



SHALOM SPRINGFIELD

Jewish Federation of Springfield's Education & Culture Committee presents

"Westward, Horah! Stories of Jewish Migrations in the American West" with Rachel Leibowitz, Ph.D.



**Monday, July 11, 2022
7 pm
Via Zoom**

**RSVP by Friday, July 8, to
rsvp@shalomspringfield.org
or 217.787.7223 ext. 18**



***3,000 Ethiopians reunite with families in Israel
- Operation Zur Israel.***

Save the Date

**Thursday, August 18, 2022
7 pm
The Journey from Ethiopia
to Israel**

**Presented by Nancy Sage,
Executive Director**

MESSAGE

From the President



Bob Silverman

I wasn't sure what I was going to write about this month...it's summer. However, I'm sure there's a connection somewhere between summer and Israel.

We were with our grandson on an eight-day, three city journey down the Freedom Trail, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. It was when we were on the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island that I had this thought, as our guide was reading the magnificent words written by Emma Lazarus:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the gold door.

Our Federation has been active in the resettlement of refugees almost since its founding 81 years ago. In November, 1988, the 50th Anniversary of Kristallnacht, the late Mayor, Ozzie Langfelder, stood in front of a community of Jews and non-Jews, in First Presbyterian Church, to tell his family's story. His father had been arrested by the Gestapo, they were able to raise the money to buy his freedom and were able to get to the United States. They were resettled in Springfield and this newly-formed Federation wrapped their arms around this family. Ozzie attended B'rith Sholom's Religious School; and, his father is buried in the Old Section of B'rith Sholom's cemetery. That night, many of Ozzie's children heard their father's story for the first time.

Fast forward, members of our Federation journey to Washington to demonstrate on behalf of Soviet Jews. And, when finally, the gates were opened, Springfield, once again responded. Over a dozen families, representing over 100 individuals, (how many Brodskys were there), came to live here. And, if you were around during those days, you won't easily forget the joy we felt in welcoming them; and, especially, if invited to attend the ceremony when they became US citizens.

While it's unlikely that our community will be called upon again to resettle another family, we may be called upon to assist in other ways. Your gifts to our Annual Campaign support the work of the Joint Distribution Committee, (JDC), and the Jewish Agency, (JAFI), in reuniting Ethiopians with their families in Israel and, most recently, helping the Jews of Ukraine survive a brutal war.

We will hear more about these stories in the coming months. I know they will inspire you and make you feel good about your participation.

In the meantime, enjoy a happy July 4th, and a safe summer.

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.

JULY 2022

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

Knosh & Knowledge

WED., JULY 27 2022 10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Tour of Edgewise Exhibit
Illinois State Museum
Special Time - 10:00 am**



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AUGUST 2022

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

Knosh & Knowledge

WED., AUGUST 31, 2022 9:30-10:30 AM

**Tour of Lincoln's New Salem -
Petersburg, IL**



RSVP by Monday, August 29, to
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The Journey from Ethiopia to Israel

**Presented by Nancy Sage,
Executive Director**

Thursday, August 18, 2022

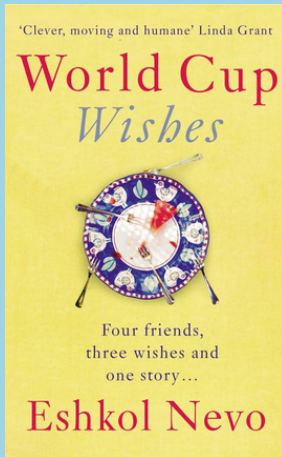
7 pm

Details to follow



RSVP by Monday, August 15 to 217.787.7223 ext. 18 or
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Partnership 2GETHER



P2G Book Club
"World Cup Wishes"
Friday, July 8, 2022
Pre-Book Discussion
1:30 pm

Sunday, July 10, 2022
12:30 pm

RSVP and get your Zoom link

RSVP

<https://www.westerngalilee.org.il/event-details/p2g-book-club-world-cup-wishes-discussion-with-the-author/form>



Join women from Israel, Budapest and the USA for a special gathering in honor of Rosh Hodesh Shvat!

Sunday, July 31, 2022

10 am

RSVP

<https://www.westerngalilee.org.il/event-details/women-rosh-hodesh-gathering-av/form>

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JULY 2022

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AUGUST 2022

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Ukraine Crisis: The Lifesaving Work of Federations' Core Historic Partners

Jewish Federations were prepared to respond immediately and effectively to the crisis in Ukraine because they were on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding countries before the crisis through the work of our core historic partners.



