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SALON2021

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7-8 pm CDT

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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, April 6, 7 pm—SALON2021 Partnership Up Close & Personal

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 pm—Federation Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 am—Federation Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, April 28, 7 pm—SALON2021 Rosenwald Our Hometown Hero



Arden Lang
Federation President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members of my extended family, the Golbs, nee Goloborodko, from Titive, Lithuania, and Beyala Tserka in the Ukraine, traveled there to discover their roots. On their return, one cousin began writing a memoir about the Golbs. My email account keeps filling with photographs of long dead family members and official documents occasionally shocking to the family's younger generations. In the spirit of inclusion, I've torn my house apart looking for tidbits of knowledge and lore to share in the memoir. I'm also in the midst of scanning my dad's World War Two letters home. The task is daunting, and probably I will never again see any uncluttered spaces in my home.

While I would like to finish my part of the family biography, I have been sidetracked by many, many trips down memory lane looking at one memento after another. More recently, I became so intrigued by the New York Times review of the book "Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure" that I preordered it immediately from Left Bank Books, one of my favorite book stores. (I had resisted the urge to "one-click" on Amazon or to wait for the Public Library to receive it.) While the book was in transit, The Forward review also raved about the book, which is written by Menachem Kaiser.

I have only read a small bit of the book, but I was immediately affected by the author's thoughts about being the grandchild of a Holocaust survivor. A journalist, Kaiser, raised as an Orthodox Jew in Brooklyn, had traveled to Poland on several occasions before deciding to take a side trip to Sosnowiec, in Silesia, a point where the Russian, Prussian, and Austro-Hungarian empires met. That is where Kaiser's grandfather had lived before the Holocaust. Even as Kaiser took the train back to Krakow at the end of his day trip, having walked around and photographed the town, he never expected to return. But the many pages still to come in the book let this reader know that there was much more to the story.

Kaiser's book is a voyage of discovery. As Kaiser points out, many Jews of Eastern European descent travel to Poland, Germany, or Russia for example. Their trips are not borne out of nostalgia for the Old Country. Poland was not our homeland. Kaiser calls the destination of Jews "as much mythological as it is geographical." Those of us whose parents fled oppression all have a family story, and it is living rather than historical. We want to recapture that story, and that is why, Kaiser explains, Jews return to their relatives' hometowns. The family stories of oppression are important, but they are unremarkable at the same time because the pattern of oppression repeats itself.

Later, when Kaiser set out to reclaim a building his grandfather had owned in Sosnowiec, he hoped the building might be a "means to access a history" of his grandfather that he had "always thought inaccessible, immutably closed."

So why am I rambling on about the beginning of one book? As to my personal story, which I have recently learned, I found out that my family left Titive before the turn of the 20th Century. But, the Jews who remained in that town in 1941, were all victims of mass murder at the hands of the Nazis. Had my family withstood the difficulties of life in Eastern Europe and not emigrated to America, they would have perished along with the rest of the Jewish community. My story is a personal one. But as Kaiser posits, it is an unremarkable story. Mass murder was not a single event under Nazi rule.

Our family sustains us, whether our family lives here in Springfield, is spread around the world, or has dwindled. Nevertheless, family in the larger sense exists. The Jewish Federation is here to offer knowledge, fellowship, and aid to those in need here, in Israel, and throughout the world. Let the Federation know how we can help.

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Knosh & Knowledge

LISA STONE—CITIZENS CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD



Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer

Please join us for Knosh & Knowledge when **Lisa Stone** will speak with us about the Citizens Club of Springfield. A civic treasure, Lisa currently is serving on the Board of the Citizens Club of Springfield. Lisa will tell us about the history and purpose of the Citizens Club and how it goes about fulfilling its mission. She will also share with us what the Citizens Club is focused on right now and what programs and activities we can look forward to in the near future.

Lisa Stone is active in the Springfield Community, the Springfield Jewish Federation, and the Springfield Jewish Community. She is a tireless community advocate, having been involved in numerous community organizations. Lisa was the recipient of the 2017 Springfield First Citizen Award.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by Monday, April 26,, to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or (217) 787-7223, ext. 18.



