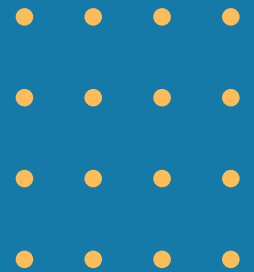


JEWISH FEDERATION
OF SPRINGFIELD



ANNUAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

GUEST SPEAKERS:



Ken Scarlette
Springfield Chief
of Police



Andrew Dodd
Deputy Chief of
Field Operations

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
7:00 PM

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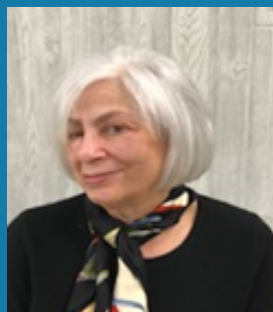
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MESSAGE

From the President



Arden Lang



The past two years have taught me many things. Among them is that we humans must be adaptable. Two years ago, when I took office, I was hunkered down inside my house. Jim and I abandoned our routines several years in the making. We abandoned our morning trips to the gym. We gave up our post-gym breakfast ritual of stopping at one of our local haunts – DJ’s or Charlie Parkers. We did not venture in stores, relying instead on essential workers to deliver the groceries we ordered online. I cooked and baked at a fever pitch. The only contact we made beyond our pod of two was via zoom, text, email, or phone. We adapted.

Federation, too, adapted in ways never previously imagined. We relied on zoom technology to connect us to people throughout the world. Springfield native Raya Seidman described for us what she was experiencing by going to graduate school in Israel. We were able to hear first-hand about efforts to reconstitute the Jewish community in Budapest. We heard updates from JFNA, JDC and JAFI about events in United States and Israel. We were kept up to date on the resettling of Ethiopian Jews. The famed journalist Tom Friedman gave us an erudite and compelling argument for continuing the two-state solution peace process. More recently, Federation has disseminated timely updates about our humanitarian efforts made necessary by the war in Ukraine and Federation’s to fight new and virulent antisemitism and its potential for violence. Yes, I’m proud to say we’ve adapted well.

Yet, we all yearn for whatever normalcy will allow us to be an in-person community – to worship together, to laugh together, to commiserate together, and to continue to be as one. In the next year, under the leadership of our new Federation President, Bob Silverman, and our new first Vice President, Karen Westbrook, and with the continued leadership from our Treasurer, Fred Benson, and our Secretary, Andrew Boyer, along with a stellar Board of Directors, I know that Federation will continue to support Jews here, in Israel, and abroad. Your generosity and grace in these troubled times teaches us that our community is strong.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President over the past two years,

Arden Lang

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Your generosity to Jewish Federation of Springfield Emergency Campaign, combined with all the Federations across North America, has raised over 54 million dollars. Thus far, JFNA has allocated funds to the following organizations:

The Jewish Agency for Israel: The Jewish Agency is providing Ukrainian Jews with food, supplies, transport and shelter to facilitate their safe passage by land out of Ukraine. It is enabling the rapid approval of Aliyah for those who choose to move to Israel and provides temporary housing until they receive approvals, at which point they are flown to Israel. The Jewish Agency hotline has received more than 40,000 calls from Jews in the region and their families in Israel. The Jewish Agency is also helping increase security for dozens of local Jewish organizations in Ukraine.



The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC): JDC's Hesed system continues to support 21,000 elderly Jews and other members of the community by providing food, medicines, and social support. JDC is arranging transport to safe locations, is deployed to welcome Jewish refugees at numerous border crossings and is housing and providing material and social support for thousands of displaced Jews within Ukraine and the neighboring countries. JDC is also supporting local Jewish organizations in Ukraine and ensuring that they can continue to serve the Jewish community in their hour of need. In addition, JDC is providing technical support to the Ukrainian health system.



World ORT: World ORT is supporting the staff, students and families of its six Ukrainian schools who have remained in Ukraine, providing cash, food and medicines for those sheltering in place. ORT is also assisting refugees through ORT schools in surrounding countries.



Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO): HMO is providing medical equipment to the Ukraine health system. It has also sent medical delegations to the Medical University of Lublin who have provided training in dealing with mass casualties and trauma.

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS): HIAS is working through its partner organization in Ukraine, Right to Protect, with a focus on serving the most vulnerable Ukrainian refugees, especially women, girls, the elderly and families. It is providing training and technical support; and cash assistance for accommodation, transportation and the purchase of basic needs.

The Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC): ITC is using its extensive global experience to train Jewish and non-Jewish personnel in Ukraine and the surrounding countries on how to assist those affected by the conflict, many of whom are suffering from severe psychological trauma. ITC is also providing direct care to Ukrainian olim and the families of Ukrainians living in Israel.



