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PALESTINIAN SPY MOSAB HASSAN YOUSEF ADDRESSES CROWD AT JEWISH FEDERATION'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOU EVENT



Mosab Hassan Yousef, code-named "The Green Prince," will tell the story of his transformation from budding Hamas leader to undercover Israeli operative when he speaks as a special guest at this year's Annual Campaign Thank You event. Hosted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh in appreciation of donors to the 2015 Annual Campaign, the event will feature Yousef's remarks as well as the presentation of the PNC Community Builders Award and the Campaigner of the Year Award. Invited are donors who have made a contribution of at least \$1,000 to the 2015 Annual Campaign. The event will be held Tuesday, May 19, in Oakland. Dessert will be served following the presentation, and dietary laws will be observed. Couvert is \$10 per person.

This year's honorees are the Wagner family, who will receive the PNC Community Builders Award, and Chuck Snyder, who will receive the Campaigner of the Year Award. The PNC Community Builders Award is given by PNC President and CEO |Sy Holzer in recognition of a Jewish Federation leader or leaders whose volunteer efforts have resulted in building a stronger and more vibrant Greater Pittsburgh community. The Campaigner of the Year Award recognizes the efforts of a volunteer whose work on behalf of the Annual Campaign serves as a role model for others.

The King David Society Reception, organized in appreciation of donors who gave at least \$25,000 to the 2015 Annual Campaign (\$3,600 for young adults ages 22–45), will precede the Thank You event. King David Society members will enjoy cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres before the main presentation begins.

"We're extremely excited that Yousef will be sharing his amazing story with our community in Pittsburgh. He provides a unique and valuable perspective in understanding Israel's conflict with Hamas, and offers hope for peace in the future," said 2015 Annual Campaign Chair David Sufrin.

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Sufrin's Co-Chair, Cindy Shapira, echoed this view. "The Green Prince has so much to teach us, as supporters of Israel and as a community that craves a peaceful end to the conflict," she said.

Yousef, the son of a founding member of Hamas, worked undercover for Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service akin to the American FBI, for ten years around the time of the second intifada. After witnessing first-hand the violence of Hamas members, Yousef decided to deceive his family and neighbors to forestall further suffering on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by becoming Shin Bet's most reliable source in the Hamas leadership, earning himself the nickname *The Green Prince* — so named for the color of the Islamist group's flag and because of his pedigree. The intelligence he supplied to Israel led to the exposure of a number of Hamas cells as well as the prevention of dozens of suicide bombings and assassination attempts on Israeli figures. Yousef wrote about his experiences as an Israeli operative in his bestselling book, "The Son of Hamas," which was later turned into a film "The Green Prince," directed by award-winning filmmaker Nadav Schirman. His life story provides a sobering yet inspiring peek into the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, and his presence is a testament to the triumph of humanity in a dangerous world.

The Annual Campaign Thank You Event is sponsored by the Ira and Nanette Gordon Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

To attend the 2015 Annual Campaign Thank You Event, register online at <http://www.jfedpgh.org/ACTY> or contact Stacy Skiavo at sskiavo@jfedpgh.org or 412.992.5223. Kosher dietary laws will be observed.

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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