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JCC Denver Hosts Annual Celebration on Sunday, September 12

Invites community to attend event at newly renovated outdoor pool

DENVER, Colo., August 27, 2021 – The [Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC Denver) is hosting their Annual Celebration on Sunday, September 12 at the JCC Denver’s newly updated outdoor pool. The community is invited to attend the event by purchasing tickets or a sponsorship to celebrate the accomplishments of the JCC Denver since 2020 and through the pandemic.

“Over the last year and a half the JCC Denver has remained open and continued to serve the community in so many ways that people might not know about,” said Ed Nekritz, Chairman of the Board and acting CEO at the Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center. “The Early Learning School remained open during COVID-19 closures to provide childcare for essential workers and staff, and we pivoted to provide in-person learning labs at the JCC when schools went virtual. Our summer camps, which recently wrapped up, helped create connections and provided unforgettable experiences for campers. Between Ranch Camp, Camp Shai, Tennis camps and Wolf Theatre Academy, we provided more than 1,000 kids with a memorable and meaningful summer.”

“The Denver Jewish Film Festival; Neustadt Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies and Music Festival; and Jewish Baby University continued to evolve over the past year to allow more of the community to participate by offering new virtual options,” said Nekritz. “The JCC’s Mizel Arts and Culture Center also hosted Reelabilities, a film festival promoting awareness and appreciation for people with disabilities through film. And in June, the JCC Denver was a hub for Denver Pride hosting a variety of activities.”

Additionally, with a new professional management team in place to oversee operations of the Fitness and Aquatics Center, the JCC reopened the Fitness Center with a goal of enhancing customer service and cleanliness, and better tailoring classes to meet the needs of members and the community. The outdoor pool was renovated in 2020, and the James M. Swiggart JCC Tennis Center was upgraded with a refreshed lobby, new fans and a recently completed court resurfacing.

Looking ahead, this fall, the JCC Denver will again offer art classes for adults and older adults including reopening and enhancing the popular ceramics program, and offering life drawing, painting and watercolor courses. Registration for the latter classes is currently open. There will also be new engagement opportunities in arts, sports and in other areas for members of all ages including older adults, young adults, teens and kids in the coming months.

At the Annual Celebration, the JCC Denver will honor Jerry Glick with the Robert E. Loup Hineni Award and the staff of the JCC Denver will receive the Gerald S. Gray Service and Leadership Award. To make a donation in honor of Jerry Glick or a staff member, visit <https://www.jccdenver.org/celebrate/> and click on the “Donate” button. Every person who donates in honor of a staff member will have their name placed on the window in the JCC Denver’s lobby as a donor.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at <https://www.jccdenver.org/celebrate/>.

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 Jewish Arts, Authors, Movies & Music Festival (JAAMM Fest), Denver Jewish Film Festival, and ReelAbilities Film Festival; summer camps including Ranch Camp and Camp Shai; engagement programming for teens, young adults, seniors and the LGBTQIA+ community. The JCC Denver is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization 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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