Hillel International: Hillel International is hosting and providing support to Ukrainian Hillel students and other Jewish refugees in the Hillel Centers in the surrounding countries.

United Hatzalah: United Hatzalah is providing emergency medical services and other relief to refugees as they cross out of Ukraine and into Moldova.

Chabad: Through the Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS, the extensive Chabad network is providing food, medicines and safe shelter to Ukrainian Jews who are sheltering in place. Chabad is also facilitating the safe passage of those who choose to leave their homes and arranging housing for them upon arrival in the neighboring countries.



Nefesh B'Nefesh: In partnership with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Nefesh B'Nefesh is providing tailored support to Ukrainian lone soldiers serving in the IDF and supporting the families of Ukrainian lone soldiers who make Aliyah.

Shma Yisrael: Arranging transportation and safe housing away from the conflict for students of the three Ukrainian schools in the Shma Yisrael school system.

JFNA Professional Volunteer Initiative: JFNA is identifying and recruiting skilled Russian-speaking Jewish professionals who are willing to volunteer in the countries neighboring Ukraine to assist the refugee assistance work of our partners.



Project Keshet is leveraging its decades of work in Ukraine to facilitate the evacuation of Ukrainian women and children and to help them to receive support in host communities. Project Keshet alumni are providing country appropriate advice and micro-grants to those who are most vulnerable.

JCC Krakow is helping thousands of Ukrainian refugees. The JCC is housing refugees; providing day care; collecting and distributing humanitarian supplies and medicines in Poland and Ukraine; helping evacuate refugees and arranging transport onwards; and facilitating psychological support.

The Jewish Community Vienna has set up an initial refugee reception center to provide temporary housing and other services. It is also providing longer term housing, food and financial assistance and medical and psychological care for Jewish refugees.



The Emergency Volunteer Project will be using its fleet of mobile kitchens to deliver hot meals to Ukrainian refugees who are being hosted by Israeli families. Meals are prepared and delivered by Israeli and American volunteers.

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

Knosh & Knowledge

WED., MAY 25, 2022 9:30-10:30 AM
VIA ZOOM PRESENTATION

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Chris Richmond & Polly Poskin



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JCRC HEALTHY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to those who helped at the April JCRC Healthy Foods Distribution:

Ralph Loewenstein (Chair), Cary Israel, Rick Griminger (Volunteer Coordinator), Rabbi Barry Marks, Mark Rabin, Steve Rambach, Bon Roth, Sharon Snyder, Lisa Stone and Stephen Stone.

If you would like to be a Healthy Foods Distribution volunteer at the June 10th distribution or at future distributions, please email sjf@shalomspringfield.org.



Jewish Community Relations Council Healthy Foods Distribution

Friday, June 10, 2022

11:30 am (while supplies last)

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Susan Mogerman, from Matteo Signorino

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Howard Chodash, on his birthday, from Jay & Carol Kitterman

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Joseph Zuraski, from Alan & Harriet Josephson

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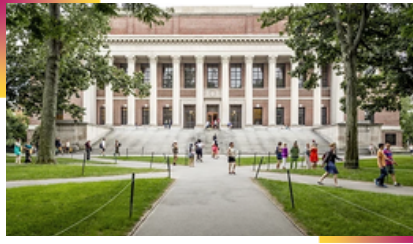
In Memory of:

Joseph Zuraski, from the Westbrook Family

PJ Library

In Memory of:

Delores Rothschild, from the Westbrook Family



Partnership University -
The plight of deserted Jewish women
(Agunot), 1851-1900
May 15,
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT
Zoom



P2G Film Club
May 22,
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CDT
Zoom

Partnership 2GETHER

More than a year of planning by the Partnership Medical Committee culminated on Sunday, March 20 with the presentation of the seminar Mastering Tough Conversations about End-of-Life Issues. The seminar was attended by 24 physicians from US partnership communities, Hungary, and the Western Galilee Medical Center. The facilitator, Dr. Jonathan Fischer, provided participants with state-of-the-art thinking about how to conduct authentic conversations with patients who are at serious risk of mortality. By means of zoom breakout sessions, participants had the opportunity to briefly practice the communication skills Dr. Fischer had outlined. I greatly appreciated the participation of Dr. Stone and Dr. Chodash in this event.

