Valley, as well as Camp Swig in Northern California. I visited here as a teenager and recruited staff here for The Ranch Camp. While my husband Salvador and I both miss living by water, we are both equally drawn to the vastness of the desert. He is intrigued by the flora and fauna surrounding us. And the mountains are spectacular.

I shared with one community member, not being native to El Paso or Las Cruces, I have a whole new forest of family trees to learn. I learned my best lessons from my parents at our kitchen table. And at the heart of things, building a strong and vibrant community is about relationships.

Besides reaching out to people and organizations in El Paso, I will be holding "office hours" in Las Cruces. It is important that the Federation have a presence there besides hosting events. Please check the Community Calendar for dates when I am there and feel free to email me for an in-person appointment.

I am spending these first three months gathering information from many of you. In August, when our board meets again, I look forward to sharing with them what I've learned. Together we will determine a path forward. We will be strengthening our committees and welcoming individuals who wish to volunteer when we unveil all our initiatives for 2023-2024. Your thoughts are welcomed and appreciated.

I am also committed to working with the board to meet our priorities, supporting Jewish education, programming for our older adults and youngest members of our community and their families. And we can expand on our programming, capitalize on our successes, and reaching out to the broader community. Working with our dedicated and creative staff, I look forward to expanding our network of partners and programming for different age groups on relevant topics.

Besides a logo change, we will also be revamping The Voice. It will be produced every other month as well as uploaded digitally. The weekly newsletters will be back up for items that didn't make it in the Voice and to remind people of all the great events coming up. We are seeking youth writers to share their impressions of life issues, thought pieces from community members on relevant topics as well as Jewish scholarship. We hope you enjoy the upcoming issues and provide us with helpful feedback.

Exploring Jewish History of the Borderlands



By Blanca Carrasco,
Co-Chair Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies (SCJS)

Dear friends, as you know I'm chairing the upcoming Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies (SCJS) 33rd annual conference to be held here in El Paso, on August 13-15 at the El Paso Convention Center. Speakers from across North America will present papers on various aspects of crypto-Jewish history and research. The theme "Exploring Jewish History of the Borderlands" encourages papers on other related topics as well. The two and a-half day program includes meals, relevant films, presentations in the arts, and entertainment. Our very own Rabbi Stephen Leon alongside Peter Svarzbein, David Mariscal Varela and myself will be presenting on El Paso Heritage among other great topics.

The conference begins Sunday afternoon August 13, 2023 with a genealogy workshop featuring Arturo Cuellar and Genie Milgrom, following a pre-conference bus excursion viewing highlights along the Camino Real trade route and ending at Los Portales Museum. Keynote speaker and honoree is Dr. Sylvia Hamui Sutton from Mexico City. Musical entertainment will be provided by musician Robyn Helzner presenting "The Key to the Casa", sights and sounds of Medieval Spain.

Twice a year SCJS wrap amazing stories in the remarkable HaLapid Magazine that goes to all members of the Society. The current issue will be available for you to see in the Jewish El Paso's Weekly Newsletter. It is a very engaging and informative issue and covers all the information about the conference, I hope you'll enjoy it!

I invite you to consider attending the full conference and pre-conference events. If not possible, you can attend specific events, or panels (a la carte options). The event is open to all. For conference information and registration go to cryptojews.com. I humbly ask that you help us reach out to more people interested in the amazing topic of crypto-Jews.

Looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

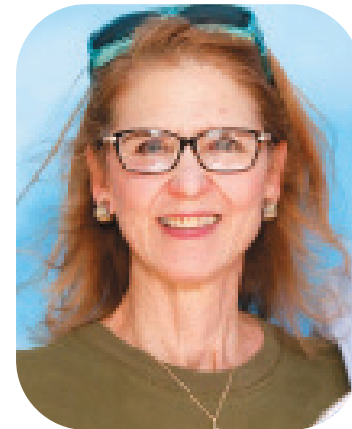
El Pasoans Elected to Texas Jewish Historical Society



Susan Goodman Novick

SUSAN NOVICK has been elected as Vice President of the Texas Jewish Historical Society; also, Joyce Davidoff will serve on the Board of Trustees 2023 - 2025.

Susan Goodman Novick is a Certified Archivist and among her many civic duties she serves on the Smith College Board of Trustees.



Joyce Davidoff

JOYCE DAVIDOFF is a native El Pasoan and has served on many boards and leadership positions in El Paso.

