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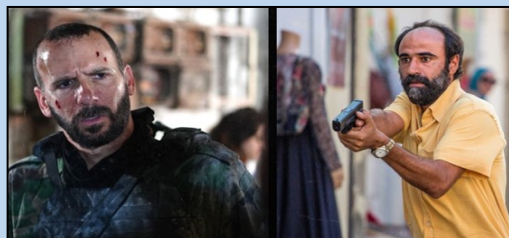
EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7th at 3:00 pm



RSVP by Friday, March 5

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SALON2021

Great ideas. Shared.

“Lifeline”

MONDAY, MARCH 15th

7:00-8:00 pm

Via ZOOM

The first in a series of
campaign events,
different than ever before.

Together, we will explore
special topics, each
with lots to talk about.

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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, March 7, 3 pm—Education & Culture Fauda Program

Tuesday, March 9, 2 pm —Federation Chaverim

Monday, March 15, 7 pm—Federation Campaign Salon Event “Lifeline”

Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 am—Federation Knosh & Knowledge



Arden Lang
Federation President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are fortunate. Our Federation community is full of talented, committed, and hardworking members. Among you are parents, grandparents, children, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Some of you work. You may be entrepreneurs, employees or employers. You may be a trained professional, a homemaker, or a retiree. You may be artistic by nature. You may have a passion for the visual arts, or follow musical pursuits. Perhaps your mind takes on a scientific or technical bent. Do you enjoy daydreaming, exercising, cooking and baking, playing mental games, or doing physical activity? How many of you spend your time reading, watching TV, or using your computer, phone, or tablet? Do you meditate? Are you consumed by politics or do you shun partisanship? Do you go to school or teach? Do you spend your free time learning whatever you can?

If you've read all the way through the opening paragraph, you probably answered "yes" to quite a few of the possibilities posed by those questions. Yes, you, as a member of our Jewish community, are multifaceted. Yes, you are talented, committed, and hardworking. You are also generous of spirit. Thank you.

I ask you to consider sharing your talents, abilities, and time. In March of each year, our Board of Directors nominates members of our community to serve on the Federation board. Please let Nancy Sage or me know if you have an interest in board service. Also, please consider volunteering with Federation. While the past year has been abnormal to say the least, we anticipate the need for increased volunteerism, especially beginning in the third quarter of this year. There is a spot on the Board or as a volunteer that matches your interests and talents. Join us.



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CHAVERIM AND KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Chaverim

Please join your *Chaverim* friends as we get together by telephone to visit with each other and talk about the rituals and traditions for celebrating



PASSOVER

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

To join in the conversation, Dial: 1-209-399-9672

RSVP by Friday, March 5, to Betsy Salus

(217) 787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

If the Jewish Federation can assist you in any way, if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to speak with us for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Sage, Executive Director at (217) 787-7223, ext. 12.

All calls are confidential and your privacy will be respected.



Knosh & Knowledge

KATHRYN HARRIS

Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.

Via Zoom on your phone, tablet
or computer



Please join us for Knosh & Knowledge when **Kathryn Harris**, “Illinois’ First Lady of History” will tell us about her passion for sharing history and her experiences bringing to life important African American women whose contributions too often fail to receive the recognition they deserve. Kathryn Harris, a retired librarian, served as Director of Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. She has been involved with many organizations, including the Illinois Library Association, Springfield and Central Illinois African-American History Museum, Illinois Humanities Council, Springfield’s Mayor’s Study Circle on Race, and the Abraham Lincoln Association, where she was the first African-American and first female president. Kathryn is the recipient of the 2020 Springfield First Citizen Award.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by March 29, to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or (217) 787-7223, ext. 18.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	2	3 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	4 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	5 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	6 9:30 am TI Service
7 9:30 am Chabad Tefillin Club 10:15 am Religious School 12 pm Fed. P2G Virtual Tour Ft. Wayne 3 pm Fed. Educ. & Culture Fauda Program	8	9 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club TI S'Hd Exec. Comm. Mtg 2 pm Fed. Chaverim	10 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	11 7 pm TI Adult Ed	12 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	13 9:30 am TI Service 4 pm TBS Zoom Schmooze
14 10:15 am Religious School 12 pm Fed. P2G Rosh Chodesh 1:15 pm TBS S'Hd Mtg 2 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Mtg	15 7 pm Fed. Campaign Salon Event—Lifeline	16 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Meeting	17 TI S'Hd Activity TBD	18 7:30 pm Chabad Pre-Passover Seder	19 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	20 9:30 am TI Service 11 am TBS Bat Mitzvah
21 10:15 am Religious School	22	23 7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	24 6:30 pm Hadassah Mtg	25 7 pm TI Adult Ed	26 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	27 9:30 am TI Service Erev Passover
28 First Day of Passover	29 Second Day of Passover Federation Closed	30	31 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed Exec Committee Mtg			



