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**75** Years  
COMMUNITY &  
COMMITMENT

*You and Your Friends Are Cordially Invited to the  
Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois'*

*15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Gala Wine Tasting*

*Saturday, April 29, 2017  
Maldaner's Restaurant*

*222 S. 6th Street (upstairs)*

*6:00-9:00 pm*

*\$25 per person*

*Sample a wide selection of wines from around the world  
while enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres.*

*Your hosts: Pam & Ted LeBlang*

*RSVP by Monday, April 24 to the Federation at 787-7223 ext. 18  
or by email to [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we approach the finish line for Campaign 2017 it's time to quickly look back on what we are accomplishing.

This has been an unusual Campaign in several respects. For the first time in my memory we do not have a single overall chairperson. Instead, we have been able to utilize different members of our community to take responsibility for different aspects of Campaign. The kick off was our very successful event last November which was coordinated by a committee of several. The group in charge decided that this was a good year to have one major event for the entire community as opposed to different events that appeal to different demographics. For those of you who attended I'm sure you share my opinion that bringing everyone together for one major event was wonderful for our community.

But that November evening was just the most visible of all the work that has gone into Campaign. Since then there have been numerous people making phone calls, sending letters, and generally just reaching out to others to remind them of the importance of what Federation does. We had an extremely successful Super Sunday staffed by many dedicated volunteers. Susan Nightingale served as the chairperson, and in another first, coordinated the phone calls that day from the comfort of each volunteer's own house.

Just because we are nearing the end of Campaign does not mean that we can take our foot off the pedal. We are still working diligently to achieve our monetary goal. We are getting close, but still have work to do. If you have already pledged to this year's Campaign – thank you! If you have not as of yet made a pledge to Campaign please give some thought to doing so now. One of our Federation's professional staff or volunteers will be happy to talk to you or just drop a pledge card in the mail to you. We need to finish strong in order to continue all of the good and great work that Federation does. The good that comes from the dollars each member of our community contributes says so much about who we are as a small Jewish community – people who care about each other within our community as well as those around the world.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

## YOM HASHOAH MEMORIAL SERVICE

**APRIL 27 , 2017  
12 PM**


**OLD STATE CAPITOL**

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*The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:*

### **Chaverim Passover Party**

 Join with your Chaverim friends to celebrate **Passover**, the exodus of the Jews from slavery to freedom and a time for **new beginnings**. We will enjoy traditional Passover foods and judge a "charoset cook-off!"

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Join us for Passover stories and treats!  
\$2.00 per person

The Jewish Federation office  
1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320  
(*American Red Cross building*)

Park on the east side where there is a ramp.  
West door is now kept locked. If you need assistance when you arrive, call us.

Let us know if you need a ride: we will pick you up!

**RSVP by Friday, March 31, to Linda Morrison**  
**787-7223 x 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

*The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:*

### **KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE**

**"Stories of Springfield: Life in Lincoln's Town"**



**Tara McClellan McAndrew**  
**Writer, Author, Playwright**

**Wednesday, April 26**  
**9:30 am**

**Schnucks Community Room**  
**2801 Chatham Road**  
**Springfield, IL 62704**

***Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.***

RSVP by Friday, April 21 to  
787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**A DELI DELIGHT**

**More Info to Follow**



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# APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1  9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
2  9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	3  12 pm TI Talmud Class 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	4  10 am Chaverim Party	5  4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	6	7  12 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	8  9 am TI Service 7 pm TBS Trivia Night
9  9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	10  Erev Passover	 11  9 am TI Service 6 pm Community Seder No TI S'Hd Book Club Passover Office Closed	 12  No Hebrew Passover Office Closed	13  7 pm Adult Ed @ TI	14  5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	15  9 am TI Service
16  No Hebrew or Religious School 4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	 17  11 am TBS Yizkor Passover Office Closed	 18  9 am TI Yizkor 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg Passover Office Closed	19  4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	20	21  5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	22  9 am TI Service
23  9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 12 pm TI Annual Mtg	 24  12 pm TI Talmud Class Yom Hashoah	25  7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	26  9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew	27  12 pm Yom Hashoah Observance @ Old State Capitol	28  5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	29
30  9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	31	<b>JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS</b> 1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320 Springfield, IL 62704 Phone: 787-7223 Fax: 787-7470 <a href="http://www.shalomspringfield.org">www.shalomspringfield.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:sjf@shalomspringfield.org">sjf@shalomspringfield.org</a>				

Temple B'rith Shalom Presents Its Third Annual

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 8, 2017  
1008 S. 4th St., Springfield  
Doors Open 6:30 pm  
Trivia Starts 7 pm  
\$100.table (10 person max.)

