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**The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois**

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## **2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**at Temple B'rith Sholom  
(1004 South Fourth St)**

**Deli Dinner with all the trimmings**

**Sides, Dessert and Beverage included -  
(Catered by Kohn's in St. Louis)**

**\$12.00 per person**

**Such a Deal!**

**Reservations by Wednesday, May 10th**

**Dinner choice of Kosher Corned Beef on Rye, Kosher Pastrami on Rye,  
Veggie Sandwich. All selections are also available as gluten free.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recently, my bulletin articles have centered on why it is so important for our community to focus on our mission as a Jewish Federation as opposed to issues which may pull us in different directions. The work we do locally, nationally, and internationally is too important to risk creating divisions within our community. I know many if not most of us have a general or even detailed awareness of the many areas that are touched by Federation. But it is still important occasionally to have a reminder. With this in mind, this month I want to take excerpts from a bulletin some of you already may have received. It was from a Passover message sent by Jerry Silverman, the President and CEO of Jewish Federations of North America. Jerry Silverman wrote:

There is a lot going on behind the scenes in today's global Jewish community. A perfect example of this is the situation in Ukraine. What started as a political crisis in November 2013 has evolved into armed conflict and near-humanitarian catastrophe in eastern Ukraine. As social and economic conditions in the country continue to deteriorate, every aspect of daily life is affected.

The estimated 200,000 Jews of Ukraine – the world's fifth largest Jewish population – are not immune. They face a crumbling economy, terrifying realities of ongoing conflict, political instability, ethnic tensions, AND anti-Semitism.

And so, as is our mission, we are working together with our partners – the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), The Jewish Agency for Israel, and others – to care for our family in Ukraine. Much of this work takes place behind the scenes, where we can be more effective on a personal, human level. It is critical, nonetheless, that we understand what is taking place.

Our system's work in Ukraine addresses real and immediate human needs.

- . The Jewish Agency's Mayak Center for Displaced Persons has served close to 2000 people since it opened its doors in the summer of 2014.
- . Over 5800 immigrants from Ukraine have received assistance from The Jewish Agency's services.
- . Local populations have received assistance with security needs, Jewish continuity and communal programs.
- . Over 6500 people have been directly helped through JDC's assistance programs in Ukraine. All while our agencies provide food, medication, and homecare services on a monthly basis to 4500 people living within the conflict zone.
- . Our agencies are also there to help formerly displaced people return to their homes or resettle in new locations.

Much of the work Federation does necessarily takes place out of public view. This is the unique power we have as a community, and why I feel strongly about focusing on our mission. What we do is too important. As you can see, what we accomplish here in Springfield has impact all over the world.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

*The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield Presents:*

## Israel Independence Day



This month Chaverim will celebrate Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha 'Atzmaut) with a short film demonstrating why the State of Israel is important to the Jewish people.

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Join us for Israeli-inspired foods  
\$2.00 per person**

**The Jewish Federation office  
1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320  
(American Red Cross building)**

**Park on the east side where there is a ramp. West door is now kept locked. If you need assistance when you arrive, call us. Let us know if you need a ride: we will pick you up!**

**RSVP by Friday, April 29, to Linda Morrison  
787-7223 x 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

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## KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

There will be no  
Knosh & Knowledge  
In May due to  
Shavuot falling on  
Wednesday, May 31.

Knosh & Knowledge will be back  
in June for a visit to the  
Lincoln Heritage Museum  
in Lincoln.

## NOMINATION REPORT

Fred Benson, Arden Lang,  
Ted LeBlang.....Committee Members

Board members whose terms expire in May of 2017 are:  
**Bob Barewin, Pat Chesley, Jay Mogerman, Anne Morgan, Scott Sabin, Barry Seidman, and Bob Silverman.**

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve three-year terms on the Board: **Bob Barewin, Pat Chesley, Jay Mogerman, Anne Morgan, Scott Sabin, Barry Seidman, and Bob Silverman.**

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve as officers: **Barry Seidman** to serve one year as President, **Pat Chesley** to serve one year as First Vice-President, **Jay Mogerman** to serve one year as Second Vice-President, **Fred Benson** to serve one year as Treasurer, and **Arden Lang** to serve one year as Secretary. **Anne Morgan** will serve as Immediate Past President.



