

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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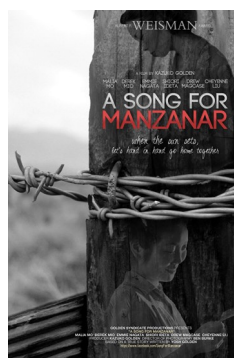
SHORT ORDER OF JEWISH FILM SHORTS

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Program begins at 2 p.m.

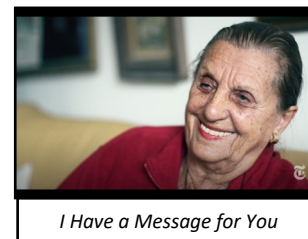
At Finley's Tap House

To help promote this year's 5th Annual Jewish Film Series during the month of June, the Education and Culture Committee will host its first ever "Short Order of Jewish Short Films" on **Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. at Finley's Tap House** (3236 Ginger Creek Drive, Springfield, IL). Please RSVP by Monday, March 5, to 787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.



Five films will be shown, featuring ***A Song for Manzanar*** (2015), directed by Phil Emerson and Springfield native Kazuko Golden. Set in 1945, the film recounts a harrowing chapter in the life of Kazuko's grandmother, Sachie, when she was held in Manzanar Japanese-American Internment Camp. Kazuko's mother, Yosh Golden, will introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.

Also being shown are ***I Have a Message for You*** (2017), directed by Matan Rochlitz, which records the poignant story of Holocaust survivor,



I Have a Message for You

Klara; ***The Tailor*** (2010), directed by Gordon Grinberg, a comedy based on a classic joke about two nuns and two Jews; ***Pizza Bagel*** (2012), a comedy directed by Joe Mari, which pokes fun at the typical tale of young love caught between traditions; and ***A Night at the Garden*** (2017), directed by Marshall Curry, which replays newsreel footage from 1939 of a German-American Bund rally.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/6/18—NextGen "Hit the Bar with the Rabbis," 6 pm.

3/11/18—Short Order of Jewish Films, 2 pm. RSVP by Monday, March 5.

4/14/18—Gala Wine Tasting, 6 pm. RSVP by Monday, April 9.

5/19/18—JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Truck

5/24/18—Federation Annual Meeting

6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/18—4th Annual Jewish Film Series



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Barry Seidman

“MINDS WILL NOT CHANGE OVERNIGHT”



Barry Seidman,
Federation President

As I write this, I have just returned from the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Board of Trustees meeting in Atlanta. These meetings are a good opportunity to have detailed conversations on a more intimate level about issues concerning JFNA as well as our own local Federation. They are also our chance as Board members to get to hear firsthand about exciting new programs.

The most important new venture presented to us comes from the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is one of Federation’s major partners, and one we help fund. The Jewish Agency’s vision is “to ensure that every Jewish person is a part of the Jewish story by connecting them to each other and to Israel.”

Usually in my bulletin articles I write about all of the great work we are fortunate to be a part of, and contribute to. By telling you about this new venture outlined to us in Atlanta, I have to begin by addressing a topic that is of great concern to many of us.

I know many of us are aware of major differences in opinions between much of American Jewry and recent Israeli domestic political decisions, more specifically, decisions made during 2017 that suspended terms of the agreement to establish an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall and the proposed bill to give sole authority to the Chief Rabbinate in Israel to recognize conversions to Judaism. Both actions have contributed greatly to dissension and a disconnect between the American Jewish community and Israel. Part of the Jewish Agency’s mission is to make all Jews feel at home in the Jewish state, and also to ensure that Israelis remember the shared history and bonds with Israel that link all Jews, regardless of where in the world they live. The Agency is addressing this because of the concern that relations between American Jewry and Israel possibly are reaching a crisis stage.

What is being discovered is that many Israelis do not realize how important issues such as the Western Wall and conversion are to American Jewry. I had my own experience with this last November at the General Assembly in Los Angeles. I happened to be speaking with two young Israeli women, both secular and opposed to the government’s recent actions, who had no idea how important these concerns are to the American Jewish community. Already, in the educational processes that have begun, new opinions are being formed by Israelis concerning the issues that are important to us. The Jewish Agency will be going full force over at least the next three years to continue this educational process, and to maximize it. They will be doing this by:

Outreach to young people through educational content.

Outreach to the general Israeli public through media campaigns on multiple platforms.

Outreach to Israeli decision makers with missions to our Jewish communities.

Again, the concept is that it’s imperative for American Jewry to continue to feel a deep connection with the State of Israel, and that it is as equally imperative for Israelis to remember they are a part of a Jewish community far greater than only those who live in Israel.

Missions of Israeli Knesset members to our communities have already begun, and the initial response has been extremely positive. Minds will not change overnight, but after interaction with the American Jewish community, Knesset members – from every political side – have acknowledged that the disconnect between our communities is far greater than they ever realized, and have begun discussions as to how to bridge that gap. Personally, I can’t tell you how strongly I feel that this endeavor is important – perhaps vital. Traditionally, Israel has served as a common bond for Jewish people worldwide. Even though the dissension between our communities certainly is not a good thing, I am excited about the opportunity that this new venture brings. And as always, I am proud that through our hard work and generous dollars our community will be a part of it.