Bring your own food & munchies.\*

\*Please no pork products or shellfish

Soda, coffee and other beverages available, but you will need to BYOB.

50/50 Raffle, Mulligans, & More!

Get a table of friends together for a FUN evening!

Register your table to Temple office at 525-1360 ext. 4.

If you do not have a table, we will find one for you

—just let us know when you register!

## MAZEL TOV

TO:

**Barry & Sandy Weiss**, on the engagement of  
their son, Daniel Carl Weiss to Lizelle Marie  
Obana.

**Caleb & Selma Melamed**, on their 25th  
Anniversary.

## LEGACY FUNDS

*Joni A. Wolfson Fund*

*In Memory of:*

**Jack Victor**, from Patti Mogge

## OTHER DONATIONS

*Education & Culture Programs*

*In Honor of:*

**Through a Jewish Lens Exhibit**, from Howard &  
Lori Hammel

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I want to help Federation change lives in our community and around the world. Here's my tax-deductible gift to support the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois' 2017 Annual Campaign. The Campaign will be closing soon. Please make your pledge by May 1, 2017, in order to be included in the Annual Report.



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.  
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

**2017 Annual Campaign**  
*Celebrating 75 years of community & commitment*

I hereby pledge to support the Annual Campaign with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay my pledge by December 31, 2017

- Monthly     Quarterly     Semi-Annually     Annually
- by Check     Visa or MasterCard

online at [www.shalomspringfield.org](http://www.shalomspringfield.org)

Gift 1 year ago	Gift 2 years ago	Gift 3 years ago
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Your gift will be published in our Annual Report

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- \$7,500 - \$9,999
- \$3,600 - \$7,499

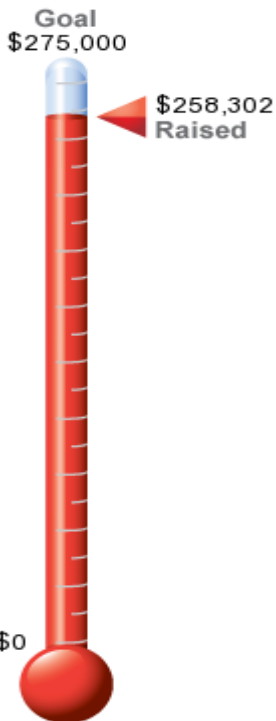
**Pacesetters**

- \$2,800 - \$3,599
- \$2,000 - \$2,799
- \$1,200 - \$1,999

**Friends**

- \$750-\$1,199
- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

**2017 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**



**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!**

**LIFE & LEGACY™**

With great appreciation, we have received a letter of intent from Sam Radwine and a bequest from Marge Loewenstein.

We are pleased to be participants in the LIFE & LEGACY™ program sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The purpose of the LIFE & LEGACY program is to encourage Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their culture. We are grateful for this new commitment and for those who have indicated their intent to leave a Legacy gift in the past.



**Assuring Jewish Tomorrows**

Please remember the Jewish community with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or by life insurance policy.

## Yafit: An Ethiopian-Israeli Woman of Valor



When Yafit was seven, she and her family began to walk. This journey to escape famine and persecution took them from their village in Ethiopia to Israel. For a month and a half, they scaled mountains and forded rivers, moving in silence to avoid the attention of robbers and kidnappers. When they arrived in Sudan, the family slept in a tent city, biding their time and fending off mosquitos and dysentery. But when Yafit and her younger sister became too weak to travel further, their parents left them behind, promising that they could join them once their strength returned.

Time passed. Nothing happened. One night as they slept, a stranger came into their tent and nudged them awake. Thinking it was a dream, she boarded a truck and was whisked away to an airport. Next thing she knew, she was embracing her parents in the Promised Land. As a new immigrant who knew neither the language nor culture of her new country, Yafit faced significant hurdles to success, but she was scrappy and determined. She learned Hebrew, earned a degree in education and started teaching Hebrew to Russian immigrants in Ashdod.

Her skill and spirit soon caught the attention of Federation partner the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Representatives invited her to run workshops for their Eshet Chayil (Woman of Valor) program, which helps Israeli women from disadvantaged backgrounds enter the regional job market. It surprised no one that she soon rose to become regional coordinator. Now, as head of JDC's Southern Region's Career Advancement Program, Yafit works with dozens of Israeli women one-on-one, assessing their potential and helping them plan and reach goals for a better future. The program is a part of TEVET, JDC's comprehensive employment initiative forged in partnership with the Israeli government.