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The Cherry Hill School 2nd Grade Desert Adventure Trip



The weekend of May 5th (14th Iyar, 5783), the second grade Cherry Hill School class and their families went on a weekend camping trip to City of Rocks State Park, New Mexico. Siblings were included and Ms. Brynn the 2nd grade teacher and Morah Sammy the Judaics/Hebrew teacher joined them. This trip was planned by the parents because the school's current unit is living organisms, and the 2nd grade's

primary focus is the desert habitat. This trip acted as the capstone project for the unit.

The weekend kicked off with a beautiful shabbat under the stars followed by smores, a dessert around the bonfire. Several of the parents had never camped before, and everyone worked together to ensure tents were properly set up. The next day everyone hiked with a tour guide where he showed us a hole in the rock that was created by a mortar and pestle by some group years ago. There were certified petroglyphs throughout the rocks, the one everyone saw was a jackrabbit. After the hike, the group was able to see rock paintings of Kokopelli. Later that day, there was a kosher hot dog BBQ along with a potluck of delicious sides. The group then drove to the hot springs where we had a private reservation all set up for us. The evening ended with a beautiful Havdalah service under the stars, followed by another smores dessert around the bonfire. This was truly a unique experience for all, and special bonding time not just for the kids, but the parents as well. This trip emphasizes the growth of our school's kehillah / community and how far we have come since TCHS opened at the peak of covid in 2020. The hope is that this trip will become an annual tradition for both students and parents to look forward to each year.



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HARRY BLAKE

**Leeds School of Business, UC
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Harry Blake graduated from the Leeds School of Business at UC Boulder. Already gainfully employed at "Empower" (Financials) in Denver beginning next month.

Congratulations Graduates!

SAMUEL WESTERMANN

8th grade graduation.

Samuel Westermann is graduating 8th grade at Brown Middle School and will attend El Paso High in the fall. He looks forward to participating in band, baseball and three magnet programs: AP Capstone, Dual language and STEM.



TISHA B'AV JEWISH EL PASO

Sinat Hinam and Speaking Up 2023

By Rabbi Evette Lutman,
Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to observe the rabbinic holiday of Tisha b'Av – the Ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, in Jerusalem. The ninth—the tisha—of Av, is the date on which we mourn the destruction of the first and second temples. We also mark that date as the date of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.



The observance of Tisha b'Av is a hard sell for progressive Jews. Most of us cannot fathom a return to sacrificing animals as a means of communicating with The Divine. So what does a Reconstructionist rabbi do on Tisha b'Av? There is still great value in joining with the Jewish People, and observing holidays, following halachot (Jewish law) and participating in prayer, even when the words of those prayers touch us differently than most. So that night I decided to begin my Tisha b'Av observance on the Teyelet, a garden/path from which you can see all of the Old City and surrounding modern Jerusalem.

Many different groups had assembled in circles at the Teyelet, flashlights illuminating the words of Eicha – Lamentations, the voices of the chanters raised in mournful pitch. There on the Teyelet I found the Israel most beautiful to me, each group chanting at its own pace, some lead by women, some by men, some dressed in conservative, religious clothing, and some in shorts and t-shirts.

One group consisted of high school teenagers, BBYO – B'nai Brith youth leaders from across the United States. After the teens finished chanting Lamentations, they did an activity in which each had an actual puzzle piece, cut from a map of Israel. On the back of each piece the students had to write an aspect of Israel that most touched them. When all the puzzle pieces were

assembled, the map became a true representation of the tolerance and Jewish diversity possible in Israel.

On the day of Tisha b'Av, many yeshivot did special learning dedicated to the holiday. I chose to go to Pardes, an egalitarian orthodox learning center, for a lecture by Rabbi Gideon Sylvester, “The Sounds Of Rabbinic Silence”. The teaching that afternoon was about the story of Kamtza and barKamtza.

A paraphrase from Talmud Bavli, Masechet Gittin, 55b-56a:

There was a certain man whose friend was named Kamtza and whose enemy was named barKamtza. This man once made a large feast, inviting many local dignitaries, scholars and rabbis. The Host asked his servant to invite the man's friend, Kamtza, to the feast. The servant mistakenly invited his enemy barKamtza. When the host found barKamtza sitting at the feast, the host proclaimed barKamtza an enemy out loud, exclaiming, “What then do you want here? Arise and leave!” BarKamtza asked to stay, and offered to indemnify the Host by paying for whatever he ate and drank. When the Host refused BarKamtza offered to pay for one-half of the feast – and it was a mighty big feast. Again the Host refused. BarKamtza made one last try, offering to pay for the entire feast. Refusing, the Host took barKamtza by his hand, stood him up, and took him out.