Chaverim

PASSOVER CELEBRATION

Tuesday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.

Join your *Chaverim* friends to celebrate *Passover*, the exodus of the Jews from captivity in Egypt and the beginning of a long journey to the promised land. We will savor traditional Passover foods and judge a *charoset* cook-off!

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, 10:00-11:00 am.

Join us for Passover stories and treats. **\$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, March 16 to David Miller, 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Knosh & Knowledge Springfield Liturgical Arts Festival

Wednesday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.



Knosh & Knowledge presents "Celebrations of Faith in Music" - The Liturgical Arts Festival with Royce Hubert and Susan Shelton on Wednesday, March 28,

9:30 am, at Schnucks Community Room, 2801 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL.

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

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

NEXTGEN

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BAR

With the Rabbis

**NEXTGEN invites you to
HIT THE BAR WITH THE RABBIS**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

6-8 p.m.

**Finley's Tap House (3236 Ginger Creek Dr., Springfield, IL)
Appetizers will be provided for the tables—attendees are
asked to pay for their drinks.**

Bring a friend or a date!

RSVP to 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

MARCH 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5 pm CBD Purim Party 6:30 pm TBS Purim PURIM	2 5:45 pm Joint Family Shabbat @ TBS	3 9 am Joint Service @ TBS
4 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 2 pm TI Bd Mtg	5 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	6 6 pm TI S'Hd Mtg w/ Islamic Society of Gr. Spfld 6 pm NextGen Hit the Bars w/the Rabbis	7 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg	8 7 pm Joint Temple Adult Ed Jewish Ethics @ TI	9 5:45 pm Joint Shabbat @ TI	10 9 am Joint Service @ TI
11 9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 2 pm Fed. Short Order of Films	12	13 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	14 4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	15	16 5:45 pm Joint Shabbat & Dinner @ TI	17 9 am Joint Service @ TI St. Patrick's Day
18 9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 4 pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg	19 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI 7 pm JCRC Bd Mtg	20 10 am Chaverim 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg First Day of Spring	21 4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Joint TBS/TI Video Series @ The Villas Clubhouse	22	23 5:45 pm Joint Shabbat @ TBS	24 9 am Joint service @ TBS
25 9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	26 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI	27 5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	28 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	29	30 No Services 8:30 pm CBD Passover Seder	31 9 am Joint Service @ TI 5:30 pm Community Seder @ TBS 8:30 pm CBD Passover Seder First Day of Passover

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2018

I want to help Federation change lives in our community and around the world. Here's my gift to support the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois' 2018 Annual Campaign.



2018 Annual Campaign

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2018 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Goal \$285,000



\$257,861 Raised

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The February 14th shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is the most recent in what has become an alarming number of mass shootings that tragically are plaguing our country. Of course, our thoughts and prayers extend to the families of those who were killed during this shooting, as well as to those who survived this most horrific act of violence. When they should be planning Prom, these young people are planning memorials and protests; when they should be writing a Yearbook, they are writing obituaries. Some of the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are speaking out, calling upon the adults who should be protecting them to stand up, and to adopt and implement meaningful laws that will curb the scourge of gun violence. Their voices are being amplified by young people and adults across the nation.

The Congressional Research Service estimates that one out of every three Americans is a firearms owner and that collectively Americans own approximately 300,000,000 firearms, which equates to about 1 gun for every man, woman, and child in the US. (The precise number of firearms owned is not known because in most parts of the country gun ownership does not require a license and firearms are not required to be registered.) Each year, more than 100,000 people in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides and suicide attempts, unintentional shootings and police intervention and more than 17,000 of these are children or teenagers. Each year more than 33,000 people die from gun violence. Firearm homicide is the second-leading cause of death (after motor vehicle crashes) for young people, ages 1 to 19, in the United States.

The prevalence of firearms and firearm ownership poses a great challenge to those who seek protections from gun violence. Nevertheless, though daunting, the problem of gun violence can no longer be ignored by our lawmakers.

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), which is the hub for 16 national Jewish organizations and more than 125 local Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) has long been on record calling for enforcement of laws to stem the rising tide of gun violence throughout the United States. In 2000, JCPA adopted a resolution stating that:

We believe that current laws must be enforced and that new common-sense legislation is needed to stem the rising tide of gun violence throughout the United States. The JCPA and its member agencies call on all legislators to make this country safer by stemming the tide of violence that puts us all at risk.

More recently, in response to the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, JCPA stated that:

With the increase in mass shootings in our country, JCPA called on legislators, in keeping with our longstanding policy, to seize this moment to make our society safer. JCPA supports efforts to close the loopholes allowing individuals to buy semi-automatic weapons, and terrorists and criminals to buy guns. "It is absolutely outrageous that someone can walk into a gun shop and purchase a semi-automatic weapon" stated JCPA CEO David Bernstein "It is high time that we institute measures curbing the availability of these weapons that the vast majority of Americans support."

We urge Congress and state legislatures to mandate that states report records on criminals, the seriously mentally ill, and other prohibited purchasers to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and require all gun sellers to conduct checks on prospective buyers.

