

May 30, 2017

Media Advisory

Release: Immediate

Contact: Adam Hertzman

E-mail: ahertzman@jfedpgh.org

Direct Dial: 412.992.5225

To: All media

**CONVERSATIONS THAT COUNT SERIES PRESENTS
“PRIVACY IN A DIGITAL AGE”**

Rabbi joins cybercommunication expert to provide insights in June 29 discussion



Rabbi Danny Schiff
Photo: Sanford Riemer



James “Kip” Currier
Photo: Lindsey Whiteside

WHO and WHAT

The Men’s Philanthropy Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh presents **“Privacy in a Digital Age”** as the next event in its *Conversations That Count* engagement series, which is open to registered guests.

In a time when cyberattacks can affect businesses worldwide and when the Internet and social media have increasing access to personal data and play a key role in disseminating fake news and anti-Semitism, “Privacy in a Digital Age” will provide a timely examination that will emphasize the Jewish perspective.

Foundation Scholar **Rabbi Danny Schiff, DHL, DD**, of the Jewish Community Foundation, and **James “Kip” Currier, PhD, JD**, assistant professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Computing & Information, will bring their expertise and perspectives to a presentation about how information-related needs and wants, in personal and corporate spheres, affect daily life — and the ethical questions involved.

Rabbi Schiff has lectured widely — in Pittsburgh and internationally — on matters of ethics, particularly as they inform and affect the Jewish community. He holds a doctor of Hebrew letters degree and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew Union

— more —

College–Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Schiff’s presentations typically combine penetrating scholarship and humor.

Dr. Currier holds a doctor of philosophy degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. His research interests include open government, censorship, human information behavior, and the effect that the “Internet of things” will have on privacy. His proficiency in Japanese allows him to analyze cyber trends as they develop outside the English-speaking world.

As a co-author of “Legal, Ethical, and Policy Issues of ‘Big Data 2.0,’” Dr. Currier received the 2016 LIBER Innovation Award, presented annually in Helsinki to recognize innovative and relevant research.

Admission is \$10. Drinks and light hors d’oeuvres will be served. Kosher dietary laws observed.

WHEN and WHERE

- Thursday, June 29, 5:30–7 p.m.
- Carnegie Mellon University’s Cohon University Center, second floor, McKenna–Peter Rooms, 5032 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh 15213

WHY

The Men’s Philanthropy Division is dedicated to providing meaningful outreach and engagement opportunities for men at all stages of life. Whether Jewish men gather to socialize, network, consider important world issues or give back to the community, the goal is to create an active and engaged community of Jewish men with a focus on Jewish philanthropy.

HOW

- To register online, visit **www.jfedpgh.org/men-conversations**
- To register or for more information, contact Chrissy Janisko at **cjanisko@jfedpgh.org** or 412.992.5268. The full inclusion of people of all abilities is a core value of the Pittsburgh Jewish community; please email or call to discuss disability accommodations.
- Park free in the East Campus Garage, off Forbes Avenue.

About the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh 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 Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness. For more information, visit **www.jfedpgh.org**.