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SUMMER CAMPS

Summers at overnight camps are packed with a wide range of fun activities—aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball and soccer, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking, and much more! Campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had.

Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Spirited and dynamic staff members use experiential learning to reveal what makes Jewish religion and culture unique in today's world. At camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance



Federation has camperships available. Contact us at sjf@shalomspringfield.org for an application.

Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1,000 this summer!. There is a perfect camp out there for your child. With over 160 traditional and specialty programs to choose from, there is a perfect camp out there for child. Learn more about **One Happy Camper grants**, whether you're eligible, and how to apply www.onehappycamper.org.



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Daniel and Konforty will share their experiences on sacrifice, friendship, devotion, fear and near death experiences. You will gain an intimate insight into how they have overcome struggles early in their lives and how through hard work, persistence and faith they eventually turned their dreams into reality.

Sunday, March 7th

1:00pm (PST) 2:00pm (MST)

3:00pm (CST) 4:00pm (EST)



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JEWISH TOGETHER



FORWARD FOCUS

A 4-Part Series Exploring
Religious Diversity in Israel

MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11 AM

Allowing Israelis to practice Judaism however they feel most comfortable is becoming an increasingly important conversation. The desire to hold weddings and bar mitzvahs, lead classrooms, or celebrate holidays within the Jewish framework, but outside traditional norms, is becoming more prevalent.

In support of the evolving face of Judaism in Israel, Forward Focus has asked experts, religious leaders, and changemakers to join us for a four-part educational conversation that will explore topics like:

- ◆ The power balance between religion and state
- ◆ The evolution of lifecycle events in Israel
- ◆ Shabbat programming and religious freedom
 - ◆ LGBTQ community and Judaism
 - ◆ How philanthropy is powering change

REGISTER AT <https://www.jewishtgether.org/ForwardFocus>

JCRC NEW INITIATIVES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

REENTRY TWO

By Jim Lewis

I ended last month's article about reentry (please read it) with these facts and this question: Fact: too many people went to prison, during decades of "mass incarceration." Fact: people will of course return from prison. Question: when people return and reenter the community, will they succeed--or fail?

The New Initiatives Committee—Criminal Justice Reform of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is exploring how we can be engaged in the re-entry process, to assist those who return from prison in successfully integrating into the community. Likely, this would involve community education and becoming part of a project that would work with people released from prison. New Initiative Committee members are educating themselves and listening to probation/parole officers and arranged for the reentry coordinator from the nearest federal prison (FCI Pekin) to describe the challenges related to re-entry at the February JCRC meeting. The Committee is also preparing a program which would feature a person who has lived the imprisonment experience and now works to strengthen opportunity after prison. We hope that this will start a fuller series of community discussions, involving others who have lived the imprisonment experience, to increase understanding and (we hope) help from businesses, service organizations, faith communities and others. JCRC will work with others to make these fuller discussions happen.

We are investigating ways to help direct service organizations working with people just released from prisons. Yes, JCRC doesn't offer these direct services, but we can surely offer some strategic help to service organizations.

