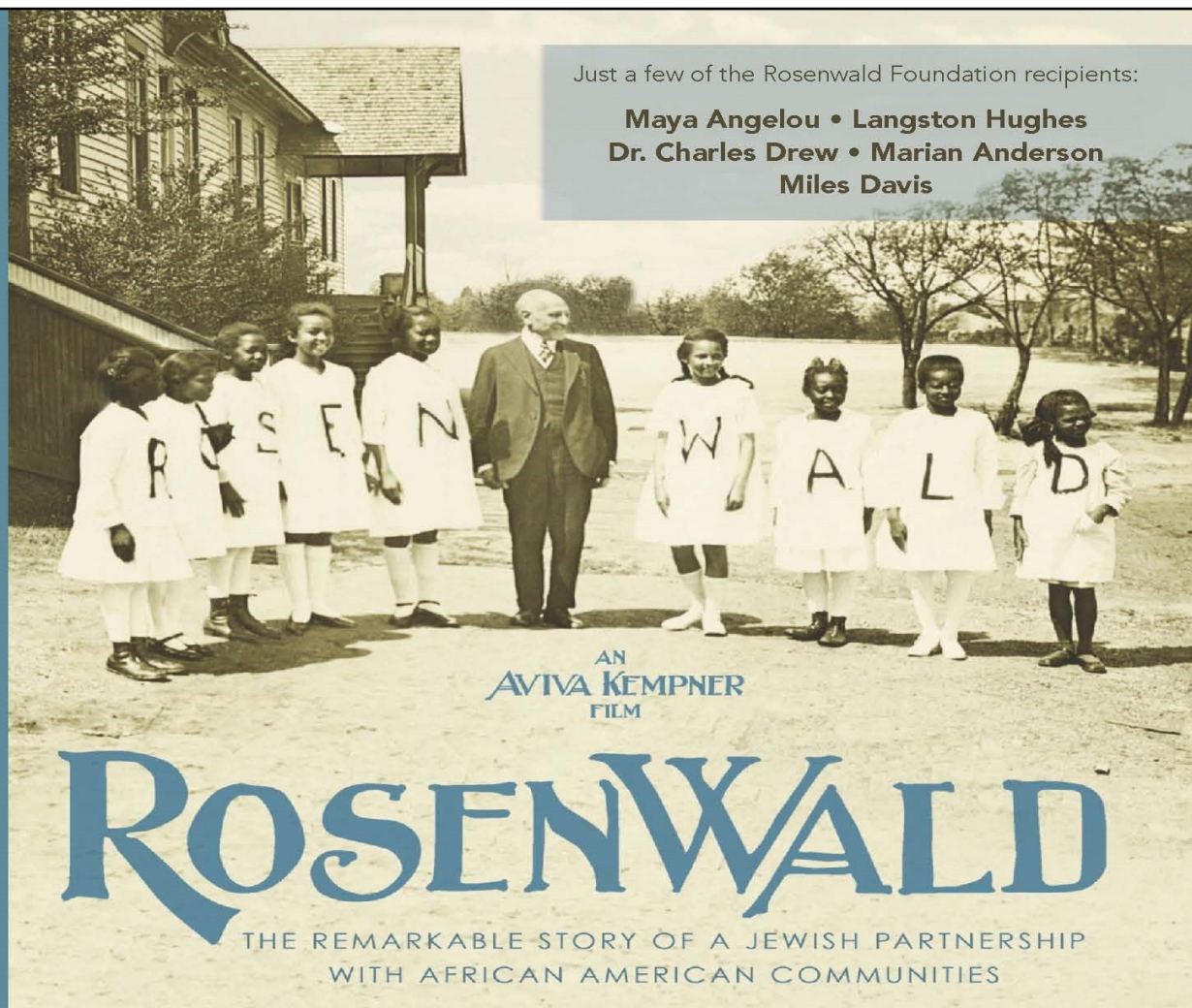




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It goes without saying that the Federation movement and the state of Israel have been linked together since even before Israel became a nation. For decades – certainly since 1967 - this was an easy linkage because, overwhelmingly, American Jewry fervently supported Israel. While there is still widespread support for Israel among Jews in America, today, there are differences of opinions to be found concerning leadership, Israeli political leadership and its relation with American political leadership, policies towards Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors, as well as the influence of religion over secular life. There are some in the American Jewish community who sometimes question the amount of support and assistance to Israel, and whether Israel should continue to be so large a focal point of Federation work and support. I am embarrassed to acknowledge that sometimes, when talking about all the work Federation accomplishes around the world, I often don't emphasize enough the role of Federation in Israel because I know there are those who may harbor strong feelings about Israel that don't necessarily align with my own and with Federation's mission.

