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**AJL, JCC and Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Statement:
THE AGENCY FOR JEWISH LEARNING BOARD VOTE**

On March 27, 2015, members of the Board of Directors of the Agency for Jewish Learning (AJL) voted their intention to merge AJL functions with those of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (JCC) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

Over the past several years, the JCC has successfully absorbed several programs from the AJL, including the Diller Teen Fellows and Goldston Teen Philanthropy programs. Building on this success, the AJL will transition remaining AJL programs for teenagers to the JCC. These programs include J-Site, J-Serve (in conjunction with BBYO), HaZamir Pittsburgh, and Hebrew learning programs. Federation will assume responsibility for capacity building for Jewish learning and for the programs that help other agencies, schools and organizations build their own Jewish learning services, including services that focus on early-childhood development.

These changes will offer several advantages for the Jewish community. The merges will improve the integration of current AJL programs with other existing programs that serve the same demographic, increase the reach of these programs and stabilize the long-term financial viability of Jewish learning programs and outreach. The lay and professional leadership of the AJL, JCC and Federation will work out the details of these transitions in the coming months.

The Agency for Jewish Learning partners with synagogues, schools, early-childhood centers, youth groups, Jewish agencies and community organizations and works with families and individuals across the Greater Pittsburgh region to build the community's capacity to deliver inspiring Jewish learning experiences to the largest number of people. For more information about the AJL, visit www.ajlpittsburgh.org.

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, a member of the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, is one of the largest social service, recreational and

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educational organizations in the region. For over 120 years, the JCC has enriched our community by creating an environment rooted in Jewish values that strengthens the physical, intellectual and spiritual well-being of individuals and families. Comprehensive programming includes child care and preschool, after-school and school's-out programs, day and overnight camping, senior adult activities, fitness and wellness programs, special-needs services and arts and cultural activities, including a nationally accredited Jewish museum and scores of programs for all ages and interests. For more information, visit www.jccpgh.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a member agency of The Jewish Federations of North America, raises and allocates funds to build community locally, in Israel and around the world. With the vision of a thriving, vibrant and engaged Jewish community, the Federation aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness. For more information about the Federation, visit www.jfedpgh.org.

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