

GOING OUT ON THE TOWN . . .
WITH THE JRF!
MIDWEST FUNDRAISER 2009



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JRF National Honoree: Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat
Special Midwest Region Honorees

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JRF National Honoree

Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat

Midwest Region Honorees

Aaron Ahuvia

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, Ann Arbor, MI

Benjamin Bechtolsheim, Nicole Izbicky, Simone Padron-Glass & Ayal Weiner-Kaplow

Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Synagogue, Northbrook, IL

Joel & Carol Hirsh Blechman

JRC, Evanston, IL

Howard B. Brin (posthumously honored)

Mayim Rabim Reconstructionist Congregation, Minneapolis, MN

Rabbi David Brusin & Marc Hurwitz

Congregation Shir Hadash, Milwaukee, WI

Judith Burstyn

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Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Skokie, IL

Sam Kelman

Kol HaLev, Cleveland, OH

Leon Puttler

Kehillat Israel, Lansing, MI

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Saturday, March 14, 8 pm - *Get Back!*, with the cast of *Beatlemania!* - Centre East, at 9501 Skokie Boulevard in Skokie.

Get Back! features cast members of the original Broadway and London productions of *Beatlemania!* *Get Back!* is a musical and visual experience that has thrilled audiences throughout the world.

Champagne and dessert reception follows the performance.

Sunday, March 29, 4 pm - *Pangs of the Messiah* - Silk Road Theatre Project at the historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 West Washington Street in Chicago.

Set in 2012 amidst the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, Motti Lerner's *Pangs of the Messiah* is an apocalyptic yet fiercely humane drama about eight West Bank Jewish settlers pitted against an Israel they feel betrayed by. The play focuses on a religious family that finds itself torn between fighting to stay in their settlement and obeying their government's decision to dismantle it. Left hanging in the balance is the legacy of their beliefs.

Hors d'oeuvres and a conversation with the playwright, Motti Lerner, and Silk Road's Artistic Director, Jamil Khoury, follow the performance.

Sunday, April 19, 5 pm - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* - Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, at 10 Marriott Drive in Lincolnshire.

The dazzling music and pageantry of Andrew Lloyd Webber – the uproarious lyrics of Tim Rice – all woven into an unforgettable technicolor masterpiece. From calypso to cabaret, rock to rockabilly, it's one musical joyride after another with something for every member of your family. Amazing what a little dreaming can do for a guy's career.

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 pm - *Wait Wait . . . Don't Tell Me!* - Chase Bank Auditorium in Chase Tower, at 10 South Dearborn Street in Chicago.

Be in the audience for a taping of the hilarious weekly news quiz from NPR and Chicago Public Radio! Test your knowledge against some of the news and entertainment world's best and brightest. Peter Sagal, Carl Kasell, and company take a fast-paced, irreverent look at the week's events. Guest panelists rotate weekly, like comedian Paula Poundstone, author Roy Blount, Jr., and *The Daily Show's* Mo Rocca.

Chat with the hosts and panelists after the show!



This year, as part of the Midwest Region's [Going Out On The Town . . . With The JRF](#), our movement has the opportunity to pay a well-deserved tribute to an individual who epitomizes the words "visionary" and "dreamer" – **Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat**.

The JRF invites you to make an additional contribution to pay special tribute to Rabbi Jeff, honoring him for his groundbreaking work and his unending efforts to develop the "Next Generation" of strongly-identified Reconstructionist youth.

Rabbi Jeff has dedicated much of his life to Jewish youth, a focus cultivated through more than twenty-five years of creative congregational service in Pennsylvania and Florida. With the loving support of his wife, Rabbi Sarah Messinger, his children, Ari, Miriam, and Rachel, and many others, Rabbi Jeff established Camp JRF and *No'ar Hadash*, the Reconstructionist Youth Movement. He gave Camp JRF, recognized as one of the "Top Ten" camps for American Jewish youth today, a unique spiritual and programmatic foundation, the "Values of Spiritual Peoplehood." It has become a place of warmth, friendship, song, learning, and self-discovery.

Now, as JRF Director of Special Initiatives, Rabbi Jeff is building innovative educational programs for Reconstructionist congregational schools, modeled on those pioneered at Camp JRF.

We hope that you will join our movement's many other generous supporters by dedicating a personal message in our Tribute Journal in recognition of Rabbi Jeff's efforts on behalf of the Reconstructionist community. Please do so by following the instructions on the enclosed response form, by April 15, 2009.

The Midwest Region looks forward to the pleasure of your company at the [Going Out On The Town . . . With The JRF](#) events and hopes you will also support the tribute to Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat and our wonderful Midwest Region honorees.

B'shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Levin".

Joshua Levin
National Tribute Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Spatz".

Judy Spatz
National Tribute Co-Chair



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TRIBUTE AND SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

***Please honor Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat or any of the Midwest
Region Honorees***

***The deadline for submitting tributes is April 15, 2009
(please note that 2 of the events occur earlier)***

ENJOY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE AND EVENT TICKET PACKAGES:

- Cornerstone (Rosh Pinah)*** \$5,000 (full page tribute + 2 subscriptions to all 4 events + a surprise treat)
- Pillars (Amudim)*** \$2,500 (full page tribute + 2 subscriptions to all 4 events + a surprise treat)
- Sustainers (M'kaimim)*** \$1,000 (full page tribute + 2 subscriptions to all 4 events)
- Builders (Bonim)*** \$720 (3/4 page tribute + 2 subscriptions to 3 events)
- Supporters (Tomchim)*** \$540 (1/2 page tribute + 2 subscriptions to 2 events)
- Friends (Chaverim)*** \$360 (1/3 page tribute + 1 subscription to 2 events)

Please indicate the number of tickets you intend to use:

- ___ Get Back, Saturday, March 14, 8 pm
- ___ Pangs of the Messiah, Sunday, March 29, 4 pm
- ___ Joseph, Sunday, April 19, 5 pm
- ___ Wait Wait, Thursday, May 7, 7:30 pm

- Thank you, but we will not be using the event tickets.**

OTHER TRIBUTE OPTIONS:

- Hiddur Mitzvah (Creativity) Circle*** \$180 (1/4 page tribute)
- Ziyonut (Peoplehood) Circle*** \$72 (1/8 page tribute)
- Instant Message (two lines) to Rabbi Jeff** \$36 (campers only)
- Instant Message (one line) to Rabbi Jeff** \$18 (campers only)

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You have several reply options:

1. Mail the enclosed response form, together with your journal tribute message and any camera-ready graphic, in the envelope provided to:

**Stuart Aizenberg, JRF Midwest Region,
7 Court of Tidewater, Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

2. For secure online registration, go to www.jrf.org and follow the Midwest Region Events link.

3. Fax your order to the JRF at: 773-257-9920.

4. You may also order by telephone, by calling Stuart Aizenberg at 847-914-9151.

Questions: Stuart Aizenberg / 847-914-9151 / Saizenberg@comcast.net