Through a long series of twists and turns, the shame barKamtza experienced resulted in the destruction of the Temple by Rome.

In exploring this topic of shame, the speaker

referenced the MaHaRSHA, who focused not on what the host said, or what BarKamtza said. He focused instead on what the Rabbis said. In the face of all this disgrace, the Rabbis said nothing. And barKamtza most certainly noticed their silence.

Our speaker offered:

“Perhaps we can say that they did not protest because they were not able to. It is also possible that they did not protest because of the flattery which became strong in that generation.”

Perhaps each individual rabbi did not want to risk opposing the host because of fear of reprisal against them. Would he who raised his voice lose financial support? Or the respect of his colleagues?

As rabbis our drive to stand up against injustice and oppression must be stronger than the fear of being outcast. We must raise our voices despite the cost. If not, our silence gives consent to the offence just as surely as in the story of Kamtza & barKamtza.

As I write this article, Pride month has just begun in Israel. I have participated in pride marches there, and witnessed the hatred, and feces hurled at the marchers, hurled at me. Several individuals lost their lives while marching. It's not just members of the gay community who march in Israel, the United States and around the world. Straight Allies of the gay community march as well. My favorite protest sign was carried by such an ally. The mother of a gay child wrote, “Ha ben sheli homo – az mah?!” “My son is gay – SO WHAT?!!”

For my part, I hope to continue to be a rabbi who speaks up and helps break down stereotypes. I hope to encourage leaders within my congregation, who are already urging others to use their voices and take a stand. Human rights, hunger, poverty, homelessness, the differently abled, domestic violence – there's no lack of work ahead of us. This Tisha b'Av let's replace sinat hinam with ahava - love, and rededicate ourselves to that work.

Here is a Photo You Should See

By Rabbi Evette Lutman,
Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces

Let me describe this photo captured in the summer of 1987 at a “Farbrengen” at Lubavitch World Headquarters. “Farbrengen” is the simple Yiddish word for gathering, but in the 250-year-old Chabad lexicon it represents the idea of Jews coming together and connecting on multiple levels through Chassidic discussion, soulful tunes and brotherly toasts of L'chaim over glasses of wine or vodka.

When the Rebbe assumed the Chabad leadership after the passing of the Previous Rebbe, the Farbrengens he held frequently on Shabbat, Jewish and Chassidic holidays and at times randomly served as his platform to communicate with the world. He taught unique innovations in all levels of Torah scholarship, launched multiple campaigns aimed at transforming the Jewish landscape and shared his approach to critical issues fa-

cing the global Jewish community and humanity at large.

In attendance were thousands of people from across the social spectrum. World leaders, pulpit rabbis, businessmen, activists, rabbinical students and curious observers. But this photo reveals a demographic one would never expect to find at such a gathering; dozens of children - on the dais no less!

They were usually hidden from the crowd by the table, but in this photo taken from behind the dais as the Rebbe gestured a greeting to one of the guests sitting behind him, you can see how close these children were to the Rebbe as he communicated to the world. Rather than being a nuisance, they were encouraged to attend even though they were unable to follow the Rebbe's talks at all.

Much has been written describing the Rebbe's personal greatness, charisma, leadership, scholarship and impact on the world, but the core of the Rebbe's mission can be summed up in the Zoharic description of Moses the first Jewish leader - a shepherd of faith.

As Moses guided the Israelites through the desert, they experienced miracles on a daily basis. Surrounded by divine clouds and nourished by heavenly bread and water flowing from a rock, the Israelites lacked no proof of G-d. But their faith needed to be nurtured so that when they entered the Promised Land and the daily miracles ceased, their faith would permeate every fiber of their being and



every aspect of their lives.

When the late Shimon Peres visited the Rebbe he later shared that on every subject the Rebbe displayed brilliant depth, but when speaking of faith he spoke like a five-year-old child.

Faith is the core of our identity and must be nurtured at every juncture of life. For the Rebbe, communicating the deepest Torah thoughts or addressing major world crises were all expressions of his role in making our inherent faith more relevant and applicable. In this capacity, children are as important as venerable sages in their eighties.

Thursday, the Third of Tammuz, June 22 marks 29 years from the Rebbe's passing, yet the Rebbe continues to nurture our faith through his teachings published in hundreds of books, preserved in thousands of hours of audio and video recordings now available in multiple languages, online as well. I encourage you to visit www.therebbe.org and avail yourself of this treasure which continues to transform and empower millions to make our world a better place, preparing it for the ultimate redemption through Moshiach.

