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4th Annual JEWISH FILM SERIES

Four Thursdays in June 2017 (June 8, 15, 22, 29) at 7:00 pm
Theatre Room at Capital City Bar & Grill

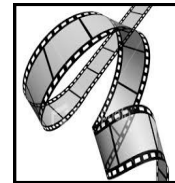
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AWARD WINNING FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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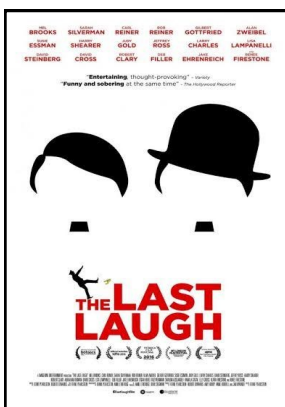


Thursday, JUNE 8

The Last Laugh (2017)

USA, Documentary, 85 minutes
Directed by Ferne Pearlstein
English

Are we allowed to make jokes about the Holocaust? In this outrageously funny and thought-provoking film, director Ferne Pearlstein puts the question about comedy's ultimate taboo to comedic legends, critical thinkers and Holocaust survivors. The film asks uncomfortable questions about just how free speech can really be, with unexpected and hilarious results that will leave you both laughing and appreciating the importance of humor even in the face of events that make you want to cry.



Official selection:

- Tribeca Film Festival
- Jerusalem Film Festival
- BFI London Film Festival
- Chicago Int'l Film Festival
- Hot Doc Int'l Festival

Thursday, JUNE 15

The Kind Words (2015)

Israel/Canada, Com/Drama, 118 min
Directed by Shemi Zarhin
English subtitles

This quirky and wry dramedy follows three Jewish Israeli siblings who, in the wake of their mother's death, learn the man who raised them is not their biological dad. The revelation sends them on a road trip from Israel across France to discover the truth about their real father. The sixth feature from writer-director Shemi Zarhin explores an unraveling family secret and the bittersweet journey of self-discovery that follows.



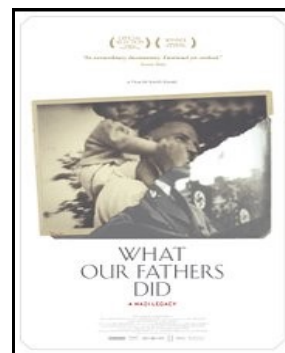
Nominated for 12 Ophir Awards (Israeli Academy Awards) including:
—Best Film
—Best Director
—Best Screenplay

Thursday, JUNE 22

What Our Fathers Did (2014)

UK/Austria/Poland/Ukraine, 96 min
Documentary, Directed by David Evans
English

A rigorous examination of inherited guilt and pain, this film follows three men as they travel together across Europe. For two of them the journey involves a confrontation with the acts of their fathers (senior Nazi officers). For the third, human rights lawyer and author Philippe Sands, it means visiting the place where much of his own Jewish family was destroyed by the fathers of these two men. It is an emotional, psychological exploration of three men wrestling with their past, the present of Europe, and conflicting versions of the truth.



Jerusalem Film Festival winner:
A. Shalev Yad Vashem Chairman's Award for Best Feature
Stockholm Film Festival nominee:
Best Documentary
Hamburg Film Festival nominee:
Political Film Award

Thursday, JUNE 29

The Women's Balcony (2016)

Israel, Comedy/Drama, 96 minutes
Directed by Emil Ben-Shimon
English subtitles

A mishap at a Jerusalem synagogue causes a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power. When the women's balcony in the synagogue collapses, injuring the rabbi's wife and leaving the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. A young charismatic rabbi steps in to help but his fundamentalist ways soon divide the community. A battle of the sexes ensues threatening to tear apart families and friends as they try to balance traditional and progressive values.



Nominated for 5 Ophir awards
Winner, City Mouse magazine's People's Choice Award
100% Rotten Tomatoes rating
2016 #1 box office hit in Israel
LA Times Critic's Pick

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that I am finishing my first year as President of the Jewish Federation of Springfield. I am happy to report that due to the work of so many it has been another successful year for our Federation.

Of course, each year brings its own set of challenges. 2016-2017 marked our first full year with a new Executive Director and Program Director. In addition, the position of Program Director was transitioned from a full to a part time position. If those weren't enough changes for one year, for the first time in recent memory we implemented our annual Campaign without having a single, dedicated Chairperson. And yet, it truly has been a successful year. Our Campaign season kicked off with a community wide event – planned by a group of wonderful volunteers – that celebrated our Federation's 75th anniversary year. Not only was it a very successful evening, but there was also considerable excitement as we came together to acknowledge 75 years of accomplishments.

