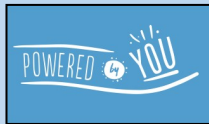


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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

12 pm

“Anna and the Swallow Man”
with Springfield community member
& its author **Gavriel Savit**



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President's Column—Annual Meeting Speech June 6, 2020



Arden Lang
Federation President

It is an honor to accept the presidency of Springfield Jewish Federation. I have big shoes to fill, given our Federation's long line of wonderful past presidents. I especially wish to thank Pat Chesley, whose leadership as president has been exemplary, and past president Barry Seidman, who so ably represents our Federation at the national level. In addition, I thank Nancy Sage, our executive director, Wendy Evans-Terry, our office manager, and Betsy Salus, our program director. We are grateful to our social worker, Sari Miller Wancket, who is retiring this year after years of service to our Federation community.

Federation is grateful to our officers, our board of directors who served this year, those who continue to serve, and those who have agreed to serve next year. I thank our wonderful volunteers, and every one of you who make up this community. To each of you who take part in our programs, learn at our educational and cultural events, and give of your time and financial support. You are the hearts and minds of our organization.

The Mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fundraising, communitywide programming, social services, and educational activities. In these times, how does our Federation fulfill its mission?

These days, certainty may seem like a luxury to us. But as we members of the Springfield Jewish Federation sit here today, we affirm our sense of community. Presently, we cannot share a physical space, but we know we belong together. Today, we assemble, digitally, to share our present, reflect on our past, and plan for our future. What does our community look like today, what reflections have we rekindled about Federation events we have become used to having, and how are we to remain a family in its true sense of the term?

In preparation for the upcoming year, our Federation will continue to make contingency plans for digital, small gatherings with social distancing, and larger gatherings when that becomes legal and wise. Our officers and board members pledge to plan for programming, *i.e.*, making both small and large plans in the alternative.

But Federation does not envision a top down leadership organization. Federation will rely on each of you to give input into setting the course for our organization, no matter what challenges we face as an organization, as a community, and as a people.

To that effect, you will be given the opportunity to participate in scenario planning discussions that will ensure that Federation's planning will be in keeping with our mission and needs.

Similarly, we value person to person connection. We pledge to call each of you to find out if Federation can assist you in any way as we stay at home. We pledge to be especially vigilant in reaching out to our most frail seniors. For example, Federation will continue our Chaverim programming, but in altered form that will still allow for social connection. For our active seniors, Federation will continue our Knosh and Knowledge meetings by Zoom. Each Federation committee is hard at work tailoring future Federation programs to the exigencies of the moment and to the benefit of all into the future.

In recent days, I have been reminded that our Springfield Federation was created to address the urgent need in 1941 to aid in the resettlement of Jews fleeing the war in Europe. In the 79 years since its founding, our Federation has offered aid, succor, and support to our fellow Jews here and throughout the world, and has stood with victims of injustice. Today, we cannot ignore the racial injustices which call out for meaningful reform. Federation stands in solidarity with those seeking racial justice.

Federation needs you this year.

Chaverim

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
10-10:30 a.m. Via Phone

Please call in to connect with your Chaverim friends. We will visit with each other and talk about Jewish women suffragists.



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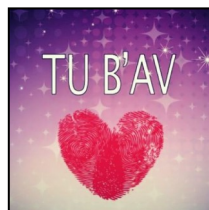
10:00 am – 10:30 am

To receive the special call-in number, please RSVP to Betsy Salus by Friday, July 10, to

787-7223 x 18 or
rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Chaverim

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10 :00 a.m. Via Phone



Please call in to connect with your Chaverim friends as we learn about Tu B'Av. We will also explore Jewish musicians of the 20th Century.

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10:00 am

To receive the special call-in number, please RSVP to Betsy Salus by Friday, August 7, to

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Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, July 29— 9:30 a.m.

