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UPCOMING EVENTS

Author Myla Goldberg reads from her new novel "The False Friend" @ St. Paul JCC. [Click here for details.](#)

St. Paul Hadassah Oneg Shabbat with Debbie Wolk, Master Gardener. @ St. Paul JCC. [Click here for](#)

2012 CAMPAIGN: \$1.5 MILLION PLEDGED TO DATE

More than 800 members of our community have generously given to help fellow Jews in St. Paul, Israel and in 70 countries. Thanks to the leadership of Campaign Chair Charlie Nauen, Jerry Helfand, Men's Campaign Chair and Michelle Shaller, Women's Philanthropy Chair, and a dedicated team of 150 volunteer solicitors, our community has already pledged \$1.5 million to care for those in need, rescue those in danger and inspire Jewish life and learning. If you have made your pledge, we thank you! If you have not, join your friends and neighbors and help us serve our community. Remember, you have until December 31, 2012 to pay your pledge. To find out more about the how your support improves lives, contact Ted Flaum, Campaign Director at tflaum@ujfc.org or 651-695-3185. To make a donation [click here](#).



SIGN UP YOUR KIDS TO RECEIVE FREE BOOKS AND MUSIC!



The PJ Library, a program that provides families raising Jewish children with a **FREE treasury of Jewish books and music**, is coming to St. Paul. If you have children six months through eight years, [sign up today](#) and you will get one book per child each month! The PJ Library is made possible through the generosity of the United Jewish Fund and Council and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Sign up your own family – then invite friends and neighbors to enroll and share in the PJ experience, too. For more information, check out our [PJ Library website](#) or contact Jodi Saltzman PJ Library coordinator at (651) 695-3195 or jsaltzman@ujfc.org.

CELEBRATE A SPECIAL PERSON OR OCCASION WITH A TRIBUTE THROUGH THE UJFC

A tribute is a meaningful way to recognize weddings, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, birthdays, graduations, holidays, yahrzeits or other special occasions. Now you can send a tribute [online](#) and UJFC will send the receiver a beautiful acknowledgment card.



ENGAGE! AN EVENING OF JEWISH LEARNING

Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m. - Talmud Torah of St. Paul, 768 Hamline Ave. S.

[details.](#)

Jan. 23 - Feb. 27
Money Matters:
Jewish Business
Ethics -- Jewish
Learning Institute six-
week course @ St.
Paul JCC. [Click here](#)
[for details or to sign](#)
[up.](#)

St. Paul JCC Chamber
Music Series:
Alexander
Wasserman, Piano. @
St. Paul JCC.
[Click here for details.](#)

Feb. 5 | 10 a.m.
"Is a Two-State
Solution Still
Possible?"
Community
conversation @ Mount
Zion Temple. [Click](#)
[here for details.](#)

Spend an evening being inspired by great teachers and conversation. Choose cerebral or hands-on or one of each! Two class sessions: 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 8:35-9:35 p.m., followed by wine, chocolate and schmoozing.



The rich array of classes includes:

- Family, Money and Loose Talk: A Moral Dilemmas Curriculum - Earl Schwartz and Nina Samuels
- Ernst Lubitsch: Jewish Comedy from Berlin to Hollywood - Professor Rick McCormick
- Is Holocaust Awareness Bad for the Jews? - Bruno Chaouat
- Cooking Moroccan Tapas - Chef Michel Rouache of National Choice Bakery

To sign up or for more information, check out the [Engage! brochure](#). For more information contact Beth Friend at 651-255-4735 or bfriend@stpauljcc.org. ENGAGE! is a partnership of the St. Paul JCC and Talmud Torah of St. Paul with support from the United Jewish Fund and Council.

2011: WHAT DID IT MEAN FOR JEWS?

Tues., Jan. 31, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. - UJFC offices, 790 Cleveland Ave., S., Suite 227



Join us for a Shalom TV look at the events of concern to Jews in 2011 with host Rabbi Mark Golub, syndicated columnist Micah Halpern; novelist and law professor Thane Rosenbaum; Lawfare Project Director Brooke Goldstein; and Seth Mandel, assistant editor of Commentary magazine.

Join us for a fascinating discussion onscreen and around our table. Rick Linsk, attorney at Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.P.L.P., will moderate.

No charge. Complimentary light breakfast. RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 26 to Leslie Strohm at leslie@ujfc.org or 651-695-3181.

YOUNG LEADERSHIP HANUKRAWL FUN!