The past year has seen a full schedule of educational and social programming including some new and innovative programs. Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge have had another very successful year with excellent, consistent turn out.

In addition, added to our agenda this year was our community's participation in LIFE & LEGACY™. Through this wonderful program our Federation and each of our synagogues have taken great strides towards helping secure the future of our Jewish institutions. We have also had a very active year with programming sponsored by our Jewish Community Relations Council. It is impressive how much our community offers in relation to size.

There are so many people who make all of this possible. First, our professional staff led by our Executive Director, **Nancy Sage**. Also, our Program Director, **Linda Morrison**, our Office Manager, **Wendy Evans-Terry**, and our as needed social worker, **Sari Miller Wancket**. Our Board of Directors plays an active and important role as does our smaller Executive Board. Our JCRC Chair, **Betsy Salus**, has put in a lot of time and effort that have contributed to our successes. Our Israel Emergency Response team, led by **Natalie Silverman** and **Rabbi Datz** also has had a full plate this year.

Most importantly, we could not achieve what we do as a small Federation without the help and support of each of you. From volunteers who help in our office, to those who deliver our various holiday baskets to our seniors, to those who help organize our Chaverim program, to those who help plan and organize events, to those who work on our JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, to those who worked so hard on LIFE & LEGACY (and continue to do so), to those who agree to be Campaign solicitors, to all who contribute to Campaign, and to many others. You are the only reason why we have continued to be successful for 75 years. With your continued help and support we will have many more years to come.

There will always be specific issues that come along that will bring disagreement and strong feelings. I hope sincerely that we have made strides this year towards realizing that as individuals we don't always have to agree, but as a community we have to always keep our eyes on our mission. What we accomplish together, as one community, serves so many people in so many places. What we accomplish together is so much more than most would expect from a community our size. What we accomplish together is how we define ourselves, and that is so much more important than any individual disagreement. What we accomplish together is why I am honored to have served this past year as President, and look forward to the next.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

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.

The Chaverim Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:

Chaverim Shavuot Celebration



Join with your Chaverim friends to celebrate **Shavuot**, the Feast of Weeks, marking the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer and commemorating the giving of the Torah.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Join us for dairy refreshments
\$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, June 2, to Linda Morrison
787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Touring the Lincoln Heritage Museum
With Curtis Fox
Museum Docent



Wednesday, June 28
9:30 - 10:30 am

Lincoln Heritage Museum
1115 Nicholson Road
Lincoln, IL 62656

RSVP by Friday, June 23 to
787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

15th Annual Gala Wine Tasting

Wine lovers enjoyed gourmet hors d'oeuvres at Maldaner's Restaurant, while sampling 60 wines from five of Famous Wine & Spirits' distributors on April 29, despite the record rainstorm hitting the Springfield area. It was a chance for old and new friends to relax and enjoy the ambience this event always produces. Thank you to hosts **Pam and Ted LeBlang** and to our generous sponsors, including **Bank of Springfield, Capital Blue Print, Davis Financial Group, and Hanson Professional Services**. Thank you also to **Steve Rambach** for providing photography for the event and to **Gloria Schwartz** for assisting with registration.



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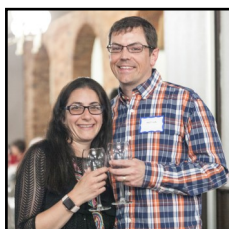
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JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				 1 9 am TI Yizkor 7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg. Shavuot Office Closed	2 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	3 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
4	5 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	6 10 am Chaverim Party 6 pm CBD Six Day War Workshop	7 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	8 7 pm Federation Film Series	9 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 om TI Shabbat	10 9 am TI Service
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SAVE THE DATE

Please join with us
for Springfield's premiere screening of
"Rosenwald"

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Aviva Kempner's "Rosenwald" is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, who was born in Springfield and who never finished high school, but rose to become the President of Sears. Influenced by the writings of educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African American communities to build over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century, the height of the Jim Crow era in the South.



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From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

In case you missed it, on May 2nd JCRC was delighted to host, two nationally renowned journalists, J. J. Goldberg and Jonathan S. Tobin, who presented a spirited debate: **“Left vs Right: The Battle for Israel’s Soul.”** Both of these gentlemen are passionate in their support for Israel though they come to the issues facing Israel from different perspectives. The debate, which was expertly moderated by Bernie Schoenburg, was enlightening, thought provoking, and most enjoyable. I am pleased that the event was well attended and I have only heard positive comments from those who were there. We are grateful to JCRC’s Israel and Middle East Committee and to the Federation office for making this event a reality. Thank you to the following for their help with this event: Rabbi Datz, Mark Deluhery, Ralph & Carol Loewenstein, Rabbi Marks, Bernie Schoenburg, Bob & Natalie Silverman, and Mark & Sari Wancket.

