

JCP Update December '19

December is a very busy month! We are focusing on lots of items. Below are some highlights:

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.
- 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 12/13 consent agenda shortly.
- 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>
- On January 14th, we will have our first presentation of a four-part series of the Kay Usdan Saslowsky Institute for Ethical Leadership.

Operations

- We are up to 30 projects on BaseCamp. Everyone feels the software has improved productivity, accountability, and efficiency.
- We are now using Poll Everywhere when appropriate (thanks, Laura!). Poll Everywhere allows live interactive audience participation.
- We are now using Live Lively as a platform for mobile giving.
- We have taken all of the information provided to us from Southern Growth (gathered from our board sessions) and are working on the rating system of prioritizing our work. We look forward to sharing that information with you soon.

Jewish Federation & Campaign

- Federation received a two million dollar bequest.
- Our next call night is December 17th. Please email Abbey and sign up if you have not done so already.
- We have **added** call night! It is on January 6th. If you have been unable to make previous call nights and you want to be a part of this call night, get with Abbey!
- As a reminder, call nights are 12/17, 1/06 (we need volunteers!), 1/27, 2/02 (Super Sunday), and 3/23 (we need volunteers!).
- Two billing statements have been mailed out for an end of the year push to capture pledges for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Pledges owed for 2018 and prior received statements with a personal message.
- We are working on a Young Leadership trip to Israel (2021) and a Men's Momentum trip to Israel in 2020.
- Impact Luncheon. A women's – only fundraising event to benefit Jewish needs locally and globally. Thursday, January 16, 2020, featuring Suzi Weiss – Fischmann.
- We have had two successful Young Professionals Networking Breakfasts.

- Third MOMentum trip returned from Israel, many of whom are excited to jump into volunteering
- The Women's Philanthropy Luncheon committees are excited and doing a great job!
- Initial planning of "YAD/PJ Library Parent's Night Out" – will be at the home of Jana Ballin Weiskopf

Jewish Foundation of Memphis /JFS Endowment Fund

- We have commitments for \$3,720,000.00 and have collected \$1,565,000.00.
- We will invest the funds like our other funds (50% JCEP Endowment & 50% Vanguard VIAS Portfolio). Two-hundred and fifty thousand will remain in a money market account.
- Laura & Larry are working diligently to obtain our goal of \$7,500,000.00

Jewish Foundation of Memphis

- Jewish Foundation of Memphis 25th Anniversary kicks off December 10, 2019. Latkes & Vodka takes place at The Dixon Gallery & Gardens. We have over 149
- We signed up ten new funds with a promotion that offered a \$1,000 incentive grant that the new fund holder could direct to one of our partner agencies.
- Sheri and Tim are in the middle of our financial audit for both the Federation and Foundation.
- We had a Finance meeting on December 2nd & JFOM meeting on December 3rd
- A new investment selection form was circulated to the board of directors. It includes percentages and is all on one page.
- The foundation kicked off its 25th-anniversary celebration with a special event honoring fundholders and PAG members.
- We produced a new PAG directory.
- Six new B'nail Tzedek Funds.
- The Foundation is the beneficiary of a new CRUT.

Hillel

- We are working on a ramp to allow access to the front of our building at U of M.
- Hillel is offering a Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) at U of M. JLF is a 10-week experiential, conversational seminar for students looking to deepen their understanding of Judaism. The program, founded in 2007 at the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU, adds two critical components to traditional study. First, It builds a cohort of students within each class who befriend one another and support each other in their entrance into Jewish communal life. Second, it teaches classical Jewish texts by drawing on the life experience and intuition of college students. We are excited to offer this program at U of M.
- 17 students signed up for the Jewish Learning Fellowship, a class Sophie will teach next semester on both campuses
- We have had growing Shabbat attendance at each school
- New student board elected at Rhodes Hillel last week
- Successful interfaith dinner with the Rhodes Muslim Student Association and Chaplain Beatrix last month