

הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

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Such Organization! Who Knew?

Do you have any idea of the number of Jewish organizations that are in the world? What about just in North America? Well, this month we'll take a look of some of the ones in North America that maybe you don't know about.

One place to start is at the [American Jewish Archives](#). Under the Education menu, find the timeline highlighting the history of Jews in America along with a list of videos, podcasts, and online resources. Under the Programs and Events menu, you also can find webinars.

Are you a news junkie? Then the [American Jewish Press Association](#) may be just right for you. It “works to ensure a bright future for Jewish journalism and the Jewish community by promoting robust, independent and financially healthy Jewish media.” It supports an annual conference and the Rockower Awards.

If human services are your interest, then check out these organizations:

- The [Association of Jewish Aging Services](#) “is a unique association of not-for-profit community-based organizations, rooted in Jewish values, which promotes and supports the delivery of services to an aging population.” There is a useful resource page – go to For Consumers > Useful Links for Caregivers.

- The [Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies](#) “connects member human service agencies to strengthen their community impact and unify the voice of the network. Together, we identify and promote best practices, build visibility around human service issues, and advocate for policies that are consistent with our Jewish values.” Can you find the Jewish values this organization is grounded in?

- Among other things, the [JCC Association of North America](#) “supports the largest network of Jewish early childhood centers and Jewish summer camps in North America, and is also a U.S. government accredited agency for serving the religious and social needs of Jewish military personnel through JWB Jewish Chaplains Council.” You can search for a JCC camp on their home page.

- For a world view, look at [American Jewish World Service](#) which is “dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among people across the globe.” The [Publications page](#) lists reports, briefs, and strategy papers.

A couple of years ago, the Lifelong Learning Committee sponsored events on crypto-Jews. [The Association of Crypto-Jews](#) helps people find their Jewish families and return to Judaism. The [Latin American Jewish Studies Association](#) is an organization for scholars. However, their newsletter, which you can find on their web site, includes lists of just published books. And the Resources page has links to publications, allied organizations, film, music, and more.

This was my favorite – [The Slingshot Guide and Fund](#). The Fund is “a peer-giving network, to support Jewish organizations that resonated with their generation. The Slingshot Fund exposes its next generation funders to a professional grant-making process.” The Guide is “an annual compilation of the most inspiring and innovative organizations, projects, and programs in the North American Jewish community today.” View the guide online and find out who is receiving Slingshot grants.

We apologize for the December Your Jewish Connection, Become a Happy Household, that seemed to lose its internet links. To see a version that contains the links, go to "<http://www.tbanashua.org/your-jewish-connection.html>" this page on the TBA web site and click on December 2014 – Become a Happy Household.

If you enjoyed the February Your Jewish Connection, L'Chaim!, on kosher alcohol, then don't miss the TBA Sisterhood's Wine Tasting event this month! Come to TBA on Sunday, March 15, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM to sample Kosher for Passover wines and nosh on appetizers and desserts.