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Since 1913: "To stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all."

DON'T MISS ADL'S 2017 FALL DINNER- **IGNITE!**

Don't miss ADL's Fall Dinner, *Ignite!*, to be held at the Denver Center for Performing Arts, Seawell Ball Room at 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 29. As part of an evening focused on igniting passion for civil rights and respect for all, ADL is pleased to present the Torch of Liberty award to Andrew Feinstein, Elaine Gantz Berman and Dr. Stephen Berman, all distinguished pillars of the community and shining beacons of passion for social justice.

The evening will feature inspiring performances highlighting the role of social justice in art. Opera Colorado will be premiering pieces from *Steal a Pencil for Me*, which tells the true story of a group of Dutch Jews deported to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in the last year of World War II. Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble will perform excerpts from *FREE?*, recalling significant events in American history, particularly the Civil Rights era. Spoken-word artists Toluwanimi Oluwafunmilayo Obiwole and Bobby LeFebre will bring their unique voices and poetry to the stage, and Denver School of the Arts Jazz Band and the East High School Angelaires also will perform.



ADL Torch of Liberty award recipients Andrew Feinstein, Elaine Gantz Berman and Dr. Stephen Berman

Join us for this inspiring, fun evening and support ADL's mission "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." For sponsorship information and to reserve tickets, visit www.adl.org/FallDinner2017 or contact Asha Holsopple at 720-799-9678 or aholsopple@adl.org.

Support ADL on **COLORADO GIVES DAY!**

ADL Colorado supporters have the opportunity to give where they live on Colorado Gives Day and support ADL's Mountain States Region! Now more than ever, we know that ADL's mission to stand up and speak out against anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of hate is absolutely necessary. On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, join thousands of donors who are coming together to support ADL and other Colorado nonprofits on Colorado Gives Day. Colorado Gives Day makes it easy to support ADL's vital work through its donation page at <https://www.coloradogives.org/ADL>.

Thanks to Community First Foundation and First Bank, Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. Every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated.

Don't want to wait for December 5 to help us fight hate? Go online today to schedule your donation early! Now more than ever, your support is needed!



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NEW MEXICO Joins ADL Mountain States Region

The Anti-Defamation League is pleased to welcome New Mexico back into the Mountain States Region. The region now includes Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. New Mexico had been a stand-alone ADL region since 1989; before that, it was part of the Mountain States Region, based in Denver. The Mountain States ADL staff is poised to deliver many different types of programs to New Mexico schools, law enforcement and religious institutions. In addition, ADL will continue to provide effective responses to incidents of anti-Semitism and hate that may arise anywhere in the region.

"We are very grateful to Susan Seligman and Suki Halevi, who ADL Regional Directors, who did a wonderful job fighting anti-Semitism and securing justice and fair treatment for the people of New Mexico," says Scott L. Levin, Mountain States Regional Director. "We look forward to building on the wonderful foundation they built in New Mexico." ●

Regional Director Scott L. Levin attending New Mexico Balloon Fiesta during a trip to visit the newest state in the Mountain States Region of the Anti-Defamation League



Meeting of New Mexico Jewish Community Leaders attended by ADL Regional Director Scott L. Levin (not pictured)

Back row (standing): Eric Maxon, Board President, JCC of Greater Albuquerque; Dave Simon, Executive Director, JCC of Greater Albuquerque; Raye Cohen, Treasurer, New Mexico Jewish Historical Society; Jennie Negin, President, Holocaust and Intolerance Museum of NM; Phyllis Wolf, Director of Cultural Programs, JCC of Greater Albuquerque; Erika Rimson, Executive Director, Jewish Community Foundation of New Mexico; Sara Koplik, Director of Community Outreach, Jewish Federation of NM and Director of Hillel at the University of NM; Jeff Baker, Board Chair, ADL New Mexico

Front row (sitting): Jeri Horwitz, Board Member, Hadassah of Greater Albuquerque and Board Member, Jewish Federation of NM; Wayne Bobrick, President, Congregation B'nai Israel; Zach Benjamin, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of New Mexico; Marvin Gottlieb, Board President, Jewish Federation of NM. Not pictured: Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld of Congregation Albert.

Make a decision today to ensure a just and hate-free tomorrow.

Please include ADL in your estate plans. If you have already included ADL in your plans, please let us know. For more information, contact Assistant Director of Development Asha Holsopple at aholsopple@adl.org or 720-799-9678.



Lauren Y. Casteel



Stan Garnett



Governor Ralph Carr

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 CIVIL RIGHTS AWARDS RECEPTION

5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2018 • Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall
Honoring: Lauren Y. Casteel, President & CEO, The Women's Foundation of Colorado;
Stan Garnett, District Attorney for Boulder County;
Governor Ralph Carr (posthumously)

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Asha Holsopple at aholsopple@adl.org or 720-799-9678.

