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JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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JULIA BACHRACH—THE LEGACY OF CHICAGO’S JEWISH ARCHITECTS & THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CHICAGO’S URBAN LANDSCAPE

The Education & Culture Committee presents

“Julia Bachrach—The Legacy of Chicago’s
Jewish Architects & Their Contribution to
Chicago’s Urban
Landscape”

Tuesday, January 12
7 pm
Via Zoom



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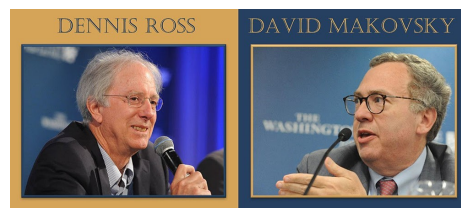
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THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS & A LOOK FORWARD IN THE MIDDLE EAST Zoom Presentation Wed., January 6, 6 pm

The Jewish Community Relations Council
presents

“The Abraham Accords &
A Look Forward in the Middle East”
with
Ambassador Dennis Ross
and Professor David Makovsky

Wednesday, January 6, 6 pm via Zoom



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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6 pm —The Abraham Accords: What’s Next—The Insiders’ Take.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 pm—Julia Bachrach—The Legacy of Chicago’s Jewish Architects & Their Contribution to Chicago’s Urban Landscape.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 11:50 am—Author’s Program



Arden Lang
Federation President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The prospect of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of our local Federation should bring pride to all of us. Whether our families have been a part of our Federation community since its inception or whether we are new to Springfield at large or new to Federation itself, we know our ties to each other are strong. I would love to have been a fly on the wall when our community got together in recognition of the worsening perils to Jewish life in Europe, to the as yet undeclared State of Israel, and to communities elsewhere around the globe.

What we do know, though, is that in recognition of the unprecedented need, four members of the Jewish community met in 1941 to plan the formation of our local Federation. Their first order of business was to create a budget. Their budgetary discussions centered on how much should be collected and for what purpose. The initial budget sought to collect \$21,000.00 to be distributed among various worthy local, national, and international organizations. In addition, the group budgeted \$5,000.00 for undetermined uses.

The first community meeting, or get together, occurred in 1945. From the first, our Federation's communal purpose has steadfastly remained. It is *the promotion of the welfare of the Jewish community in all matters which affect their interests*. Six years later, the goals of Federation were further articulated to include the promotion of the cultural and social work of the community and its constant safeguarding of the civil, economic, political, and religious rights of all Jews everywhere.

The original goals enunciated by our Federation founders remain the guiding principle of our Federation today. Your continued generous commitment of time and your financial generosity ensure that our Federation will effectively promote the welfare of the Jewish community into the future.

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.

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CHAVERIM AND KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Chaverim Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, January 12, 2-2:30 p.m. Phone in: 1-209-399-9672

Please join your *Chaverim* friends as we get together by telephone to catch up with each other, extend wishes for the New Year, and learn about rituals and traditions for celebrating Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month on the Hebrew calendar). Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat begins at sundown on January 13.



Tuesday, January 12, 2021
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
(please note afternoon time)

To join in the conversation, Dial: 1-209-399-9672

RSVP by Friday, January 8, to Betsy Salus

787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

If the Jewish Federation can assist you in anyway, if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to speak with us for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Sage, Executive Director at (217) 787-7223, ext. 12.
All calls are confidential and your privacy will be respected.

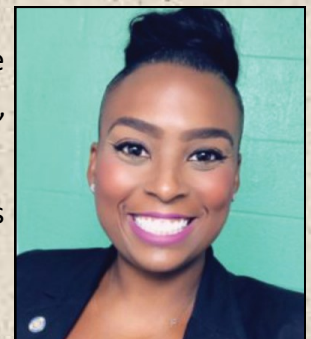
Knosh & Knowledge

Tiffany Mathis—Boys & Girls Clubs of Central IL

Wednesday, January 27, 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer

Knosh & Knowledge presents Tiffany Mathis, CEO and Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois, on **Wednesday, January 27, 9:30 a.m.**, via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer.

Tiffany will talk with us about how the Boys & Girls Clubs serve the needs of children & families, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.



