

The Holidays are behind us, and we are focusing on the Campaign and Foundations 25th Anniversary. While it has been a while since we have been together, we wanted you to know what we have been working on.

Leadership and Board Updates

- A majority of our Executive Committee has connected with their mentee (thank you!). For those of you that have not connected, please let Michael Barnett know. We have mentees that have been contacted and have an interest in participating in the mentor program.
- Have you signed up to be an Ambassador? Our goal is for each board member to interact with one of our funded programs to express our appreciation for being a partner in meeting a community's needs as well as to learn more about the program. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z5TGCLH>
- The board member portal is up and operational. You can log in now and view a copy of the consent agenda. We will post the 11/13 consent agenda shortly.

Israel Trips!

- Our Spiritual Trip is wrapping up, and from what I have heard and seen (pictures via WhatsApp), it has been an incredible success! I am sure Laura will share incredible highlights from the trip with all of us.
- Our 3rd MOMentum mom's trip is underway. Keep your eye on our JCP Facebook page for regular photos and updates!
- We have begun preliminary work on a Men's Israel trip for 2020. If you have an interest, please email Michael Barnett.
- Also in the works is a Young Leadership mission for 2021.

Operations & Staffing Assignment Changes

- Our project management software Basecamp is having an impact at JCP. We have over 20 projects in motion. Each project has a lead who has assigned to do's to appropriate departments. The software makes everyone focused and accountable for their assignments.
- Each staff member is assigned according to their position/talents: Project Development, Project Support, Data/CRM, and Finance. Depending on the project, we will pull talent from each area.
- Lauren Taube's new title is Engagement and Data Manager. She has taken over the data management responsibilities from Abbey. Lauren is focusing on learning how to run reports, input data, and data integrity. Lauren will continue to work on PJ Library, New Comer's, and Sholom Baby. Abbey will now be able to focus on the annual campaign.

JFS Endowment Campaign

- We have commitments for \$3,635,000.00 and have collected \$1,565,000.00.
- Laura & Larry are working diligently to obtain our goal of \$7,500,000.00

Memphis Jewish Federation

- We are in the final stages of a grant report that will be published shortly. It highlights the grants we provide to our community and abroad. The piece will go a long way to ensure that our community is aware that their donations are having an impact.
- Bluma has started preliminary grant meetings for the 2020 grant cycle.
- Rabbi Chashi Freedman, Director of one of our funded projects – Nativ will speak at our Board Meeting on November 20th at 5:30. Then he will speak at the dessert reception following the meeting, Location TBD, where he will show a film and discuss afterward. We will have an 8:15 am breakfast November 21st, Thursday morning for staff and invite community rabbis and others interested in Israel.

Hillel

- We are working on getting a handicap ramp installed at the Hillel building at U of M.
- Sophie led a webinar in partnership with Rhodes Office of Admissions about Jewish life on campus for prospective students.
- We are partnering with Rhodes faculty to promote a new Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern studies minor.
- Weekly bagel brunches and biweekly Shabbat dinners at U of M and Rhodes
- Launching the applications for anew program that will run next semester called Jewish Learning Fellowship – one ten-week class on both campuses for under-engaged students, the theme is Big Jewish ideas: Navigating College Through a Jewish Lens.

Campaign

- Our second of five mailings for the 2020 Campaign will be sent on November 8th. Our figures continue to be in line with last year's very successful campaign (reminder, if you have not made your pledge, please do so!)
- We have asked the board to sign up for at least one phoning session. Please do so if you haven't already. Here's a link to sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z5TGCLH>
- We hand-addressed letters to our donors that have given \$1000 to \$1,2000 and used a first-class stamp.
- We are working hard on a Women's Philanthropy Luncheon to attract new donors to the campaign. The event will feature Suzi /Weiss-Fischmann, co-founder of OPI Nail Polish taking place January 16th at 11:30 am. Space is limited to 300 guests. Attendees will receive a raffle ticket, Suzi's book, "I'm Not Really a Waitress," and a special OPI gift.

Jewish Foundation of Memphis

- Please mark your calendars. Our 25th Anniversary Kick-off for leadership, fundholders, and professional advisors will be Latkes & Vodka, taking place on December 10, 2019, at 6:30 pm at The Dixon Gallery & Gardens. Please RSVP by December 3rd.
- The Foundation is offering a \$1,000 to the first ten people that open a new donor-advised fund. Make a tax-deductible donation of \$5,000 to the Jewish Foundation of Memphis to open a new fund. Direct an additional \$1,000 grant from the Jewish Foundation of Memphis to one of our partner agencies. I am happy to report that we have already signed up three new donor-advised funds.
- Great News! We finalized a life insurance policy for another Lion of Judah Endowment.

Upcoming Events

November 19, 2019, PJ Library Spaghetti dinner - MJF ask Dinner - Abbey/ Lauren

November 20, 2019, JCP/ MJF Board Meeting

November 21, 2019, FRD Cabinet/ Board/ Agencies 2nd call Night

December 03, 2019, JFOM Board Meeting

December 03, 2019, YAD Kickoff Event

December 10, 2019, PAG event "Latkas and Vodka" @ Dixon Art Gallery - Sarah

December 12, 2019, PJ Library Snack/Story

December 15, 2019, PJ Chanukah Party

December 17, 2019, FRD Cabinet/ Board/ Agencies 3rd call Night

December 18, 2019, JCP Executive Committee Meeting