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1 TED TALKS: NEVER AGAIN

Dear Friends,

As Jews, we know the pain and suffering behind the meaning of the words, Never Again. After witnessing the brutal murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police and knowing that it is part of a pattern of systematic violence against Black Americans, we must say Never Again.

Never again to racism. Never again to institutionalized policies that discriminate against people of color and contribute to the ongoing inequities that exist in our country today.

Our Jewish values compel us to act to eliminate the racism that people of color face every day. We are commanded: "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:16).



Opportunities to support our neighbors

- [George Floyd Memorial Fund](#)
- [Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce](#): GoFundMe established to support Minnesota Black-owned businesses by focusing on recovering, rebuilding, and reopening efforts.
- [We Love Saint Paul](#): A fund established by the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce to help small businesses and nonprofits rebuild their storefronts, reopen their businesses and serve our neighborhoods.

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Jewish Moments
POWERED  YOU

Through Federation, you help those in need and build community resilience during this pandemic

2 LOCAL AGENCIES RECEIVE \$50,000 IN

EMERGENCY FUNDING

The St. Paul Jewish Federation has distributed \$50,000 in emergency relief grants to help local Jewish agencies facing significant challenges due to COVID-19. The grants include:

- \$20,000 to Jewish Family Service of St. Paul
- \$20,000 to Sholom
- \$10,000 to the St. Paul JCC

Additionally, the Twin Cities Cardozo Society has raised \$1,000 in an Emergency Appeal that will go to Sholom, along with any future funds raised from St. Paul through that appeal.

The emergency grant funding is made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Council on Foundations.



See all the ways Federation is responding to COVID-19

3 YOU HELP SENIORS STAY SAFE DURING COVID-19

Sam (not his real name) is an older man who lives alone in St. Paul. Since the pandemic began, he no longer feels safe grocery shopping nor can he eat his meals out. Sam had bad experiences with other delivered meal programs, so he decided to try kosher meals on wheels. Since he started, Sam sends the program coordinator at Jewish Family Service of St. Paul pictures of his empty meal trays. "Thanks for helping me get these delicious meals," he exclaims. "These meals give me a more balanced diet. I'm not nervous about grocery shopping anymore because I know I'll get at least three good meals each week."



You support kosher meals on wheels in St. Paul through Federation's funding of Jewish Family Service and the St. Paul JCC. If you or someone you know would like information on home-delivered kosher meals, [get more information.](#)

DOUBLE YOUR
IMPACT!

Make Twice the Difference!
We're doubling increased gifts and gifts

Help people like Sam stay safe and healthy with kosher meals on wheels and other in-home services, rides to medical appointments and emotional support services.

from new donors to the 2020 Community Campaign thanks to a \$100,000 Challenge Match donated by generous contributors.

MAKE YOUR GIFT NOW

4 RESOURCES FOR YOU

Stay safe, have fun!

Minnesota is slowly reopening our economy and activities we enjoy. Here are some safety guidelines.

Here's what StaySafeMN means for you.

Learn about Minnesota's phased approach to continue physical distancing as we begin to reopen.

But is it safe?

Is it safe to have a backyard barbecue, go to the beach, or even get a haircut?

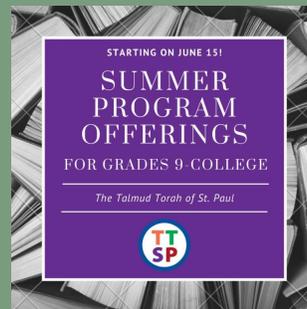
NPR asked experts to rate the risks.



J Camps at Home

Camp Butwin and Camp Olami have teamed up to offer J Camps At Home - opportunities to participate in special activities, learn new skills and hang out with friends. Wherever you are, they have a program for you.

[Learn more](#)



Looking to learn more this summer? Join the Talmud Torah of St. Paul for these online sessions for students ranging from Grade 9 to College-aged.

[Learn more](#)

5 SUPPORT FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

We've got two Zoom support groups coming up to help new parents during the pandemic.

Wednesday, June 10, 8 to 9 PM

The Doctor is in: An Evening With a Pediatric Infectious Disease Expert



Wednesday, June 17, 8 to 9 PM
Planning During Uncertain Times

Sponsored by PJ Library St. Paul, PJ Library Minneapolis, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis and Jewish Family Service of St. Paul.

[Learn more](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Stay connected to your **Jewish community online.** Go to Virtual Jewish St. Paul for meetups, local resources, activities for children, families and adults.



2020 Graduates, We Want to Celebrate You!
YALA has something special for you! Graduation looked a lot different this year, and with many uncertainties ahead, the warmth and resiliency of community has never felt more important. YALA would love to send you a note and a small gift to celebrate your accomplishments!
Graduates or parents, please share your contact information with us so we can send you this care package.
Graduation Recognition Sign-Up



Book Club B'Bayit
Book Club B'Bayit (at Home) with YALA Twin Cities and TC Jewfolk
Monday, June 15, 8 PM
We're stuck at home reading some of the newest, Jewish books and we want you to join us. Once you sign up, you'll receive the Zoom link to join. Our June book is "Nobody Will Tell You This But Me" a memoir by Bess Kalb.
YALA is a program of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Jewish Federations.
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