

SHALOM SPRINGFIELD

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS



AMAZING THINGS *Donors Have Made Possible*

Overseas

Ukraine Emergency Campaign

Your generosity saves lives and changes lives. Federations collectively raised \$73.5 million. JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) awarded grants to 50 organizations including JDC, Jewish Agency for Israel, Hadassah, Israel Trauma Coalition.

As a result: 37,800+ refugees received vital necessities; 2.7 million+ tons of humanitarian aid was provided; 39,902 emergency hotline calls were answered; 32,325 Russians and Ukrainians made Aliyah; 1000 locations in Ukraine receive support; Provides Lifeline for 18,000 Jewish elderly and 2500 children

Federation Partner Agencies

Federation's overseas partner agencies, comprised of JDC, Jewish Agency for Israel and ORT, each day provide lifesaving services and assistance, and revive Jewish communities in 70 countries allowing for immediate crisis response as in Ukraine, 3000 Ethiopian Jews making Aliyah in 2022

Hadassah Neurim - Youth Village

Support in partnership with Springfield Chapter of Hadassah matching funds for at-risk youth.

Partnership2GETHER (P2G)

Promotes relationships through programs connecting Israel's Western Galilee, sixteen Federations (including Springfield), and Budapest, Hungary.

Women Leading a Dialogue community presentation at ALPLM; quarterly Book Club; Film Club; Women's Rosh Hodesh; Meet a Different Israel - The Power of Partnership; "IDF Stories"; P2G Ukraine Update; VirtuArts; P2G/JAFI "These Are Our Stories - Yom Hazikaron"; and P2G Sliding Dors.

Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

35,000+ lbs of food given to 500+ families at 4 Healthy Foods Distributions.

Co-sponsored "Confronting Inequities in Springfield: Inequities in the Criminal Justice System" with Citizens Club.

Grant writing assistance for an organization that serves people who have been incarcerated.

Programs & Support

Children to College Age

Monthly PJ Play Dates for Pre-Schoolers and their families; 412 PJ library books given to 36 children.

3 camperships; 3 Birthright Israel trips.

Grant to SBJE (B'rit Ysrael joint temples religious school).

Education and Culture

Yom Hashoah Commemoration at ALPLM; Chicago's Historic Synagogues, A Conversation with Art Spiegelman, and Westward Horah!.

Knosh & Knowledge (Active Retirees)

Sangamon Experience, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Moving Pillsbury Forward, Springfield Parks, Lincoln's New Salem, Springfield Fire Station Tour, Transportation in Springfield at Turn of the 20th Century, Air Combat Museum Tour.

Maimonides

JDC Dr. Rick Hodes: Grand Rounds

Outreach & Seniors

110 holiday package, 148 cards sent, and phone calls to stay in touch.

Financial Assistance & Social Services

Confidential and as needed

Campaign

"Here for Good" featuring an account of one man's rescue from Ukraine; "Journey to Ethiopia & Israel" accompanying Ethiopians making Aliyah.

Responding to Antisemitism & Hate

NAACP and Federation/JCRC Community Unity Meeting in response to antisemitic, racial and homophobic posts by a Springfield police officer.

"Anti-Semitism Today" with Jo Gon (*JCRC and Hadassah*).

FBI Presentation "Hate Crimes" (*Knosh & Knowledge presentation*)

Creating "Lighting the Path: Celebrating Commonalities, Respecting Differences" presentation on Judaism. (*JCRC*)

Jewish Community Security

The Federation's Community Facilities Committee brings together representatives from Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, Chabad, and B'rit Yisrael. Provided Springfield Police Department (SPD) a combined High Holiday Schedule that listed all services and events. Federation is in contact with SPD and FBI regarding security issues on an ongoing basis.

Federation arranged for SPD to conduct security walk-thrus at Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel and Chabad Jewish Center and for Chicago Federation Security Director to conduct a formal, security assessment at the 1045 Building (Chabad Jewish Center new location).

SPD Chief Ken Scarlette and Deputy Chief of Field Operations Andrew Dodd met with the Jewish community at Federation Annual meeting.

Secure Community Network (SCN), the national Jewish security agency, funded by JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) sponsored 4 community training sessions. Federation consults with SCN on an as needed basis.

