



THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

- Programs & Attendance/
Number Served

Annual Meeting.....61

Cardozo Society:

People on the Beach; A Walk
Through Warsaw Ghetto.....14

Chaverim:

3 programs.....19

Education & Culture:

Chicago Architects; Stars of Fauda;
Prisoner of Her Past; The Last
Ghetto.....102

JCRC:

Abraham Accords; Carl
Cannon.....77

JCRC:

MLK Breakfast Via ZOOM

JCRC:

Healthy Foods Distribution
Events.....5

JCRC (with Citizens Club of Springfield):

Confronting Inequities in
Springfield - Segregation in the
Heartland; Confronting Inequities
in Springfield - Housing Challenges

Knosh & Knowledge:

10 programs138

Pacesetter Appreciation Event:

Tour of RGB Exhibit.....44

Partnership2GETHER:

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Club Discussion (2); Budapest Live
Tour; Global Book Club; Here We
Are at Austin; Here We Are at Ft.
Wayne; Here We Are at
Youngstown, OH; Israel at 73;
Israel Memorial Day (Yom
HaZikaron) - Bravery & Memory;
P2G Film Club - Shallah Shabati;
Personal Perspective; Nigun
Together; Volunteer Recognition
Event; Women's Rosh
Chodesh(2).....72

PJ Library:

Families served.....21
Children served.....26
Books sent to children.....312

Salon2021:

Lifeline; Up Close & Personal;
Rosenwald: Hometown Hero; A
Community Concerned; At Home
in Israel with Raya Seidman.....232

Community Outreach and Social Services:

Holiday (4) packages
delivered.....102
Community Outreach phone calls,
Social Service assistance &
referrals.....240

Through JFNA:

Focusing Forward: Exploring
Religious Diversity in Israel; Virtual
GA; International Celebration of
Israel's Independence

In Collaboration with other Small Feds:

Virtual Mission to Latin America;
An Evening with Noa Tishbi,
Antisemitism on College
Campuses: Student Voices, Parent
Concerns, Hillel Support

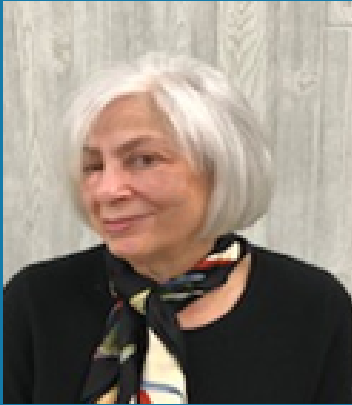
In Collaboration with Jewish Federations throughout Illinois:

IL Holocaust Museum &
Association of Descendants of the
Shoah; Illinois: Never Forget Yom
Shoah Commemoration

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MESSAGE

From the President



Arden Lang

The Gregorian calendar marks January 1 as the beginning of a new, secular year. The easy approach to the ending of the old is to forget about our problems and to think about the new as a tabula rasa. But we know this is a shortsighted view of history. As Edmund Burke famously said, "Those who do not know history are destined to repeat it." And, certainly, there is much to learn about from 2021.

One way American Jews today can celebrate the present, while looking backward and forward at the same time, is to consider the efforts of the Ethiopian Jews struggling to return to Israel, to make Aliyah. As you know, Ethiopian Jews have yearned to return to the Land of Zion. Over the centuries, they were outcasts. More recently, the terrible civil war in the northern part of Ethiopia has made their survival even more perilous.

Beginning in 1984, Israel has exerted resources to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel. In 1991, Operation Solomon settled close to 15,000 Ethiopian Jews in the State of Israel within a 36-hour period. In the past 30 years, Israel has absorbed over 90,000 Ethiopian refugees. The attempts to integrate these recent immigrants have not always been fully successful. Roadblocks to success included the refugees' lack of education, limited employment opportunities, and language issues which kept them

from integrating into a Western society. Many family members of the new arrivals were not allowed to emigrate. Loved ones remained separated by geography and culture.

The recent civil war in the north of Ethiopia has further endangered those waiting for their chance at Aliyah. The Israeli government has responded to a new sense of urgency and has committed to accept 3,000 more Ethiopian refugees over the next year, with hopes of bringing another 5,000 remaining refugees soon thereafter.

Today's refugees will face new challenges. But the new refugees and Israel will be better prepared for their arrival. Today, over 60,000 Ethiopian Jews are sabras. They are native speakers of Hebrew. The new arrivals will have role models among the prior generation of Ethiopian refugees. One supreme example is today's first Ethiopian cabinet minister, Prina Tomano-Shata, the new Minister of Immigration Absorption. Moreover, among those waiting to make Aliyah are children who have been educated in urban camps in Ethiopia while waiting for their chance to succeed. The Israeli government has put steps in place to smooth the way for refugee families to immigrate together or to unite with family members already living in Israel. Plans are afoot for adequate training programs and job opportunities for the new arrivals. Israel is learning from its earlier attempts at integrating its Ethiopian arrivals, and the Ethiopians who arrive will be better able to avail themselves of new opportunities.

