

**News Release****Date:** May 19, 2017**Release:** Immediate**Contact:** Adam Hertzman**E-mail:** [ahertzman@jfedpgh.org](mailto:ahertzman@jfedpgh.org)**Direct Dial:** 412.992.5225**STAND-UP COMEDIAN GARY GULMAN TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT  
JEWISH FEDERATION'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOU EVENT**

Gary Gulman, a stand-up comedian the Village Voice called the next comic “to break huge,” will be the special guest at this year’s Annual Campaign Thank You event. The event — presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, in appreciation of donors to the Federation’s 2017 Annual Campaign — will be Thursday, June 8, at Rodef Shalom Congregation, 4905 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 15213. In addition to Gulman’s comedy, the evening will feature the presentation of the PNC Community Builders Award and the Campaigner of the Year Award.

This year’s PNC Community Builders Award winners are the Rudolph family. PNC Bank President and CEO Sy Holzer will present the award to acknowledge the family’s volunteer efforts to enhance the strength and vibrancy of the Greater Pittsburgh community.

Joel Smalley will receive the Campaigner of the Year Award, which recognizes a volunteer whose work on behalf of the Annual Campaign serves as a role model for others.

Gary Gulman’s clever brand of original absurd observational humor has delighted audiences of all ages throughout the United States. A headlining comedian for several years, he is best known for his breakthrough success on NBC’s hit stand-up showcase “Last Comic Standing.” Gulman has produced four one-hour comedy specials, which have aired on Showtime, Comedy Central or Netflix. His comedy album, “No Can Defend,” debuted at No. 18 on iTunes, and his one-hour comedy special “Gary Gulman: In This Economy?” was recognized as one of the best comedy specials currently airing on Netflix. His new special, “It’s About Time,” is now streaming on Netflix.

The King David Society Reception, a by-invitation event organized in appreciation of donors who gave at least \$25,000 to the 2017 Annual Campaign (\$3,600 for young adults ages 22–45), will precede the thank-you event. King David Society members will enjoy a strolling dinner and cocktails before the main presentation begins.

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The Annual Campaign Thank You Event is sponsored by the Ira and Nanette Gordon (z"l) Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Invited are donors who have made a contribution of at least \$1,000 to the 2017 Annual Campaign.

At the June 8 thank-you event, dessert will be served following the program, and dietary laws will be observed. The couvert will be \$10 per person.

To attend, register online at [www.jfedpgh.org/acty](http://www.jfedpgh.org/acty) or contact Tiffany Babinsack at [tbabinsack@jfedpgh.org](mailto:tbabinsack@jfedpgh.org) or 412.697.6649. Ms. Babinsack is able to answer questions about the event and will coordinate requests for disability-related accommodations.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, one of 150 independent Federations associated with 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 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](http://www.jfedpgh.org).

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