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# MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 12 pm TI Talmud Class 6:15 pm Hadassah	<b>2</b> 10 am Chaverim Party 6 pm JCRC Battle for Israel's Soul @ TI	<b>3</b> 4:45 pm Last Hebrew No Fed. Bd. Mtg.	<b>4</b> T/7 pm TBS & TI Adult Ed 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	<b>6</b> 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
<b>7</b> 10:15 am Last Religious School	<b>8</b> 12 pm TI Talmud Class	<b>9</b> 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	<b>10</b> 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	<b>11</b> T/7 pm TBS & TI Adult Ed	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat, S'Hd Installation & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat & S'Hd Installation	<b>13</b> 9 am TI Service
<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b> <b>14</b> Mother's Day	<b>15</b> 12 pm TI Talmud Class JCRC Mtg	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Fed. Annual Mtg @ TBS No SBJE Bd Mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> TI S'Hd Mtg—Taste & Tell	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	<b>20</b> 9 am TI Service 8:30 —12:30 pm JCRC Food Truck @ TBS
<b>21</b> 10 am TBS Annual Mtg T/4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	<b>22</b> 12 pm TI Talmud Class	<b>23</b> 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Hadassah Donor @ Inn at 835	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	<b>27</b> 9 am TI Service Pasman Bat Mitzvah @ TI
<b>28</b>	 <b>29</b> Memorial Day Office Closed	<b>30</b> Erev Shavuot Study Sessions	 <b>31</b> 11 am TBS Yizkor Shavuot Office Closed			
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## **JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** By Ralph Loewenstein

As all of you no doubt know, the third annual mobile food pantry will be held in the parking lot of Temple B'rith Sholom on Saturday, May 20 between the hours of 9 a.m. and approximately noon. What you may not know, is the need in our community for food supplements and the wide spread problem of food insufficiency. Last year we served almost 150 families who came, and in some cases, waited hours for our food distribution. The people we served were of different races and ethnic groups, young and old, some with children and some without. They are our nearby and faraway neighbors. And, all were uniformly grateful for our mobile food pantry.

In order to make the event a success, we still need more volunteers. If you are available for even part of the morning, please contact Jordan Litvak at [jjlitvak@gmail.com](mailto:jjlitvak@gmail.com). Jordan will make assignments that accommodate your availability and any limitations that you might have. I don't know of a single person who worked on the project the prior two years who didn't feel that they got out of it more than they put in.

We are also soliciting full sized and unopened tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and sunscreen for distribution to our patrons. Collection boxes are available at both Temples and the Federation office. For additional information on the toiletry collections and ways to help, please contact Mary Beth Cohen at [marybeth.cohen@comcast.net](mailto:marybeth.cohen@comcast.net).

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the businesses and organizations who have made contributions to the event. This includes Bank of Springfield (financial support), Schnuck's (shopping carts), McQuinn Auto Services, Inc. (flatbed to pick up shopping carts), Siciliano, Inc. (forklift and forklift operator), Target (plastic bags), and genH (fresh produce). In addition, the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple B'rith Sholom sisterhood, Temple Israel, Temple Israel sisterhood, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith provide financial support. It is their generosity that makes this event possible. If you come in contact with any of these businesses or organizations be sure to pass along our thanks.

See you all on May 20 and thank you again for your support.

