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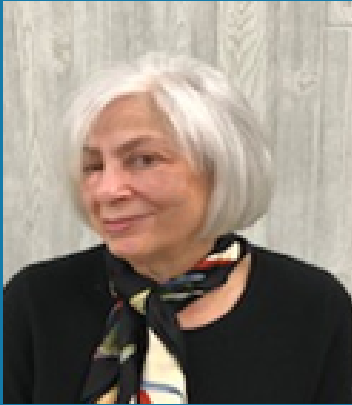
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MESSAGE

From the President



Arden Lang

Friends:

For those of you who have not driven past our house recently, or have not heard on the grapevine, I have some news for you. After living 38 years in Springfield, Jim and I are pulling up stakes and moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico. (I don't think I have to tell any of you, despite general belief to the contrary, New Mexico is part of the United States and has been since the 1840's). The state bears a tale of successive waves of conquest, by the Spanish from Mexico, by Mexico from Spain, and by the United States from Mexico. This bit of history ignores the struggles and conquests of the many indigenous tribes in that same chunk of real estate. The topography is beautiful and ever changing. So Jim and I hope to learn and appreciate a lot while living in that multicultural state.

The real reason for our relocation is not New Mexico's cloudless skies. It's the strong pull of finally being able to live in the same city as our children. David has been living in Albuquerque for eleven years or so, where he is a professor of Music Theory. Kate and her husband Drew had been living in St. Louis for many years. Kate recently applied for a job in the US Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico. That office

happens to be in Albuquerque. Kate received a job offer in late fall, the same week she and Drew learned they were expecting a baby. Can you see our compass tilting southwest toward Albuquerque?

Even with all the enticements for moving, Jim and I did not make a snap decision to leave Springfield. We love our community, generally and our Jewish community, specifically. We love all of you who welcomed us to Springfield. We appreciate the people with whom we worked - our friends and the State and Federal governments. We appreciate the friends whose children welcomed our children to town. We appreciate the friends who have given us wise counsel over the years. We appreciate the friends who have made us laugh.

We appreciate the friends who have seen us through rougher times. We appreciate the way our community welcomed my mother to town. We appreciate the friends who volunteered on our behalf or who volunteered next to us. We value every friendship and every encounter. I appreciate, in particular, the Federation staff - Nancy Sage, Wendy Terry, and Betsy Salus. You make everything happen.

I am nearing the end of my term as President of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois. I will continue to serve as a Zoom president from March 16 until our annual meeting in May, bolstered by the Executive Board, the full Board of Directors, and our staff. I also intend to remain on the Board throughout the next term in an ex officio capacity. I expect to join in on some of the wonderful virtual programs Federation offers. We will miss you and will keep you in our hearts.

Arden

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.

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees. Enjoy socializing and learning with friends young and old.

Knosh & Knowledge

WED., MARCH 30, 2022 9:30-10:30 AM
VIA ZOOM PRESENTATION



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3RD SESSION
Sunday, March 13
10:00 am CT / 11:00 am ET



Milana Gitzin Adiram, Director and
Curator
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A community based mobile museum

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This spring, we invite you to expand your international perspectives on diverse topics:

More Than Mothers: The Power of Jewish Women's Archives

April 10th

11:00 a.m. CT

12:00 a.m. ET | 18:00 BUD | 19:00 ISL



Jeannette Gabriel, PhD
Director, Schwaib Center for Israel
and Jewish Studies
University of Nebraska, Omaha

The plight of deserted Jewish women (Agunot), 1851-1900

May 15th

11:00 a.m. CT

12:00 a.m. ET | 18:00 BUD | 19:00 ISL



Haim Sperber, PhD
Head of Multi-Disciplinary Studies
Western Galilee College, Israel

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Partnership 2GETHER

Deborah and I have lived in Springfield for 44 years and I believe we have been members of Federation for almost all of that long stretch of time. In addition to our annual contribution, we've attended many Federation events. I served a term on the board and was on the Legacy Committee. However, my involvement was local and did not involve interactions with members of other Jewish communities.

My involvement with Partnership activities has changed that situation considerably. Now, through the Partnership, I'm meeting and collaborating with people from other Midwest Jewish communities, as well as the Jewish communities of Hungary and the Western Galilee. I'm getting to glimpse the substantial scale of Federation-led activities in communities across the Midwest. Of course, having grown up in Philadelphia, gone to college in Chicago, and graduate school in St. Louis, I understood that major metropolitan areas had robust Jewish communities - many synagogues, city-wide youth groups, JCCs, Jewish day schools, and so on. But I've been interested to learn about the extensive activities and resources in communities like Austin, Omaha, Dayton, and South Bend.

Needless to say, all my interactions with Partnership staff and volunteers over the past couple of years have been via zoom. That said, I'm looking forward to an in-person Partnership gathering in Budapest, scheduled for September 10-15, 2022, where I might get to see some of these Zoom friends in person. Budapest is a fascinating city. Don't think that you have to have been involved in Partnership activities to go on this trip. If you're reading this newsletter, consider yourself invited!

