

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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5th ANNUAL JEWISH FILM SERIES

FOUR THURSDAYS IN JUNE 2018 (June 7, 14, 21, 28)

Doors open at 6 pm, Film at 7 pm

THEATRE ROOM at CAPITOL CITY BAR & GRILL

\$25 SERIES PASS OR \$7 PER FILM (\$5 w/Student ID)

Contact 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

The Education & Culture Committee presents the 5th Annual Jewish Film Festival on the four Thursdays in June (June 7, 14, 21, 28), at 7 pm, in the Theatre Room of Capitol City Bar & Grill (3149 S. Dirksen Parkway). Tickets are \$25 for a series pass, or \$7 per film (\$5 with student I.D.), and can be purchased by calling 787-7223 ext. 18 or emailing rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.



The award winning films being shown start on June 7 with ***Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas***, a musical documentary about a group of Jewish songwriters who wrote the soundtrack to Christianity's most musical holiday; June 14—***1945***, a story about an Orthodox man and his son's return to a Hungarian village whose townspeople fear they may be heirs of the village's deported Jews coming to demand back their legally acquired property;



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UPCOMING DATES

6/1/18—Legacy Shabbat

6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/18—Annual Jewish Film Series, 7 pm, Capitol City Bar & Grill



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Pat Chesley

“I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN WHAT THE FEDERATION DOES”



Pat Chesley
Federation President

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Springfield Federation President. I have been lucky enough to have served on the executive board with some great past presidents who have set excellent examples of how to lead. Theirs are big shoes to fill and I will do my best.

The first question I want to answer is why I decided to become the President. The simple answer is that I strongly believe in what the Federation does, especially how it improves the quality of Jewish life in the Springfield area and aids people throughout the world. I am excited for the chance to contribute to the important work of our organization.

When Nancy and I moved to Springfield in 1979, we knew nothing about the Federation. Our first pledge was a token amount. Over the years our knowledge and appreciation for the Federation increased as did the amount we pledged.

The Federation accomplishes a lot. Locally, we provide quality programming, events, and materials for everyone who cares about Jewish interests. And, the monthly bulletin is a resource for learning of upcoming and past events.

To learn about monthly events, all you have to do is to look to the bulletin. The May 2018 Federation Bulletin contained the following activities in which the Federation was involved and provided financial and manpower support: Current Activities—a Shavuot Celebration for the monthly Chaverim group, a backstage tour of the Sangamon Auditorium for the monthly Knosh & Knowledge group of retirees, a notice of the upcoming Jewish film series in June, which showcases four award winning films, a trip to the Sliders baseball game for our NextGen group of younger people, details of the JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, a project supported by all the local Jewish organizations to provide food to the needy, and news of a proposed meeting with the Midwest Consul General of Israel

Past Activities—our coordination and support for the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), including a joint project with the local African American churches and organizations to premiere the *Rosenwald* documentary (JCRC received the 2018 Award for Program Excellence from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs for this event), a program with JCRC and Hadassah at which Karen Aroesty of the Anti-Defamation League spoke on the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States, and the distribution of Passover packages our seniors.

The Bulletin also contains a calendar listing of all the events of every Jewish organization in Springfield. The calendar is created by two yearly meetings coordinated by the Federation, so that the local Jewish organizations do not schedule conflicting events.

As you can see from a snapshot of one month, we do a lot. And, you’ll see more when you receive your copy of our Annual Report.

We have a high quality hard-working staff of professionals. In addition, we are blessed with a group of dedicated volunteers. Without the services of these people the Federation could not accomplish what it does.

The Federation can only improve the quality of our Jewish life in Springfield and provide vital aid overseas with the generous support of its donors. I hope you feel as proud of supporting the Federation as I do. I thank everyone for their past support and hope that your generosity will continue.

Chaverim Summer Barbeque

Tuesday, June 12 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018, 10:00-11:00 am.

Join your Chaverim friends for a barbeque to welcome the warmer weather. Let's take time to visit with each other and catch up on life.