In late April, Barbara and I went to visit our daughter, Raya, who was spending her college semester studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. While there are thousands of international students from all over the world who at any given time study in Israel, Raya was part of a group of thirty-three college students from across North America who were selected for a specific leadership program. Her fellow students encompassed every ideological opinion on Israel that one can imagine. Also, these students came from every part of North American Jewish religious life from secular, Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative, Modern Orthodox, and traditional Orthodox. Politically, within Raya's group one could find young people who were totally supportive of Israel and its policies to those who consider Israel to be much more a problem than a solution; more the oppressor than the victim. But regardless of their individual ideological or religious beliefs these young people chose to spend the semester in Jerusalem because they love the land and the people.

The first evening we were there we had dinner with a young man from St. Louis whom we have known since he was eight years old. Having just turned twenty he is now living in Israel and preparing to join the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces). Later that night, while at a bar, Raya introduced us to another young American man she knows, a recent graduate of an American university, who had just been inducted into the IDF. As we conversed with him I was only half listening. Instead of being fully engaged in the conversation I found myself wondering what is it about this land of Israel that makes young Americans – really still just boys and girls – abandon the safety, security, and comforts of their own homes and risk their lives for another country? Why do they give up the happy go lucky lives that so many of their friends in the United States are enjoying in order to endure intensive physical training and deal with life and death situations? Even if not joining the military, what is it about Israel that draws these young people to go there and study and travel knowing that just living there can be dangerous. Yet they knowingly put aside these thoughts for the chance to live in the land and among the people. (If you think I'm being dramatic when referring to the potential danger while studying in Israel, a twenty-one year old female student from Great Britain, who was in Raya's archeology class at Hebrew University, was stabbed and murdered by a Palestinian while riding public transportation in Jerusalem. Another stark reminder for Barbara and me was going to see Raya's university apartment which she shared with four others. Raya, in a very matter of fact manner, showed us which room in the apartment was the designated reinforced bomb shelter.) These young people have very strong views on the region's issues. And these views are not uniform by any means. Obviously, whatever their individual political views, they feel even more strongly that defending Israel is more important to them. Is it the land, the history, the people, the emotional connection, the religious connection, or the romance? All of these questions were going through my mind as we were talking to Raya's friend who had just been inducted in the military. Finally, as the young man was ready to leave and saying how nice it was to meet us I found myself grabbing his outstretched hand with both of mine and choking out the words, "take care of yourself". As I did this, I realized that I didn't have the answers I was seeking but was grateful that Israel can still touch young American Jews so much that they don't just WANT to be there, rather, they NEED to be there.

Subsequently, I have reminded myself that I should not downplay the importance of Federation to Israel and Israel to Federation. We will forever be linked regardless of how we, as individuals, may feel about specific issues at any point in time. As Raya said to us while we were visiting her, for some Israel is the focal point of Jewish religious and spiritual life while for others Israel is the focal point of Jewish nationalism. I know sometimes today the word "nationalism" can have a bad connotation, but with Israel it can cause a strong connection for many. And that's a good thing. The good we accomplish locally, around the world, and yes, in Israel through our work and donations to Federation are a source of pride that we cannot take for granted. Sometimes I think the young people I met, representative of so many, understand this better than we do. As part of the American Jewish experience we need to remember what Israel means to our past as well as to our future.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

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The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of
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Chaverim Tisha B'Av Commemoration

Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning that marks the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, especially the destruction of the First and Second Temples. Please join us during the lead-up period to Tisha B'Av to learn more about this important day.

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Refreshments will be provided.
\$3.00 per person

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1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320
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The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of
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“The Animal Protective League in Springfield”

Caitlin Loving
Volunteer Coordinator

Wednesday, July 26
9:30 am

Schnucks Community Room
2801 Chatham Road
Springfield, IL 62704

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

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Chaverim: Friends, Food & Fun



Come join Chaverim for a visit from Caitlin Loving of the Animal Protective League, with a few of her 4-legged friends! We will have an informal morning to enjoy each other's company and special summer treats.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017
10:00 am – 11:00 am

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“Building Houses. Building Hope”

Susan Carrigan
Faith Relations Manager
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of Sangamon Co.

