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2023 CAMPAIGN DONORS

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Social Services & Financial Assistance - All confidential, provided as needed, by the Federation social worker and referral to appropriate services.

SCN (Secure Community Network) - Sponsored seven virtual training sessions relating to synagogue and personal security and safety.

Overseas - You support services that save and change lives in 70 countries; Hadassah Neurim Youth Village; Ethiopian Jewry & Ukraine.

Israel Emergency Campaign - Funding lifeline services (food, clothing, shelter, medicine, funerals), medical & trauma relief, economic relief & recovery, support of new immigration support centers.

Senior Outreach - Cards and phone calls, holiday outreach visits and packages.

Violins of Hope.

Presentations - "Lighting the Path: Celebrating Commonalities and Respecting Differences" at Rochester Public Library, Grace Lutheran Church, and to the Jewish community; "What is Anti-Semitism?" to Greater Springfield Interfaith Association; Julius Rosenwald presentation & support for exhibit.

JCRC - building bridges within Springfield that create understanding among people of different faiths, ethnic backgrounds, & cultures; Art Makes It Home project; fighting Food Insecurity - Healthy Foods Distributions throughout the year.



Community Security - Situational Awareness Training; Active Shooter Preparedness Training; weekly outreach to local law enforcement.

Bringing speakers to Springfield - Gil Hoffman & Ilan Ahroni. Jewish Film Series

Camperships to Jewish overnight camps.

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Consortium.

Yom Hashoah Community Commemoration.

Wine Tasting.

Knosh & Knowledge - Monthly get togethers for active retirees.

PJ Library - Monthly books to children & play dates for pre-schoolers.



Karen Westbrook

Message From the President

By now, most of you have heard that Nancy will be retiring at the end of November. We are happy for her though she will be sorely missed. Nancy and Rabbi deserve the opportunity to spend time together. Being the Executive Director of the Federation is a full-time position plus more.

Over the past nine years, Nancy has poured her heart and soul into her job as Executive Director. It has earned her the respect of the members of our organization, the Jewish Community, the greater Springfield community and the staff at JFNA. No one has put more time and energy into championing our organization's programs and causes. And we are all better for it.

Please take an opportunity to thank Nancy and wish her well in the next phase of life. Letting go will be hard for her, but I have promised her I will chase her away out of love and caring not because she isn't wanted.

Nancy, on behalf of the Springfield Jewish community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish you all the best. Relax and enjoy!

VIOLINS OF HOPE

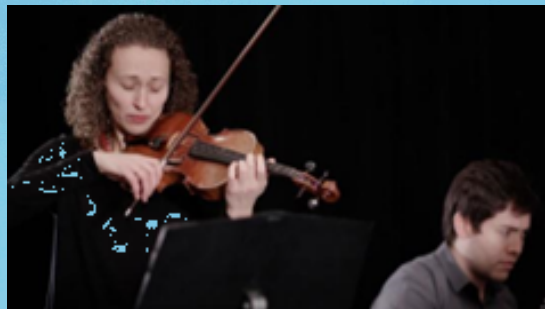
Julie Staley, WUIS, has devoted a special arts-focused segment,

InFocus | Julie Staley, Violins of Hope Segment

The piece has been available online on their You Tube and station channel, as well as in a version on Spencer Films website. This special program on the Violins of Hope story will air on

July 11 at 7:30 pm.

The longer version is available at <https://spencerfilmsllc.com/music-of-hope/>



Thank you to Julie for continued support of our program!

Job Description

Executive Director – Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL

The Executive Director position comes with flexible hours to accommodate the organization's meetings and programs. The key to Federation success and the uniqueness of the Federation movement is the partnership between lay people and professionals. The Executive Director reports to and collaborates with the Board of Directors and will supervise between two and four staff members as well as volunteers.

Responsibilities include:

- Nurturing a vibrant environment that results in the maximum engagement of the local Jewish Community.
- Providing strategic direction and supervising on-going programs, special projects, marketing functions and fiscal functions.
- Managing the organization's fundraising campaigns including building relationships with current and prospective donors.
- Serving as the administrator for all Board functions.
- Promoting leadership within the Jewish Community and expanding membership.
- Fostering outreach and partnerships with other Jewish institutions and the greater Springfield community.
- Performing supervisory responsibilities for all staff.

Qualifications

- Self-starter with the ability to manage and motivate staff and volunteers.
- Commitment to Judaism including a knowledge and passion for Jewish life, tradition and culture. A knowledge of the Jewish Federation and a familiarity with Jewish organizations both at home and abroad are beneficial.
- Prior experience in building and maintaining community relations is valuable.
- Experience in strategic planning.
- Fundraising experience is essential.
- Effective communication skills, written and verbal.
- Detail oriented.