“The Corpse Bride: A Gothic Tale of Death, Discovery and an Important Donation”

Zoom Via Phone, Tablet or Computer

Knosh & Knowledge presents Erica Holst, curator for the Illinois State Museum, as she shares with us the tragic tale of Caroline Sutherland (1831—1855), on **Wednesday, July 29, 9:30 am**, via Zoom presentation. Ms. Sutherland’s wedding trousseau was donated to the Illinois State Museum last year., and is on display as part of the exhibit “Fashioning Illinois, 1820—1900.”

RSVP to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or 787-7223 ext. 18 by Monday, July 27, to receive the Zoom link.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, August 26— 9:30 a.m.

“Courtroom Fiction: Why We Love Books About Law”

Zoom Via Phone, Tablet or Computer

Knosh & Knowledge presents “Courtroom Fiction: Why We Love Books About Law” with Judge Stuart Shiffman on **Wednesday, August 26, 9:30 am**, via Zoom presentation. Judge Shiffman will explore with us the genre of courtroom fiction and why novels focusing on questions of the law are so engaging.



RSVP to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or 787-7223 ext. 18 by Monday, August 24, to receive the Zoom link.

JULY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg	2 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	3 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat Fed. Office Closed	4 9:30 am TI Service Independence Day
5	6 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7	8 1 pm Fed. JCRC Webinar	9	10 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	11 9:30 am TI Service
12 T/4 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Meeting	13	14 10 am Fed. Chaverim 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	15 1 pm Fed. JCRC Webinar	16	17 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	18 9:30 am TI Service
19	20	21 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Meeting	22 1 pm Fed. JCRC Webinar 7 pm Hadassah Bd. Mtg	23	24 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	25 9:30 am TI Service
26 12 pm Fed. Virtual P2G Book Club	27	28 7:30 pm TBS Bd Meeting	29 9:30 am Fed. Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed. Exec. Committee Mtg. Tish'a B'Av	30	31 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	

Please check with each organization to see if events are via Zoom, virtual or in-person

AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:30 am TI Service
2	3	4	5 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg	6 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg. T/Fed. Film Series	7 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	8 9:30 am TI Service
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This series will explore:

- ◆ Israeli Society: Religious, Secular, Palestinians Arabs, and Ultra Orthodox.
- ◆ Israeli Politics: Elections, the new government and how did we get here?
- ◆ Civil Society: Israel has a remarkable civil society. How are they facing the current crisis and what is the role of the American Jewish community.

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FEDERATION WELCOMES RABBI STERN

(TI President Adam Porter requested that we reprint Rabbi Arthur Stern's letter of introduction to Temple Israel members.)

It's Rabbi Stern: Sternly Speaking

Hi everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself all the members of the congregation of Temple Israel. To those who have attended the online Zoom meetings with me, I apologize for the repetition. However, for those of you who I haven't met, I want to share a little of my background with all of you considering I will be your rabbi from July 1st moving forward.

I was born in The Bronx, New York and spent about the first eight or nine years of my life there before my family moved to Connecticut. I was Bar Mitzvahed at a conservative synagogue in Connecticut and attended and graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

After graduation, I was a successful business person in the employee benefits business for a number of years before going through a lifechanging experience. Without going into all the details, through alcoholism and addiction I lost everything and ended up living in a homeless shelter in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I lived in The House of Charity shelter for ten months. To earn my room and board, I was required to work in the food center (which served over 4000 hot meals a week to the homeless) and also to help with housekeeping. I cleaned the shelter, which housed over one hundred homeless people each night. It was quite an experience as I'm sure you could imagine for a Jewish boy from Connecticut who was raised in a middle class Jewish family.

Leaving the homeless shelter after ten months, I began to put my life back together. I worked for the Hazelden Foundation, the oldest and largest drug and alcohol treatment center in the country as an executive for a couple of years. After being a successful executive there, I ventured back into my old business and continued on a path of success.

