

## Lake Saint Louis Police Department giving back to the community with Red Cross Blood Drive

The Lake Saint Louis Police Department will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sept. 24 from 1 to 7 p.m., at the Lake Saint Louis Civic Center at 200 Civic Center Drive.

“Hosting a blood drive coincides with the Lake Saint Louis Police Department’s core values of giving back to the community,” said Officer Susie Ochs, Community Resource Officer. “With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life

of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor.”

The American Red Cross urges healthy individuals to give blood now to help ensure a steady supply for patients. The Red Cross has extra precautions in place to protect donors, volunteers and staff. In order to limit the number of people in the room you must make an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted and we are unable to accommodate guests. A face

covering or mask are also required when presenting to donate.

All successful donors will receive free antibody testing. To make an appointment go to [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) and enter sponsor code: LSLPD or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire found at [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) is encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

## Chabad’s St. Charles Jewish Family Network announces High Holiday and fall programming

St. Charles County represents nearly 10 percent of all Jews living in the St. Louis region, including a strong representation of families with young children. (According to the most recent community study, 41 percent of Jewish households in St. Charles have at least one child living at home and of all children in Jewish households in St. Charles, almost 21 percent are under five years old).

Responding to this need and with significant funding support from the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, the newly established Chabad Jewish Center of St. Charles County launched the St. Charles Jewish Family Network earlier this year.

“The goal is to create a warm and child-friendly community for young Jewish families living in the County,” said Bassy Landa, 27, mother of two girls, ages two and one, who is spearheading the network and directs the St. Charles Chabad with her husband, Rabbi Chaim Landa, 30. “By offering programs, networking opportunities, and support for this important and growing demographic, we really hope to enhance Jewish life for these young families.”

The Landas made the permanent move to the county in February. About a month later, the COVID-19 social distancing rules went into effect.

“As a startup community, it’s definitely been a challenging time, though there has also been an extra need for community – young families are really looking for that connection,” said Landa. “I also feel that this time has created more opportunities to virtually

connect with so many young moms; it’s been special.”

Over the past months the network has hosted a variety of ongoing weekly programs, including Shabbat-to-Go care packages, the Driveway Schmooze initiative and a virtual Jewish Bedtime Story series which they’ve been featuring on their Facebook page ([Facebook.com/JewishStCharles](https://www.facebook.com/JewishStCharles)).

Additionally, they’ve brought some special programs to the young community, including a pre-Passover Bedtime Story—which they partnered with the Jewish Federation’s PJ Library on—and a virtual Model Matzah Bakery, and the distribution of Seder-to-Go kits and Shavuot-to-Go care packages.

Now, after conducting an informal community survey and in keeping with social distancing measures, they’ve announced their programming schedule for the High Holiday and fall season, which includes:

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Mommy & Me: A morning of holiday song and fun, followed by a light brunch.

- Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.
- Private Residence/Backyard

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Shofar Factory: Learn how a shofar is made and blown!

- Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Live via Facebook ([Facebook.com/JewishStCharles.org](https://www.facebook.com/JewishStCharles.org))

### Pre-Rosh Hashanah Bedtime Story

- Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Live via Facebook ([Facebook.com/JewishStCharles.org](https://www.facebook.com/JewishStCharles.org))

### Kids High Holiday Tool Box: Holiday fun. In a box!

- The days leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Your Home

### Rosh Hashanah in the Park: 30 minute outdoor service for families to celebrate safely and joyfully

- Sept. 20 at 11 a.m.
- Veterans Tribute Park, Shelter #1, 1031 Kisker Rd., Weldon Springs

### Sukkah on Wheels: Traveling Sukkah party, allowing for safe, family celebrations

- Oct. 5 – Oct. 8 at 3 - 6 p.m.
- Your Home

### Pizza in the Hut: Socially distanced Sukkah party for young Jewish families throughout St. Charles County

- Oct. 7 at 5 p.m.
- Private Residence/Backyard

All events are by RSVP only. For more information on Chabad’s St. Charles Jewish Family Network and to RSVP, email [info@jewishstcharles.org](mailto:info@jewishstcharles.org) or visit: [www.JewishStCharles.org/JFN](http://www.JewishStCharles.org/JFN).

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