Education

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- Previous Jewish or non-profit work experience is ideal.
- Computer literacy using standard office software. Familiarity with publishing and database/donor software is preferred.
- Supervisory experience.

Hours/Salary

- Salary commensurate with experience.
- Fulltime with a flexible work schedule.
- Evenings and Sundays for events and meetings.

Benefits

- Information available at the interview.

To Apply

- Email resume and cover letter to hr@shalomspringfield.org.

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

9:30 am

**Architect of the Capitol
Andrea Aggertt, AIA, NCARB**



At Federation Office - Andrea will introduce us to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and tell us about the renovation and restoration projects that are being undertaken at the State House.

RSVP by Mon., July 29
to (217) 787-7223 x 4
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

9:30 am

**Starhill Forest Arboretum
in Petersburg, IL**



We will explore the arboretum and learn about oaks, historic trees, native trees, and a diverse collection of fragile, rare, and endangered plants on site.

RSVP by Mon., August 26
to (217) 787-7223 x 4
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Federation Helps Israeli Kids Go To Camp

The Jewish Federation of Springfield received a request to help underwrite the expenses for 18 children from Israel to attend Camp Ben Frankel for a much-needed respite from their lives amid war. Thanks to your generosity to the campaign, the Board honored the request and contributed to this much needed and worthwhile endeavor. Federation is familiar with Camp Ben Frankel as many children from here were campers there. The request for funds came from an alumni camper, a long-ago Springfield resident and Camp Ben Frankel Board member, Naomi Abelson Gohn.

In Aaron Hadley, Camp Director's words: "All the kids made it to the US!" All 18 of the Israeli children and teens arrived safely in the US after departing Tel Aviv on two separate flights. They're now in the safe and loving care of four amazing camp host families in Chicago, where they have settled in, rested, and recovered from jetlag. Then later they boarded the camp bus from Chicago and arrived at their final destination, Camp Ben Frankel! See below for photos and watch for more photos from camp.



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Feuer-Brozgold Legacy Fund

Federation – JCRC Support for 1908 Springfield Race Riot site as a National Monument

On Monday, June 10, more than 400 people gathered at Union Baptist Church to support the designation of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot site as a national monument as part of the National Park system. The U.S. Department of the Interior hosted the meeting and heard testimony from individuals, community organizations, and local and national officials who urged including the site in the National Antiquities Act which would expedite the process. The Federation and JCRC have supported this effort nearly from its start. Federation Past President Bob Silverman, JCRC Board members Dr. Stephen Stone, Lisa Stone, and Rabbi Marks were at the meeting. I was invited to speak on behalf of the Boards. Those words follow:

My name is Nancy Sage, I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), and to be in this room with all of you. I am here this evening to express the Federation and JCRC's' strong support for designating the 1908 Race Riot site as part of the National Park Service system. The site, as indicated in the Park Service's preliminary study, meets all of the criteria for inclusion in the system. The events being commemorated were of national significance; they convey uniquely a sense of the tragic and horrific anti-Black violence that was so prevalent at the time. Local Springfield organizations have come forward to express their willingness to partner with the Park Service, should the site be designated.

The horrific 1908 Race Riot, its terror, and the toll that it took and continues to take, culminated in the founding of the NAACP. The horror and the shame must never be forgotten. While the history of the 1908 Race Riot was well known within Springfield's Black community, who lived with the trauma that it inflicted on them, it was not so well known within the greater Springfield community until 2008, the centennial year. From that time on, organizations and individuals in Springfield began to work together at different times and places and in various ways to listen, to learn from each other, to retell the horrors of the Riot's history, and most importantly to support this effort to commemorate the events. As part of the National Park system, the 1908 Race Riot site will be an enduring and powerful reminder of the travesty and tragedy that are caused when hate manifests into violence and its aftermath. Around 200,000 people visit the Lincoln Historic Home every year. Hopefully, many of these visitors will read about other places to see in Springfield and will include a monument to the Race Riot as part of their visit.

Before I conclude I would like to take note of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Relations Council's partnership with organizations and individuals in the Black community in the Rosenwald Initiative, which commemorates the life and works of Springfield-born Julius Rosenwald, a pioneer social philanthropist and an early and generous supporter of the NAACP.

Very simply, designating the 1908 Race Riot site as part of the National Park Service system via the Antiquities Act is the right thing to do, and it is time to do it.

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.

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

I was honored to represent the Jewish Federation of Springfield and Jewish Community Relations Council on Monday, June 10 at a community meeting called by the US Department of Interior to hear directly from Springfield regarding designating the 1908 Race Riot site as a national monument. You'll find the speech on page 8.