HISTORY REVISITED

Message from the Chair and the Director

George Santayana, twentieth century Spanish philosopher, famously said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In this time of rising anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia and xenophobia, we are well advised to remember our past and learn the lessons of how best to oppose retrograde forces in our country.

While we often look to the Holocaust as the historical lesson to inform our understanding of current events, we should also remember the United States in the 1920's and 1930's, when anti-Semitism and racism were rampant, when the KKK was inspiring violence against Jews, Henry Ford published the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," and 25,000 neo-Nazis packed Madison Square Garden to support Hitler's Germany.

ADL has always been on the front lines of the fight against these forces. In the twentieth century, it was ADL that promoted anti-mask legislation forcing the KKK to remove their hoods in public, published pamphlets countering the anti-Semitic "fake news" of the day, and spoke out against the pro-Nazi American Bund.

Today, ADL is leading the fight against neo-Nazis and racists who marched on Charlottesville, Virginia, threatened the tiny Jewish community in Whitefish, Montana, planted false stories on the internet and spread their propaganda on college campuses. We need all of our friends and supporters to join with us in this struggle to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." ●

—James L. Kurtz-Phelan, ADL Mountain States Board Chair
Scott L. Levin, ADL Mountain States Regional Director



James L. Kurtz-Phelan



Scott L. Levin

Engage and Learn More about DECEMBER'S DILEMMA

The Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Regional Office sent over 300 letters to superintendents of public school districts in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. The letters included quick reference guides on how best to handle the upcoming "December Dilemma," when many different religious holidays are observed and it can be difficult for public schools to know the best way to address them respectfully and legally.

The underlying principle concerning public religious displays and events is fairly simple: a public school must never appear to endorse or disapprove of one particular religion or religion in general. ADL advises that the classroom can be used to teach about religious holidays, but should not encourage the celebration of one religious holiday over another.

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ADL has created a special December Dilemma website with information about the legal issues of religious freedom and expression that arise during the winter holidays. The website helps educators and parents learn how to help create a school environment that respects different points of view, religious beliefs and practices.

The website also has links to ADL's free webinar entitled "The December Dilemma: Navigating Religious Holidays in the Public Schools," and features additional information about Religion in the Public Schools, including religion in the curriculum, teaching about religious holidays and more. Visit <http://bit.ly/2ybsGP3> to learn more. ●



2018 POSITIVE IMPACT! CALENDAR

Order your copy of ADL's 2018 *Positive Impact!* calendar today! We are excited to provide this colorful resource featuring different cultural observances along with ideas of how to take action with friends, family and neighbors to make a positive impact in our communities. Email denver@adl.org to order your calendar today or view it online at denver.adl.org. ●





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MOUNTAIN STATES ADL IN ACTION

- ADL responded to scores of discrimination complaints including anti-Semitic and bias-motivated incidents targeting students, employees and Jewish institutions.
- ADL empowered more than 300 students in 25 trainings throughout the region to address anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias through its Words to Action program.
- ADL convened more than 15 advocacy and civil rights organizations through its new Mountain States Against Hate Coalition.
- ADL is engaging over 60,000 students in 58 schools across Colorado (a 16% increase over last year) through its No Place for Hate® Initiative to create positive and bias-free school cultures.
- ADL trained more than 500 members of synagogues and other houses of worship to help create safe, welcoming and secure spaces for all.
- ADL conducted 17 trainings for more than 500 members of the law enforcement community on violent extremism, hate crimes and implicit bias.

FIGHTING EXTREMISM

Colorado Public Safety Chief Attends ADL Counter-Terrorism Training

Earlier this fall, law enforcement executives from across the country traveled to Israel to participate in the Anti-Defamation League's 2017 National Counter-Terrorism Seminar (NCTS). Among the participants was Stan Hilkey, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

Each year, NCTS brings high-level law enforcement executives from around the U.S. to Israel for a week of intensive counter-terrorism training, with briefings provided by senior commanders in the Israel National Police, experts from Israel's intelligence and security services, and the Israel Defense Forces. The Israeli experts share strategies and best practices in fighting terror and participants return home better able to protect their communities.

In his role at the Department of Public Safety, Hilkey oversees the operations of the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management.

"There's a lot to be learned from Israel in their defense of their homeland," Hilkey said. "Unfortunately, they have a lot of muscle memory because of the frequency of terror events. I am very impressed with their social resiliency and their ability to get back to 'normal' quickly, which sends a strong message that terror will not prevail. I will be looking for opportunities to



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improve our processes here in Colorado."

While in Israel, NCTS participants met with commanders from both the Israel National Police and the Palestinian Civil Police, the survivor of a bus bombing and a Holocaust survivor. They also visited the Israel National Police Academy, Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and an Israeli prison. ●