A Message from our Board Chair: 2013 and 2014 in Review

This summer marks the fiftieth anniversary of Freedom Summer, the seminal fight for civil rights in this country. Fifty years ago, the Civil Rights Act became law. The Voting Rights Act was enacted a year later. Next year, we’ll celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Jewish Community Action, born out of the tradition of Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement. Our mission: tikkun olam – to repair the world, to continue the work still needed to actualize racial and economic justice in this country.

JCA was a leader in the movement for social justice in a variety of ways this year. We’ve built and strengthened our Jewish voice in issue campaigns and in special community events, like our annual Freedom Seder, which this year focused on the injustice undocumented workers face in being denied access to a driver’s license. At the beginning of the legislative session, we held our annual “Conversations with Minnesota Legislators”, in partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women. In June, we co-hosted an interfaith gathering and call to action to commemorate the Freedom Summer anniversary of the deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Mickey Schwerner in Nashoba County, Mississippi, on June 24, 1964.

As always, it has been a year of hard work, of inspiring work, and of great local and national partnerships, both ongoing and new. We have joyfully welcomed new staff and, sadly, seen departures. We have been thrilled to see our membership grow substantially and to be honored by the substantial financial support of individuals and grant makers in our community and beyond.

Here are the highlights of the past year:

Fighting Foreclosures. The passage of a responsible banking ordinance by the Minneapolis City Council was a big victory for JCA and a major new tool in our battle to preserve affordable housing. Mortgage lenders who wish to do business within the City must now disclose detailed information and data that will help us track redlining, unfair foreclosures, and other practices, bringing racial injustice to light and increasing transparency and accountability. We have enlisted the assistance of the Humphrey School and a diverse group of community leaders to analyze the data and to make recommendations for meaningful action. In outreach, we continued our work alongside the Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition and the St. Paul Fair Lending Campaign, fighting foreclosures and their consequent damage to neighborhoods.

Minimum Wage. JCA took a leadership role with Minnesota’s Raise the Wage Coalition to advocate in the 2014 legislative session for an increase in the minimum wage. JCA members and staff attended a rally on the first day of the session, made telephone calls, had a presence at the legislature, and the campaign was a success! The legislature passed into law a bill raising the state minimum wage, which had been one of the lowest in the country, from $6.15 an hour to $9.50 an hour, indexed to inflation. This campaign was also in step with a federal campaign to raise both the wage and awareness of what should constitute a living wage. Of course, we question whether $9.50 an hour can realistically be con-
sidered a living wage, but the recognition that the minimum wage was far too low is a great foundation upon which to build toward future campaigns.

**Gun Violence Prevention.** As gun violence seems only to have increased across the country, and as lawmakers, such as those in our legislature, seem not to have the courage fully to address it, we renewed our commitment this past year to continue this battle (no matter how uphill it seems), because it is the right thing to do. We again worked in coalition with Protect Minnesota and the National Council of Jewish Women, building a visible and powerful voice that will not give up on this crucial issue. And we saw one good result: the passage of a bill prohibiting persons under a domestic violence restraining order from owning or possessing a gun.

**Safe Schools.** With with the Minnesota Safe Schools for All Coalition, we successfully worked for the passage of the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, which will strengthen policies against bullying and harassment. Members of Seeds of Justice, our youth leadership program, were active and effective participants in the advocacy effort for this important legislation.

**Voting Rights in Affiliation with Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice.** JCA completed our second year of affiliation with Bend the Arc, the largest national Jewish social justice organization in the country. The year’s activities included a joint staff retreat and advanced leadership training. Bend the Arc is organizing members across the country to advocate for congressional action to reinstate the key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which were vitiated by the 2013 Supreme Court ruling in Shelby County v. Holder. JCA is participating in this effort, a natural progression from our contribution to the defeat of Minnesota’s proposed Voter ID amendment in the fall of 2012.

**Leadership Training.** The second Tzedek Institute cohort, a talented group of congregational and independent JCA members, completed their training, learning organizing and leadership skills through a Jewish lens. Past Tzedek graduates have remained active leaders in the JCA issue campaigns and in the organization. Seeds of Justice, our leadership and organizing training for high school students, is now in its sixth year. Twelve enthusiastic students had the opportunity to experience a legislative victory with their participation in the effort to pass the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act.

This year, we said goodbyes to former staff members Gabe Kravitz, Maren McDonell, Ari Kiener, and Shyrisse Tisdle. We thank them for their fine service and wish them well. We welcomed two new staff members, Member Engagement Coordinator Chad Divine, and Community Organizer Rachel English. We also were very pleased to announce that Intern Nora Kassner has graduated college and become a full-time staff member, and we’re thrilled to call her our other “new” Community Organizer.

As you can see, it has been another great year, but our work is not over. We shall continue to bring the Jewish community and our allies together to address the significant domestic social justice issues that touch on our core values and mission.

