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Celebrating
75 Years
COMMUNITY &
COMMITMENT

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents

CHAI TEA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

3:00-5:00 pm

Temple B'rith Sholom
1008 S. Fourth Street
Springfield, Illinois



Guest Chefs

- ◆ Patrick Groth, *Incredibly Delicious*
- ◆ Michael Higgins, *Maldaner's*
- ◆ Chip Kennedy, *5 Flavors Catering*
- ◆ Joseph Martin, *Sangamo Club*
- ◆ Mark Deluhery
- ◆ Anita Myers
- ◆ Ozma Rahman

Plus FANTASTIC RAFFLE PRIZES

\$25 in advance/\$30 at the door

Reserve a table of 8 for \$20 per person,
if paid in advance

RSVP by Monday, February 13

787-7223 ext. 18

rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Enter our Festive

PARADE of HATS

*There will be a prize
for the best child's
and the best adult
hat this year!*



*This event is sponsored by Bank of Springfield;
Michael Armour, CPA, CFP; Rishi Tea;
Hickory Glen Active Senior Living;
and Signature Event Rentals*

Proceeds to benefit senior and social service programs of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In mid-December, eight members of our community attended the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America in Washington D. C. While you may have already heard or read from one of the others who, attended I want to mention two specific areas (among many) that were meaningful to me.

First, similar to the 2015 GA I attended, the number of younger people at the conference was inspiring. Through everyday interaction it is easy to conclude that there are not many younger adults who are involved in Jewish life. Two days at the General Assembly dispels that thought. Of the approximately 3500 people in attendance roughly 600 were under the age of 35. This number includes many who are either finishing school or just out of school. Seeing this generation and listening to their enthusiasm makes one optimistic about the future of our culture. There are young people working in various aspects of professional Jewish life all over the country, and around the world. Regardless of an individual's specific field of interest or study, there is somewhere in the Jewish world that they can contribute and make a difference. This speaks volumes about the vibrancy of the work Federation does, and leaves us assured that the important work that Federation has done for generations will continue for generations to come.

The second area of great pride was when our Executive Director, Nancy Sage, and I attended the meeting for all small Federations. As this was my first small Feds meeting since I became President last May, I didn't know what to expect. What I discovered quickly was that among small Federations, ours is REALLY small! In fact, representatives from other communities expressed dismay to hear how small our community is. However, when talking about each community's annual campaign, these same "larger" small Feds were equally impressed about the number of pledges we receive, how much we are able to raise in our campaign and what we accomplish in our community. Proportionally, better than many. It once again reminds us all of what a wonderful and caring community we make up, and how we take our responsibilities seriously.

There is no way we could be as successful as we are without each of us doing your share. And, of course, our responsibilities never end. If you have already made your 2017 campaign pledge – Thank you! Let me assure you your continued support is not taken for granted. If you have not yet had a chance to make your 2017 pledge, please take a moment to consider doing so at this time. With everyone's help and support, we will continue to make our community one of the "small Feds" that others can't help but notice. More importantly, we will be able to continue all of the important work we do in our own community and around the world.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Chaverim Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:



Chaverim Tu B'Shvat Party

Join with your Chaverim for a Tu B'shvat Seder to celebrate the **New Year of Trees**. We will give thanks for the fruits of the earth as we look forward to the beginning of Spring!

**Tuesday, February 7, 2016
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Join us and partake of the seven species!
\$3.00 per person**

The Jewish Federation office
1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320
(American Red Cross building)

Park on the east side where there is a ramp. West door is now kept locked. If you need assistance when you arrive, call us. Let us know if you need a ride: we will pick you up!

**RSVP by Friday, Feb. 3, to Linda Morrison
787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org**

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE



**“Making a
Difference...
One Child at a
Time”**

Molly Berendt

Exec. Director, Compass for Kids

**Wednesday, January 25
9:30 am**

**Schnucks Community Room
2801 Chatham Road
Springfield, IL 62704**

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

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

SAVE THE DATE

A Special Weekend
with Arthur M. Feldman,
Art historian, gallery owner
and art appraiser

March 24—Art in the Jewish Tradition.
Lecture after services

March 25—Judaica in Your Attic.
Interactive presentation with reception

Arthur M. Feldman is an independent professional appraiser for over 25 years with museum experience, having worked in curatorial and directorial capacities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in London, England; the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; the Spertus Museum, Chicago, Illinois and the Miller Museum, Tulsa Oklahoma. In addition, he has lectured on collecting antiques and Judaica throughout the nation. His knowledge base covers the full gamut of fine art and antiques.

