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**Staenberg – Loup Jewish Community Center Announces New
Chief Operating and Chief Program Officers**
JCC Denver also hires new director of Fitness & Wellness Center

DENVER, Colo., August 29, 2018 – The [Staenberg – Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC Denver) officially announced two new executives including Ron Ekstrand, Chief Operating Officer, and Sonia Dobinsky, Chief Program Officer. The organization also recently hired a new director of the Fitness & Wellness Center, Dinah Burgess.

“We are pleased to officially welcome Ron, Sonia and Dinah to the JCC Denver team,” said Lara Knuettel, CEO of the JCC Denver. “ We are incredibly lucky to have these talented individuals supporting our organization. As our needs evolve so does our staff, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them to our team.”

As COO, Ron will oversee all of the internal support areas of the organization, bringing processes, systems, and support to the staff so they can provide even better experiences and service to members. Prior to joining the JCC Denver, Ron was Senior Vice President at the national office of Easter Seals in Chicago. He has more than 20 years of experience in non-profits and service industries, among others, with leadership roles in general management, strategy, consulting, operations and marketing.

As CPO, Dobinsky will oversee the Early Learning School (ELS), Jewish engagement and education programs, multi-generational programs, Camp Shai and Ranch Camp. She is responsible for providing strong visionary, creative and thoughtful leadership to these programmatic areas and for identifying opportunities for collaboration, creativity and innovation, both internally and community-wide. Dobinsky has worked for the Jewish community for the past 20 years providing innovation, implementation and oversight in the areas of Jewish education and engagement. Most recently, Sonia served as Vice President, Direct Services (Community Engagement) for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. She is a co-active trained executive and leadership coach.

Burgess will ensure quality, intentional and competitive wellness programming both on land and in the water with her fitness and wellness team, which includes childcare, aquatics, personal training, membership support, group exercise, and Pilates. Prior to joining the JCC

Denver, Burgess served the Non-Profit Wellness Organization for 18 years in Dallas, Tex. Her passion is “wellness for all” – no matter the capability, limited or strong, she wants to help individuals accomplish their wellness goals. Equally important to Dinah is coaching and helping her team meet their professional goals.

The Staenberg – Loup Jewish Community Center serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver’s four program areas include: a 1,000 square foot fitness, sports and aquatic center and tennis center; Early Childhood Engagement including the Early Learning School and family programs; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center; summer camps; and intergenerational and older adult programming. The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org or call (303) 399-2660.

ABOUT STAENBERG – LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The [Stauberg – Loup Jewish Community Center](http://www.jccdenver.org) (JCC Denver) serves the metro-Denver area through educational, social, cultural, fitness, sports and other programs that are rooted in Jewish values. The JCC Denver’s mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive family and social gathering place, guided by these timeless Jewish values. The JCC Denver’s four program areas focus on connection, community and well-being and include: a robust fitness, sports, tennis and aquatic center; Early Childhood Engagement, including an Early Learning School and a variety of programs for families; the Mizel Arts and Culture Center which offers Denver Children’s Theatre, JAAMM Fest (Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music), Denver Jewish Film Festival, Wolf Summer Theater Academy, Art Academy and adult art classes; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; intergenerational and older adult programming like the Grandparent Connect Group and Jewish Aging Mastery Program (JAMP). The JCC Denver is located at 350 S. Dahlia Street in Denver. For more information, visit www.jccdenver.org, like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jccdenver) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jccdenver) @jccdenver or call (303) 399-2660.

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