Join us for Summer favorites!

Donation \$3.00 per person.

Parking is available on the east side of the building where there is a ramp. If you need assistance when you arrive, call 787-7223 ext. 10. Please let us know if you need a ride.

RSVP by Friday, June 8 to David E. Miller, 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.
To Be Announced

The scheduled presentation, "Pottery in Pawnee—The Art of Woodfire Ceramics" with Simon Levin, local artist, writer and teacher, has been **rescheduled to August**.

The replacement presentation will be announced at a later date.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 22 to 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.



NEXTGEN

*-For NextGen Community Members-
Take Me Out to the Ballgame!*

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Game starts at 5:05 pm

Springfield Sliders at Robin Roberts Stadium

1415 North Grand Avenue East

Springfield, IL 62702



Completely FREE! VIP Seating!

Refreshments (kosher hotdog, hamburger, chips, and soft drink) Included!

Please RSVP by Friday, Jun 8 to David Miller

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JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					5:45 pm Joint Legacy Shabbat @ TI	9 am TI Service
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11 am TI S'Hd Donor	6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg	Joint Temple Adult Ed Arkansas Trip		
				7pm Fed. Film Series @ Capitol City Bar & Grill	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Arkansas Trip		10 am Chaverim 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	7pm Fed. Film Series @ Capitol City Bar & Grill	5:30 TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service
4pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg 5 pm NextGen Spfld Sliders Game						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day	7 pm JCRC Bd Mtg	6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg		7pm Fed. Film Series @ Capitol City Bar & Grill	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11 am TI Century Brunch		5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	7pm Fed. Film Series @ Capitol City Bar & Grill	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service

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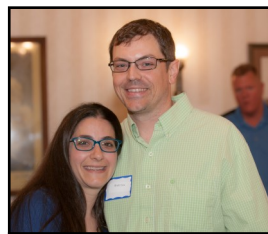
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The mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.



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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

MOBILE MITZVAH FOOD PANTRY

On May 19th, the Springfield Jewish Community held its 4th annual Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry (now referred to as a Healthy Food Distribution). This project, spearheaded by the Jewish Community Relations Council, was a collaborative effort of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, both synagogues, their respective Sisterhoods, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith. More than 60 members of the Springfield Jewish Community (and some friends) came out to help distribute milk, eggs, turkey, fresh fruit and vegetables, and vegetable seed packets, to almost 200 patrons. Through this effort we were able to provide food to 600 of our neighbors who are facing food insecurity. Recognizing the role that hygiene has in supporting good health, we also distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo, that was generously donated by members of our community. The hygiene items are especially important because they cannot be purchased with LINK benefits.



Just to give you an idea of how truly important the Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry is, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this year, in Sangamon County, approximately 14% of the population is food insecure. This means that 27,160 people, or 1 in 7, lack consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Given that the county unemployment rate hovers at about 4.1 %, one can surmise that many of those who experience food insecurity are “working poor,” who are underemployed, earn low wages, or both. According to Feeding America, statewide in Illinois, 1 in 9 people struggle with hunger, and 1 in 6 children struggle with hunger.

Food Insecurity affects so many segments of our community. A study published in 2016, “The Prevalence of Food Security and Insecurity Among Illinois University Students, suggested that approximately 35% of the students attending four public universities (Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western) are food insecure. *Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger*, reports that nationally, 23,000 currently-serving active military families and nearly 1.5 million veterans participate in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) and approximately 15% of rural household struggle with food insecurity. The Illinois Commission to End Hunger found that in Illinois, food insecurity was approximately 3 times higher in households with a disabled adult member. These are statistics that should not be ignored.