Wednesday, August 30
9:30 am

Habitat for Humanity Office
2744 S. Sixth St.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am TI Service
2	3	4  Independence Day Office Closed	5 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	6	7 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	8 9 am TI Service
9	10	11 1 pm TI S'HD Book Club	12 6 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	13	14 8 am-2 pm TBS Rummage Sale 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 om TI Shabbat	15 9 am TI Service 4 pm Fed/JCRC Rosenwald Movie
16 10 am TBS Exec Bd Mtg	17	18 10 am Chaverim Party T/7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	19	20	21 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	22 9 am TI Service 10 am Westbrook Bar Mitzvah @ TBS
23	24	25 5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	26 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge	27	28 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	29 9 am TI Service
30	31	JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320 Springfield, IL 62704 Phone: 787-7223 Fax: 787-7470 www.shalomspringfield.org Email: sjf@shalomspringfield.org				

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Tisha B'Av	2 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	3 7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	4 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	5 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
6	7	8 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	9 Hadassah Bd Mtg	10	11 TBS S'Hd Shabbat Guest Scholar Weekend Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky	12 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 7 pm TBS S'Hd Music & Comedy Event Guest Scholar Weekend Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky
13 5:45 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	14 T/6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	15 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	16	17	18 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	19 9 am TI Service
20 11:30 am Federation T/Y Event	21	22 10 am Chaverim Party	23 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	24	25 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service & TI S'Hd Shira Shabbat Dinner	26 9 am TI Service
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From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

Please circle July 15th on your calendar and plan to attend the screening of the documentary “Rosenwald.” JCRC and the Jewish Federation of Springfield Culture and Education Committee have partnered with African-American History Museum, the Ministerial Alliance, Springfield Frontiers Club, Union Baptist Church and the Velma L. Carey Family Fund to bring this film to Springfield. The film tells the story of how Springfield, Illinois native, and philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald used his substantial wealth to partner with African American communities to build thousands of schools in the early 20th century and to promote culture and arts. It is a fascinating story about one person’s efforts to heal the world and the power of community. I cannot recommend this uplifting, fascinating, and important film highly enough, and I hope to see many of you there.

On a totally different subject, as you no doubt already know, our legislators in Washington, D.C., are deliberating over the future of access to healthcare. What you may not already know is that what is decided may have significant adverse impacts on Jewish social service agencies and the individuals that they serve. If the American Health Care Act that passed out of the House of Representatives is enacted:

23 million people would lose their health care coverage

Thousands of healthcare workers, including Jewish workers, would lose their jobs,

Hundreds of Jewish social service agencies will be unable to provide services to tens of thousands of their clients and community members – Jewish and non-Jewish alike,

Seniors and those with pre-existing conditions will lose much needed coverage. Jewish seniors are the fastest growing population in the Jewish community, and many are dependent on the safety net this coverage provides,

Those with disabilities will lose much needed support to live independently, and

Women will pay more for healthcare coverage based solely on their gender.

If this is something that is of concern to you, then now is the time to contact your representatives in Congress to share those concerns.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of the individuals who served on the Jewish Community Relations Council during the past year. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Our Jewish community has been the beneficiary of your dedication and effort, and I hope you are proud of what we accomplished.

Betsy Salus, *JCRC Chair*

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For more info, contact Nancy Sage 787-7223 ext. 12.

PJ Our Way: The Next Chapter



What is the difference between PJ Our Way and PJ Library?

PJ Library is a book-based program available to North American Jewish children ages 6 months through 8 years-old. Every month, eligible families receive a specific, age-appropriate book in the mail. PJ Our Way is the next chapter of PJ Library, for kids ages 9-11. With PJ Our Way, rather than receiving a specific book in the mail, kids can go to www.pjourway.org every month to choose the book they want to receive. Kids can also submit reviews and videos about the books. They can apply to be part of the national Design Team that has early access to PJ Our Way books and helps create content for the website.

Your child can be enrolled in both PJ Library and PJ Our Way at the same time! While both PJ Library and PJ Our Way are programs of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, each program maintains an independent database. As an online program geared towards kids under age 13, parents must enroll their children directly on the PJ Our Way website.

Any child age 9-11 living in the United States is eligible to sign up. Parents can enroll their child beginning when the child turns 8.5, up until the day before their 12th birthday. All subscriptions remain active for one full year (12 months). Subscriptions are renewed automatically for 12-month periods until the child is no longer age eligible. PJ Our Way is a free gift for you and your family from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and PJ Alliance partners.