"Some women worry about childcare, and some already have many personal and communal responsibilities. They take care of everyone else and have no time to take care of themselves," she says. "My work is to help show them that by improving their careers, they are in fact strengthening their families and communities."

And it is in doing this work—helping others find success through wisdom she learned the tough way as an immigrant working mother of three—that Yafit truly shines as her own Israeli woman of valor.

### DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR CAMPERSHIPS

The Jewish Federation of Springfield has camperships available for its community members' children to attend Jewish camps. The deadline for applying for camperships is May 15, 2017.



You can download an application for a campership at <http://shalomspringfield.org/index.php/programs/culture-and-family/jewish-camp> .

### Third Annual Community Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$36.00 (Ages: 13+) Pre-Adults: \$15.00 (Ages: 4-12)

Children: Free (Ages: 0-3)

Main Dinner menu will include: Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls, Bar-bi-cue Beef Brisket, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Tzimmes, Assorted Desserts, along with wine and all the accoutrements that go along with a traditional Seder

A vegetarian meal will be provided upon request.

Catered by Michael Higgins, Maldaner's Restaurant

If you have not done so, please do not forget to RSVP by check or by phone by Wednesday, April 5th

Temple Office: 525-1360 Extension #4

Checks made payable to: Temple B'rith Sholom

## JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

By Ralph Loewenstein

On May 20, 2017, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), with the participation of both temples and other local Jewish organizations, will be sponsoring our third annual mobile food pantry in the parking lot of Temple B'rith Sholom. The event will be between the hours of 8 a.m. and approximately 12:30 pm, including set up, welcoming patrons, preparing the food for give away, food distribution and clean up.

So what three things have we learned in the three years we have been sponsoring these events?

- There is a real problem with food insufficiency in our community, more than most of us imagine.
- We can make a real difference in people's lives by participating in events such as this and contributing to the Central Illinois Food Bank.
- The patrons who come to the event are gracious, thankful and our neighbors.

In order to make this event possible we need your help. First of all, we need volunteers. Not all volunteer shifts will require you to be there the entire time and if you attend services on Saturday morning, we welcome your help. Please contact Jordan Litvak at [jjlitvak@gmail.com](mailto:jjlitvak@gmail.com) to let him know you are willing to help and if you have any physical limitations or time preferences.

Last year we included in the event a distribution of toiletries. These are supplies that are always needed by our patrons and are often difficult for them to obtain because of the cost. We are asking for contributions of FULL SIZE, NEW AND UNOPENED shampoo, conditioner, bar/liquid soap, sunscreen, body lotion/hand cream, deodorant, and tooth brushes/toothpaste. Collection boxes will be available at both synagogues or you can contact Marybeth Cohen at [marybeth.cohen@comcast.com](mailto:marybeth.cohen@comcast.com).

Finally, if any of you wish to help on the planning committee please contact Ralph Loewenstein at [rhl@lhoslaw.com](mailto:rhl@lhoslaw.com). We welcome everyone's participation. Looking forward to seeing you all on May 20. I guarantee you will go away being glad you volunteered.

## **THE JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

**8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**At Temple B'rith Sholom Parking Lot**

***We are collecting toiletries to be given out that day.***

***Please contribute new, full-sized items such as:***

***Shampoo***

***Conditioner***

***Bar/Liquid Soap***

***Sunscreen***

***Body Lotion/Hand Cream***

***Deodorant***

***Toothbrush/Toothpaste***

***Temple Israel, Temple B'rith Sholom and the Federation office have boxes where you may deposit your toiletries or you may call Mary Beth Cohen at 546-3784 for pick up.***

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

***The JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Jewish Community Relations Council, Temple B'rith Sholom, Congregation Temple Israel, TBS Sisterhood, TI Sisterhood, Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Central IL Food Bank.***

## Through a Jewish Lens: An Exhibition of Our Community Photographers

Nearly 80 people attended the opening reception for our community photography exhibition, *Through a Jewish Lens*, at the Springfield Art Association. The exhibition featured five of our community photographers, **David Brodsky**, **Edward Haber**, **Howard Hammel**, **Steve Rambach** and **Melvin Taff**, who shared selection of their works with us. Thank you to **Jay Mogerman** for providing wine at the reception and to volunteers, **Lori Hammel**, **Cary Israel**, **Loren Iglarsh** and **Suzanne Schriar** for assisting with the event. Special thanks to the Springfield Art Association for sharing their gallery space with us.



Steve Rambach, Howard Hammel, Jay Mogerman, Melvin Taff, Edward Haber, & David Brodsky (seated).