Legislative Round Up



Jewish El Paso submits this correction to our article "Legislative Round Up," published in the June/July 2023 issue of The Jewish Voice. This article was mistakenly published as an editorial piece written by an individual member of our board. This was an error. This piece should have been published as a statement issued by the JCRC committee of Jewish El Paso, and should not be attributed to any individual member. In conjunction with this piece, we published a request for our members to contact their legislators to oppose certain bills. This request to contact legislators was also published in error, and is hereby wholly retracted.

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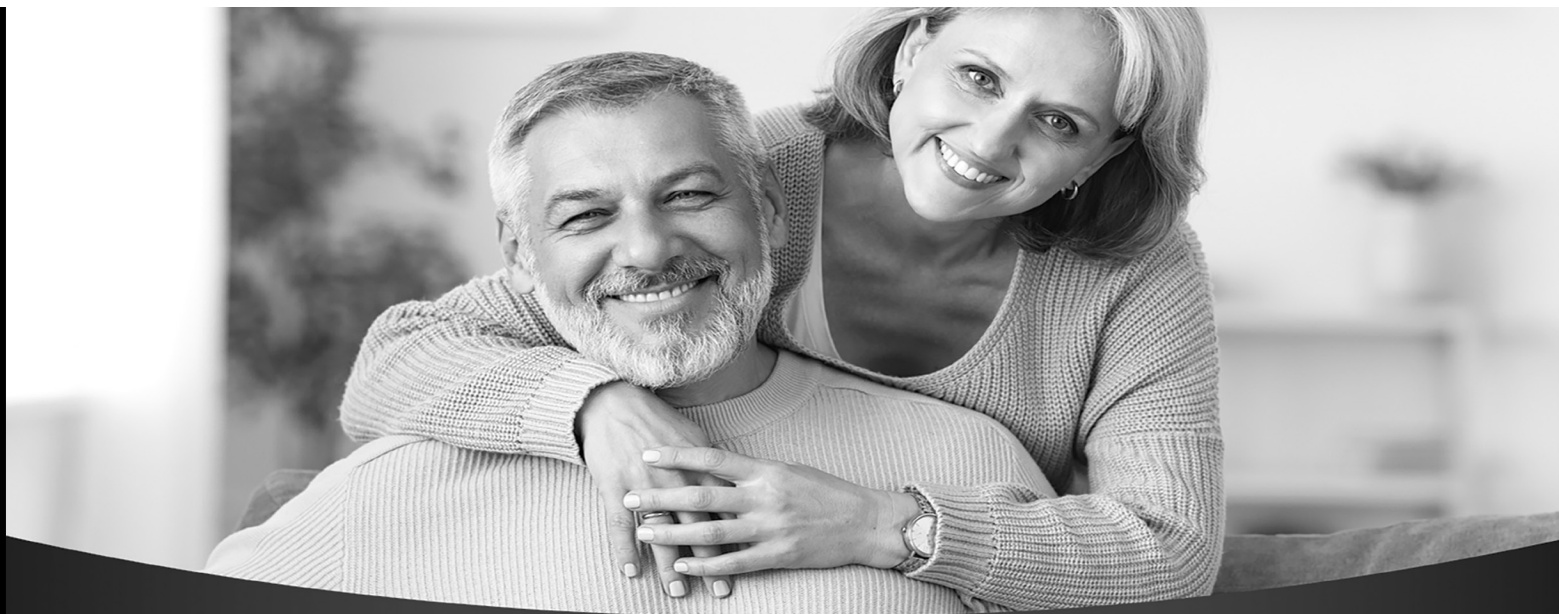
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REBECCA MENDEZ, PROGRAM & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, JEWISH EL PASO

Programs: Past, Present, and New Journeys

It has been a true honor and privilege to be the Program & Engagement Coordinator of this organization through this time of change. I want to take this time to recap on the great events and programming starting back in June 2022 and up to May 2023.



As an organization, we were able to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and really begin to jump back in to in-person community events in El Paso and Las Cruces with our monthly programs: Borderland's Café Europa, ElPasoConnect, and PJ Library. The Fall and Winter schedule added Shofar Across Borders, Veteran's Day Shabbaton on Fort Bliss, and Chanukah at the Plaza.