After several years, I decided to go back to school and acquired an MBA and then a Master's Degree in Spiritual Psychology and finally a Doctorate in Psychology. I acquired the last two degrees with the intention of deepening my ability to help others and be of service to God. I then decided to go back to school again about six years ago. While searching for my next field of study, I heard a voice in my head out of nowhere say "why don't you go be a rabbi?". This came as quite a surprise to me because becoming a rabbi had never entered my mind and was not on my radar screen at all. However, I have learned throughout my life, building on a very solid spiritual foundation, that I need to pay attention to those voices. I researched rabbinical schools and found The Academy for Jewish Religion California, applied, was accepted, and enrolled a little over five years ago. Becoming a rabbi is a long process if you go to a school that is fully accredited to ordain rabbis. It typically takes between five to six years.

In May, I graduated with a Master's Degree in Rabbinic Studies and was ordained. It seems crazy to me even as I write this.

I feel very grateful to have found Temple Israel. Everyone who I have met in the process of interviewing and after being hired has been so nice. It's a little overwhelming. I feel very blessed to have been hired as your rabbi. I pledge to carry the name of Temple Israel proudly into the community of Springfield and beyond. I am truly looking forward to our journey together. I also want to thank the search committee headed by Barry Seidman and the board headed by Adam Porter for their support during the process and as we are continuing to walk through this journey together. I lastly want to give a special thanks to Rabbi Marks who has been so gracious during the entire process. His are certainly very large shoes to fill and he has been a great mentor to me as I am learning about Temple Israel. I wish him all the best in his retirement and as our Rabbi Emeritus. I will continue to look to him for his wisdom.

Thanks so much everyone and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and walking this path together.

Thanks .

Rabbi Arthur Stern

SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

This has been quite a year, much different than other years. While we have not been together physically, we have all experienced the challenges that have turned our worlds upside down. For me, it is you, our community, that inspires me every day as we move forward, differently, yet with the same commitment to our underlying mission.

I begin by expressing my appreciation to Federation president Pat Chesley. The past two years of his presidency have been filled with outside challenges that could not have been imagined: Pittsburgh and Poway, the rise of anti-Semitism, the coronavirus Pandemic, and the killing of George Floyd. Through it all, Pat's strength and steady hand navigated us through these challenges and much, much more. Warren Bennis, often called the pioneer of leadership studies, described leadership as "the capacity to translate vision into reality" which is what Pat does. He saw new opportunity in Partnership2GETHER, not simply for its programs, but most of all for connecting people in 16 US Federations, Israel's Western Galilee, and Budapest. He pursued it and we have reaped its benefits. "Federation Forward," a Board priorities setting/strategic planning exercise led by JFNA consultant Debbie Stein, resulted from Pat's recognition of the importance of setting the path to continue serving the community in the future.

I am grateful to the Executive Committee and the entire Board, for their stewardship, active involvement, wisdom, guidance and support. They are dedicated to our community and to our mission and have been instrumental in guiding us to a whole different way of community service through new and uncharted territory. Each of our committee chairs selflessly gives their time and are the driving forces behind all Federation's accomplishments.

You, our volunteers and contributors, are the heart of Federation, and I am deeply appreciative. It is because of you that we do all we do — serve our community in so many different ways. Serving the community is the force that drives our committee chairs, committee members, and our extremely talented and devoted staff.

I am fortunate to work with Wendy Evans-Terry, office manager, and Betsy Salus, program director. Wendy adeptly handles all office operations, edits the newsletter, designs the graphics, manages the finances, keeps our history and is always willing to try something new. Betsy Salus brings kindness, understanding, and her passion for our community along with her desire to always do it better, as is exemplified in our programs. I thank Sari Miller Wancket, for her years of service as Federation's counselor. She has been invaluable to members of our community who face difficulties and as a resource to me.

I am proud of our programs, our service to the community, and how we have adapted to doing our work, a bit differently. We kicked off the program year, with the Film Series, our first ever in a movie theatre. With community security of the utmost importance to us, we brought the services of SCN (Security Community Network) to each of our facilities. Our campaign kick-off event featured Jewish Federation of North America's new CEO Eric Fingerhut. Seniors received Passover holiday packages just 24-hours before we began sheltering in place.