Work by David Brodsky



Work by Edward Haber



Work by Howard Hammel



Work by Steve Rambach



Work by Melvin Taff

## A WEEKEND WITH ARTHUR FELDMAN

**Arthur M. Feldman**, art historian and appraiser, presented two programs in March to our Jewish community. On March 24, after the joint Shabbat service, he presented *Art in the Jewish Tradition*, a lecture focusing on the symbols, ceremonies and accompanying ritual art of our Jewish cultural heritage, from the Biblical period through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. On March 25, he led *Judaica in Your Attic*, an Antiques Roadshow-style exposition about objects brought in by community participants or housed in our synagogues' collections. After eliciting the personal story of each object, Mr. Feldman provided historical context and a value range on the items.

Many thanks to oneg hosts **Cassandra Claman**, **David** and **Rhonda Goldman**, **Vera Herst**, and **Bill** and **Julie Kellner** for the Friday night refreshments, and to **Vera Herst**, **Pam LeBlang**, **Carol Loewenstein**, **Jay Mogerman**, **Marlene Schultz**, and **Gloria Schwartz** for Saturday night refreshments, and to **Steve Rambach** for his photography of the event.

**THANK YOU TO...**Chaverim volunteers **Mark Deluhery**, **Barb Rabin**, and **Mark Wancket** for baking hamantaschen and providing transportation; Temple Israel Choir members (**Jackie Perlmutter**, **Carol Kitterman**, **Linda Morrison**, **Erin Sabath**, **Mark Wancket**, **Sari Wancket**, **Barry Weiss**, and **Peter Wenz**) for performing selections from their 2017 Elvis-themed Purimspiel;



## SAGE NOTES

I never imagined that I would be writing about anti-Semitic acts occurring in Jewish communities as close as St. Louis and Chicago and across the country in other cities with Springfield family connections. Very recently, I attended conferences with colleagues from cities directly affected. I took the opportunity to say how sorry we are and how sad it is to hear that they were confronted with such hateful and horrific situations. My colleagues appreciated our concern and described what actions they have taken in response to these incidents. They were heartened by the strong support in word and deed they received from people and organizations representing different faiths and backgrounds. For example, a hospital across from a Jewish Community Center served as its safe harbor during an evacuation. Hospital staff on their breaks met the children and adults as they entered the building, accompanied them to the designated area, stayed with them, shared snacks from the cafeteria, read books, played games and just talked. Stories like that abound.

In Springfield, we received calls and comments from local, state and federal law enforcement officials to leaders of faith communities, neighbors, friends and strangers expressing concern and offering assistance, although we have not received any threats. In mid-February, Senator Durbin's office called indicating that the Senator wanted to meet to personally express his concern and discuss the situation. The meeting took place two days later with representatives from the temples, Federation, and JCRC attending.

Every day I see the phrase "The strength of a people, the power of community." It is on our stationery, our printed materials, and embedded in our e-mail blasts. Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) created the logo as their own and for local federations. I always felt those words were inspirational and aspirational. In light of recent incidents and challenges ahead, they take on even more meaning for me. They describe the collective Jewish community and our own.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*



*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.*

March 23, 2017

TO: JEWISH COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICA



FROM: JERRY SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO  
JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTH AMERICA

**MEMO: THE JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA  
PRAISE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR ARREST**

Israeli police announced Thursday that they had arrested an 18-year-old man with dual Israel-U.S. citizenship as the primary suspect for the majority of bomb threats that have been called into Jewish Community Centers and other Jewish institutions in 40 U.S. states and 4 Canadian provinces.

Jerry Silverman, President and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America, released the following statement, praising law enforcement and expressing relief that an arrest has been made.

“Ten days ago, and again this morning, Jewish leaders were briefed by top officials from the FBI. From those briefings we learned about the unprecedented level of time and resources that were committed to this investigation along with high levels of cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and a long list of partners, including Israeli law enforcement. It was heartbreaking to learn that a Jewish man is a prime suspect.

Our ability to adapt quickly and liaise with law enforcement officials was in large part due to the work of the Secure Community Network. As a community and a society we must remain vigilant in our effort to counter anti-Semitism and other hate crimes as they appear. We are fortunate to know we have partners in law enforcement who will do whatever it takes to bring these perpetrators to justice.”

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

On **April 8 & 14, 7:30 pm** and **April 9, 2 pm**, “**The Diary of Anne Frank**” will be performed at the Playhouse on the Square, 68 East Central Park, Jacksonville, IL 62650, phone 217-491-3977, ([playhousesquare13@gmail.com](mailto:playhousesquare13@gmail.com)).



Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Barry Weiss will play the role of Dr. Duessel.



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