Also, on May 20th, the Springfield Jewish Community held its third Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry. This project involved a lot of planning and preparation and JCRC is grateful to Ralph Loewenstein for coordinating the planning and to Temple Israel, Temple B’rith Sholom, Temple Israel Sisterhood, Temple B’rith Sholom Sisterhood, Hadassah, B’nai B’rith and the Jewish Federation of Springfield for underwriting this project and for providing volunteers. We also appreciate the generous underwriting by the Bank of Springfield and the in-kind support of several area businesses and organizations, including the Central Illinois Food Bank, Gen-H Kids, McQuinn Auto Service, Schnuck’s, and Siciliano, Inc. The JCRC Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry is terrific project that enables the Jewish community to see the face of food insecurity in the greater Springfield Community and to do something to address the need that challenges so many.

Looking forward, June 5th through 10th will mark 50 years since Israel was engaged in the Six Day War. Please take the opportunity to become familiar with that episode in Israel’s history. To truly understand the geopolitical landscape of Israel today, one truly needs to have a clear understanding of Israel’s history and her interactions with her neighbors. I anticipate that there will be much in the news about the Six Day War and we will try to disseminate information that becomes available to us.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 15. On that day, in partnership with several other Springfield organizations, we will be showing the documentary film “Rosenwald.” This film tells the story of a Jewish American tycoon and philanthropist (born in Springfield, Illinois!), who did so much to address injustices during the Jim Crow era and explores his motivations and his methods. The film is terrific and inspiring, and it truly should not be missed.

As always if there is something you wish to bring to the attention of the Jewish Community Relations Council, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Betsy Salus, *JCRC Chair*

MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 2017

By Ralph Loewenstein

On May 20, 2017 we held our third annual mobile food pantry event in conjunction with the Central Illinois Food Bank. Over 60 volunteers served over 200 patrons representing over 700 family members. We distributed 15,000 pounds of food including milk, eggs, apples, potatoes, water melons, apple sauce and cottage cheese. Food obtained through the CIFB was supplemented with fresh produce provided by GenH and a distribution of toiletries.

For the first time, we also had a cooking demonstration from our own David Radwine and Sara Lieber, health screenings from the County Health Department and a display and information hand out from the University of Illinois extension service.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated planning and work of the mobile food pantry committee including Jess Barker, Mary Beth Cohen, Steve Stone, Lisa Stone, Betsy Salus, Jordan Litvak, Gary Kessler, Nancy Sage, Bob Silverman, Natalie Silverman, Eydee Schultz, Sonia Gerson, and Sara Lieber and all of the volunteers who participated in the event. I think that we can all agree that whatever effort we put into planning and executing the event was surpassed by the satisfaction we all got out of it.

I also want to thank the generous contributions from our community who willingly gave of their time and resources to make this possible—Bank of Springfield (financial support), Schnuck’s (shopping carts and fruit), County Market (gift certificate), Sam’s Club (gift certificate), McQuinn Auto Service (flatbed and labor to pick up shopping carts), Siciliano (fork lift and fork lift operator) and Springfield Clinic (use of parking lot). Please take a moment to thank them if you have a chance.

We look forward, with your help, to continuing this project in the future.

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Jewish community members gathered on May 16, 2017, for the Federation Annual Meeting, held at Temple B'rith Sholom. A deli dinner, catered from Kohn's, was served by event co-chairs, Jay and Carol Kitterman. President Barry Seidman welcomed attendees and the upcoming slate of Federation board members was approved. Thank you to Pat & Nancy Chesley, Jay and Carol Kitterman, Michael & Gloria Schwartz, and Julie Seidman for assisting with the event.



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We will continue to thank those who pledge after the date of May 23, 2017, and publish their names.

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2017 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

\$271,259.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

STATE OF ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE



Eva Muller was the featured guest speaker at the 2017 State of Illinois Holocaust Observance on April 27, 2017, at the Old State Capitol.



Shavuot

May 31—June 1, 2017



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SAGE NOTES



“Community & Commitment” characterizes the Jewish Federation of Springfield, its 75 year past and its present. Our mission – always at the forefront – guides our activities and accomplishments as we strive to “serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fundraising, community-wide programming, social services, and educational activities. Your generosity, guidance, participation, caring about our community, and above all, your dedication to Federation, make our successes possible.