The Jewish Agency for Israel

Funds Raised: The Jewish Agency has raised \$53,173,100: \$16,318,300 from Jewish Federations, \$18,800,000 from Keren Hayesod, and \$18,054,800 from individuals and foundations.

The Jewish Agency has evacuated 13,229 people on 455 buses. The organization has established a special hotline – as of June 13, there have been 40,704 calls from Ukraine and 56,320 from other countries.

It is not possible to make Aliyah directly from Ukraine at this time. All potential olim must travel to one of the countries receiving refugees and travel from there. Six temporary housing stations have been opened in neighboring countries (Poland, Romania, Moldova, and Hungary) and near Lviv, Ukraine. There are 600 Jewish Agency beds available in Ukraine, with 99 currently filled. Outside of Ukraine, 1,662 beds are available in Hungary, Romania, Moldova, and Poland. Of these, 348 are currently filled.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

JDC had raised \$67 million: \$19,521,300 from Jewish Federations and \$47,478,700 from foundations and individuals.

JDC, working with community partners, has evacuated 12,702 Jews from Ukraine to other countries. JDC has transported 19,758 refugees within European countries, assisted over 38,219 Jewish refugees, and provided shelter for over 20,000 displaced Jews in Europe, food to 48,123, and medicine/medical assistance to 2,811.

JDC has provided 475 tons of humanitarian aid. JDC is staffing key border crossings along with European community partners and volunteers to embrace, inform, and assist refugees fleeing harm's way. JDC secured five safe locations in Ukraine that are currently out of the line of fire. These locations house up to 320 of the most vulnerable Jews in Ukraine who are unable to support themselves during this crisis. JDC is prepared to provide basic necessities (food, medicine) for Jews who are displaced, but not living in JDC shelters. JDC is providing urgent basic needs, like food and medicine, to families and elderly individuals (existing and new clients) who are in financial turmoil as a result of Ukraine's turbulent and uncertain economy. JDC launched emergency hotlines in different languages for people in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Israel, Germany, and Hungary. These call centers are fielding calls from Jews who are in dire need of material assistance, and many of whom are seeking ways to flee to safer areas.



Recognizing the importance of supporting local Jewish organizations during the war, as well as in its aftermath, JDC is assisting Jewish organizations to maintain their critical operations while they endure immense war-related challenges. JDC is working with the Ukrainian Jewish community to build and launch a non-sectarian response alongside its current operation. JDC is working to identify key addresses, including hospitals, where there is clear and dire need. JDC will transport humanitarian aid, food, and medications to relief organizations lacking these essential and life-saving supplies.



World ORT

ORT raised \$2,078,600: \$623,700 from Jewish Federations, \$465,000 from foundations and other organizations, and \$989,900 from individual donors.

ORT Ukraine schools stopped all in-person learning at the end of February. Relocated students abroad or in other Ukrainian cities attended online lessons provided by ORT Ukraine schools from late March through the end of the academic year (May 31). ORT Ukraine school principals report that 50% of the families from the schools have left their homes, either moving abroad or to the Western part of Ukraine. ORT is reinforcing the safety of ORT schools- with a focus on fortifying the buildings and equipping shelters. ORT is also providing food and other supplies, financial aid, medicine, and paramedic assistance, as well as transport, for its students, teachers, staff, and their families. The ORT school in Zaporizhzhia has become a hub for humanitarian assistance for refugees from the besieged city of Mariupol. ORT currently has nine staff members in Ukraine and three who are still abroad.

ORT is working with ORT professionals and Jewish community leaders in European countries to support the needs of incoming ORT refugees. ORT refugees are being housed and schooled in Moldova, Bulgaria, and the Baltic states. An initial 24 Ukrainian refugees have arrived at ORT's Kfar Silver Youth Village in Israel, with an additional 25 expected over the summer. At the Youth Village, ORT staff meet all the refugees' needs beyond those addressed by the government. This includes providing them with shelter, education, emotional support, food, and basic necessities.