There is no question that feeding the hungry is a mitzvah. Those who received food and hygiene items at the Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry had no reservation expressing appreciation for the assistance we were able to provide. (I can’t tell you how many people said “thank you”, “bless you” or “may I hug you”.) And many of our volunteers told me that they, too, benefited from the event because they felt empowered by having done something to help individuals and families in the Springfield community. That said, of course, our Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry, while certainly helpful, does not resolve the challenging food insecurity problem facing Springfield. In the days ahead, Congress will be taking up the reauthorization of the Federal SNAP program as part of an omnibus agriculture act. (The current legislation is set to expire in September 2018.) I encourage each us to monitor the progress of SNAP reauthorization legislation and to share with our elected representatives in Congress your views in regards to providing basic nutrition assistance to those in our community, and our country, who face food insecurity. For additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Betsy Salus, *Chair*

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5th Annual Jewish Film Series



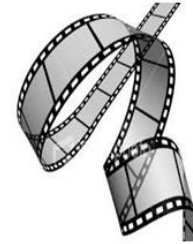
Four Thursdays in June 2018 (June 7, 14, 21, 28) at 7:00 pm

Theatre Room at Capital City Bar & Grill
3149 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL 62703

TICKETS: \$25 series pass OR \$7 per film (\$5 with student ID)

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AWARD WINNING FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Thursday, June 7 *Dreaming of a Jewish*

Christmas (2017)

Canada, Musical/Documentary
52 min
Directed by Larry Weinstein
English

Set almost entirely in a Chinese restaurant, *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* is an offbeat, irreverent musical documentary that tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, Jay Livingston, Ray Evans, Gloria Shayne Becker, and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to Christianity's most musical holiday. It's an amazing tale of immigrant outsiders who became irreplaceable players in pop culture's mainstream.



Official Selection :
Atlanta Jewish Film Festival
Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, June 14 *1945* (2017)

Hungary, Drama, 91 min
Directed by Ferenc Torok
English subtitles

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople—suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning—expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their legally acquired property back.



Winner WJRO Justice Award
Winner Jewish International
Winner SF Film Critics Award
Winner Yad Vashem Award
Winner Der Neue Heimatfilm

Thursday, June 21 *Menashe* (2017)

USA, Drama, 82 min
Directed by Joshua Z. Weinstein
English subtitles

Deep in the heart of New York's notoriously secretive Hasidic Jewish community, *Menashe*, a good-hearted but somewhat hapless grocery store clerk, struggles against tradition to keep custody of his only son after his wife passes away.



Winner Deauville Film Festival
Winner Lipscomb Ecumenical
Winner NBR Award
Winner Terry Porter Award

15 additional nominations, including Sundance, Zurich, and Jerusalem festivals, and Gotham awards.

Thursday, June 28 *The Wedding Plan* (2016)

Israel, Comedy, 110 minutes
Directed by Rama Burshtein
English subtitles

Exhausted by single life at 32, spirited bride-to-be Michal is eager for the comfort and companionship of marriage. Then, her fiancé dumps her one month before their wedding. Devasted but undeterred, she decides to keep her wedding date, leaving it to fate to provide a suitable groom. With invitations sent, the venue booked, the clock counting down to the big day, and pressure from her family mounting, Michal enlists two matchmakers to help her find Mr. Right.



Winner 3 Ophir Awards:

Best Actress
Best Screenplay
Best Costume Design



5th ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

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June 21—**Menashe**, the tale of a hapless grocery store clerk’s struggles against tradition to keep custody of his son after his wife passes away; and June 28 - **The Wedding Plan**, the story of bride-to-be, Michal, who is dumped by her fiancé one month before their wedding, and her efforts to keep the wedding date and let fate find her a suitable groom.



This event is generously sponsored by **Bank of Springfield—Gold Sponsor, Henson Robinson Company, Cherry, Frazier & Sabin, LLP, Attorneys at Law, and Holley, Rosen & Beard, Attorneys at Law.**



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CAMPAIGN PLEDGES RECEIVED AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Joan Rosen

Mr. Mark Sage

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SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS AT ANNUAL MEETING—MAY 24, 2018



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

I first want to thank **Bob Silverman** for chairing this meeting and all who volunteered to help this evening.