To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by January 25,
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat New Year's Day Federation Closed	2 9:30 am TI Service
3 9:30 am Chabad Tefillin Club 10:15 am Religious School	4 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	5	6 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	7 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	8 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat w/ Cantor Alexandra Fox	9 9:30 am TI Service w/Cantor Sam Radwine
10 10:15 am Religious School 4 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Meeting	11	12 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club TI S'Hd Exec. Comm. Mtg 2 pm Chaverim 7 pm Fed. Educ. & Culture Program	13 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	14	15 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	16 9:30 am TI Service
17 10:15 am Religious School	18 MLK Day Federation Closed	19 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Meeting	20 6:30 pm Hadassah Mtg	21	22 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat w/ Cantor Colman Reaboi	23 9:30 am TI Service w/Cantor Colman Reaboi
24 10:15 am Religious School 12:30 pm TBS S'Hd Mtg Tu B'Shevat	25	26 7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	27 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed Exec Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Fed. Campaign	28 11:50 am Fed/ Cardozo Co-Sponsor Guest Authors Program	29 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat w/ Cantor Naomi Hirsch	30 9:30 am TI Service w/ Cantor Naomi Hirsch
31 10:15 am Religious School						



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Make it your mission and join us today.

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JDAM Jewish Disability Advocacy Month
February 2021

A month of education, solidarity-building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities. #JDAM

From diverse communities across North America, we are coming together to harness our collective power to break down barriers to opportunity and inclusion. Join us in helping advance policy that empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence.

Join us in February for Jewish Disability Advocacy Month. Together, we can change lives.

WILL YOU BE THERE?

JULIA BACHRACH (continued from page 1)

The Education & Culture Committee Presents

THE LEGACY OF CHICAGO'S JEWISH ARCHITECTS & THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CHICAGO'S URBAN LANDSCAPE



Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Presented by

Julia S. Bachrach

Architectural Historian, Preservationist, and Urban Planner

Join award winning author, historian, preservationist and urban planner, Julia S. Bachrach to explore the enduring contributions of Chicago's Jewish Architects. Join award winning author, historian, preservationist and urban planner, Julia S. Bachrach to explore the enduring contributions of Chicago's Jewish Architects.

Birthplace of the skyscraper, Chicago played an important role in the development of architectural Modernism. This great legacy includes the contributions of many Jewish architects, some now famous and others who have long been overlooked. In this presentation historian Julia Bachrach will highlight the work of Chicago Jewish architects from the 1890s through the 1970s. Architects and firms including Dankmar Adler, Alfred S. Alschuler, Walter W. Ahlschlager, Ernest Grunfeld Jr., Emanuel V. Buchsbaum, Oman & Lilienthal, Dubin & Dubin, and Loewenberg & Loewenberg will be featured.

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DENNIS ROSS & DAVID MAKOVSKY (continued from page 1)

“WHAT’S NEXT: THE INSIDERS’ TAKE”



DAVID MAKOVSKY & DENNIS ROSS

These two Middle East experts have spent a lifetime deconstructing the complexities of that region of the world. They’ve worked with many Presidential administrations and have personal histories with numbers of President-Elect Biden’s highest level cabinet appointees.

Go behind the scenes with these seasoned masters of negotiation and diplomacy and learn about the “real intrigue” on Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar and more, and what it all means for Israel and the American Jewish community.

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**Join us Wednesday, January 6, 2021
4:00pm PST - 6:00pm CST - 7:00pm EST**

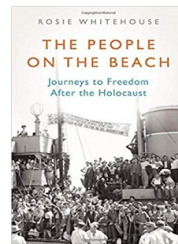
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The People on the Beach: *Journeys to Freedom After the Holocaust* by Rosie Whitehouse



**Thursday, January 28, 2021
11:50 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT**

One summer's night in 1946, more than 1,000 European Jews waited silently on an Italian beach to board a secret ship. They had survived Auschwitz, hidden and fought in forests and endured death marches--now they were taking on the Royal Navy, running the British blockade of Palestine.

From Eastern Europe to Germany to Italy to Israel, Rosie Whitehouse follows the footsteps of those secret passengers, uncovering their extraordinary stories--some told for the first time. Who were those people on the beach? Where and what had they come from, and how had they survived? Why, after being liberated, did they still feel unsafe in Europe? How do we--and don't we--remember the Holocaust today? This remarkable, important book digs deep and travels far in search of answers.

Please join us when the Standard Club and the Authors Program and *Lunch@65West* Public Affairs Forum of the Union League Club welcome British author **Rosie Whitehouse**. Ms. Whitehouse will be joining us live from her home in London for a discussion of these and other questions examined in her latest book, **The People on the Beach: Journeys to Freedom After the Holocaust**. Ms. Whitehouse will be interviewed by club member Michael Traison, a partner with Cullen and Dykman, LLP. We are privileged to present this program in partnership with the American Association of Jewish Lawyers & Judges, Chicago Loop Synagogue, The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities, and Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL Cardozo Society.

Advance registration for this complimentary webinar is required. Please click on the link below to complete your registration:

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Please log-on by 11:50 a.m. CDT. The program will begin at 12 p.m. SHARP



Partnership2GETHER

FROM HARRY BERMAN, CHAIR

During November the Partnership hosted several notable events. The Global Day of Learning, held on Sunday, November 8, highlighted the work of Israel Flying Aid, an organization that responds to natural catastrophes and wars to save lives. The most remarkable feature of their work is that, when a disaster strikes, IFA is willing to go into countries that have no diplomatic ties with Israel. This requires masking their identity as Israelis – dangerous work.