Why? Because we all understand the consequences of success--and failure--for the individual, the family, the children, the neighborhood, the entire community. Success improves, even saves lives; failure damages, even costs lives. We want--we need--much more success, much less failure, much less reimprisonment.

I understand imprisonment. I've been jailed (three times, as a civil rights worker in Mississippi). I started the Mississippi Prison Project, I've helped several wrongly convicted people get out of prison, and so has your Federation President (and my wife) Arden Lang. I've also helped (as United States Attorney) to send people to prison--when this form of accountability becomes genuinely necessary. I've been to FCI Pekin several times to talk and work with individuals and groups, to encourage their successful return to their community; the prison has many programs to support their successful return.

The New Initiatives Committee will keep you apprised of our progress as we discover what JCRC and our community can do to help people when they return from imprisonment to our community. Let's be part of success for people.



2021 Annual Campaign

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Your gift will be published in our Annual Report

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- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

CAMPAIGN

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Great ideas. Shared.

“Lifeline”

Monday, March 15, 2021
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Featuring

David Butler, Chair, Jewish Federations of North America,
Israel and Overseas Committee (JFNA)

Sandy Katz, Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

Shaylee Cioban, The Jewish Agency

We are a global family. What we do together has real impact on our fellow Jews, some of whom are greatly imperiled by poverty, food insecurity, religious persecution and now a deadly pandemic. We are their lifeline.

Join the conversation and learn what you need to know and what you can do to help.

RSVP by Friday, March 12 to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or 217-787-7223 ext.18.

***Salon2021** is a series of campaign events that will delve more deeply into topics with Federation connection and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas. We hope to see you at one or more of the salons. Future **Salon2021** topics include:*

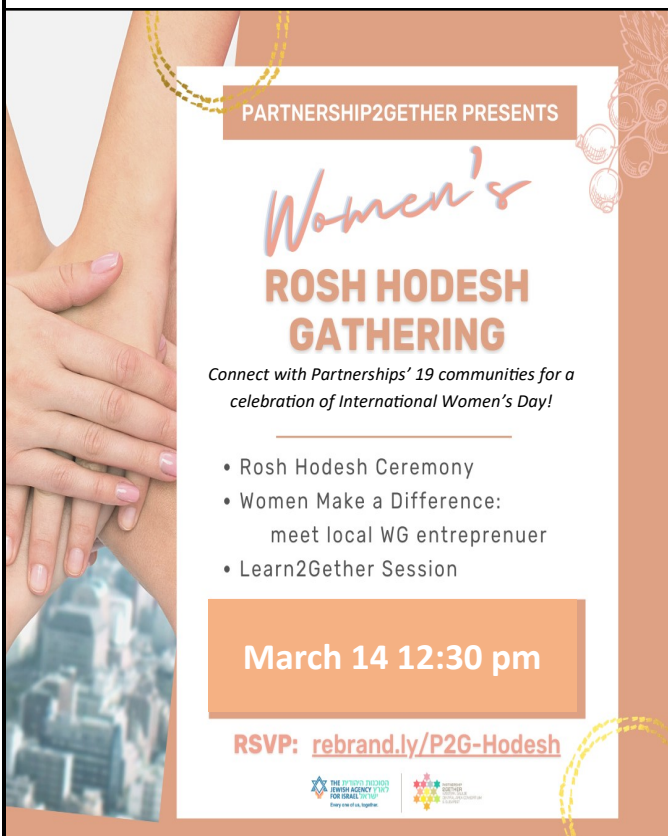
***Partnership2GETHER** (April 6), **Community, Rosenwald**, and **At Home in Israel**.*

It is only because of you and your generosity that we can do what we do.

Campaign Committee:

Cary Israel, Arden Lang, Susan Nightingale, Barry Seidman, Bob Silverman

Partnership2GETHER



PARTNERSHIP2GETHER PRESENTS


Women's ROSH HODESH GATHERING

Connect with Partnerships' 19 communities for a celebration of International Women's Day!