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois presents



**THROUGH
A JEWISH
LENS** an Exhibition of
Our Community
Photographers

February 27 through March 6, 2017 at the Springfield Art Association

Photographers featured include **David Brodsky, Edward Haber, Howard Hammel, Steve Rambach, and Melvin Taff.**

An Opening Reception will be held
Monday, February 27, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 pm

M.G. Nelson Family Gallery
Springfield Art Association
700 N. 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois

Through a Jewish Lens will be on display
February 27 - March 6, 2017
during regular working hours
(M-F 9-5, Sa 10-3).



JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1  New Year's Day	2 Office Closed	3	4 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	5 7 pm Conversational Hebrew @ TBS	6 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	7 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
8 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 11:30 am TI S'Hd Mtg	9 12 pm TI Talmud Class 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	10 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	11 4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Hadassah Mtg	12 7 pm Adult Ed The Merchant of Venice @ TI	13 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 om TI Shabbat	14 9 am TI Service
15 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 1 pm Super Sunday 4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	 16 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg MLK Day Office Closed	17 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	18 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	19 7 pm TI S'Hd Mtg 7 pm Conversational Hebrew @ TBS	20 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	21 9 am TI Service
22 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	23 12 pm TI Talmud Class	24 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	25 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew	26 7 pm Conversational Hebrew @ TBS	27 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	28 9 am TI Service
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Senior Chanukah packages that were decorated by the children of B'rit Yisrael Religious School.

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I want to help Federation change lives in our community and around the world. Here's my tax-deductible gift to support the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois' 2017 Annual Campaign.



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Celebrating 75 years of community & commitment

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

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Date _____ Cell phone # _____ Solicitor _____

I will pay my pledge by December 31, 2017

- Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually
 - by Check Visa or MasterCard
- online at www.shalomspringfield.org

Gift 1 year ago	Gift 2 years ago	Gift 3 years ago
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Your gift will be published in our Annual Report

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President's Circle

- \$7,500 - \$9,999
- \$3,600 - \$7,499

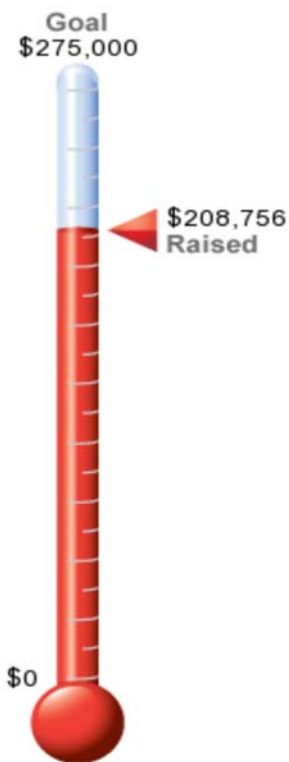
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- \$2,800 - \$3,599
- \$2,000 - \$2,799
- \$1,200 - \$1,999

Friends

- \$750-\$1,199
- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

2017 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR 2017 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE.





Campaign 2017

SUPER

SUNDAY!

January 15, 2017

PLEASE ANSWER OUR CALL!

It's an easy way to make your 2017 Pledge, receive an instant thank you, and talk with one of our dedicated volunteers about Your Federation. You may pledge before Super Sunday by completing and sending back the pledge card in the bulletin. If you prefer to pledge online, go to our website, www.shalomspringfield.org or send an e-mail to office manager wterry@shalomspringfield.org.



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FROM THE DESK OF JERRY SILVERMAN
President & CEO, Jewish Federations of North America

SYRIAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Now entering its sixth year, the conflict in Syria continues to take drastic a toll on the lives of the Syrian people. With more than 11 million innocent civilians forced to flee, the humanitarian crisis has reached grave proportions. The situation in the besieged city of Aleppo is particularly dire, as reports of crimes against humanity have taken the suffering to a new level.