Another notable event was the Virtual Book Club held on Sunday, November 15. Miklos Vamos, the well-known Hungarian author, shared his experience of being a Jewish author in Hungary during and after Communism with 55 Book Club participants from 10 Consortium communities, the Western Galilee and Budapest. His cleverly-crafted novel, *The Book of Fathers*, imagined 300 years in the life of a family that experienced the vicissitudes of the Hungarian people – and Jewish people, in particular – under the succession of regimes that controlled that country.

In the coming months, we expect that members of the Springfield Jewish community will be involved in the activities of the Partnership Medical committee and the Partnership Academic Committee. Special thanks go to Howard Chodash for his participation in a Medical Committee planning meeting.



Virtual Exhibition and Gallery Talk

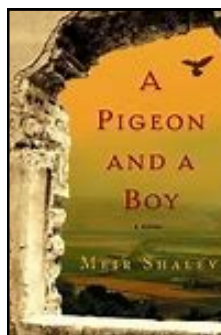
January 10th @ 12:00 PM CDT

You are invited to join the opening of the CREATE2Gether Virtual Exhibition and Gallery Talk with artists from Israel, Budapest and the U.S.A.

The Global Virtual Book Club

A Pigeon and A Boy: A Novel, by Meir Shalev.

**Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 12:00 noon CT
via Zoom**



Unforgettable in both its particulars and its sweep, *A Pigeon and A Boy* is a tale of lovers then and now-of how deeply we love, of what home is, and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it. In a voice that is at once playful, wise, and altogether beguiling, Meir Shalev tells a story as universal as war and as intimate as a winged declaration of love.

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SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive

In our Jewish tradition, when a person attains the age of eighty, it is considered a landmark that they have reached by virtue of their strength. This coming year, 2021, marks our Federation's eightieth year. This milestone anniversary also signifies strength, the strength that has brought us to this point in time, the strength that comes from the collective efforts of all who have participated, volunteered, and contributed to Federation over the years and who have been responsible for our accomplishments and the success of our endeavors.

So much of what I do is focused on the moment and planning for the future, that taking a moment to reflect on the past seems a luxury. But I believe that the past holds valuable lessons that are relevant to us today and that the strengths that have served us over the years can continue to do so in the present and future.

Much has changed over the course of eighty years. Federation was founded during a time when Jews were being persecuted, displaced and uprooted from their homes, and murdered on an unfathomable and horrifying scale. During our Federation's first decade, resettling the survivors of the Holocaust and supporting and assisting in the establishment of a Jewish state in Israel were our overriding concerns. Today, Israel is not without its concerns and problems, but it is thankfully a strong and flourishing country. What has remained the same amid all the change is our commitment to serving our community locally, nationally and worldwide. That commitment to serve is our strength, it is what Federation has always been about, and it is what has brought us to where we are today.

Our strength derives in large part from the underlying values that reflect our values learned from our tradition - the importance of saving lives, the obligation to help the vulnerable and those in need, not as charity but as an act of righteousness, the feeling that all Jews are responsible one for the other, and the unity of the Jewish people bound together by a shared history and a common destiny.

We gain strength when we are able to look beyond our own self-interest and see ourselves as a link in a tradition that goes back thousands of years and that will endure long into the future. Our strength lies in our willingness to help build that future, to give of ourselves, of our energy and our resources for the good of the community.

In these uncertain times brought about by COVID, serving our community and carrying out our mission have been especially challenging. And yet here too we have shown our strength, our resilience in the face of challenge, and our ability to recognize the necessity of change and to adapt to it.

I am inspired by all that you, the members of our Federation, do and by our history of eighty years strong, and I look forward to celebrating with you throughout the coming year. It is a privilege to serve this community.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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Pat & Nancy Chesley, on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Micon Carroll, from Jim Lewis & Arden Lang.

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Stanley Oberman, from Michael & Gloria Schwartz

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family and friends of the following:

Stanley Oberman, father of Susan Harvey

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TO:

Susan Nightingale, on her daughter, Chloe Van Sickle, becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Judge Stuart and Merle Shiffman, on the marriage of their son, Tony Shiffman, to Alissa Dries, and the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Eva Odishoo, daughter of Jessica Shiffman and her husband Dennis Odishoo.

THANK YOU

December Volunteers Chaverim:
Rabbi Datz and Arden Lang.
Thank you to Temple Israel gift shop, Temple B'rith Sholom gift shop, and Jonathan Reynolds at Food Fantasies for assisting with Hanukkah packages