The Jewish community in Springfield and its surrounding area numbers 930 people. Federation, often referred to as the central address for the Jewish community, strives to offer activities within our budget that aim for the highest quality and appeal to the varying interests and needs within our community. This past year has been a wonderful year with much accomplished.

Our Federation gave a \$3,200 grant to B’rit Ysrael joint religious school, scholarships to Jewish camps, subscriptions to PJ Library so that children with a Jewish parent receive a free book per month. NextGen (young adults) held several get togethers throughout the year. The Education and Culture Committee designated four Thursdays in June for the Jewish Film Festival that featured award winning films and played to full audiences each week. Federation featured photographers from Springfield’s Jewish community at an exhibit at the Springfield Art Association, sponsored a weekend with an art historian who lectured on Jewish art and appraised our own Judaica. The Senior Committee continued to host monthly programs for active retirees and the reshaped Chaverim for seniors, and delivered holiday packages and baskets as part of home visits to seniors surrounding Jewish holidays. We co-sponsored a lecture by a Holocaust survivor with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. We raised funds and had fun at Chai Tea and the annual Gala Wine Tasting event hosted by **Ted and Pam LeBlang**.

With underwriting from special and anonymous angels in our community, we hosted speakers of national renown. More than 100 members of our Jewish community attended each session. The Cardozo Society brought **Professor John Q. Barrett** to Springfield to present “The Rule of Law at Nuremberg and Lessons for Today.” The Jewish Council on Community Relations (JCRC) partnered with the Great Rivers Presbytery to sponsor **Professor Amy-Jill Levine’s** lecture on “Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christians Read the Bible Differently.” Most recently, JCRC sponsored “The Battle for Israel’s Soul: Right vs Left” with **J.J. Goldberg** and **Jonathan Tobin** and moderated by **Bernie Schoenburg**.

As a result of the LIFE & LEGACY™, a partnership between the Jewish Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to secure a Jewish future in Springfield through legacy giving, Federation, Temple B’rith Sholom and Temple Israel, each earned a \$5,000 incentive grant for receiving a minimum of 18 legacy gifts over the grant year.

The Jewish Community Relations Council, chaired by **Betsy Salus**, continued the tradition of keeping our community informed on issues related to Israel, built a working partnership with Great Rivers Presbytery, reached out to Springfield’s Muslim and African American communities to strengthen relationships, and worked to combat hunger through the JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry.

Our annual campaign celebrated our 75th anniversary. We held one event on one night for the entire community that featured Springfield stories. We again sought matching gifts for campaign increases which added to the success of this year’s campaign. Special thanks to the Campaign Event Committee, Super Sunday Chair, Super Sunday callers and our Federation Board for their efforts.

I was privileged to be part of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Community Campaign and Directors Mission to France and Israel. The mission lasts a week and weaves training with visiting and hearing from people who receive services through our partner agencies, Joint Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). JFNA chose France so that we could better understand the French Jewish community’s struggle against anti-Semitism. I returned home with a greater sense of pride and heartfelt gratitude, only wishing that everyone could see first-hand how your dollars make a difference in the lives of the people you’ve helped.

I feel so fortunate for the help, support, talent, and dedication of so many. President **Barry Seidman’s** insight, dedication to our community and Federation’s mission have been invaluable to me. Education and Culture Committee Chair **Jay Mogerman** and Senior Committee Chair **Arden Lang** bring their creativity and passion to every endeavor. Our Legacy Board, chair **Jerry Jennings** helped oversee Federation’s endowment funds and led the way long before LIFE & LEGACY in securing after life gifts and special endowments. We are grateful that the Chodash-Bernson Health Education and Promotion Fund and the Arjmand Family Fund have been established. The Board of Directors and Executive Board are actively engaged in Federation and are true stewards of our organization.

The Federation staff works at an incredible pace to accomplish all they do. **Wendy Evans-Terry**, office manager, is our glue. She is our editor and publisher, manages our website, knows our history, and keeps our office operating smoothly and our finances in order. **Linda Morrison**, part time program director, works enthusiastically with the Senior and Culture and Education Committees to ensure programs’ success; she uses her talent to orchestrate the Chai Tea and Gala Wine Tasting; and, always lends us her warmth. **Sari Miller Wancket** offers her wise counsel and responds with compassion and understanding when someone is in need of social services.

I am honored to be Federation’s executive director and grateful for your support, which makes it possible for all of us to do what we do on behalf of our community.

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