Moving into 2023, our office said goodbye to our former Executive Director and welcomed Ms. Monika Kimball, Immediate Past President, as our Interim Executive Director. We continued on with our monthly programming, hosted candidates for the Executive Director position, and planned for our Celebrate Israel @75 event.

Celebrate Israel @75 saw about 200 attendees and included special guests: students from the Jewish Center for Early Learning and the Cherry Hill School; a keynote address by Peter Svarzbein, the ADL Community Engagement Manager for the Southwest Region; and an educational musical performance by Camerata del Sol. It was a great evening with wonderful food and beverages by Adrovino's Desert Crossing and Salma Farrah, birthday cake, a photobooth, and gift bags. Thank your to our sponsors for making this event possible: Melinda and Meyer Marcus Family Foundation, Cliff & Martha Eisenberg, Anthony (Tony) & Robin Furman, and Gerald (Jerry) & Stanlee Rubin. I would like to thank our committee co-chairs (Stephanie Calvo, Blanca Carrasco, and Audrey Lavi) & volunteers (Margie Hauptman and Noel Hollowell-Small) for their generous time & effort in during the event.

I am happy to welcome Marla Cohen as our new Executive Director, and am excited to start this new journey in our organization and in programming. While programming takes a summer break, we be reviewing all of our programs to grow and improve as well as create new programming that will be of great interest to our community. We continue to collaborate and support our community partners, so please stay tuned to our Weekly Newsletter and Community calendar for their events.

On behalf of our staff, thank you so much for your support. We wish you a fun summertime and we hope to see you in the fall!

EL PASO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER PRESENTS:

Speaking Up! Confronting Hate Speech Special Exhibition

El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center is proud to host the special exhibition: Speaking Up! - Confronting Hate Speech, curated by Holocaust Museum Houston. This exhibition underscores the ways in which words can lead to genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. The exhibition provides historical and current examples drawing out the connection between speech and the commission of atrocities, while examining the strategies that might be deployed to counter what we call "hate speech."

Speaking Up! focuses on three key questions: Is there a connection between hate speech, hate crimes, and atrocities? How does hate speech divide societies politically? How does hate speech contribute to polarization among people? By answering these questions this exhibit shows how hate speech can have many potential indirect effects. If adopted broadly hate speech can lead to several outcomes such as discrimination and persecution. It can also lead to and directly incite violence. Examples include the Holocaust, the Rwandan Genocide, recent attacks against Asian American Pacific Islander and LGBTQ+ communities, current antisemitic and white supremacist activity.

Speaking Up! is a bilingual exhibition and suitable for ages 12 and above, due to mature content. The exhibition is free and available for tours during Museum hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm, and Saturday 1:00-5:00pm. The exhibition will be hosted by El Paso Holocaust Museum through August 30, 2023.

Speaking Up! as presented at EPHM is sponsored by the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso, Union Pacific Foundation, and El Paso Community Foundation.

Speaking Up! Confronting Hate Speech is curated by Holocaust Museum Houston in partnership with Leora Kahn, Ph.D.; PROOF: Media for Social Justice; David J. Simon, Director, Genocide Studies Program, Yale University; and the Genocide Center in Johannesburg, South Africa.



EL PASO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER'S Annual Summer Camp

Join EPHM during its annual summer camp: July 10-14, 9:00am - 12:00pm. - a week of fun learning about kindness, anti-bullying, acceptance, and diversity through hands-on activities and projects. Kids will learn about heroes their age, and how everyone can make a difference and be an Upstander, no matter their age! Each day includes art, writing, and other interactive forms of learning and team building. Kids will receive a camp t-shirt, snacks, supplies, and will celebrate with a pizza party at the end of the week! For ages 8-12. Registration is \$50; \$40 for Museum Members or siblings. Scholarships are available. Contact MaryLou Rocha for more information: 915-351-0048 / marylou@elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

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JFNA Update: White House National Strategy to Fight Antisemitism & Other Updates

From the Desk of Shira Hutt, Executive Vice President, Jewish Federations of North America

The Biden Administration released its much-awaited national strategy for combating antisemitism. Jewish Federations have been working directly with the White House on multiple priority issues areas in the new strategy, which includes more than 200 policy plans and recommendations.

The plan puts the mainstream International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, for which Jewish Federations have been strong advocates, front and center, but also mentions the Nexus definition, which holds that applying double standards to Israel and singling it out for criticism are not inherently antisemitic.

For a full summary, statements, a FAQ on the IHRA definition, background information, action steps, and other tools, please see our resource sheet [here](#).

