

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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

16th Annual

Gala Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 14, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Maldaner's Restaurant

222 S. 6th Street (upstairs)

\$25 per person

*Sample a wide selection of wines from around the world,
provided by The Corkscrew Wine Emporium,
while enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres.*

RSVP by Monday, April 9

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4/14/18—Gala Wine Tasting, 6 pm.

5/19/18—JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry

5/24/18—Federation Annual Meeting

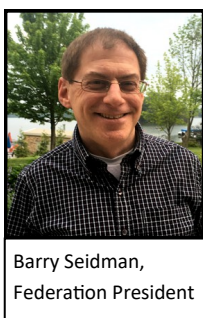
6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/18—Annual Jewish Film Series



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barry Seidman

"THE NEEDS ARE GREAT"



Barry Seidman,
Federation President

As Spring comes we find ourselves just about at the end of another annual Campaign. While it's still not too late to become a part of this year's Campaign, most of the major work is done. As always, we have enjoyed another successful effort thanks to the hard work of many people. I don't want to try to mention everybody who has been involved at one point or another this year (at risk of leaving someone out), but I certainly want to mention a few people without whom we could not have achieved our success.

Rita Victor and Amber Sabin have been our co-chairs, and have done an outstanding job. It has been a lot of fun watching Rita and Amber get to know each other better and see how they've clicked as a team. More importantly, they have quarterbacked a huge undertaking. We owe them tremendous gratitude.

For the second year in a row, Susan Nightingale has coordinated our Super Sunday – one of the most important days of Campaign. This year, while in bed with pneumonia, Susan led the effort to make this a successful day.

Finally, our Executive Director, Nancy Sage, keeps all of the wheels turning in the right direction. For almost two years I have seen Nancy's work up close. It is impossible for most to understand everything that comes across her desk that needs attention. Even with everything else, Nancy is a vital part of Campaign.

Why do we spend all of the time and energy on Campaign? If you read my monthly articles you know my answer already. The funds we raise each year enable us to do so much locally, nationally, and internationally. Locally, the programs we have and the outreach we do to various parts of our community are top notch. Nationally and internationally, because of what we raise, we are able to be a part of meeting the needs of Jewish people anywhere in the world they happen to be. And the needs are great.

A few months ago, while at a national board meeting of Jewish Federations, I was able to spend some time with representatives of other "small" Federations. Even though I have experienced this before, it always astounds me: when it comes to small Federations, we are really small. Other small Federations express shock at how small we are. They express even greater shock when I tell them how much we raise each year during our Campaign. I can tell you that our small community raises more money than many others much larger than us. Each one of us can take pride in this. It is not our size but our spirit and commitment that enables us to achieve this level of success. I know I am always proud to represent our Federation at these gatherings.

To each of you, thank you for what you do as individuals, and as a community.



Chaverim

Israel Independence Day

Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.

Israel Independence Day!

Join your *Chaverim* friends to celebrate *Yom Ha 'Atzmaut* for Israel Independence Day with Israeli foods, flags, and more!

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Join us for Healthy Israeli favorites!

\$3.00 per person

Parking is available on the east side of the building where there is a ramp. If you need assistance when you arrive, call 787-7223 ext. 10. Please let us know if you need a ride.

RSVP by Friday, April 6 to David Miller, 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.

County Market/Niemann Foods

Knosh & Knowledge presents “Meals in 30 Minutes or Less” with Hope Daniels, County Market/Niemann Foods Health and Wellness Advisor on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 9:30 am, at County Market Produce Department, 3001 S. Veterans Parkway, Springfield, IL.



Coffee is available at the County Market coffee bar.

RSVP by Friday, April 20, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Federation Holds 16th Annual Wine-Tasting Fundraiser

By Ted LeBlang

On Saturday, April 14, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, the Federation will hold its gala annual wine-tasting event at Maldaner's Restaurant. This year marks the 16th year for this popular fundraiser, which provides guests an opportunity to sample a wide selection of wines from around the world, enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and support the Federation.

For the first time, the wine purveyor for the event will be **The Corkscrew Wine Emporium**, a locally owned company that strives to provide the best services in wines, gourmet foods, spirits, and cheese. Owners Danielle and David Anderson take great pride in operating a wine shop that thrives on the educational aspects of wine.

Danielle's focus on customer service is legendary and she has been honing and sharing her wine knowledge for over 20 years. She will bring together the expertise of five wine distributors to ensure a diverse array of excellent red and white wines. Distributors will include Connoisseur Wines, Koerner Distributors, Marketplace Selections, Pure Wines, and Southern Wines.

Maldaner's Restaurant will offer a terrific selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, featuring such favorites as Thai chicken cakes, veal meatballs with sweet and sour sauce, artichoke frittatas, and smoked salmon rolls with dill and cream cheese.

