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JCRC Community Celebration for Executive Director Rabbi Doug Kahn's Retirement

San Francisco, CA – Rabbi Doug Kahn is retiring this month after 34 years with the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Relations Council.

JCRC will hold a community celebration in his honor on June 14th at the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans Building. The event will include a 30-minute conversation with Michael Krasny, host and senior editor of KQED-FM radio's award-winning Forum. San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee is foremost of a group of local dignitaries expected to attend, including Supervisor Scott Wiener and others.

Kahn's devoted service and unparalleled leadership have made him a figure of importance and influence in the Bay Area's Jewish community, as well as in the civic community. He is also an opinion leader in the Jewish community at the national and international level. He will be succeeded as JCRC Executive Director by Associate Director Abigail Michelson Porth, a transition that was announced on November 12, 2014.

"For these past 18 months, Doug and I have worked closely with the Board to ensure a seamless transition. JCRC will continue to build bridges with other communities which share our values and commitment to diversity, social justice and civility – work, I might add, that is today critically important – and the organization is in its strongest position ever to confront the growing anti-Israel movement in the Bay Area," Porth said.

After having served the community for more than three decades, Kahn says he will remain devoted to these important issues in retirement and plans on serving JCRC in a consulting capacity.

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