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MESSAGE

From the President



Arden Lang

As Jim and I were driving through the rural areas of the Midwest, on the way to Albuquerque for our next phase of life, my mind lingered on Springfield and the home we have made there. Specifically, I have been thinking of all of you in the Jewish Federation. My thoughts stuck on memories of long and short duration.

Trying to piece together my thoughts, my mind focused for a time in the Spring of 2019, when Jim and I saw the Broadway show, "What the Constitution Means to Me." Written by and starring Heidi Schreck, the autobiographical tour de force had previously been staged off Broadway. Schreck, the sole person on stage throughout nearly the entirety of the play, tells the audience about her high school days, when her mother entered her in American Legion speech contests throughout the country. To win, Schreck competed with other high schoolers by giving a speech explaining what the Constitution meant to her. The prize money she won during her travels with her mom financed her college education.

In the Broadway play, Schreck alternates between giving speeches about the various Constitutional articles and amendments as she understood them at age 17 and speeches about what resonance these provisions have for her today. In an unscripted segment at the end of the play, a

young person debates with Schreck as to whether parts or all of the Constitution should be abolished.

I am not writing to you to discuss Constitutional principles. Instead, I want to write a bit about what the Federation means to me today and what it meant to me as a young person. When I was a young adult, I thought of the Federation in its all-important role of helping to ensure Israel's survival. When I was a child, Israel was a young, vulnerable country, having its statehood recognized by the UN in 1948. As we well remember, Israel was attacked again and again over the years.

When calmer times allowed, I have looked to the Federation to enrich me through Jewish experiential learning. In Federation we read books together, hear lectures together, reminisce about the Jewish immigrant experience together, break bread together, and try to understand and learn together about the Holocaust experience and its aftermath. I lean on Federation to nourish my body, my mind, and my soul. I join with all of you in these endeavors.

Yet, Jewish survival remains the *sine qua non* of the Federation. Today, in addition to the ever-present threats to Israel's existence and growing antisemitic posturing and violent acts, the threat to Jewish life from the Russian attacks on Ukraine and the ensuing immigration crisis at its borders, have hit us hard as Jews. Just as it has dealt with other humanitarian emergencies, the Federation has quickly mobilized its human and fiscal resources to great effect. The Federation today is helping the immigrants fleeing Ukraine as well as those left behind. The Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA) classifies Springfield, Illinois as a small Federation. On the contrary, our local Federation has displayed its big, big heart by its generous response to the Ukrainian crisis.

Federation sustains us in better times and strengthens us in times of turmoil. This is what the Jewish Federation means to me.

Arden Lang

UKRAINE CRISIS

As the crisis in Ukraine intensifies, Federation partners on the ground tell us that the speed and degree with which they have been able to provide aid -- from food, clothing, shelter, and health care to emergency communications systems, transportation, and more -- is thanks to the Jewish community infrastructure already in place due to years of Jewish Federation Annual Campaign contributions.

Your contributions are essential for ongoing needs in Jewish life and make it possible for the Jewish community to respond from a place of strength to emergencies, such as security threats, pandemic, and war, that occur when least expected.

Thank you for contributing to this emergency effort. You are saving lives.



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More Than Mothers:
The Power of Jewish Women's Archives

April 10th

11:00 a.m. CT

12:00 a.m. ET | 18:00 BUD | 19:00 ISL



Jeannette Gabriel, PhD

Director, Schwalb Center for Israel and Jewish Studies
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APRIL 28TH

10:00 am CDT

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Partnership 2GETHER

Partnership2Gether Film Club sponsored its second film, *The Testament*, in February. A link to watch the film at no cost was distributed about a week before a zoom discussion on February 20 with the film's director, Amichai Greenberg.

The Testament is a remarkable film. It is essentially a mystery, with two intersecting plot lines – the investigation into the site of a mass murder of Jews in Austria at the end of World War II and the identity of the protagonist's mother. The film takes on issues of identity and the personal costs of pursuing justice and truth.

The discussion with the director substantially enhanced my appreciation of the film. Mr. Greenberg clarified the elements of the film that were based on actual people and events, as well as aspects that were purely fictional. He recounted his interactions with Austrians who had knowledge of the massacre – their reluctance even now to acknowledge the events of that day – and the surprising circumstance that led to his being able to recruit a leading Austrian actress to accept a role in the film.

Israeli films have garnered great acclaim around the world. Based on *The Testament* I can see why. I'm looking forward to the next Film Club offering and encourage you to attend.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair



The mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT - 2022

Fred Benson, Andrew Boyer, Ted LeBlang Committee Members

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve three-year terms on the Board (2022 - 2025): Laurie Barnum; Howard Chodash; Sherry Flynn; Ralph Loewenstein; and Robert Roth.

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve as officers: Robert Silverman to serve one year as President; Karen Westbrook to serve one year as First Vice-President; Robert Roth to serve one year as Second Vice-President; Vera Herst to serve one year as Third Vice-President; Fred Benson to serve one year as Treasurer; and Andrew Boyer to serve one year as Secretary. Arden Lang will serve as Immediate Past President (ex officio).