Bank of Springfield, Capitol Blue Print, Davis Financial Group, and Hanson Professional Services will continue as event sponsors.

APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>No Hebrew or Religious School Second Day of Passover</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>No Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am TBS Yizkor 5:45 pm Joint Family Shabbat @ TI Seventh Day of Passover Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am Joint Services & Yizkor @ TI 6 pm CBD Meal of Moshiach Eighth Day of Passover</p>
<p>8</p> <p>No Hebrew or Religious School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 am Chaverim 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 am Yom Hashoah Observance @ Old State Capitol 7 pm Joint Temple Adult Ed Jewish Ethics @ TI Yom Hashoah</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:45 pm Joint Shabbat & Dinner @ TBS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am Joint Service @ TBS 6 pm Fed. Gala Wine Tasting @ Maldaner's</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 1:30 pm TI annual Mtg 4pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Joint TBS/TI Adult Ed Video Series @ The Villas</p>	<p>19</p> <p>T/Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Event Yom Ha'atzmaut</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:45 pm Joint Shabbat at TBS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 am Joint Service @ TBS TI Rabbi Marks' 75th Birthday Event</p>
<p>22</p> <p>No Hebrew or Religious School 2-3:30 pm Children of Abraham @ Old State Capitol</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm Hadassah Donor</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 am TI Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI</p>					

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

I recently had the opportunity to listen in on a webinar: “Jewish Response to Ethnic Cleansing of the Rohingya People.” What I heard was heartbreaking. The government of Burma is engaged in a decades long assault of the Rohingya people in Burma (also known as Myanmar). In 1982, the Burmese Rohingya were stripped of their Burmese citizenship. In 2017, the actions against the Rohingya have escalated. According to Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières), an estimated 6,700 Rohingya have been killed, including 740 children, and at least 2,700 others have died from disease and malnutrition. It is estimated that more than **680,000** Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh since August 2017, fearing loss of livelihood and shelter and disproportionate use of force by the military of Burma. These refugees are considered “Stateless” and are living in overcrowded and underserved displaced persons camps, which are cities without infrastructure or governance.

In October 2017, the U. S. Department of the State expressed “gravest concern” regarding the violent, traumatic abuses the Rohingya communities have endured. A month later, Secretary of State Tillerson stated: “After careful and thorough analysis of available facts, it is clear that the situation in northern Rakhine state constitutes ethnic cleansing against the Rohingya.” Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have reported and documented a campaign of violence perpetuated by the security forces of Burma that may “amount to crimes against humanity” and “ethnic cleansing,” including indiscriminate attacks on civilians, rape of women and girls, and arbitrary arrest and detention of Rohingya men without charge. As of August 25, 2017, nearly 300 villages in the northern Rakhaine State were completely or partially destroyed by fire. These villages had been populated completely or partially by Rohingya Muslims.

In response to this tragedy, the Jewish Rohingya Justice Network has been formed. The Network is a consortium of about a dozen Jewish Non-Governmental Organizations, including the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Through the network, these organizations are supporting American Jewish World Service’s immediate and long-term humanitarian aid to refugees and are advocating on behalf of the Rohingya people.

As we celebrate Passover and remind ourselves that we were once an enslaved people, and as we approach Yom Hashoah and renew our vow “Never Again,” let’s take some time to educate ourselves about the plight of the Rohingya people and advocate on their behalf. If you are so moved, please contact your Senators and urge passage of the S.2060, The Burma Human Rights and Freedom Act of 2018. If you would like additional resources or information about the plight of the Rohingya, the American Jewish community’s response to this genocide, or what you can do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Betsy Salus, *Chair*

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2018 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Goal
\$285,000



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!

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Please remember the Jewish Federation in your will, estate plan or by beneficiary designation.

HAPPY



PASSOVER!



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lots of
ways
to eat matza.**

**And lots of ways to be
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To make matza taste better — you can try hundreds of things. To make someone's life better — try Federation. Serve up a hot meal, visit homebound seniors or even sponsor a trip to Israel. Please give to the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois You'll be helping your community at home and around the world. In lots more ways than we can count. **#lotsamatza**



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JCRC MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, in conjunction with the Central Illinois Food Bank, Temple Israel, Temple Israel Sisterhood, Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith, will be sponsoring our fourth annual mobile food pantry on May 19, 2018, in the parking lot of TBS.

Food insecurity is a very real issue in our community. According to the Central Illinois Food Bank, 1 in 8 people and 1 in 5 children in our community struggle with hunger. Last year, we distributed over 15,000 pounds of food to approximately 210 patrons, representing over 700 family members. Patrons who participated in the event were grateful for our support and our volunteers enjoyed themselves. It is truly a win – win event.