We've pivoted Knosh & Knowledge to Zoom, and Chaverim to conference call thanks to Arden Lang senior committee chair. The zoomed pre-Passover session and the Passover highlights Seder brought us together with the Temples. A new education and culture program, already in the planning, will now take place via Zoom. And, we released a statement of solidarity responding to the killing of George Floyd.

All that written, I am deeply disappointed that we had to postpone the wine tasting, the film festival, JCRC's programs on anti-Semitism at U of I in conjunction with Hadassah, a talk on Food Insecurity in Springfield, and of course, JCRC Healthy Foods Distribution. JCRC's plans to identify a criminal justice reform re-entry project and expand our involvement with the issue of food insecurity in Springfield were regrettably cut short.

This past year has been a time of change, some planned, but most not. As I look to the months and years ahead, I have faith in our future. Our commitment to our ideals and core values *tzedakah* (deeds of righteousness); *chesed* (loving kindness), *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and *Klal Yisrael* (dedication to the community and to Jewish peoplehood) is our source of strength. These are difficult times, but we will endure and we will prevail, with you and because of you.

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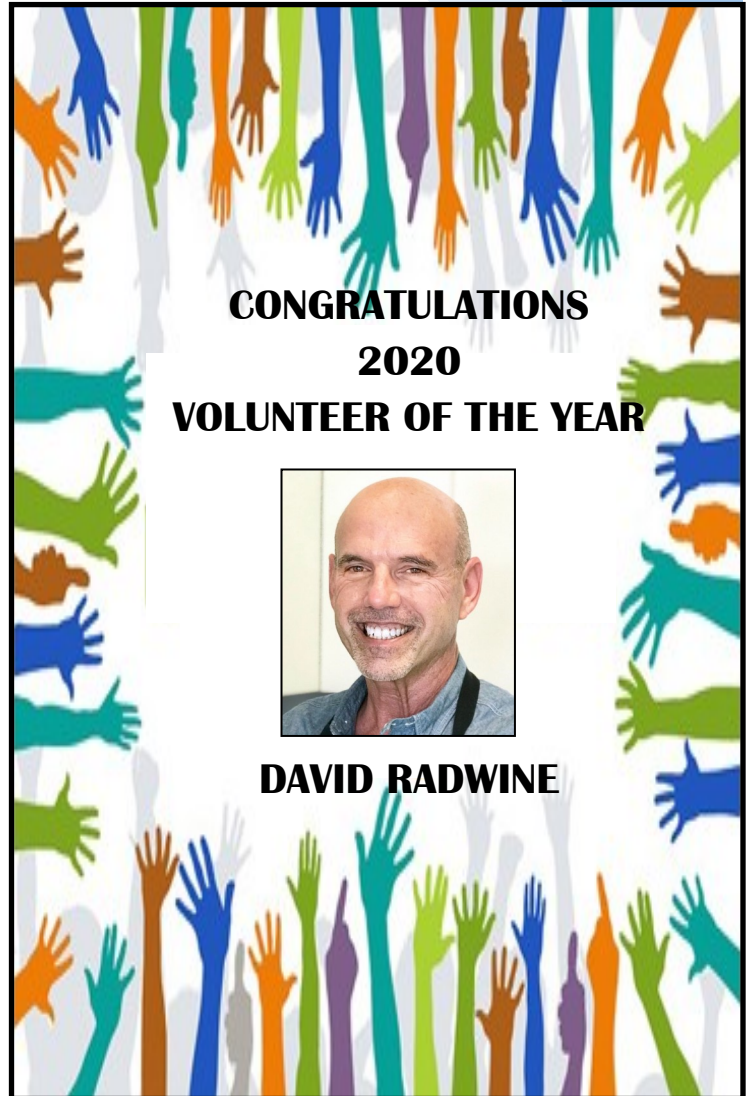
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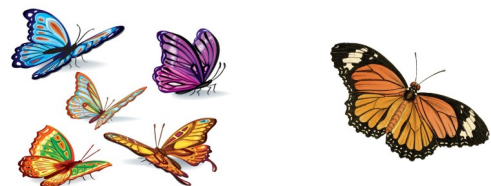
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