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4 Eighth Day of Passover	5 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	6 7 pm Fed Salon2021 Partnership Up Close and Personal	7 12 pm Holocaust Memorial via Zoom 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	8 8:45 am Fed P2G Memorial Day 6:30 pm Fed JUF Yom Hashoah 7 pm TI Adult Ed	9 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	10 9:30 am TI Service
11 9:30 am Chabad Tefillin Club 10 am Fed P2G Israel Memorial Day 10:15 am Religious School 12:30 pm TBS S'Hd Mtg 2 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Mtg	12	13 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club TI S'Hd Exec. Comm. Mtg	14 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	15 7 pm Fed JCRC Mtg	16 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	17 9:30 am TI Service
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25 10:15 am Religious School 12 pm TI Annual Mtg	26	27 7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	28 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed Exec Committee Mtg 7pm Fed Salon2021 Rosenwald Our Hometown Hero	29 12 pm Fed P2G Virtual Tour Austin 7:30 pm Chabad Lag B'Omer	30 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat Lag B'Omer	

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We stand in solidarity with the Asian-American-Pacific Islander Communities.

Statement Issued by Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta, Georgia

(Atlanta – March 17, 2021) As members of Atlanta’s Jewish community, The Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander women and their communities against hate and violence. We mourn for the loss of life and our thoughts are with all the victims and their families. As Jewish tradition teaches, “Don’t stand by idly while your neighbor bleeds (Lev. 19:16).” We have an obligation to lift up our voices when faced with hatred and discrimination when fueled by race, ethnicity, religion or gender.

While the motivation has not been fully established, Tuesday’s killings in the Atlanta metro area follow a disturbing pattern of increasing violence and hatred directed at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, especially women. We condemn this violence and hatred, and we stand ready to support our AAPI neighbors and fellow Jews who are members of the AAPI community however we are needed.

CAMPAIGN

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SALON2021

PARTNERSHIP Up Close & Personal

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Via Zoom

7-8 PM

We are a global family. We are brought together through shared experiences, interests, programs and opportunities created by Western Galilee Consortium Partnership2GETHER that personally connect with our partners Budapest, Hungary; Israel's Western Galilee and Akko; and 15 U.S. Federations.

Host: Harry Berman, Springfield's Partnership2GETHER Chair
Nancy and Pat Chesley - Partnership & Its Magic

Jerry Jennings and Eva Muller - People & Places through Travel

Eva Muller - Sliding Dors & Children of Holocaust Survivors

Cathy Gardner, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton-Women Leading a Dialogue & A Look to the Future

**RSVP by Friday, April 2, to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org
or 217-787-7223 ext.18.**



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SALON2021

Great Ideas. Shared.

ROSENWALD

Our Hometown Hero

Springfield-born Julius Rosenwald. Chairman of Sears. Pioneer philanthropist. Fighter for social justice. Builder of 5000+ schools for Blacks in Jim Crow South. National pillar of the Jewish Community. And, so much more.

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

7-8 PM CST Via Zoom

Rosenwald Initiative, our local movement convened by Federation, brings together the Springfield's Jewish, Black, and greater Springfield communities, and individuals to honor his legacy.

Julius Rosenwald Schools and National Park Campaign seeks to create the first national park dedicated to a Jewish American, recognizing his extraordinary contributions. .

Host: Jay Mogerman

Presenters:

Mike Jackson – Preservation Architect,
Rosenwald Initiative

Dorothy Canter – President, Rosenwald
Schools & National Parks Campaign

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Campaign Committee

Cary Israel, Arden Lang, Susan Nightingale, Barry Seidman,
Bob Silverman

Partnership2GETHER



APRIL 8TH
8:45 AM

Israeli
Holocaust
Remembrance Day
Closing Ceremony

Live from the
Ghetto Fighters
House




ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY
APRIL 11TH
10 AM

Personal stories from the
battlefields of the Yom Kippur war



WITH
Past P2G Co-chair
Michael Aaronson




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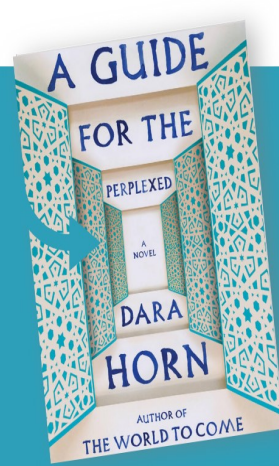