More details about the Budapest Partnership Summit to follow in the next months.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair



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Acts of violence **can happen** in our community. Antisemitism unfortunately is on the rise. Temples and other Jewish institutions are seen as soft targets.

Your local Jewish leaders in cooperation with your Federation, the FBI, Secure Community Network and local law enforcement are working to make us all safer.

But we all have a responsibility to protect ourselves and others by preparing for an emergency. Such prior preparation and having a plan of action help prevent a person from freezing or panicking during an event. The purpose of this and future Security Bulletins is to provide you with tools to use before, during and after an emergency.

This bulletin addresses an active shooter situation. The following summarizes the concepts of Run, Hide, Fight. It is also in a one-page attachment to this email to make it easier to print. I urge you to mark on your calendar to review it every 3 months for a year. This advice is consistent with security plans at Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, Springfield Chabad, and B'rit Yisrael Religious School.

Active Shooter – Commit to Action Information Sheet

This FBI video displays how to put the plan into action: [FBI Prepare to Survive video](https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/prepare-to-survive-092120.mp4/view)
<https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/prepare-to-survive-092120.mp4/view>

If you are trapped in the pews and cannot run safely you must fight. Use all the weapons at your disposal: shoes, books, phones, keys/fobs, coins, pens, compacts, purses, wallets, etc. Remember you are fighting for your life.

The advice concerning prior identification of exits, shelters and hiding places is usable at locations other than Jewish institutions.

[FBI Run Hide Fight video](https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/run-hide-fight-092120.mp4/view) <https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/run-hide-fight-092120.mp4/view>

The Federation Community Facilities Security Committee includes representatives from Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, Springfield Chabad, B'rit Yisrael Religious School, and Jewish Federation: Chair Pat Chesley, Chuck Faingold, Marc Goldman, Rabbi Lynn Goldstein, Sam Gorden, Arden Lang, Adam Porter, Mark Rabin, Rob Rabin, Bob Roth, Nancy Sage, Rabbi Arthur Stern, Rabbi Mendy Turen, and Karen Westbrook.



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ACTIVE SHOOTER - COMMIT TO ACTION

Your survival is dependent upon taking timely action.

Most events are over in 5 minutes and more than a third are over in 2 minutes.

Being prepared helps shorten reaction time and the tendency to panic or freeze.

At all times during an event, you must determine whether it is better to run, hide or fight.

RUN

Before an event identify alternative exits including emergency exits and windows.

Quickly and cautiously run in a direction away from the shooter.

Running makes you a harder target and puts distance between you and the shooter.

Make yourself small by bending over. Crawl if you have to for safety.

Leave all belongings behind.

When exiting raise your hands so they are clearly visible to law enforcement

Follow law enforcement instructions.

Don't stop until you are sure you are in a safe location.

HIDE

Before an event identify places that might provide protection or could be used for hiding.

Lock and barricade the door to the room where you are hiding.

Silence cell phones and turn off the lights.

Remember bullets pass through normal walls and doors.

Prepare a defense plan in case the room is breached.

FIGHT (LAST RESORT)

If possible, prepare a plan that uses teamwork and the element of surprise to stop the attacker.

Use all available resources as weapons.

You are fighting for your life. DON'T FIGHT FAIR!

STOP THE BLEED

Apply pressure or a tourniquet to control bleeding. A person will bleed out in 5 minutes.

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

When I started writing this month's column, Russia invading Ukraine seemed probable, then inevitable; it is now a reality. I have revised and rewritten my column to try to keep it timely; however, the situation worsens each day. Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) launched an emergency \$20 million campaign to provide humanitarian assistance to meet the immediate needs of the vulnerable Jewish population living in Ukraine.

I moved to Springfield in 1995 and learned a few years later that beginning in the late 1970's when Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union, Federation began to resettle "Russians", mainly from Belarus and Ukraine. For two decades, our community came together to welcome, to house, to teach, to find employment and to provide food, furniture, and so much more to Russians new to town. At one time, Soviet immigrants comprised an estimated 10 percent of the Springfield Jewish community. Many have thrived, have given back, and have moved away or are no longer with us. Natalie Marder, a leader on Federation's Soviet Resettlement Committee, who has since moved to Florida and remains part of this community, described this endeavor as "nothing short of extraordinary."

As a Federation member and volunteer, I learned about the life saving and life changing overseas work of Federations' key global partners, JAFI (The Jewish Agency), JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), and ORT. These organizations are our boots-on-the-ground overseas. They help those in need, provide food and medicine, visit the homebound and elderly, secure medical care, rebuild Jewish communities, arrange immigration to Israel, teach vocational skills, run youth centers, and more.