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SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

There is something about summer that is magical to me. I like the long days, I don't mind the heat, and I find summer just a bit more relaxed. Perhaps that is why it seems the perfect time to plan, which is what happens at Federation. Summer is the start of a new Federation Board year, and it is the time to look forward. We review our accomplishments, and think about what we should keep, what we should change, and what we should do that is new. The COVID pandemic of the past two years has presented us with many challenges, in particular the need to hold meetings and programs over Zoom rather than in

person. Additionally, COVID brought about a greater need to reach out to those who were experiencing isolation. And, a rise in antisemitism and hate crimes has made it necessary for us to focus increased attention on the security of our Jewish community and its local institutions. Hopefully, during the year ahead, we will once again have the opportunity to meet together in person.

This is a great time for us to hear your thoughts and ideas. This is your Federation. It is you, who make everything that we do possible through your donations and participation. Please let us hear from you. What is important to you? What should we emphasize? What should be our priorities? We keep notes through the year and keep track of the number of people who sign up and participate in our programs. Hearing from you makes that information come alive. We are not starting from scratch. We have a canvas with some of the lines drawn, and we hope that you will help us complete the picture.

Federation's Education and Culture Committee programs will continue throughout the year. Are there topics that interest you, speakers you want to hear, films you want to see? Programs for retired seniors and outreach have been hallmarks of Federation. With Covid, we expanded social and financial services. What are our community's needs? How do we support "aging well"?

Thanks to Federation and the Neal Feldman Fund, children in the community receive a PJ Library book every month. What is the best path to a successful PJ Live program? With the November elections around the corner, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) will again host candidate forums. Are there questions we should ask? Through JCRC we reach out to partners within our overall community to strengthen understanding and address issues important to the Jewish community from criminal justice reform to food insecurity. What interests you? Do you want to be involved?

In November as part of Partnership2GETHER, we will be hosting Arab and Israeli women from the Western Galilee for a two-day program, "Women Leading a Dialogue." Perhaps you would like to provide home hospitality or help plan programs and events that focus on building understanding? In Spring 2023, you are all invited to the gathering of Federations, the General Assembly or "GA" of the JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America). The GA will be held in Israel in conjunction with Israel's 75th anniversary and will coincide with Yom Hazikaron, Israel Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Perhaps you would like to tour Israel? Let me know if you are interested in being part of the Small Federations Pre-GA Mission, scheduled in late April. And, of course, in the fall of this year, we will be holding our 2022 annual campaign which is the lifeline of our Federation.

SAGE NOTES

I am so proud of all of you in our Federation community for your generosity to the Ukraine Emergency Campaign and to our 2021 Annual Campaign. You made your voices heard and let everyone know that caring for others is of paramount importance to our Federation. The lifesaving and life-changing work that the Federation movement has performed in Ukraine would not have been possible without your contributions. The need remains. You act not only in time of crisis. Your campaign contributions which help fund our overseas allocations, have supported the ongoing presence of Federation's partner agencies, JDC (Joint Distribution Committee), JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel) and ORT, who have been on the ground for decades and today, collaborate and cooperate with each other to provide services to Jews and non-Jews in need and in danger.

In late May/early June, I was honored to learn first-hand about Operation Zur, which will reunite some 3000 to 5000 Ethiopian Jews with family members who were resettled in Israel, in many cases several decades ago. I visited with Jews in their remote villages in Ethiopia, worshipped with them in their synagogue, and accompanied the first 180 who are making Aliyah on their flight to Israel. I look forward to describing this experience on Thursday, August 18th. It was life changing for all on the mission to experience together how your support truly makes a difference in the people' lives.

As I noted, COVID changed the way that we met and presented programs and events. We are well aware that our community is changing in other ways as well that will have an impact on us. My experiences with our community and with the larger Federation movement gives me the confidence that we have the ability to adapt, to continue to flourish, to thrive, and to serve.



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.

LEGACY GIFTS



Hexter Fund

In Memory of:

Faye Tennenhouse, from the Westbrook Family

Faye Tennenhouse, from Bernie & Kim Schoenburg

Faye Tennenhouse, from Lanny & Diana Odin

Chaverim Fund

In Memory of:

Faye Tennenhouse, from Howard & Lori Hammel

Education & Culture

In Memory of:

Delores Rothschild, from Alan & Harriet Josephson

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JCRC Food Distribution

In Memory of:

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Knosh & Knowledge

In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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Delores Rothschild, from Carol Herzog

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In Memory of:

Arthur Frank, from Carol Herzog



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JEANNE H. TAFF, WIFE OF MEL TAFF
&
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OF JOEL TENNENHOUSE

May their memories endure as a blessing

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TO:

Harry Berman, Volunteer Chair, Western Galilee
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Kym Douglas, on her marriage to Jonathan Trebler



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