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**Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center Hosts Annual Dinner and Celebration
on November 8**

Signature event honors transformational donors in the community who led the organization's recent transaction, and board leader, Gary Wagner

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 2, 2018 – On November 8, 2018, the [Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC Denver) will host the its newly envisioned Annual Dinner and Celebration, honoring the transformational donors who led the organization's recent transaction, and board leader, Gary Wagner. Honorees receiving Robert E. Loup Hineni Award Medals of Honor at the dinner include: Michael Staenberg and the Staenberg Family Foundation, Rose Community Foundation, The Mizel Family Foundations, the Sturm Family, and more than 30 additional donors. The JCC Denver will also present the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award to past Board Chair, Gary Wagner, for his dedication to and continued support of the JCC Denver.

"With the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award Medals of Honor, we are pleased to pay tribute to an amazing group of donors who provided the JCC a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that allows us to continue serving the greater Denver community," said Lara Knuettel, CEO of the JCC Denver. "We are grateful for their commitment to the JCC, and for the support of Gary, who will be receiving the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award. We would not be where we are today without their passion for and investment in the JCC."

This year, the JCC's signature event has a variety of new twists. Honored guests will enjoy a party atmosphere with a significantly extended cocktail hour, an innovative menu served at ornate food stations, and a host of mission-focused experiences that will help bring the JCC's mission to life. The event continues to offer an opportunity for JCC supporters to honor impactful leaders, celebrate the progress the JCC has made, its many successes, and the organization's vision and bright future.

In 2017, the JCC's Hineni Award was renamed the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award in honor of Bob Loup and his dedication to the JCC. The Hebrew word *hineni* translates to "Here I am - Here I stand." The award acknowledges local community leaders whose interests and support span an array of important agencies, recognizing those whose philanthropy and volunteerism have a local, regional and often global impact. Past recipients of the Hineni Award include Norman Brownstein (2017), Jordon Perlmutter (2015), Eddie Robinson and Dick Robinson (2012) and Joyce Zeff (2011).

The Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award acknowledges volunteers who are dedicated leaders within the JCC Denver community. The award was named after two-time JCC Board President and long-time JCC board member, Jerry Gray, who spent nearly his entire adult life actively involved in Jewish life as a JCC community leader. The award was first presented to the past presidents of the JCC for their 90+ years of service in 2014 and will be given to JCC leader, former Board Chair, and current board member, Gary Wagner.

The dinner will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver located at 1750 Welton Street in downtown Denver from 5-9 p.m. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are currently available for purchase at <https://www.jccdenver.org/annualdinner/>.

ABOUT STAENBERG-LOUP JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The [Staenberg – Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (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](#) and [Instagram](#) @jccdenver or call (303) 399-2660.

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