**Andrea Rubenstein, JCA Board Chair**
2013 Financial Highlights¹

2013 Financial Information
Total Income      $475,854
Total Expense   $569,919²

2013 Income by Category
Grants    $209,500
Grassroots   $275,160
Other         $3,454

2013 Expense Allocations
Program Service  $444,576
Management and General $   65,974
Fundraising   $   59,369

1. In the middle of 2013, we changed our fiscal year from Jan-Dec to July-June. This annual report is based on the 2013 calendar year, but we will provide an addendum reporting Fiscal Year 2013-14 financials this fall.
2. While our expenses exceeded reported income for the calendar year, our spending budget was based on significant cash reserves remaining at the end of 2012, and our financial position at year-end was healthy.

Thank You – JCA Board of Directors
Special thanks to Stuart Bear, Jenny Gassman-Pines, Nancy Goldman, Judi Marshall, and Marilyn Weisberg, who left the board this year. We welcome Ed Rapoport, Mary Ann Wark, and Laura Ferenci, who joined the JCA board in 2014.

Thank You – JCA staff
Thanks to Gabe Kravitz for his organizing as part of JCA’s work to win marriage equality in 2012, and his leadership of our work to pass responsible banking in the Minneapolis City Council. Thanks to Maren McDonell for her work on the Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition. Thanks to Shyrisse Tisdle for her work on voter engagement and foreclosure outreach and prevention in St. Paul. And thanks to Ari Kiener for her work to energize and engage members through communications and social media.

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**Member Profile: Carol Bromer**
Whether she’s raising money for JCA through the calendar or recruiting new members, Carol is at the center of much of JCA’s work. She has been an active member of the Adath Hesed committee and provided important connections between JCA and Adath, recruiting many members to participate in different JCA campaigns, from marriage equality to foreclosure prevention to minimum wage. Carol served on the JCA board for six years and even now that her term on the board has ended, Carol has continued to serve actively on the development committee.

**Annual Membership up to $359**
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Member Profile: Seeds of Justice

Through Seeds of Justice, our leadership and organizing training for high school students, our enthusiastic youth leaders led JCA’s part in the effort to pass the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act. They organized and met with legislators, while working to engage and educate the community, and had the opportunity to experience a legislative victory.

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2013 Jewish Community Action Members (continued)
Member Profile: Sally Bressler
Sally has been a volunteer leader for many years with Jewish Community Action. She has played a key role working with JCA and the Bet Shalom social action committee.

She was very involved in the marriage campaign in 2012 and then joined the JCA board of directors, this year becoming the board secretary. Sally is also the president of JCA ally, the Minneapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.
Member Profile: Brian Zaidman
Brian took over as the chair of the Temple of Aaron social justice committee more than five years ago and has led this committee to participate in many JCA campaigns, including foreclosure prevention, freedom to marry, voting rights and minimum wage. Brian was also part of JCA’s first Tzedek Institute, and currently participates in phone banks, door knock, Seders and whatever it takes to move JCA’s social justice work forward.

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Thank you, Jewish Community Action members!
Anachnu Ma’amanim (We Believe): Our Core Values

In 2011, Jewish Community Action developed a series of statements to help guide our work. These statements express our core beliefs and values, as well as our hopes and aspirations. We hope you’ll join us in our efforts to strengthen and sustain a vibrant Jewish community dedicated to the pursuit of justice.

Jewish Community Action believes...

It is our inheritance and our fundamental responsibility to repair the broken world.

In taking on this work, we enter into a covenant with one another. In joining together as “bnai brit–covenantal partners,” we affirm our shared bonds of mutual support and social responsibility. This covenant requires both a sense of urgency and a commitment to longevity.

Our memory must be long.

Our knowledge and shared history is carried collectively within each of us. We must balance our experience of oppression with our current privilege to make positive change. In telling our own stories, we must open ourselves to receiving the stories of others.

Our destiny is bound together with all people.

We must act in the interest of our shared fate. In recognizing a single common humanity, we affirm our conviction that each human being is a full and unique “tzelem Elohim–reflection of God’s presence in the world.” Central to carrying out this belief is the pursuit of racial, social, and economic justice for all people. In protecting the rights of all humans, we include a commitment to our shared environment.

This work must be intergenerational.

Each generation has a role in telling the story of our past and creating our shared future. In seeing ourselves as part of the Jewish people’s “otanu ga’al immahem–ongoing story of liberation,” we also identify with the continuing work of freedom and justice for all people.

We must work collectively.

We embrace that in our current environment, this is itself a radical act.

In all our work we are guided by Hillel’s counsel: If we do not care for ourselves, who will care for us? But, if we only care for ourselves, what have we become? And if not now, when?

We must work together to build, create, and sustain a powerful community for making positive change. Solidarity with other communities is absolutely necessary to this goal. Working together is not merely a means to an end; it is a requirement for achieving real justice.

Social change requires us to be powerful.

We must have the ability to influence and affect the decisions that impact our lives and our communities—this requires us to be powerful together and in alliance with each other.

Real social change is a transformative experience.

We need to move out of a comfortable space and push ourselves to new experiences and a greater awareness of our world and our own potential for change. We can strengthen our communities and transform ourselves and our world by continuing to stretch past what we thought we were capable of.

We must do this work with fundamental hope, optimism, and gratitude.

“Tsidkatkha yiranenu–We are cheered by justice achieved,” and sustained by the knowledge that the world forever turns toward the morning.

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