The Committee recommends that the above-designated board member nominees and the listed slate of officers be voted into office at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois.

An Open Letter to the Federation from SBJE

Recently the Federation Board approved the annual grant for SBJE of \$3,200. Thank you! We absolutely could not continue without these funds. We do not take this for granted (no pun intended) nor expect this just to magically happen every year. We also understand that we as, a community, are trying to achieve more with less while the costs of doing business only increase. This will greatly assist us with our security needs, employing an off-duty police officer for every Sunday School session. Although we have had many challenges and additional costs, we have also made much progress.

This year, we have 14 kids in attendance which is a larger group than we have had in a while. Your SBJE Board has applied their due diligence for many positive changes. We are allowing up to one year of Sunday school for non-affiliated families. The parents requested that we get back to a formal curriculum. In turn, the SBJE Curriculum Committee agreed on and purchased a new curriculum. One of our goals was innovation so we can keep up with our young students. In turn, we have purchased smart monitors allowing for remote keyboard access and internet connection. Along with these monitors, we had to purchase proper stands to secure them. Sunday school starts earlier, and we have more of an emphasis on Hebrew education.

Our staffing has changed too. We have been able to add a teacher, Steve Franco. We have a new Administrator, Chuck Faingold, who is doing a wonderful job.

It takes a village or in this case, a Federation and two Temples. We do not have the numbers we used to have, but we continue to persevere. It seems we rely on the same people to contribute more and more, and without fail, they do just that. Thank you for being a part of this community. Thank you for your contributions. Thank you for supporting this group of 14 Jewish kids who love Sunday School. Thank you on behalf of your SBJE board.

Yours truly,

Robert J. Rabin
President SBJE

If the Federation can assist you in any way, if you have questions or concerns, or are in need of financial or social service assistance, please contact Nancy Sage, Executive Director, at (217)787-7223, ext. 12. All calls are confidential, and your privacy will be respected.

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to all of you for your generous support of the Jewish Federations' Ukraine Emergency Campaign. I can't thank you enough for the hope you have brought to Ukraine for the future and survival of their people. Your contributions are helping to save lives.

This is such a difficult time. It is so hard to watch and to read and hear about the destruction, the death, and the suffering and displacement of millions of people. It is a source of strength and inspiration for me to see how the Springfield Jewish community has come together for good again

and again. Your annual campaign contributions helped build a service network in the Ukraine to care for the most vulnerable and rebuild a vibrant Jewish community. The very same network quickly mobilized and is now working around the clock under the most difficult and dangerous conditions to meet ever changing needs on the ground. Your support, along with the work of all those who are providing humanitarian relief and assistance, are a shining light in a time of deep darkness.

When we work together and act as part of a collective, whether it is locally, nationally, or internationally, we are stronger in our day-to-day lives and in crisis. That is at the heart of Federations and community, it is what we do. The Jewish Federation movement collectively has raised just over \$40 million, funds that have been used to provide temporary housing, trauma relief, humanitarian support, transportation, emergency operations, and security and to facilitate Aliya and absorption.

JFNA distributes these funds as quickly as possible according to operating principles developed specifically for the Ukraine Emergency Campaign. These include vetting and reviewing organizations' operations in Ukraine and the requests for funding to ensure that they are not duplicative. Only direct operational costs are funded, not overhead; recognizing that the volatility of the situation on the ground requires maximum flexibility so that critical needs are addressed; considering the availability of other funding sources, so that the contribution is on the net amount of what has been requested. All Ukraine Emergency Funds raised are allocated as quickly as possible. To date, over \$30 million dollars has been allocated to JFNA's partner agencies JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), Jewish Agency for Israel, and ORT; HIAS; Hadassah Medical Organization; Israel Trauma Coalition; Chabad; United Hatzalah; Hillel International, Federation Professional Volunteer Initiative; Sh'ma Yisrael; and other NGOs.

The relief and humanitarian support efforts in the Ukraine serve as an extraordinary and exemplary instance of organizations – Jewish and non-Jewish – collaborating and cooperating to protect lives and to keep both those who have remained in Ukraine and those who have left as safe and as secure as possible.

The war in Ukraine weighs heavily on us. We admire the courage and resilience of those who are living through this crisis. Stories of Survival, the Illinois Holocaust and Education Center in Skokie's first traveling exhibit, is now on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The exhibit brings to life through personal belongings, the powerful and inspiring stories of resilience of survivors of the Holocaust and of genocides in Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Sudan. I close with a story from the exhibit that resonated with me, especially now. The daughter of a woman who found shelter and protection in a convent during the Holocaust wrote, "The nuns gave my mother gifts she cherished. This rosary is an example. And it is a token that, even in the grimmest of times, generosity and love remain."



YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

Tuesday, April 26

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11:30 am (while supplies last)
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