

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs Jewish Fund for Human Needs

Because every human has infinite potential

Talmud-Sanhedrin 37a

Did you know that the Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs Jewish Fund for Human Needs is the vehicle of the organized Jewish community for allocating grants to St. Louis grass roots social service organizations to assist with medicine, food, shelter, utilities, clothing, accessibility, counseling and job training?

Go to www.jcrcstl.org to learn about ongoing opportunities to volunteer and donate food, clothes and household items to over 70 local, small social service agencies. The Jewish Fund is a joint project of the JCRC and the St. Louis Rabbinical Association with support from the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and the Lubin-Green Foundation supporting the community at large.

For information call Marilyn Ratkin, 314-442-3873.
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Jewish Fund site visit

What is JSAN?

The Jewish Social Action Network promotes social action collaboration among all St. Louis congregations.

Get involved through your congregation.

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*** SAVE THE DATE: November 18, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**
Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive at the JCC Carlyn H. Wohl Building. Sponsored by the Jewish Social Action Network.
Call Micki Kingsley to register 314-997-4479



Fairgrounds Park Treeplanting



www.cheshvan.org
www.socialaction.com

חשוון Cheshvan חשוון

Jewish SocialAction Month

Building Unity Through Positive Action

October 13 - November 11, 2007 - 5768 - חשוון



www.jcrcstl.org

An Invitation to Join Jews locally in St. Louis and from around the world

Why Cheshvan?

Cheshvan in the Jewish tradition is often known as MarCheshvan, a month of bitterness, because it has no holidays. In 2005, KolDor, a global network of young Jewish leaders, and the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel internationally launched the concept of celebrating Cheshvan as a month of unity and positive action. In 2006, the St. Louis Jewish Community was recognized by KolDor as the most effective community collaboration for *Cheshvan as Social Action Month* in the country.

Tzedakah - Giving In The Spirit Of Justice.
Tikkun Olam - To Heal The World.



Jewish Social Action Network

The actions can be large scale projects or individual acts of kindness.

Devote just a couple of hours to a cause that moves you.

Consider how meaningful your time will be when you help others.

Appreciate that you are able to be on the giving end... you will enrich the community and yourself.

Jewish Social Action Month in St. Louis is coordinated by the JCRC's Bohm Social Justice Initiative, a collaborative effort among congregations, Jewish agencies, and organizations.

For more information go to www.jcrcstl.org or www.jewishinstlouis.org or call 314-442-3894.



Habitat for Humanity



Summer Slice

It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.

Rabbi Tarfon. Pirke Avot (Ethics of the fathers) 2:21

October-November '07 *See descriptions on next page* Cheshvan

Mobilizing Community Volunteers

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER / CHESHVAN ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 7 10:00 am: Noah's Ark... Creatures Big & Small - JCC Wohl Noon: Art Show and Sale 7:00 pm: Sailing with Noah: Protecting the Animals-B'nai Amoona	8	9	10 11:30 am: Alberici "Green" Tour 4:30 pm: Knitting Caps for Kids Temple Emanuel	11	12 Environmental Shabbat	13 Reading of the Torah Portion, Noah "Behold, I establish my covenant with you...and with every living creature that is with you" Genesis 9:9
Project Noah Week (October 7 - 13)						
14 1:00 pm: CROP Walk - Community Response to Overcoming Poverty at Forest Park	15	16	17 Knitting Caps for Kids week 2	18	19	20 Shabbat Torah Portion - Lech Lecha
JCRC Outerwear Drive through month of October - Drop off new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves to Jewish organizations						
21 2:00 pm: JEI Tree Planting at Fairgrounds Park	22	23 6:00 pm: Poverty Simulation at Temple Israel	24 Knitting Caps for Kids week 3	25 7:00 pm: Rabbi Joseph Telushkin at Clayton High School	26	27 Shabbat Torah Portion - Vayera Veterans Day
Ongoing - Mon.- Fri., 9-5 Drop off food & toiletries at the JF&CS Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.						
28	29	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3 Shabbat Torah Portion - Chayyei Sarah
Share with those in-need. Because every human being has infinite potential (Talmud-Sanhedrin 37a).						
4 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Electronics Recycling Drive Congregation B'nai Amoona	5 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Electronics Recycling Drive Congregation B'nai Amoona	6 Election Day	7	8 Start dropping off toys for JF&CS' Hanukkah Hugs 314-993-1000	9	10 Cheshvan Ends on November 11 but the needs continue.

JCRC Outerwear Drive for the International Institute through the month of October

Drop off new or gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the following Jewish organizations:

JCRC at Jewish Federation Kopolow Building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive, 63146

JCC at Carlyn H. Wohl Building, 2 Millstone Campus Drive, 63146

JCC at Marilyn Fox Building, Baxter & Wildhorse Creek Roads, 63005

B'nai Amoona Early Childhood Center, Mason & Conway Roads, 63141

Shirley Green Preschool at Shaare Emeth, Ballas & Ladue Roads, 63141

Or the following businesses:

Clothes Tree, 2538 S. Brentwood, 63144

Distinctions, 12354 Olive Street Road, 63141

For information go to www.jcrcstl.org or call 314-442-3894

Phyllis Markus, Chair
JCRC Bohm Social Justice Committee

Ongoing - Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 - 5:00

Drop off food & toiletries every weekday at the JF&CS Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. 10950 Schuetz Road - across the street from the IE Millstone Campus/JCC.

In November, drop off toys for Hanukkah Hugs. Go to www.jfcs-stl.org or call 314-993-1000.