For those of you who didn't see the e-blast announcing my retirement, effective November 30th, 2024, it is reprinted below.

It is with mixed feelings that I inform the officers and Board of Federation of my intention to retire from the position of Executive Director on November 30th of this year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Federation and the Springfield Jewish community for the past eight and a half years. Our community has been my inspiration, and I am grateful for their care and support. When I retire, I will have served for nine years, much longer than I had expected to serve and the timing seems right to hand the position over to a successor.

For me, serving as Executive Director has been a labor of love. My Federation journey started with volunteering to chair Super Sunday after my first trip to Israel, a mission led by the Jewish Federation of Peoria. I later served as Campaign Chair and board member, attended GA's (the annual meeting of the Federation movement), and was a trustee of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). During that time, I saw how important the Federation movement is to the well-being of the Jewish community here, abroad, and in Israel in time of crisis and disaster. Federation has always been on the scene in time of need to save lives and to change lives throughout the world.

Being Federation director has been a wonderful opportunity for me. I have learned from the wisdom, dedication, and leadership of those who served as president and as Board members and committee chairs during my tenure. My partnership with them has been deeply gratifying. I have enjoyed working with the Federation staff whose talent, expertise, professionalism, and care for the community are exemplary. They are the wheels that keep us moving. I have gotten to know and hear from members of the community whom we serve whose support and input are critical to Federation's success.

There have been so many highlights during my tenure as Executive Director that it would be impossible to mention them all. Bringing the Life & Legacy program to Springfield and making it available to Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel, and the Federation allowed us to promote the growth of each of the three organizations' endowment funds and to qualify for matching grants. The Rosenwald Initiative has been an opportunity to work together with the Black community, to honor the legacy of Julius Rosenwald, to present several well-attended programs, and to forge partnerships that have served us well. In these troubling times, we have recognized the importance of security for our

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communal institutions and we worked in conjunction with local and Federal law enforcement and with Secure Community Network (SCN) to keep our community and its institutions safe and secure. I was honored to represent the Federation when we received the FBI Director Community Leadership Award. Of course, taking part in Violins of Hope and having the opportunity to listen to virtuoso musicians playing instruments rescued from the Holocaust was a sublime and uplifting experience shared with the community-at-large. Following the horrors of the October 7th massacre, we were able to run a successful second campaign to address the urgent humanitarian needs in Israel.

Through our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) we are able to build alliances with many different groups within our community, to respond in the immediate moment to challenging situations, and to address issues such as food insecurity through ongoing and special projects.

In May-June of 2022, I had the opportunity of a lifetime, to participate in a mission to Ethiopia and to meet there with members of the Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jewish) community. These were families and individuals still in Ethiopia who were being flown to Israel and reunited, in some cases after decades of separation, with family who had previously made Aliyah. This is just one example of how Federations save and change lives through the dollars we send to support overseas endeavors.

I was honored to serve a three-year term as chair of the Small Cities division of Jewish Federations of North America, to represent Small Cities professionals on the Jewish Federations of North America Board of Trustees and to get to know many of my professional colleagues. Being able to compare notes with them and learn from their wisdom and experience has been a great benefit to me professionally and to our community.

Federations are there in times of crisis, but what is most important to me is what Federation does on a day-to-day basis, so that we serve our members and address their needs and concerns. Federation is and always has been the central address of the Jewish community. In challenging times such as these, coming together as community takes on added importance.

I thank everyone for their support, and I will certainly be available to assist in the transition. I look forward to having more time to spend with family, to travel, and to continue my involvement and relationships in the wider Springfield community. Federation will always be part of me.

With great respect,

Nancy Sage

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Notes



MAZEL TOV

TO:

Howard & Lori Hammel, on the marriage of their daughter, Emily Hammel, to Spencer Smith.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE LEGACY FUND

Hexter Fund

In Memory of:

Shannon Mittleman, from Howard & Lori Hammel

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In Memory of:

Shannon Mittleman, from Barry & Barbara Seidman

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In Honor of:

Beryl & Howard Feldman, from Barry Rosen

In Memory of:

Herb Rosen, from Barry Rosen

CONDOLENCES TO

Mark, Melinda and David Kaye on the passing of
Rose Kaye, Mark's mother

Monty Mittleman & family on the passing of
Shannon Mittleman, Monty's wife

May their memories endure as a blessing.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Film Series: Deborah Derbander, Josh Grant, Jay Mogerman, Bob Silverman, Karen Westbrook

PJ Library: Regan Marks, Kayla Morrison, Seth Morrison



Cheers!



Let's lift a glass to toast and thank Pam and Ted LeBlang for hosting the Annual Winetasting event for over 20 years. The event has improved with age to the annual success it is today. We wish them all the best in their retirement as hosts.



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