Every month kids can choose a new book between the 1st and 10th of each month. You (and your child if you registered your child's email address) will receive emails at the beginning of the month to remind your child to choose a book. Just come back to www.pjourway.org between the 1st and 10th of each month. The website will prompt your child to choose a book once they have logged in. During the book selection period (from the 1st to the 10th of each month) kids can change their book selections by navigating to the book detail page for another of that month's options, and clicking the "Change your selection to this book" button. Book selections cannot be changed after the book selection period closes on the 11th of each month. Your child's book should arrive within 4-6 weeks after the book selection period closes on the 10th of each month. So, a book chosen the first week of September should arrive by the end of October.

ARJMAND FAMILY FUND

The newly established Arjmand Family Legacy Fund is a tribute from Dr. Towfig Arjmand to his family, the Jewish people, and our community. "This is," as Dr. Arjmand says, "what is important." Dr. Arjmand traces the roots of his love of Judaism and of the Jewish people to his childhood in Iran and especially to his Grandfather Elijah. Each week the family celebrated Shabbat together and walked to synagogue, where they sat in the seats reserved for the temple elders.

Dr. Arjmand went to medical school in Tehran and moved to Chicago to complete his medical training. He and Beryl met, fell in love, and married. They moved to Kankakee and joined a temple, where Dr. Arjmand attended his first Federation event, their annual campaign. He remembers pledging not by card, but by announcing the amount of his pledge. The Arjmand family have been supporters of Federation ever since.

It was his work as a physician that brought the Arjmands to the greater Springfield community. They joined Temple B'rith Sholom and became ardent supporters of the Springfield Jewish Federation. Dr. Arjmand served on the Federation Board in the 1980's. He established the Aziz and Hanini Memorial Adult Education Fund at Temple B'rith Sholom in honor of his parents and has generously co-sponsored scholar-in-residence weekends and other programs in conjunction with Federation. He and Beryl have four children Ellis, Susan, Denise, and Rochelle; and grandchildren Isabell, Isaac, Cyrus, Lilly, and Aiden. The Arjmand Family Legacy Fund honors his entire family because "of the importance of the survival of Jewish life and securing a Jewish future." We are grateful.

LIFE & LEGACY™

We express our great appreciation to an anonymous donor for their Legacy commitment 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 \$5,000 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 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.



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SAGE NOTES

Summer conjures up images of a somewhat slower pace, travel, vacations, and family time. For Federation, summer is the time for planning. We assess programs, services, and opportunities presented over the past year and apply the lessons learned for the next year. Federation's committee members and respective chairs incorporate what they've heard and what you've said as part of their planning processes. As we near the close of this year's campaign, we gear up for next year's. We incorporate all this and more as we move into the budgeting process.

To clarify timing just a bit, while the Federation Board year begins in June, the budget year begins on January 1. The campaign funds raised in the 2017 campaign are applied to the fiscal year 2018. Thus, we budget on the basis of actual funds available from campaign and those allocated from Legacy Funds by the Legacy Board.

We want to know from you how we can best accomplish Springfield Federation's mission of serving the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services, and educational activities. So please, think about the past year, look forward to next year and let me know your ideas and thoughts so that we can seriously consider them in our planning process.

Most of Federation's work is accomplished through committees. As a committee volunteer, you add your voice on a consistent basis to what Federation accomplishes. Committees coincide with areas of Federation's local emphasis. They include Campaign, Education and Culture, Jewish Community Relations Council, and Legacy Board as well as the Cardozo and Maimonides Societies for lawyers and health care professionals, respectively. For example, if you want input into the film series, Education and Culture committee previews every film. If your interest is community relations, JCRC's committees range from Israel to the Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry. Services for seniors and retirees are planned by the Senior Committee. And, while we have standing committees, we have and will establish ad hoc committees as interest and need arise.

A Federation member recommended showing the documentary film "Rosenwald" after reading about its Chicago premiere two years ago. As a result, the Education and Culture Committee considered it for the 2016 Film Series. They recognized the importance of the film and the opportunity it offered for a collaborative effort with the African American community. Thus, Education and Culture along with JCRC's New Initiative's Committee have been working together for over six months to bring "Rosenwald" to Springfield.

The Jewish Federation of Springfield belongs to you. Your interests, thoughts, and ideas make a difference. They help shape what we do and how we do it, so that we offer what is meaningful, relevant and of service to the community.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

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