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The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry

# Pantry Prose



## New HKJFP Staffers Hit the Ground Running!

**Anita McCullar**, Administrative Assistant, graduated from Webster University with a BA in Management. She previously worked for an insurance agency providing administrative support (including phones, correspondence and accounting for an entire department).

**Jane Posen**, Program Assistant, graduated from the UMSL with a BA in English and SLU with a Bachelor of Social Work. She has experience as a social worker in the mental health field, and homeless populations.

**Tziona Gaon-Asner**, Program Assistant, graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education in Tel-Aviv Israel. Tziona has experience volunteering in the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry and is passionate about helping people with hunger insecurity.

**Jim Bularzik**, Program Specialist-Inventory, brings extensive experience in program planning, development, risk management and public administration. His work in the not for profit community includes projects with Catholic Employment Network, St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Program Committee of Go! Network.

### Keeping Warm

It seems like just yesterday it was 110 degrees in the shade, yet autumn leaves start to fall! Our clients have resources available to them to keep warm this winter.

#### Community Action Agency of St. Louis County

CAASTLC has a number of Energy Services programs designed to alleviate the immediate threat of utility service disconnection (i.e., electricity, gas, propane, or heating oil) and assist residents in getting utility service restored to their homes.

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## Fed Up with Hunger

HKJFP is distributing reusable grocery bags—for everyday use and donations—to schools, congregations and civic groups. We are broadcasting the message that individuals and families need help all year long.

### Reusable bags for you and the pantry

JF&CS encourages everyone to use Fed Up With Hunger bags for their grocery shopping, and for non-perishable donations to deliver to the Food Pantry anytime during operating hours:  
Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:00 pm.

### Repair the World

In the spirit of "Tikkun olam" (repairing the world), JF&CS reaches out to the community to help our neighbors-in-need meet the challenges of everyday living.

**Please help us find new organizations to distribute bags to their members, conduct a crucial food drive, and join our lively and industrious volunteers.**

## World Food Day

The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry partnered with the *Donald Danforth Plant Science Center* to commemorate World Food Day, October 16th: a worldwide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed, year-around action to alleviate hunger. Thousands of volunteers convened on October 14-15 to package nutritious rice/soy protein meals for people facing critical food shortages in sub-Saharan Africa.



## Dates to Remember!

### Hanukkah

**December 20-27**

Happy Hanukkah from everyone here at JF&CS!

### Day of Service

**December 25th**

Jewish and Muslim Day of Service with the JCRC, packing food in the HKJFP.

### Holiday

**December 26th**

The agency will be closed in observance of the National Holiday.

### Happy New Year

**January 2, 2012**

The agency will be closed in observance of the National Holiday.

## Facts of Child Hunger in America

**The problem of childhood hunger is not simply a moral issue. Child hunger hampers a young person's ability to learn and becomes more likely to suffer from poverty as an adult. Scientific evidence suggests that hungry children are less likely to become productive citizens.**

- Nearly 14 million children are estimated to be served by Feeding America, over 3 million of which are ages 5 and under.
- According to the USDA, over 16 million children lived in food insecure (low food security and very low food security) households in 2010.
- 20% or more of the child population in 40 states and D.C. lived in food insecure households in 2009. The District of Columbia (32.3%) and Oregon (29.2%) had the highest rates of children in households without consistent access to food.
- In 2009, the top five states with the highest rate of food insecure children under 18 are the District of Columbia, Oregon, Arizona, Arkansas, & Texas. iii
- In 2009, the top five states with the lowest rate of food insecure children under 18 are North Dakota, New Hampshire, Virginia, Maryland, & Massachusetts. iii
- Proper nutrition is vital to the growth and

development of children. 62 percent of client households with children under the age of 18 reported participating in the National School Lunch Program, but only 14 percent reported having a child participate in a summer feeding program that provides free food when school is out.i

- 54 percent of client households with children under the age of 3 participated in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).i
- 32 percent of pantries, 42 percent of kitchens, and 18 percent of shelters in the Feeding America network reported "many more children in the summer" being served by their programs.i
- In 2010, 16.4 million or approximately 22 percent of children in the U.S. lived in poverty.
- Research indicates that hungry children do more poorly in school and have lower academic achievement because they are not well prepared for school and cannot concentrate.
- In fiscal year 2009, 48 percent of all SNAP participants were children
- During the 2010 federal fiscal year, 20.6 million low-income children received free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program. Unfortunately, just 2.3 million of these same income-eligible children participated in the Summer Food Service Program that same year.

- From USDA Website - Feeding America

## Food-Inflation Concerns Will Persist

**Food inflation “has replaced gasoline price as the most important household expense concern,” William Simon, chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world’s largest retailer, said in an earnings conference call on Aug. 16.**

By Luzi Ann Javier - Sep 20, 2011 Food-price inflation concerns for policy makers are set to persist even as rice declines and wheat trades below this year’s peak, according to the United Nations, which said that importers are still paying more than a year ago.

Another year of bumper wheat and rice harvests, as well as a continued surplus in corn, is needed to bring stockpiles back to “healthy” levels and reduce inflation concerns, Abdolreza Abbassian, senior economist at the UN Food & Agriculture Organization, said in an interview in Singapore today.

Costlier food may worsen the lives of the 1.1 billion the World Bank says live on less than \$1 a day, adding to pressure on central banks to raise interest rates even amid increased concerns that the global economy may slip back into recession. Global food prices reached a record in February.

“Food security is the number-one priority of governments, followed by food inflation,” Amit Gulrajani, general manager for rice trading and shipping at Olam International Ltd. (OLAM), said at a conference in Singapore today. Olam, based in the city-state, is one of the world’s three biggest rice shippers.

The World Food Price Index, a 55-item gauge compiled by the Rome-based FAO, rallied 26 percent in the year to August. Wheat in Chicago, which peaked at \$9.1675 per bushel on Feb. 14, has shed 14 percent this year and traded at \$6.80 at 1:10 p.m. Rice, trading at \$16.86 per 100 pounds, has lost 9.1 percent since reaching the highest level since 2008 earlier this month.

### No Relief

While the World Food Price Index may decline for a third month in September, the gauge will remain above last year’s level and provide no relief for food-deficit countries that rely on imports for supplies, Abbassian said.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy warned in June that the world must take action to avoid another food crisis, saying policy makers risked making this a “century of hunger” unless there were new rules on global supplies.

Food prices will remain higher in the next decade than the past 10 years as farm production slows and demand increases, the OECD and the FAO said in a joint report in June. Global output is forecast to grow an average 1.7 percent a year through 2020, compared with 2.6 percent in the previous decade, they said in their annual Agricultural Outlook report.

- Excerpts from Bloomberg News Service, September 20, 2011

The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is dedicated to alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the Greater St. Louis Area. Our Mission is to treat every client with the utmost respect and absolute confidentiality.



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