I want to express my appreciation to **Barry Seidman**, for his dedication to our community and our Federation and for his counsel and leadership motivated by our mission. This may not be well-known, yet it should be — Barry is a Trustee of the Jewish Federations of North America, representing small Federations. He was recently asked to serve on the Israel and Overseas Committee, the committee that works with partner agencies to sustain the most vulnerable, build the global Jewish community, and respond to emergencies.

JCRC with **Betsy Salus'** sound leadership works diligently to enhance community relations, build partnerships and in her words, "put passion to action." The Legacy Committee, chaired by **Jerry Jennings**, continues to protect the endowment funds with a newly adopted formula that ensures the principal remains intact and that earnings are distributed more evenly in good market years as well as in bad. I thank our dedicated campaign chairs and all who helped make this a fabulous campaign year. I am most grateful to the Executive Committee and the entire Board and committee chairs for their stewardship, active involvement, wisdom, guidance, and support.

I am fortunate to work with an outstanding staff—**Wendy Evans-Terry**, office manager, **David Miller**, part-time program director and **Sari Wancket**, on call counselor—their support and skill are key to our success. I add to the list **Linda Morrison**, who retired at the beginning of our program year and whose dedication and enthusiasm made each program special. And, to all of you, the volunteers and contributors who make our Federation, what it is, I am deeply appreciative.

You are the why and the how behind every accomplishment. Just ask any one of the committee chairs or their members, and they will tell you, they work to bring you the best in programs that will interest or entertain or both. And there have been a lot of them this year from the premiere of the Rosenwald documentary for which we received national recognition from JCPA and thumbs up from the S-JR, to bringing Avraham Infeld to Springfield, to our monthly Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge programs, the JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, the Film Festival—and so much more—all enumerated in our newly designed annual report. And, soon you will see our new website.

Your generous support for campaign and LIFE & LEGACY express the importance you place on what we accomplish in Springfield as a Federation. We are proud of our work in collaboration and partnership with organizations within and outside of our Jewish community.

Your ideas, your thoughts, and your input are most important to us. You, after all, are why we are here and who we serve. And, I do appreciate each time I hear your thoughts and ideas about what we do or what we should do, and how we can do it better.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAZEL TOV

Genie Melamed, daughter of Caleb & Selma Melamed, on being awarded a fellowship to study German at the University of Illinois in Champaign next year. She was also inducted into the geography and political science honor societies.

Rachel Odin, daughter of Dr. Lanny and Diana Odin, on her graduation from University of Cincinnati. She will be continuing her studies at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

Howard & Susan Sutker, on the birth of their great grandson, Milo.

THANK YOU TO OUR MAY VOLUNTEERS

CHAVERIM VOLUNTEERS: Arden Lang, Rabbi Marks, Anne Morgan, Linda Morrison, and Barb Rabin

WINETASTING: Steve Rambach, for taking photographs; Carol & Jay Kitterman for helping with check-in

ANNUAL MEETING: Bob Barewin, Gloria Schwartz and Bob Silverman



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ANNOUNCEMENT

As we were sending out the June newsletter to print, we received David Miller's resignation as part-time Program Director, as David and his spouse Ari are moving to Austin, TX, where Ari's family lives. David's talent, creativity, and excellent organizational skills contributed to many successes during his tenure as Program Director, including interesting and engaging Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge programs, successful Chai Tea and Winetasting fundraisers, and the soon-to-happen Fifth Annual Jewish Film Festival.

I know you will agree that we will miss David's talent and will want to thank him for his service to the Federation. We will announce the job opening through several avenues. The official job posting is as follows:

Position Available

The Jewish Federation of Springfield is seeking a part-time Program Director (20-25 hours per week).

The Program Director is responsible for developing, administering and marketing all programs and special events that arise from committees of the Board of the Federation and the executive director. The program director must have the ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously.

If interested, please go to www.shalomspringfield.org for the full job description and qualification requirements. Please email your resume and cover letter, with two references to: Nancy Sage at nsage@shalomspringfield.org by June 21, 2018.

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