THANK YOU



MESSAGE

From the President



Bob Silverman

It's January, which means in addition to a new secular year, it's a new budget year for the Federation. First, my thanks and appreciation to our incredible office manager, Wendy Evans-Terry, and Treasurer, Fred Benson, for the long hours spent preparing and reviewing the information needed to craft a budget.

As my wife likes to point out a budget is a guideline of what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. It needs to be flexible, so when situations come up, a family in need, war in Europe, we can respond.

As we go through the process we try to prioritize. In a community like Springfield, not growing, but also aging, we need to ensure that our seniors, especially those who are homebound, or without family nearby, have the support they need. In light of stories of increases in hate and anti-Semitism, should we fund JCRC at a higher level? We send dollars overseas to support the Jewish Agency, JDC (Joint Distribution Committee), among other organizations. The war in Ukraine has shown us that there are still Jews in Europe that need our help. Local versus overseas? Do the programs presented by Culture and Education spark your interest? If not, what would you like to see? Can we do more to support families with younger children? These are questions, your Federation Board will be dealing with in the next couple of months.

As you know the final Service on Yom Kippur is Neilah. Neilah recalls the time when the gates that surrounded the Temple in Jerusalem were closed at the end of the day's activities. What does this have to do with Federation's budget? Before we "close the gates" on the 2022 Campaign, if you have not yet returned your 2022 pledge card please do so. And, if you can find a way to increase your gift, OUR Jewish community will be the winner.

I welcome your thoughts. Write me at bsilverman@springnet1.com; or call 217-816-1557.

Like at Rosh Hashanah, we welcome a New Year with anticipation. My hope for you is that 2023 will only bring you, your family, our community and Nation good things.

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees. Enjoy socializing and learning with friends young and old.

Knosh & Knowledge

January 25, 2023 9:30-10:30 AM

**The Springfield Sangamon County
Growth Alliance**



RSVP by Monday, Jan. 23,
to (217) 787-7223 x 18
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Save the Date

GALA WINE TASTING

APRIL 29, 2023

6 pm

MALDANER'S



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.

You save lives and change lives. If you haven't already, please make your pledge today to the 2022 Jewish Federation of Springfield Annual Campaign.



Jewish Federation
OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

2022 Annual Campaign

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

Signature

E-mail (please print clearly)

Date

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JANUARY 2023

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Federation Education & Culture Committee/JCRC Presents

The Elephants in the Room: Israel, Palestine, Zionism, and the Role of Religion in America - Can We Talk About Them? We Can, and We Do.

Sunday, January 29, 2023 @ 6:00 pm



Join us for a thought-provoking discussion with Imam Abdullah Antepli and Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin as they tackle the complex issues of Israel, Palestine, Zionism, and the role of religion in America. "The Elephants in the Room: Israel, Palestine, Zionism, and the Role of Religion in America - Can we talk about them? We can, and we do" will provide a unique perspective on these sensitive topics and offer the chance for meaningful dialogue.

Sponsored in partnership with several small Federations

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lce-hrj8vHtW9jRTjQPQAuMa5WDPkoYEW>

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

As has been our custom, the cover of this bulletin highlights Federation programs and participation during the past year. It paints a picture of variety of interests within our own community. I am, as always, very proud of the thoughtful work that the Federation committees and the Board put into each of these programs. Programs and participation are an easy measure of success and help guide us as our plans progress into this new year.

Looking back through this year and forward to next, so much has changed; yet so much has stayed the same. This year has been filled with challenges confronting our community. From the start of the pandemic when most of us were on zoom, to today when we are hosting in person as well as zooming, Federation has been leading while dealing with a changing landscape. Federation is and always has been guided by our mission, simply put, service to our entire community, locally and throughout the world. You make it possible for Federation to pursue our mission; thus, it is because of you, for you, and on your behalf, that we do everything we do. We are grateful for your support.

Early into 2022, the war in Ukraine dominated the headlines with its horrific destruction and devastation. JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America), our national organization, created an emergency campaign to raise money that was distributed to Federation's on-the-ground overseas partners, Jewish Agency (JAFI), JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), and ORT, in addition to Hadassah, HIAS, and other organizations, to provide support and rescue services. Your generosity to the emergency campaign changed and saved lives. The war continues, and the need for support and services for Ukrainian citizens who stayed in Ukraine and for those who emigrated to the US, Israel, and surrounding European countries, still exists. Through Federation's annual campaign, you continue to support these endeavors.