- Rosh Hodesh Ceremony
- Women Make a Difference: meet local WG entrepreneur
- Learn2Gether Session

March 14 12:30 pm

RSVP: rebrand.ly/P2G-Hodesh



Virtual Tour of Fort Wayne

Get to know Fort Wayne's Jewish Community and hear first hand about the local craft beer industry from Micah Soltz of Chapman's Brewing Company.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, at 12 pm VIA ZOOM




APRIL 8TH

9:30 AM

Israeli Holocaust Remembrance Day Closing Ceremony

Live from the Ghetto Fighters House



BOOKCLUB

May 2nd 1:00 pm ET
20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest



DARA HORN

Discussing her book about

A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED



Partnership2GETHER

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER

By Harry Berman, Chair

Members of the Springfield Jewish community found two recent Partnership activities especially meaningful.

On January 24, Vera Herst, Linda Morrison, Sharon Snyder, Lois Rakov, and Nancy Sage participated in the first Partnership Rosh Hodesh celebration, along with women from the other 15 U.S. Partnership2Gether communities, Budapest, and the Western Galilee. Rosh Hodesh means the Head of the Month, just as Rosh HaShana means the Head of the Year. Early in Jewish history Rosh Hodesh became associated with women. In recent years, many women have developed Rosh Hodesh groups, which commemorate and celebrate the new month together.

The participants in the Partnership Rosh Hodesh celebration really enjoyed the event, which included small group discussion, a tour of a woman-owned Western Gallilee dried fruit business, and an introduction to the work of Israeli poet Nathan Zach. Lois Rakov mentioned that meeting women from different backgrounds was rewarding and that she would like to talk with them again. Linda Morrison appreciated the small group discussions which touched on the topic of “what makes us feel rooted and what brings light into our lives.” She noted that she will gladly sign up for more of these sessions. Similarly, Vera Herst commented that “it was wonderful to be able to Zoom with women from all these different places.” The next Rosh Hodesh event is scheduled for Sunday, March 14, at 12:30 pm. Consult the weekly SJF email for details.

On February 7, the Partnership Book Club met virtually to discuss the novel *The Pigeon and the Boy* by Meir Shalev. Springfield participants were Judy Zaleski, Linda Morrison, Barbara Seidman, Betsy Salus, Vera Herst, and Harry Berman. I think it’s fair say that we all found this book to be an excellent selection that told a powerful story. The novel is full of memorable characters, beautiful writing, insights about love and marriage, and the exploration of feelings about home. As Judy Zaleski put it, “this book made me reflect about my own choices regarding the meaning of home and the importance of family and love, including my personal choices that reflect back on the decades of my life and the meaning of my thoughts on the circle of life. This book helped me to reiterate how grateful I am for all that I have.” Linda and Betsy commented that they found the discussion “interesting” and “illuminating.” For Barbara, the book and the discussion led to reflections about the places we call home. Of course, any Jewish discussion about home, leads to thoughts about Israel as the Jewish homeland and the meaning of Israel for diaspora Jews. All in all, this was another in a series of excellent book group selections and discussions. The next Partnership Book Group meeting will be on Sunday, May 2, at 12:00 p.m. The book is Dara Horn’s *Guide for the Perplexed*.

SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage
Federation Execu-

I believe this past year is a testament to “necessity is the mother of invention.” Serving our community is what we do; it is what drives us and inspires us. To continue to fulfill that mission during the times of COVID-19, we’ve have had to transform how we do things as has everyone, intentionally or inadvertently. Some of the changes, I am sure, will remain with us; others, I will be pleased to leave behind. I will look forward to being at the office with my colleagues rather than working together remotely from different locations. Yes, Zoom has been extremely helpful, and in ways, easier, especially when contending with snow and ice, but it is not the same. I am also very aware that not everyone has access or wants to “Zoom.”