Springfield JCRC has yet to consider this issue, but I am sure we will do so in the months ahead. As a consensus organization comprised of representatives from Springfield's Jewish organizations, we will educate ourselves regarding the various proposals that are being offered and actions that are being advocated, and the implications these have for our Jewish community, the Springfield Community, and our nation.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for JCRC to consider, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Betsy Salus, Chair

GALA WINE TASTING

You and Your Friends are Cordially Invited to the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois'

16th Annual

Gala Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 14, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Maldaner's Restaurant

222 S. 6th Street (upstairs)

\$25 per person

*Sample a wide selection of wines from around the world, provided by
The Corkscrew Wine Emporium, while enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres.*

RSVP by Monday, April 9

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FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

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2018 ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 24



MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD TRUCK



JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE

FOOD TRUCK

Saturday, May 19

LIFE & LEGACY™

LIFE & LEGACY GIFTS

With great appreciation, we have recently received letters of intent for a Legacy gift from the following:

- Anonymous (3)
- Scott and Amber Sabin

We are pleased to be participants in the LIFE & LEGACY™ program sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The purpose of the LIFE & LEGACY program is to encourage Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their culture. We are grateful for these new commitments and for those who have indicated their intent to leave a Legacy gift in the past.

LIFE & LEGACY ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

Please remember the Jewish Federation in your will, estate plan or by beneficiary designation.



SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

“FOCUSED ON WHAT BRINGS JEWS TOGETHER AS A PEOPLE”



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

I have been heartened to hear the wonderful comments about our recent speaker Avraham Infeld, regarding the content of his message, his eloquence and his warmth. He emphasized the importance of being unified without having to be uniform, as he focused on what brings Jews together as a people and on the diverse ways we express our Jewishness. If you're interested in his ideas or missed his presentation, I recommend reading his book "A Passion for a People" which can be ordered from Amazon, and also viewing his video presentation of "The Five-legged Table" on YouTube.

To bring a speaker of Avraham Infeld's stature to Springfield required the efforts of many. Raya Seidman first brought him to Barry's attention as an inspiring speaker after hearing him speak in Israel. Our Springfield delegation to the Jewish Federations of North America's General Assembly in November literally ran into him and thought to pursue the possibility of bringing him to Springfield. The Federation's Education and Culture Committee recognized that this was a unique opportunity and decided to change their program plans for the current year. Federation sought and received underwriting from Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel and B'nai B'rith. In the process, anonymous donors provided additional funding. We are grateful to all who helped make this happen,

Alongside Federation's humanitarian endeavors, part of our mission is to offer cultural activities and programs to our community. Federation long ago recognized the importance of bringing to Springfield speakers, exhibits, and films as ways of expressing our Jewish heritage. Your campaign contributions, combined with allocations from the Jim and Edith Myers Fund and the Jay and Susan Mogerman Fund (both designated for education and culture activities), enable us to bring these programs to you.

The Education and Culture Committee (Chair—Jay Mogerman, members Pat Chesley, Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Bob Silverman, Harvey Wells, Barry Weiss, and Barbara Wolfson) takes seriously their charge to plan for and arrange these programs. They strive to offer a variety of events that will appeal to a wide range of interests. For example, the selection of films for the Jewish Film Series (four Thursdays in June) represents a diversity of genres and themes. The Education and Culture Committee never shies away from trying something new such as last year's exhibition "Through a Jewish Lens" that featured local Jewish photographers, followed by the most recent Jewish-Italian Cooking Demonstration. Another new endeavor is the "Short Order" screening of short films of Jewish interest on Sunday, March 11, at Finley's Tap at 2:00 pm, advertised elsewhere in the newsletter. Federation program director, David Miller, works directly with the committee to make it all happen.

The mission of the Federation recognizes the importance of providing educational and cultural programs, and the work of the Education and Culture Committee which incorporates the wisdom of Avraham Infeld's emphasis on the richness of Jewish culture, as one of the many ways of being part of the Jewish people.

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4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER



SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

5:30 pm

TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM

Adults: \$36 (Ages 13+) Pre-Adults \$15 (Ages 4-12)

Children: Free (Ages 0-3)

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16 (Per Maldaner's)

Late Reservations \$5 pp surcharge

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MAZEL TOV

Genie Melamed, a senior at the University of Illinois in Champaign, on being named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List. Genie is the daughter of Caleb and Selma Melamed.

Jake & Amber Hurwitz, on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Katherine, on December 22, 2017.

Henry & Kelly Hurwitz, on the birth of their daughter, Lola Lynne, on January 11, 2018.

Dale & Jennifer Cherrick, on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rose, on February 19.

Isaac Abramowitz, son of Joel and Joni Abramowitz, on his engagement to Taylor Mandel.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

David Brodsky will be one of the featured artists in the exhibition "Ambience." A reception will be held on, Friday, March 9 from 5 - 8 PM. where the artists will talk about their work in the gallery at 5:45. The public is invited to attend this free reception.

Ambience will be on display March 9 through May 3 at the SAA. For more information, call (217) 544-2787 or visit www.springfieldart.org.

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