Reported antisemitism is on the rise across the country and, sadly, in Springfield as well. We confronted two very public incidents, involving a student at Springfield High School charged with a hate crime, and a Springfield Police officer who posted antisemitic, racist, and homophobic comments on Facebook. Fighting and addressing antisemitism is not new to Federation. Throughout the years and to this date, Federation and JCRC have forged relationships with community organizations and community leaders, appointed and elected officials, and faith-based organizations. Building positive relationships dispels stereotypes that are so much a part of and a cause of antisemitism and brings us allies in the fight against antisemitism and hate. These relationships are what led to NAACP and Jewish Federation of Springfield convening the "Community Unity Summit" immediately after the police officer incident. We work to fight antisemitism every day in response to headlines or by developing the means to create greater understanding of what it means to be Jewish in our community, whether secular or religious. Sometimes we respond publicly, sometimes the most effective approach is quiet and outside the headlines. Everything we do, from fighting food insecurity or bringing a project such as "Lighting the Path to Understanding" to fruition, builds community relations. We will, together, continue to create and find ways to fight hate that fit with the moment and forge the future.



STATEMENTS ON NEW GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Statement – December 29, 2022

Jewish Federations of North America congratulate incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on forming a new government. We have had a long and fruitful relationship with the incoming Prime Minister, and we look forward to continuing to work with him and the new government to support the growth and vitality of the Jewish State and to strengthen the relationships between Israel and the North American Jewish community. We look forward to celebrating Israel's 75th Independence Day with the Prime Minister and thousands of North American leaders who will be coming to Israel this April to mark this proud milestone at Federations' special "Israel at 75 General Assembly."

Jewish Federations' commitment to strengthening the ties between Israel and North American Jewry is an eternal one, and the bonds that unite our two communities are unbreakable. Our love and commitment to the Jewish State transcends any one government, any one point in time, and any particular policy or statement. With this principle in mind, it is important to express our significant concerns over statements and positions held by some members of the incoming coalition, which have serious implications for our Jewish communities. We will continue to make clear the North American Jewish community's perspective on relevant government proposals and to advocate for policies and initiatives that help build a welcoming, inclusive and pluralistic society.

Letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu - January 1, 2023



It gives us great pleasure to extend our congratulations to you on your election to head the 37th Government of the State of Israel. The leadership of the Jewish people are committed to assist you as much as necessary.

We know that the unity of the Jewish People is as important to you as it is to us. It is this unity that explains the miracle of our survival as a people and as a nation for over three thousand years. It allowed us, despite all the difficult differences that arose between us over the years, to maintain a strong and cohesive sense of belonging to each other and to our common national home.

It is our duty to share with you our deep concern regarding voices in the government on issues that could undermine the long-standing status quo on religious affairs that could affect the Diaspora. Any change in the delicate and sensitive status quo on issues such as the Law of Return or conversion, could threaten to unravel the ties between us and keep us away from each other.

We look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible to voice our concerns and we expect to be part of any future discussions or dialogues regarding possible changes to the status quo.

We are determined to work together with you and your government to ensure the continued prosperity of the entire Jewish people, and we are sure that together we can find respectful, inclusive, and constructive solutions to every challenge at hand without harming the delicate fabric that holds us together as one united people.

Mark Wilf
Chair, Jewish Agency Board of Directors

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Community

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Asher Josephson, son of Isaac and Sarah Josephson and grandson of Alan and Harriet Josephson, on being admitted to Tulane University.

CONDOLENCES

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Maurice "Moe" Nagorsky
Husband of Fran Nagorsky

May his memory endure as a blessing.

THANK YOU



PJ Library: Regan Marks, Kayla Morrison
Holiday Outreach Volunteers: Laurie Barnum, Mary Beth Cohen, Anne Morgan, Annette and Jerry Schwartz, Gloria Schwartz, and Sandy and Barry Weiss.



LEGACY GIFTS

Hexter Fund

In Memory of:

Pearl Davis, from Jamie & Leika Myers
Pearl Davis, from Lanny & Diana Odin
Pearl Davis, from Tracey Kugelard
Pearl Davis, from Erin Sabath & Stephen Seitz

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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