Federation committees quickly pivoted. Education and Culture hit the ground running by partnering with Temple B’rith Sholom and Temple Israel to sponsor our all-community pre-Seder cooking demonstration with David Radwine and mini-Seder. The committee creates programs and joins with other federations to present programs that educate and entertain such as “Conversation with Howard Reich on Elie Weisel,” “Influence of Chicago Jewish Architects,” and “Conversations with Fauda Stars,” just to name a few. While field trips are on hold, Knosh & Knowledge continues to host speakers focused on local topics of interest. The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) partnered with Boys & Girls Club to continue JCRC’s Healthy Foods Distribution, though differently; held six candidate forums; kept us informed about issues of the day; and addressed the threat of anti-Semitism.

Have you, perchance, noticed something different about Campaign, Federation’s annual fundraising drive? You haven’t heard anything about it . . . until now.

We’ve made several changes to campaign. In the past, we started Campaign in the fall of prior year, and the funds raised became the basis of the following year’s budget. Confusing? Yes. This year, Campaign 2021 will actually take place in 2021. What will not change is that funds raised from Campaign 2021 will be the basis for the 2022 budget. We always kicked off campaign with a large community event featuring a special speaker. This year is different, with special thanks to the talents and creativity of the Campaign Committee: Cary Israel, Arden Lang, Susan Nightingale, Barry Seidman, and Bob Silverman. Here is what is happening:

Salon2021 **Great Ideas. Shared.**

The Campaign Committee thought a more participatory and intimate salon-style get together for an hour would be much more befitting, than a large event, even via Zoom. The salons are designed to be engaging, conducive to a deeper dive, and welcoming to your questions and comments. We will host several salons over the next few months. Each salon will focus on a different topic of interest, impact, importance, and Federation connection and will feature special guests with knowledge and experience about the topic. Topics will cover the lifesaving and life changing work of our partners overseas, the plans and next steps for the Rosenwald National Park, making a difference in Springfield, connecting through Partnership2GETHER, and Israel through a special lens. We hope you will join us for at least one Salon, and you are certainly invited to them all.

What has not changed and will always remain the same is that you make possible everything that Federation does and for that we are grateful.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Gavriel Savit-Woods, who received the National Jewish Book Council 2021 Young Adult Award for his novel "The Way Back."

Henya Sandhaus and Aharon Ives, on the birth of their new baby boy, Eitan Ezra Ives-Sandhaus.

Bob Roth, on being recently appointed by the Director of Veterans Affairs as ex officio member to the Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission. The Commission promotes and provides guidance on Holocaust and Genocide education and commemoration across the State.

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

February Chaverim: Rabbi Datz, Arden Lang and Barb Rabin.

Merle Shiffman and Karen Westbrook for their presentation to SHG World Religion Class.

TEXAS DISASTER RELIEF

We have written many times about the extraordinary ability of Federations to respond to crises of all kinds. Unfortunately, today is yet another example.

Still reeling from the impact of a global health pandemic, Texas was dealt a terrible blow with last week's winter storm. Freezing temperatures and a lack of power have wreaked havoc across the state. The toll of this disaster is still taking shape. According to press reports at the end of last week, nearly 500,000 homes and businesses remained without power, with large swaths of the state's grid down. Hospitals are running out of water. Some 7 million residents are under a boil-water advisory. At least 30 deaths linked to the storm have been reported. Residents are burning furniture to stay warm.

Federations have responded with swift action. Mariam Shpeen Feist, President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, said "we were built for times like this," and we could not agree more.

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has been in close touch with all of the Texas Federations - Dallas, Shalom Austin, the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth & Tarrant County, the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, as well as the smaller Network communities in Brownsville, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, Galveston, McAllen, Tyler and Waco. Where there is need, they have supplied warm blankets, bottled water and plumbing assistance.

JFNA's Emergency Committee, a volunteer body that allocates emergency funds contributed by the community to address disaster relief, opened a national mailbox to ensure that additional contributions flow to communities throughout Texas and elsewhere hit by the freezing weather, allowing them to get through the immediate emergency and rebuild from this disaster.

[Texas Disaster Relief Fund - National Mailbox](https://form.jotform.com/210493421444954) (https://form.jotform.com/210493421444954)

Thank you for your care and concern for those whose lives have been affected.



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