Our people have a long history of humanitarian activity aiding both Jews and non-Jews during times of crisis, and we know many of you are looking for a way to help. Jewish Federations are fortunate to partner with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief (JCDR), which has been delivering humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees and displaced people since 2013. As people in Aleppo are being evacuated, the JCDR is working to ensure that essential items like food, medicine and clean water are delivered in as quick and efficient a manner as possible.

As reports of crimes against humanity surface in Aleppo, the situation in Syria is dire for innocent civilians—especially children. Support Federation partners **JDC** and the **Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief** to help ensure that essentials like food, medicine and water are delivered to those in need.

Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief



The Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief is made up of 49 Jewish agencies that have taken part in one or more Coalition responses over the past several years. In some cases, member agencies raise their own funds and/or implement their own disaster programs in addition to taking part in Coalition activities.

The Coalition is coordinated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. If you would like to help, you can make a direct donation. 100% of donated funds are used for Coalition activities and dedicated to the cause. Please make your 100% tax-deductible donation by check to: JDC, under memo line add “Coalition,” and mail it to JDC, P.O. Box 4124, New York, NY 10163 U.S.A., or you can donate online via <http://www.jdc.org/jcdr/about-jcdr.html>.

Shalom Springfield is generously underwritten with support from the following community partners:

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Feuer-Brozgold Legacy Fund

LIFE & LEGACY™

We express our great appreciation to the Arjmand Family, Jerry & Paula Jennings, and Howard Chodash, M.D. for their Legacy commitments to the Federation.

The LIFE & LEGACY™ program, sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, encourages Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their culture. LIFE & LEGACY offers the Jewish Federation of Springfield the opportunity to earn a \$5000 incentive grant for two consecutive years for securing eighteen new letters of intent each grant year to provide a legacy gift to the Federation. We are pleased that we have now attained our goal of eighteen letters of intent during 2016-2017. We are grateful for these new commitments and to those who have indicated their intent to leave a Legacy gift in the past. LIFE & LEGACY is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Springfield and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and a collaborative effort with Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel.

SAVE THE DATE

**JEWISH FEDERATION
TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM
& TEMPLE ISRAEL
LEGACY SHABBAT SERVICE**

**TU B'SHEVAT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
5:30 pm
at
Temple B'rith Sholom**



Assuring Jewish Tomorrows

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

Save the Date

15th Annual Federation Gala Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Maldaner's Restaurant

Featuring a wide selection of wines from around the world
accompanied by gourmet hors d'oeuvres.

This fundraiser benefits programs of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL





SAGE NOTES

When I started to write this column, I was intending to devote it to the “GA.” I quickly realized, however, that the term “GA” fell into the category of “Federation-speak” - words, phrases or abbreviations whose meaning is known to Federation professionals and activists but which, for the general public, require definition and description.

“GA” refers to the annual General Assembly sponsored by our national organization, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Over 3500 volunteers and professional staff gather in one place for two and a half days to attend workshops that highlight best practices and new initiatives, and to hear from journalists and public officials about current events and developments that impact the Jewish community. Most poignantly, we hear from people for whom support from Federations made a difference in their lives - from disaster response to discovering Jewish roots on a Birthright Israel trip, from the life-saving endeavor of delivering meals to the frail and homebound elderly in the Ukraine to the rescue of an Ethiopian child who moved to Israel and the funding of his medical education.

The GA also puts front and center initiatives and programs supported by Federations that are universally available to our own children, grandchildren, and young adults. Among those initiatives are Birthright Israel, PJ Library, and Hillel.

Birthright Israel gives Jewish young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 the opportunity to visit Israel, regardless of how involved they have been previously in synagogue or in Jewish life. Different trips are designed to appeal to different interests. The trip includes roundtrip airfare from designated cities, hotels, transportation, at least two meals per day and other associated expenses. For more information, visit www.birthrightisrael.com.

Another children’s program is PJ Library. PJ Library, which was highlighted in last month’s Fed Facts, provides free books of Jewish content to families around the world with children, ages 6 months to 8 years old. The experience of parents and children reading Jewish stories together provides an opportunity for discussion of Jewish traditions and values. Currently, nineteen children in Springfield are part of PJ Library which is supported by the Neal J. Feldman Fund. Please contact the Federation office to inform us about children in our area, and we will enroll them. For children living out of the area or for more information about PJ Library, visit www.pjlibrary.org.

Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, serves students at 550 colleges and universities around the world, impacting and enriching their lives. Hillel offers opportunities for study, for worship, for celebration of Shabbat and holidays on and off campus, for social activism, for the development of leadership skills, and a sense of belonging. For more information, visit www.hillel.org

Inevitably, I come home from the GA proud of our Federation, the breadth of the programs that we offer, and the generous support that we receive from our community. We should all feel a great sense of pride in what we as a small-city Federation accomplish within our own community and around the world. Fed-speak may be an unfamiliar language, but we can all understand the meaning of Jewish unity and shared destiny and the importance of reaching beyond ourselves to help those in need.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

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.



For up-to-date information about what's happening at Federation, check out our website, www.sbalomspringfield.org.

Office manager, Wendy Terry, keeps the website, which was designed by David Brodsky, current and up to date. It features information about upcoming events, pictures from past events, and a community calendar. You can e-mail us through the website, donate, and even pledge to the current campaign.

Condolences to the families
and friends of
Desna Joy Lewis, mother of Jim Lewis
Seymour Spiro, husband of Barb Spiro
Z"l

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Dale and Jennifer Cherrick, on the birth of their daughter, Kamryn Marie. Grandparents are Alan & Ro Cherrick.

Pat and Nancy Chesley, on their daughter Karen being elected a partner in the New York office of the international Boies, Schiller and Fleckner law firm.

Mark and Sari Wancket, on the birth of their granddaughter Aubrey Spriggs-Wancket, daughter of Drew and Sammy.

Suzanne Schriar, for her role in development of the Targeting Autism Forum for which Illinois State Library was awarded the Demco Library Innovation Award recognizing an "innovative creative program or service which has had measurable impact on its users."

Sara Leiber, on the birth of her granddaughter, Maya Yosef.

Greg and Leslie Sgro, on the release of the album "Proof" by Chel. Chel is their daughter, Sarah Sgro.

Barry and Barbara Seidman, on the opening of their son Eli's sandwich shop in Bloomington, IN.

THANK YOU TO... *Chaverim* volunteers **Mark Deluhery, Arden Lang, Barb Rabin, and Mark Wancket** for the Chaverim Chanukah Celebration; the **children of B'rit Yisrael Religious School** for creating dreidel and Jewish star decorations for the Chanukah holiday packages; **Arden Lang and Barb Rabin** for assembling the holiday packages; and **Laurie Barnum, Andrew Boyer, Rabbi Datz, Arden Lang, Sara Lieber, Len Lieberman, Rabbi Marks, Anne Morgan, Annette Schwartz, Gloria & Michael Schwartz, Adrienne Swartz, Mark & Sari Wancket, and Sandy Weiss** for delivering the holiday packages. Special thank you to our gifted photographer, **Steve Rambach**, for documenting so many events for us throughout the year, culminating in his work during our beautiful November 5 Campaign event.

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Lois Bass, from Barry & Barbara Seidman

Jack Victor, from Malcolm & Amy Levin

In Honor of:

Grady & Kathi Holley, on the birth of granddaughter, Vivian
Isabeth, from Barry & Barbara Seidman

Rita & Perry Singer, good luck on their move, from Barry &
Barbara Seidman

Hexter Fund

In Memory of:

Desna Joy Lewis, from Howard & Lori Hammel

Desna Joy Lewis, from Ted & Pam LeBlang

Desna Joy Lewis, from Fred & Terri Benson

Marge Loewenstein, from Harry & Deborah Berman

In Honor of:

Delores Rothschild, best wishes, from Carol Herzog

Frank Herman, happy holidays, from Carol Herzog

Lenore Loeb Fund

In Memory of:

Marge Loewenstein, from Carol Herzog

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In Memory of:

Bette Kaiserman, from Kathleen & Max Parienti

Gloria Schwartz Fund

In Memory of:

Desna Joy Lewis, from Barry & Sandy Weiss

Chaverim Fund

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Richard Stone, from Jim Lewis & Arden Lang

Desna Joy Lewis, from Stephen & Lisa Stone

Cardozo Fund

In Memory of:

Richard Stone, from Stuart & Merle Shiffman

Marge Loewenstein, from Stuart & Merle Shiffman