More than 40 people joined the fun on December 17 for our annual Young Leadership Hanukkah party. Check out all the [photos on our Young Leadership Facebook page](#). To get involved in Young Leadership, contact Dan Mogelson at dmogelson@ujfc.org or 651-695-3189.



MORE THAN 200 HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS DISTRIBUTED TO PEOPLE IN NEED

This holiday season, B'YACHAD: Holiday Baskets Together created and

distributed gift baskets to more than 200 children and adults -- far exceeding the goal of 100+ Chai. Items for the baskets were collected throughout the St. Paul Jewish community. Children and teens from Temple of Aaron, UJFC's Gesher L'Keshet, Talmud Torah and Oneg Shabbos V'Yom Tov helped create the gift baskets. B'YACHAD is sponsored by Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, B.O.N.D., and Oneg Shabbos V'Yom Tov. Participating organizations included Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Jacob Congregation, Mount Zion Temple, Saint Paul JCC, Shaller Family Sholom East, Talmud Torah, Temple of Aaron and United Jewish Fund and Council. Pictured at right are teens from Geshet L'Keshet, the UJFC philanthropy group that enables young people to create their own tzedakah philanthropy fund. [Learn more about Geshet L'Keshet.](#)



YEMEN BLUES ROCKED THE HOUSE!



It was a full house at the Cedar Cultural Center Jan. 5 as Yemen Blues hit the stage with their unique blend of traditional Yemenite melodies, blues, jazz and funk. The nine-member Israeli ensemble played to an audience of 350 in their first-ever Twin Cities appearance. Yemen Blues was presented by the St. Paul JCC in partnership with the United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul, the Israel Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, Sabes JCC and the Howard B. and Ruth F. Brin Jewish Arts Endowment Fund—a designated endowment of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS TRIBEFEST 2012

March 25-27, 2012 - Las Vegas

TribeFest is an entertaining, interactive and educational celebration that will draw over 1,500 Jewish young adults (ages 22-45) from across North America. TribeFest will reflect the vibrant setting of its host city, Las Vegas, offering meaningful, fun, and top-quality content. Through presentations by dynamic leaders in politics, entertainment, music, art, food, religion and other aspects of Jewish life, TribeFest will offer attendees many ways to connect to their own Judaism and how they see themselves as part of the community.



Join National Young Leadership for Tribefest 2012 in Las Vegas!! UJFC is offering subsidies toward registration. Contact Dan Mogelson at dmogelson@ujfc.org or 651-695-3189 for details. Registration: <http://www.tribefest.org/register>

SENATOR SANDY PAPPAS: WOMEN'S ISSUES IN MINNESOTA AND ISRAEL

Thurs. Feb 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. -- UJFC offices, 790 Cleveland Ave., S. Suite 227



Senator Pappas will speak about how our government plays a role in women's issues in Minnesota. She'll also discuss her work with Israel Women's Network, a nonpartisan organization that promotes the status of women in Israel. Sandy Pappas is serving her sixth term in the Minnesota State Senate. Her work reflects her interests in human rights and women's advocacy, higher education, and consumer and environmental protection. Pappas attended the University of Minnesota, is a graduate of Metropolitan State University, and has an MPA degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

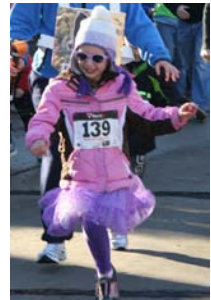
Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. RSVP by Monday, February 13 to Diane Ales at dales@ujfc.org or 651-695-3180.

ISRAELI THURSDAY AT THE ST. PAUL JCC

It's all Israel all the time with shlichah Roni Levin every Thursday evening at the St. Paul JCC. 10-12 graders can hang out from 5:00-6:30, watch Israeli TV shows and schmooze. Hebrew and cooking for adults is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and then movies and wine from 7:30 to 8:30. [Get a taste of Israeli cooking with this video.](#) [Check out all the details here!](#)

A DASHING GOOD TIME AT THE DREIDEL DASH

On Sunday, Dec. 18 the halls of the St. Paul JCC and the streets of our neighborhood were spinning with Dreidel Dashers and Hanukkah revelers. Over 100 runners participated in the inaugural 10K, 300 runners and walkers did the 5K dash, and 40 children followed the Maccabee's torch down St. Paul Avenue for the Maccabee Mini Mile. After the races, runners, friends, families and neighbors filled the building for the Post Dash Bash. The United Jewish Fund and Council was a community sponsor of the event. [View photos of the Dreidel Dash on the St. Paul JCC Facebook page.](#)



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