Rick Griminger has taken on the important job of volunteer coordinator for this year's event and has already begun recruitment. We will need volunteers for various jobs starting at approximately 9 a.m. and lasting until about 1 p.m. A few volunteers will also be needed a bit earlier to collect shopping carts and prepare the inside of TBS for registration and set up for breakfast. Food distribution will begin at 11 a.m. to accommodate those volunteers who wish to attend morning services.

In order to volunteer, please contact Rick at rgriminger@att.net or 217-652-4363. Please let Rick know what times you are available (if you are only available for a portion of the event, we still welcome your participation). Also be sure to let Rick know if you have any physical limitations so that he can make an appropriate assignment. We can almost guarantee that if you volunteer, you will enjoy yourself and feel the satisfaction of giving back to our community.

The planning committee is looking forward to another successful event and thanks you in advance for your support and participation.



JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Temple B'rith Sholom Parking Lot

FEDERATION

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 24



HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

OLD STATE CAPITOL

11:00 a.m.

5th ANNUAL JEWISH FILM SERIES

FOUR THURSDAYS IN JUNE

(June 7, 14, 21, 28)

7:00 p.m.

CAPITOL CITY BAR & GRILL

TICKETS: \$25 Series Pass or \$7 Per Film (\$5 With Student ID)



SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

“IT IS AN HONOR TO BE THE STEWARDS OF YOUR GENEROSITY”



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

We are working with Jewish Federations of North America to update our website. In the coming months, www.shalomspringfield.org will look different and offer some new features including the JTA {Jewish Telegraphic Agency} newsfeed comprised of stories of Jewish interest from around the world. In the process of looking at other Federation websites, I stumbled across Jewish Federation of Chattanooga’s website where in big, bold letters it says “The Greatest Good is what we do for one another.” This resonated with me as it defines Federation. It is the bottom line of our mission to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.

I think about the impact of your support for Federation, the good you do because of it: saving lives, reinvigorating crumbling Jewish communities across the world, helping Jews fleeing anti-Semitism settle in Israel, responding to natural disasters around the world, sending PJ library books to our community’s children ages 6 months to 8 years, holiday packages for monthly Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge programs, the film series, special speakers, camp scholarships, support for B’rit Yisrael (Sunday school), responding to calls for help when someone in our community is in need and so much more. It is an honor to be the stewards of your generosity.

LIFE & LEGACY™ REACHES GOAL

We are very pleased to report that Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B’rith Shalom, and Temple Israel successfully completed the second and final year of the LIFE & LEGACY™ incentive grant program. We thank all who have indicated intent to leave a legacy gift over the past two years and those who set the example in prior years pre-LIFE & LEGACY program.

Over the past two years, the partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and Jewish Federations of North America yielded \$30,000 (\$5,000 each year to each organization) in grant funding to our community. Collectively, we have received 119 letters of intent for the Jewish community, totaling an estimated \$1,138,983.00 in qualifying endowment and future promised gifts.

The purpose of LIFE & LEGACY is to build a culture of legacy giving within Jewish communities to assure Jewish futures. Over the past two years, five Legacy Team members from each organization participated in Legacy training as part of the program. It was their dedication, commitment, and belief in legacy giving that yielded success and promises to continue in the future. Please join us in thanking the teams for their leadership in securing a Jewish future in Springfield.

Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL – Team leader Anne Morgan, Jerry Jennings, Ted LeBlang, Ralph Loewenstein, Nancy Sage

Temple B’rith Shalom - Team leader Lisa Stone, Mary Beth Cohen, Rabbi Michael Datz, Betsy Salus, and Dr. Steve Stone

Temple Israel - Team leader Len Lieberman, Rick Griminger, Rabbi Barry Marks, Erin Sabbath and Mark Wancket

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, 2018**. Contact the Federation office for a campership application at 787-7223.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

MAZEL TOV

To:

Hunter & Amy Gross, on the birth of their son, Elliot Alfred.
Grandparents are Joel & Joni Abramowitz.

THANK YOU TO OUR MARCH VOLUNTEERS

NextGen: Andrew Boyer, Rabbi Datz, Kayla Morrison, Rabbi Marks

Film Shorts: Pat Chesley, Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Jay Mogerman, Bob Silverman, Barry Weiss, Harvey Wells, Barb Wolfson

Chaverim: Arden Lang, Linda Morrison, Barb Rabin, Rabbi Marks

Passover Packages: Laurie Barnum, Andrew Boyer, Rabbi Datz, Len Lieberman, Rabbi Marks, Annette Schwartz, Gloria Schwartz, Adrienne Swartz, Mark and Sari Wancket

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