Jewish Federations have supported and uplifted the IHRA definition for many years and in many ways, including helping lead a coalition of 176 global organizations to support IHRA at the United Nations.

On Tuesday, Jewish Federations sent our letter about wrongfully-detained Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich to Secretary of State Tony Blinken. The Jewish community stands with Evan and his family in his plight in Russia. More than 80 Federations and JCRCs signed the letter, along with nearly 350 individuals from our communities. Thank you to those who signed on. [Click here to view the letter](#).

Last month, federal agencies announced how they will implement both the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Jewish Federations and our partners are working to ensure that Jewish nonprofits can access funding for energy efficiency upgrades and other climate-related initiatives. Our partner, Adamah, will host a webinar on **Thursday, June 15 at 1 pm ET** to educate organizations about these funding opportunities and how to apply. [Click here to register](#).

For additional updates and reminders, please see below.

Investing in LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellbeing: Join Jewish Federations on **Tuesday, May 30 at 1 pm ET** for an open, interactive conversation about investing in LGBTQ+ Jews and their loved ones' mental health and wellbeing in Jewish spaces. Jewish communal professionals and lay leaders will come away with a deeper understanding of the mental health issues and needs of the LGBTQ+ Jewish community. LGBTQ Jews, their loved ones, and professionals who serve them will gain knowledge of resources available to them and feel empowered to engage with those resources. [Register here](#).

Drone Show in Chicago for Israel's 75th Birthday: The Chicago United Fund is sponsoring "A Celebration in the Sky," an Israel-themed show featuring 500 drones. Watch via livestream or in-person on **Tuesday, June 13 at 9:15 pm CT** as the drones lift off from the lakefront. Details will be confirmed upon RSVP. [Register here](#). For more information, please contact Daniel Goldwin at 312-357-4770 or [jrcrc1@juf.org](mailto:jcrc1@juf.org).

Second Annual Active Aging Convening: Join B3 The Jewish Boomer Platform for the second national convening focused on active aging in Jewish life. On **Wednesday, June 14, from 11 am-4 pm ET**, we will explore new active aging program models that offer opportunities to find purpose, connection, and community. Jewish Federations are proud to partner with B3 The Jewish Boomer Platform and the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan/Wechsler Center for Modern Aging. [Click here to register](#). Please reach out to Elan Kramer with any questions.

Mandel Supervision Trainings: The Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence is offering all Federation professionals another series of supervision training programs at no cost. These trainings are being led by Rachel Wallins; the final session will take place on **Thursday, June 15**. Topics include how to manage employees' performance through feedback and coaching, how to manage conflict, and how to create effective performance reviews. To register, [click here](#) and for more information, reach out to Jessica Balboni.

Mandel Executive Leadership Program: The Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership is pleased to announce open applications for Cohort V (2024-2025) of the Executive Leadership Program. The Executive Leadership Program is an 18-month fellowship designed to prepare outstanding mid-career professionals for senior leadership roles. The Mandel Institute covers travel and program expenses. Candidates must reside in the U.S. or Canada. Applications are due on **Thursday, June 15**. For questions, please reach out to Liz Fisher.

Virtual Orientation + Beyond for Summer Interns: Please invite your local Federation summer interns to a three-part virtual series where they will meet other interns from across North America, learn more about the Federation system, and explore future careers in the Jewish community. The first session will take place on **Tuesday, June 20 at 1 pm ET**. This webinar will provide an orientation to the Federation system and will connect Federation interns across North America. More information and registration can be found [here](#). Contact Rebecca Ruberg with any questions.

Virtual Orientation for Newly-Hired Professionals: Please encourage new hires to attend our upcoming virtual orientation scheduled for **Tuesday, August 1 at 1 pm ET**. More information and registration can be found [here](#). We have also designed several resources to support new professionals that can be accessed [here](#). Please share with your team and with all new hires. Contact Rebecca Zuck Sowers with any questions.

Cabinet Alumni Reunion: All Cabinet Alumni are invited to the Cabinet Alumni Reunion, to be held from **October 12-15, 2023**, at the Fairmont Mission Inn & Spa Sonoma. This gathering will bring together our alumni for the first time in ten years! Programming will include a variety of keynote presenters, breakouts based on affinity groups, lots of time to socialize, and explorations of the wine country. This event is not open to current Cabinet members or to Federation professionals. Registration information can be found [here](#). Please refer to these FAQs with any questions, or contact Jill Kaplan.

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