Sunday, October 7

Project Noah Environmental Awareness Begins Sponsored by the Jewish Environmental Initiative (JEI), a project of the JCRC. Go to www.jcrcstl.org

Sunday, October 7

Noah's Ark... Creatures Big & Small For children ages 2 - 6 and their families 10:00 - 11:30 am JCC Carlyn H. Wohl Building Explore life on the ark during the Great Flood. Join a St. Louis Zoo educator to meet and greet friendly zoo animals of different sizes. Take a trip into Noah's Art Gallery to develop an appreciation for animals and the Jewish value of protecting our natural environment. Sponsored by the JCC Helene Mirowitz Department of Jewish Community Life in partnership with the JEI and the Jewish Federation of St. Louis Young Professionals Division. Fee: \$5 per child JCC member; \$7 per non-member. RSVP with Marci Diamond, mdiamond@jccstl.org or 314-442-3454.

Sunday, October 7

Art Show and Sale - A Celebration of Life Noon - 9:00 p.m. Congregation B'nai Amoona, Mason & Conway Roads, Sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Artists Association Art exhibit and sale of paintings, photography and other fine art that represents the beauty of nature along with the use of natural materials.

Sunday, October 7 - 7:00 pm

Sailing with Noah: Protecting the Animals of our Planet

Keynote for Project Noah Week. A presentation for adults and teens with Dr. Jeffrey P. Bonner, President and CEO of the St. Louis Zoo Congregation B'nai Amoona, Mason & Conway Roads, Free of charge - open to the community.

Dr. Bonner, author of the book, *Sailing with Noah... Stories from the World of Zoos*, shares a personal behind-the-scenes look at protecting animals and their habitats for future generations. Sponsored by JEI in partnership with Congregation B'nai Amoona, local Jewish congregations, the JCC's Helene Mirowitz Department of Jewish Community Life & CLASS of the J, and Jewish National Fund St. Louis Chapter. Go to www.jcrcstl.org or call 314-442-3894.

Project Noah Week (October 7 - 13)

Eco-Bags - The JEI and local congregations are selling environmental friendly products for your home. www.jcrcstl.org to learn how you can sell or purchase ECO-BAGS.

Wednesday, October 10

Alberici Construction Headquarters, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join the JEI - Jewish Environmental Initiative and Hadassah for a private tour of one of the "greenest buildings in the world!" right here in St. Louis. 8800 Page (SE corner at I-170) Open to the community. Free of charge - Space Limited. Kosher box lunch \$10 if ordered by Oct 8. Go to www.jcrcstl.org or call 314-442-3894.

Knitting Caps for Kids

Temple Emanuel, 12166 Conway Road, 63131 Wednesdays, Oct. 10, 17 & 24. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Join knitting instructor Deborah Fruchter to teach how to make wool camps for children in need as well as for preemies in the hospital. To register call Ellyn Polsky at 314-432-5877.

Friday, October 12 through Saturday, October 13

Many local congregations are sponsoring Environmental programs for Torah Portion Noah Shabbat. For more information contact your congregation, call 314-442-3894 or go to www.jcrcstl.org.

Sunday, October 14

CROP Walk - Community Response to Overcoming Poverty At Forest Park - 1:00 p.m. Registration; 1:30 p.m. Step off. Join with other faith groups (sponsored by Church World Service) to raise money that will go directly to alleviate hunger. 25% of the funds raised stays locally and 75% goes internationally. 2,000 CROP Walks take place in the U.S. each year. Participants are encouraged to register as a team. Jewish groups can choose to earmark international money to MAZON, The American

Joint Distribution Committee or the American Jewish World Service. For information go to www.stlccropwalk.org or call 314-442-3894.

Sunday, October 21

Tree Planting at Fairgrounds Park

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Grand & Natural Bridge in the City of St. Louis. Open to all ages. Co-sponsored by the JCRC's Jewish Environmental Initiative (JEI), Faith Beyond Walls, 3rd Ward Neighborhood Council and St. Louis Forestry Division. Trees donated by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. Wear old clothes and shoes. Bring gloves. Go to www.jcrcstl.org or call 314-442-3894.

Tuesday, October 23

Poverty Simulation

6:00 pm Kosher Box Dinner 6:30 pm prompt - Poverty Simulation and discussion at Temple Israel - #1 Rabbi Alvan Rubin Drive, Spoede & Ladue Roads. Sponsored by the Jewish Social Action Network. Could you survive a month in poverty? Many Americans are just one paycheck away from homelessness. Participate in a highly interactive, engaging and informative opportunity to understand the day-to-day realities of living in poverty and what religious communities can do to assist in community change. Appropriate for teens and adults of all ages. RSVP in advance, space limited. Program is free of charge. Box Dinner - \$10 pp - must be paid for by Monday, October 22 at 10 am - call 314-442-3894 or go to www.jcrcstl.org.

Thursday, October 25

Rabbi Telushkin, 7:00 p.m. at Clayton High School. Sponsored by the Jewish Council Against Family Violence. Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, renowned spiritual leader, scholar and author of numerous books, including Jewish Literacy, the most widely read book about Judaism in the last two decades, will discuss **Words that Hurt, Words that Heal: Communication for Healthy Relationships**. Dessert reception included. \$18 Student, \$25 Individual, \$100 Sponsor, includes 2 tickets. For information call Carly Cooper at 314-607-8444 or ccooper@gwbmail.wustl.edu

November 4 & 5

Celebrating America Recycles Day - Electronics Recycling Drive

Recycle your small & large electronics at Congregation B'nai Amoona Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at 324 S. Mason at Conway Road. In partnership with WITS Recycling (Web Innovation & Technology Services) and the city of Creve Coeur. TV's - \$10, Computer Monitors - \$5. Anything with a cord, circuit board, batteries or gas is eligible for recycling. Nothing goes into a landfill. Go to www.witsinc.org to learn more.