Save the date

April 29th 12 pm CT | 19:00 BUD 20:00 ISL




BOOKCLUB

May 2nd **12:00 PM**
20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest

DARA HORN
Discussing her book about
A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED



Partnership2GETHER

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER

By Harry Berman, Chair

Partnership2Gether has six different committees that develop international programming in a variety of areas. Most of the programs that members of the Springfield Jewish Community have participated in to this point fall under the aegis of the Community Engagement Committee. For example, that committee organizes the Book Club, Global Days of Learning, Sliding Dors, Virtual Art Exhibits, and the Women's Rosh Chodesh programs.

Other programs organized by the Community Engagement Committee worth looking into include Music2Gether, Café Anglit, and WeRFamily. Information about these programs can be found on the Partnership website www.westerngalili.org.il

The Community Engagement committee also arranges for celebrations and commemorations based on the Hebrew calendar, such as the upcoming Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day – April 11). Details on connecting via Zoom to the program will be found in the weekly Federation email.

The Community Engagement Committee met on March 10 with 35 representatives from 13 communities. We heard about current program opportunities and brainstormed ideas for new programs for 2022. Springfield was ably represented by Pat and Nancy Chesley and Nancy Sage.

Upcoming initiatives on the drawing board include a Wine Club, a Film Club, and a Game Club.

The Partnership2GETHER programs are uniformly high energy and well-organized. Check them out!

JCRC

Greetings everyone—JCRC is continuing with its mission—despite COVID impacting the ability of our members to meet in-person.

We held our bimonthly meeting this past February via zoom and heard a very interesting and informative presentation from Ms. Linda Verfurth, a retired Reentry Affairs Coordinator from the Federal Correctional Institution in Pekin, IL. JCRC's New Initiatives Criminal Justice Reform Committee is investigating the challenges facing people who are returning to the community after serving time in prison and ways to assist them. Ms. Verfurth described how she brought various groups (religious/service) together to provide support to individuals leaving the Federal correctional system so they can reenter society.

The Council discussed the rapid response team's letter to the editor addressing the antisemitic comments of US Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) and a number of other pending matters including:

- ◆ The Central Illinois Food Bank continues to conduct drive-thru healthy foods distributions. JCRC will pursue possibilities to participate to help fight food insecurity in Springfield.
- ◆ The Springfield Equal Justice Project, introduced at the Frontiers International Martin Luther King Breakfast and the NAACP lunch, will begin the work necessary to meet the requirements established by the Equal Justice Institute to bring the commemorative lynching marker to Springfield.
- ◆ The Rosenwald Park legislation, passed last December, included the provision to undertake a national study which is a requirement to establish a national park. It did not include an appropriation to conduct the study. The Rosenwald National Park Committee is following up both with the process and funding possibilities.
- ◆ Natalie Silverman and Steve Stone reported on seven (7) pending resolutions proposed by the Jewish Council of Public Affairs (JCPA), which were distributed among the membership for edits.

JCRC will meet again on April 15—and now you're up to date.

Everyone stay well.

Bob Roth, *JCRC Chair*

SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive

Eighty years of changing lives and saving lives. It is what we do through our overseas partners. Our Federation was founded in large part to assist Jews living in horrific conditions overseas, before the state Israel existed. While much of our Federation's focus is centered on our Springfield community, our first SALON 2021 brought home to me that Federation's mission of eighty years continues as a Lifeline to so many overseas and brings us together with Jews worldwide.