From a JFNA briefing, I learned a great deal about the past history and current situation of Ukrainian Jewry including the following:

Ukraine's total population is approximately 44 million including 200,000 Jews, comprising the fifth largest Jewish community in the world. Ukraine generally refers to areas which over history have been parts of various political entities including independent Ukraine, Poland, Russia, Austria-Hungary and the Soviet Union. Ukraine is a land with a long and important Jewish history that dates back to the eighth century. It was the site of tragedies such as the mid-1600's Chelminitzky massacres, killing 30,000 Jews and the World War II murders of over one million Jews, including in Babi Yar, near the Ukrainian capital, Kiev. Antisemitic attacks occurred in the years in between and afterwards. Yet, Ukraine has a full and rich Jewish history that includes the formation of several famous yeshivot, development of much of the Ashkenazi culture and being the birthplace of people such as founder of Hasidism the Ba'al Shem Tov, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, and Sholom Alecheim, the beloved Yiddish author, along with many more.

Some 840,000 Jews remained in Soviet Ukraine following World War II, but the repression of Jewish cultural and spiritual life was especially severe. By the beginning of 1989, there were only around 500,000 Jews left in the region. The 1989 collapse of the Soviet Union and establishment of an independent Ukraine set the stage for two dramatic events in the history of Ukrainian Jewry: further mass immigration, alongside a renaissance of Jewish life.

The precarious economic situation, coupled with an uncertain political future and ongoing antisemitism encouraged almost 80% of Ukrainian Jews to leave the country in the decade following the fall of the Soviet Union. The majority who left, some 266,000, moved to Israel, while others immigrated to the United States, Germany, and other countries. Today, Ukraine is home to close to 300 Jewish organizations in some 100 towns and cities, with more than half the population living in Kiev.

Since serving as Federation executive director, I've gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the strength of "the collective." Each one of us who supports their local Federation campaign is part of the collective. Because of you, when there is a crisis, when security is breached, where lives and communities are at risk, we, our local Federations, JFNA, and our overseas partner agencies, JDC, JAFI and ORT, are all there as part of the collective. It is because we are always there, day after day, year after year, that our partners are able to provide critical humanitarian assistance where it is needed most.

With a full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine now underway and multiple cities under fire, our concern for the safety of the Jewish community in Ukraine along with all people in the affected areas is accelerating. If you have not already done so, please donate to the Federations' Emergency Campaign either by sending a check to Jewish Federation of Springfield, designating it to the Ukraine Emergency Campaign or by donating directly to the fun [here](https://form.jotform.com/220544248885968?utm_source=web&utm_medium=banner).

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All funds will be used directly for relief efforts.



We've Worked in Ukraine for Decades

Ukraine's estimated 200,000 Jews rely on the strong presence built up through years of Federation support that is today serving as a lifeline for the community. Through our partner agencies JDC, The Jewish Agency for Israel, and World ORT, we're there on the ground every day of the year, helping the most vulnerable and supporting programming to help younger generations reimagine Jewish life where it was all but destroyed. Learn more about our work in Ukraine, [here](#).

But Today, The Need is Different

As the crisis in Ukraine escalates, thousands have come under fire in areas across the country. Thousands more have fled the fighting. Federations are planning to allocate millions of dollars to our partner agencies on the ground. Immediate and short-term needs already total about \$20 million.

- Emergency funding will focus on:
- Helping people make Aliyah to Israel
- Securing the local community and its institutions
- Maintaining critical welfare services
- Assisting internally displaced people in multiple locations.
- Launching an emergency hotline
- Securing temporary housing for people in transit
- Purchasing satellite phones to maintain communications across the region
- Securing five Jewish schools and training staff to manage crisis needs

It is because we're always there, day after day, year after year, that we can deliver hope and help now when it is so desperately needed!

Our Ukrainian brothers and sisters are counting on you. Will you be there?

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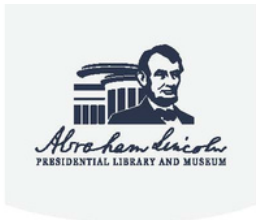
We mourn the passing of:

*Sandra Roberts of Dallas TX,
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*Istvan (Steve) Kertesz, cousin of
Eva & John Muller*

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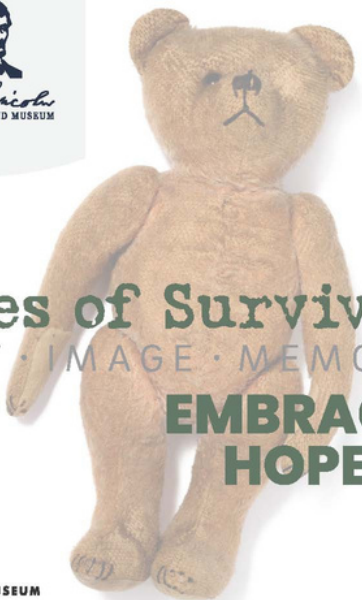
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This new traveling exhibition was created by the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and award-winning photographer Jim Lommasson. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum is located at 212. N. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

For more information visit PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov or call 217-558-8844.



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