The secular New Year brings hope for Ethiopian Jews. That hope, and the hope for all those wishing to make Aliyah, is made possible through the work of the Jewish Agency, which in turn, is sustained through its association with the 146 Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Yes, it is you, who make all this possible through your support of your Federation. Let's continue to learn from history. Let's celebrate a new, secular year. And let's move forward towards making the world a better place through Tikkun Olam.



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SMALL FEDERATIONS PRESENT

PARTNERING WITH THE ETHIOPIAN
ISRAELI COMMUNITY

JANUARY 10, 17, 24 @ 11:00 AM

For decades, Small Federations have partnered with the Ethiopian Israeli community to address barriers to their full and successful integration into Israeli society. As Israeli society evolves, and as the Aliyah from Ethiopia continues, what will the future of our partnership look like? Join JFNA for an exclusive Small Federation virtual journey to Ethiopia and Israel. Hear personal stories and achievements of members of the Ethiopian Jewish community and learn about our Federations' longstanding involvement and support.

January 10, 17 and 24, 2022 11:00am-12:00pm

Please register using this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjctd-mqqDstG9Co5jlrqbnbwTmrPTHwe5E>



JANUARY 2022

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Partnership 2GETHER Report



Partnership2Gether held its eighth P2G Book Group discussion on Sunday, November 21. Every book selection has been excellent. The November book, *The Slave* by I. B. Singer, was no exception. Although set in 17th century Poland, the book raised issues of great contemporary relevance, especially regarding the obligations that go along with relationships to others. As we did for the previous book group reading, the general session on Sunday was preceded by a discussion among Springfield readers held the preceding Friday afternoon.

On Sunday, December 5, the Partnership hosted a Hanukkah celebration. The main part of the program was a live zoom tour of the Nachlayot neighborhood of Jerusalem. It was thrilling to see—in real time—the residents of the city out enjoying the last night of the holiday and to view the ‘hanukiyot’ on display outside the neighborhood’s homes. We learned a great deal about the history of the neighborhood and about the meaning of the holiday from the Israeli perspective.

The virtual tour was preceded by holiday greetings from several of the Partnership communities. In keeping with the holiday, the theme of the greetings was to be ‘beacons of light.’ When it comes to Springfield, one name springs to mind as a ‘beacon of light’: Abraham Lincoln. Mark Wancket wrote and delivered a brief video about our most famous citizen, which we recorded inside the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, where Mark serves as a docent. Many thanks to Mark for enlightening, so to speak, the US Partnership communities and our friends in the Western Galilee about Springfield’s Lincoln legacy.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair



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JANUARY 16 2022 | 12:30 PM



- Rosh Hodesh ceremony
- Women Make a Difference:
Alayna Altman, JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor, Food and Environmental Education) Director at Louisville’s JCC.
- Learn2Gether Session

P2G Book Club
PRESENTS

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SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

The end of the year brings a mix of memories and hopes for the future. This year, especially, seemed to blur with the last, as we are closing in on two full years of the Pandemic. We've learned to adjust to Zoom as our venue and use it to our advantage by finding speakers and creating programs that would not otherwise be available to us. In contrast, we hoped that Covid would be conquered, and we could be together again for the wine tasting, the film series, and to host a community celebration as we had been apart for so long. Yet, 2021 was a good year, a year of doing things differently, and serving the community in different ways.

Requests for social services, financial assistance, and referrals have increased, a majority of them precipitated by changing life or health circumstances. While we look forward to resuming the

tradition of volunteers delivering holiday packages and visiting with seniors, for now, we continue to mail the holiday packages. We've added a holiday package celebrating the Jewish holiday of love, Tu B'av, and expanded senior outreach by calling on a regular basis.

Our partnership with the Central Illinois Food Bank (CIFB) to fight food insecurity in Springfield marked its seventh year. JCRC's Healthy Foods Distribution has grown and changed. It used to be that patrons gathered annually in Temple B'rith Sholom's social hall for a Saturday morning snack, chose toiletry items donated by community members, and then filled a shopping cart with foods from stations located in the parking lot. Approximately 60 volunteers served as event hosts for check-in, food service, and then accompanied patrons from food station to food station. CIFB replaced that model with drive-thru distributions which required a location available Monday through Friday that allows cars to flow through without obstructing traffic; thus, the location changed to Temple Israel. Starting in June, JCRC

hosted 5 distributions, with 60 volunteers filling 325 cars with food, usually for multiple families, and distributing more than 35,000 pounds of food. We look forward to working with CIFB in 2022.