As familiar as I am with our partners' work overseas, David Butler, chair of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Israel and Overseas Committee, who served as host and really brought it home to me, describing our worldwide impact. He recognized our Federation for its generosity, designating 22% of our budget to "overseas," for which we should be proud. Federations across North America raised over \$800 million through campaigns, of which, \$604 million goes to local needs, and \$200 million is designated for Overseas and is distributed in three ways:

- Unrestricted - The bulk of the money (about \$150 million) is unrestricted and goes to JFNA's three partner agencies – JDC (Jewish Distribution Committee), the Jewish Agency (JAFI), and World ORT. JDC serves the needs of Jews in Israel, Europe, and the former Soviet Union (the latter being the poorest and neediest Jews in the world). JAFI works with Aliyah, represents and acts as a voice for us in Israel, and establishes connections between Israel and world Jewry and among Jews throughout the world. ORT provides education and vocational training.
- Designated – The monies that local Federations designate for the partner agencies and for other approved nonprofits. For example, our Federation allocates funds to Hadassah Neurim youth village.
- Emergency funding – Special campaigns such as the Stop the Sirens campaign during the hostilities between Israel and Hamas in 2014.

David Butler was joined by panelists Sandy Katz of JDC and Shaylee Cioban of JAFI. They added specifics: how lives are changed and saved, and relationships built.

Sandy cited JDC efforts to revitalize Jewish communities and rebuild Jewish life in Europe, particularly in central and Eastern Europe where Jewish communities had been decimated by the Shoah and then by Communist rule. For 25,000 young people over 30 years, many who had not known of their Jewish roots, attended Camp Szarvas in Hungary. This life-changing experience motivates and inspires a sense of excitement about being Jewish. The Jewish Community Center in Budapest, serves thousands of people annually. Both exemplify a spirit of resilience and testify to the rebuilding Jewish life following trauma. In the former Soviet Union, JDC humanitarian relief efforts based out of Chesed (Hebrew for loving kindness) centers provide medicine, healthcare and food to some 90,000 elderly, impoverished and isolated. During COVID, JDC provided PPE for home healthcare workers and is proud to report that they did not lose any of their clients to COVID.

Shaylee told about JAFI's Fund for Jewish Security which works to keep Jewish communities around the world safe and secure from attacks by terrorists and extremists. She showed a video of a terrorist with a high-powered rifle stalking and attempting to enter a synagogue in Halle Germany on Yom Kippur in 2019. He failed to gain entry because of the JAFI-funded training and reinforced security door. The Jewish Security Fund has allocated \$17 million to Jewish communities at special risk around the world including France, Turkey, and Venezuela.

Touching Springfield directly, Shaylee expressed JAFI's appreciation to our Federation for being part of the incredibly innovative Partnership2GETHER Western Galilee and Central Area Consortium, Jewish Agency's 46 Partnerships connects 450 Jewish and Israeli communities in 46 city-to-city and region-to-region partnerships engaging 400,000 participants.

A special thank you to Barry Seidman who serves on the JFNA Board of Trustees and Israel & Overseas Committee for arranging this first Salon and bringing it all home.

To learn more about the Partnership experience from our own perspective, please join us on April 6 at 7:00 pm CDT for SALON2021, Partnership: Up Close & Personal.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Kamryn Douglas, on her Bat Mitzvah.
Kimberly Douglas, on her engagement to Jonathon Tribble.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the families and friends of the following:

Sophie Pollack, mother of Sharon Green

Ruth Datz, mother of Rabbi Michael Datz

Natalie Yaffe, wife of Stuart Yaffe, mother of
Kim Schoenburg

Judy Weisman, wife of Dan Weisman

Z”l

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March Chaverim: Rabbi Datz, Gary Kessler, & Arden Lang

Yom HaShoah 2021

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Join us as we commemorate
the lives that were lost.

Thursday, April 8 | 6:30 p.m. CDT

Register at:

<https://jufregistrationplatform-prod.azurewebsites.net/Registration.aspx?EventID=23841>

A link to access the program will be sent to registrants prior to the event.



Even though COVID-19 has led us to be physically apart, together we remember the six million Kedoshim.

“FOR THE DEAD AND THE LIVING,
WE MUST BEAR WITNESS.”

— ELIE WIESEL



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A WALK THROUGH THE SPACE WHERE THE WARSAW GHETTO ONCE EXISTED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 11am CDT

Register at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEofuGuqz8tHNYkM09ML2IsXwNgvLIFUdCt>

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Over 400,000 Jews perished from the Warsaw ghetto. Please join us for a virtual tour in their honor, in remembrance, in reflection and in hope.

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