By the time you read this, Pesach will have come and gone. Each year, of course, at the end of the seder we say “Next Year In Jerusalem.” The relationships developed through Partnership2Gether alter my feeling about that phrase. In the days leading up to the holiday, Passover greetings were flying to and from Israel among US Partnership participants and our friends in the Western Galilee. Whether or not we actually will be in Jerusalem next year, the feeling of closeness with our friends in Israel runs strong.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair

If the Federation can assist you in any way, if you have questions or concerns, or are in need of financial or social service assistance, please contact Nancy Sage, Executive Director, at (217)787-7223, ext. 12. All calls are confidential, and your privacy will be respected.

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

I would like to express my thanks to those of you who, early in the morning of Friday, April 1st, alerted me to antisemitic, racist, and anti-LGBTQ postings on the internet by a now former Springfield Police Department officer. When I had the opportunity to read these crude and vile outpourings of bigotry, I was disturbed and shocked. I hope that I never have the occasion to write a column like this again, but it is important for me to reassure our

Jewish community that we do have procedures for dealing with such situations and to share with you the steps that we took

Normally, when confronting antisemitism and threats to our community's security, I would begin by calling the police. Since, in this instance a police officer was involved, I made my first call to SCN (Secure Community Network), the official homeland security and safety initiative of the organized Jewish community in North America, to seek their counsel. I was advised by SCN to go ahead and contact the Springfield Police Department (SPD) and also to inform our Jewish community of the incident. I then proceeded to brief our Federation Response team, consisting of Federation President Arden Lang, JCRC President Bob Roth, Rabbi Lynn Goldstein, and Rabbi Arthur Stern in addition to myself, letting them know of the incident and asking them to make themselves available for a meeting later in the day.

I then spoke with Deputy Chief Andrew Dodd of the SPD, who has been our Jewish community's contact at the Department since last summer and was recently promoted to his current position. He has always been responsive to our concerns and has gone beyond the call of duty in his dealings with us. Deputy Chief Dodd indicated to me that the officer in question had been placed on unpaid administrative leave, and that the Department had taken away his badge, uniform, gun, computer and Department-issued cell phone. He also informed me that the Police Department would be issuing a press release on the incident, which I asked to see, so that I could include it with the statement Federation would be making to our community.

I contacted the local office of the FBI, called back SCN to thank them for their assistance, and convened the Response Team in order to create our statement, which was sent out to the community on Friday afternoon. I also contacted Sangamon County States Attorney Dan Wright, with whom I spoke over the course of the weekend.

A chance encounter with Teresa Haley of Springfield NAACP led to a discussion of the incident. She recalled how the NAACP and the Jewish Federation movement had been allies in the struggle for civil rights and the fight against bigotry and discrimination. Our organizations, along with other



SAGE NOTES

groups in the community began working on a community unity summit, at which we would have an opportunity to hear from States Attorney Wright, U.S. Attorney Greg Harris, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, and Police Chief Ken Scarlette. We would have a chance to listen to their statements, understand the reach of their authority, and hear what their intentions were regarding the recent incident, and they would be able to hear and respond to the concerns of the community. The summit took place at Springfield Southeast High School on Wednesday evening, April 13th.

I would like to note that our Jewish community has enjoyed a good relationship with the Springfield Police Department. After the hostage situation at a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, the SPD met with our Jewish community's facilities team. We arranged for Commander Behl of the SPD to conduct a walkthrough at the Chabad Center, Chabad House, Temple B'rith Sholom, and Temple Israel, to familiarize himself with the buildings and provided recommendations as to provide how they could be made more secure.

On a national level, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has launched the LiveSecure initiative, which has raised \$54 million to date. The purpose of the initiative is to assure that every Jewish community has a local security initiative in place, that every community will have access to either a local Community Security Director or a Regional Security Advisor to assess their security needs and provide recommendations, and that support will be provided to local communities and Jewish institutions to assist them in accessing Federal and state security grants.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Pat Chesley, our Federation Security Community Committee Chair. Pat's insight and knowledge from his experience as anti-terrorism coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's office in the Central District of Illinois and his leadership and dedication to our safety and security are an invaluable asset to our community.

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.

Community

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Harry Berman, for being honored at the P2G Volunteer Recognition Program for his outstanding leadership for the P2G program for physicians hosted by the Medical Committee

Jim Lewis & Arden Lang, on the birth of their grandson, Miles Henry Lewis-Thompson.

Parents are Kate & Drew Lewis-Thompson

Dr. Rachel Odin, on her graduation from medical school. She is the daughter of Dr. Lanny and Diana Odin.

Bernie Schoenburg, on being inducted into the Illini Media Hall of Fame at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



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Springfield High School

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Ruby Phillips-Levin

Chatham Glenwood

Julia Cox

Auburn High School

Anna Pekay

Zoe Pekay

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