We traveled via Zoom to learn about Jewish architects' influence in Chicago and watched Bernie Schoenburg's insightful interview with Howard Reich who spoke of his journey to discover why his mother's childhood secret Holocaust trauma resurfaced 60 years later. Both programs were sponsored by the Federation's Education and Culture Committee. JCRC arranged for us to hear highly regarded Ambassador Dennis Ross and Professor David Makovsky talk about the Abraham Accords and their projected impact in the Middle East. We toured several Federation communities, discussed books, movies, and celebrated Rosh Chodesh together thanks to our Partnership2GETHER Consortium of 16 Federations that bring us together with people from Israel's Western Galilee, Akko, and Budapest. We learned more about Springfield's gems via Knosh & Knowledge.

SAGE NOTES

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While we continued to “pivot” to Zoom over the past year, our plans for 2022 are based on being together and gathering as a community, hopefully, in person with Zoom as the back-up alternative.

With the rise in antisemitism, forging relationships with community organizations and leaders to foster understanding is a critical component of what we do. Federation outreach has taken several forms. Federation has convened both the Rosenwald Initiative and the Springfield Equal Justice Project and continues to work towards the installation of a mural in downtown Springfield commemorating the life of Julius Rosenwald. JCRC’s New Initiatives Committee is learning how our community can best help people newly released from prison to reintegrate into society.

And, in 2022, JCRC’s Interfaith Committee, will be homing in on a specific project to strengthen interfaith relations.

To help eliminate confusion, we actually conducted the 2021 Campaign in 2021 and did not “kick off” the campaign the fall of the year before (2020). What remains the same, is that our 2022 budget is based on the funds raised in 2021. Rather than planning a big event on Zoom, the Campaign Committee thought a more participatory salon-style get-together focusing on different topics of interest, impact, importance and Federation connection and featuring special guests would be more engaging and foster greater understanding and discussion.

While it was a different year and a different campaign, your generosity makes everything possible, and I can’t begin to thank you enough. As always, the Federation Board is guided by what we can do to better serve the community and to support our overseas partners who save and change lives. I am thankful to the Federation Board for their dedication and leadership and to the staff for their work on behalf of the community.

Community is at the heart of everything we do.

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.

JCRC FOOD INSECURITY

Healthy Foods Food Distribution

On December 3, 2021, JCRC and members of the Jewish community, in partnership with the Central Illinois Food Bank, helped distribute food to those in need in the Springfield community.



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&
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Seth & Kayla Morrison, on the October birth of daughter Camyrn Rose Morrison.

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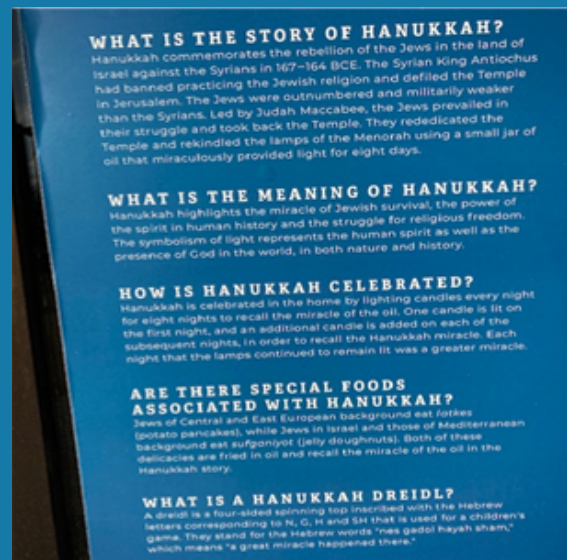
December 3 Healthy Foods Distribution volunteers:
Bob Barewin, Fred Benson, Pamela Cohen, Rick Griminger, Alan Kamhi, Ralph Loewenstein, Steve Rambach, Bob Roth, Barbara Seidman, Leslie Sgro, Stuart Shiffman, and Denise Simon.

TO:

Natalie Silverman, JCRC Israel and the Mideast Chair and Israel Committee for moderating "Israel Today & Tomorrow" and to Springfield Chapter of Hadassah for co-sponsoring the program.

Wende Stern and Sherry Flynn for designing and creating the Hannukah window for Memorial Holiday Fest.

Jewish Federation and JCRC Hannukah Window for Memorial Holiday Fest and Downtown Springfield, Inc. Holiday Walks





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