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Shabbat starts

Friday, March 21, 6:55 p.m.

Shabbat ends

Saturday, March 15, 7:53 p.m.

Covenant Place project receives tax credit award

BY LARRY LEVIN & MIKE SHERWIN
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Covenant Place has been awarded just over \$3 million in government tax credits and funds, satisfying a major condition of building a new 101-unit low-income senior living facility

on the I.E. Millstone Jewish Community Campus.

The structure and related improvements, on which construction is slated to begin this fall, is the first of three phases proposed by the agency, formerly known as Covenant House/CHAI Apartments.

"We are grateful to receive the tax credit award," Alan Witte, Covenant Place board president, said in a news release. "This award will enable our organization to move forward with implementing a dynamic new vision for a community-based model of supporting seniors."

The funding was approved Friday at a Missouri Housing Development Commission meeting in Columbia, Mo., after an approximately three-month delay for all applicants resulting from issues unrelated to the

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University City Purim Parade



Morey Gardner and Faye Newman as Mordecai and Esther participate in the University City Purim Reenactment Parade on Sunday. For the first time in the parade's history, Mordechai's horse did not arrive — so organizers found a different source of horsepower. For more photos, see page 6. For a gallery of 100+ images, visit stljewishlight.com/multimedia. Photo: Donald Meissner

Talve named one of nation's 'Most Inspiring Rabbis'

BY PATRICIA CORRIGAN
 SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH LIGHT

No one was surprised last Friday when news leaked that the *Jewish Daily Forward* is naming Rabbi Susan Talve as one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis of 2014 — no one except perhaps Talve, the founding rabbi of Central Reform Congregation.

"I had no idea I was even being considered," said Talve, 60. "I was so honored, so humbled, when I saw the advance copy of the article. I am just

grateful that I have a tradition, the Jewish tradition, that inspires me."

This is the second year the publication has singled out rabbis in a project developed as "an affirmation that despite the worrying megatrends, our spiritual leaders are connecting with Jews and strengthening communities across America," writes Jane Eisner, editor of the *Forward*. "It is a privilege to share their stories."

The publication honored 28 rabbis, chosen from hundreds of nominations submitted by

readers around the country. The rabbis range in age from 28 to 81 and work in "established synagogues and in new ones, in hospitals, universities and day schools." One served in the military.

Over the years, Talve, who is married to Rabbi James Stone Goodman of Neve Shalom Congregation and is the mother of three grown children, has received many awards for work to make the world a better place, including the T'ruah

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Federation's local survey begins soon

BY DAVID BAUGHER
 SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH LIGHT

The Jewish Federation of Greater St. Louis is nearly ready to begin its long-awaited, in-depth survey of the Jewish community.

"We are finalizing the survey questionnaire, and we are hoping to launch by April 1," said Susan Scribner, senior planning and allocations associate with the umbrella agency.

Announced in January, the \$300,000 effort will be the first attempt in two decades to gauge the size, habits and identification level of the local Jewish community. The survey will be conducted by phone over several months with results expected to be announced by early next year.

Questions were solicited from synagogues and other Jewish agencies and organizations and

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Jewish community survey quick facts:

- Calls to both cell phones and landlines will begin April 1.
- Confidential interviews will be conducted with 1,000 Jewish adults.
- The survey takes approximately 18 minutes
- The phone number and name that will show up on caller ID is 314-442-3790 and "St. Louis Community Study."
- For more information about the study visit JFedSTL.org/CountMeIn or email communitystudy@jfedstl.org.

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