## **THE JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

**8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**At Temple B'rith Sholom Parking Lot**

***We are collecting toiletries to be given out that day.***

***Please contribute new, full-sized items such as:***

***Shampoo***

***Conditioner***

***Bar/Liquid Soap***

***Sunscreen***

***Body Lotion/Hand Cream***

***Deodorant***

***Toothbrush/Toothpaste***

***Temple Israel, Temple B'rith Sholom and the Federation office have boxes where you may deposit your toiletries or you may call Mary Beth Cohen at 546-3784 for pick up.***

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

***The JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Jewish Community Relations Council, Temple B'rith Sholom, Congregation Temple Israel, TBS Sisterhood, TI Sisterhood, Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Central IL Food Bank.***

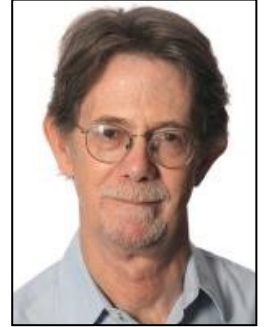
*The Jewish Community Relations Council  
of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois  
is pleased to present*

## **The Battle for Israel's Soul: Right vs. Left**

**Moderated by  
Bernie Schoenburg**



**Jonathan Tobin  
&  
J. J. Goldberg**



**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

**Israel Independence Day - Yom Ha'Atzmaut**

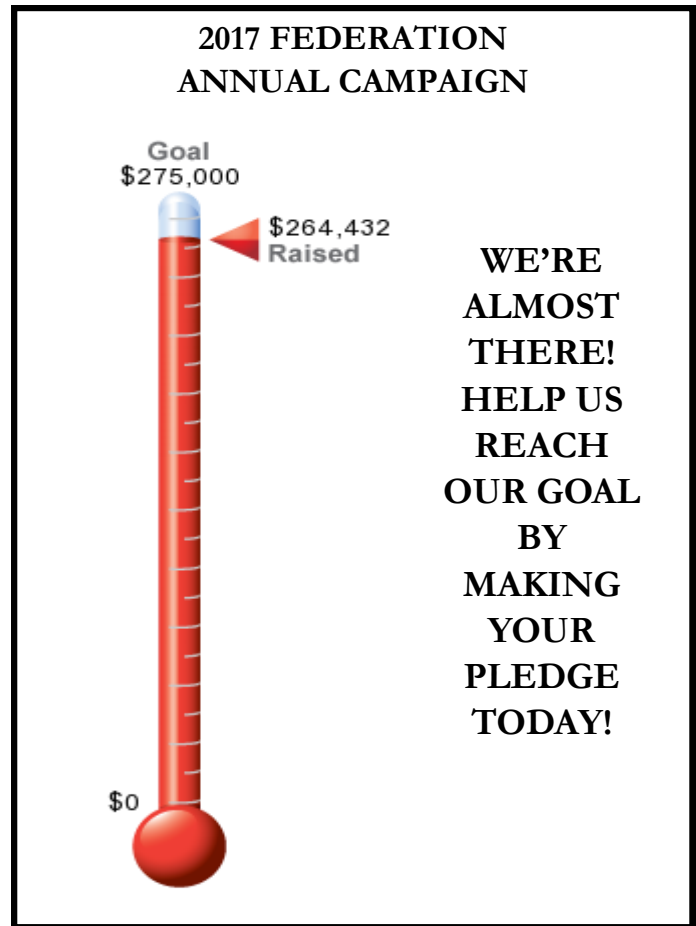
Doors open at 5:45 pm; Program begins at 6:00 pm  
at Temple Israel (1140 Governor Street)

**RSVP to 217-787-7223 x 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

**Jonathan S. Tobin**, contributing writer to the *National Review* and columnist for the *New York Post*, *Israel Hayom* and the *Jewish Week*, and **J.J. Goldberg**, editor-at-large of the *Forward Newspaper* and former U.S. Bureau chief for the Israeli news magazine *The Jerusalem Report*, will debate these and other critical issues concerning the State of Israel.

*To us, the value of this program was not only that it helped us learn about the issues but also that we saw JJ and Jonathan model civil, heartfelt and passionate debate about Israel. That kind of respectful communication over disagreements is rare and was refreshing. — Hannah Rosenthal, Chief Executive Officer / President, Milwaukee Jewish Federation*

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***FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (JCRC)***

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 6 P.M.**

Nationally, and here in Springfield, the Jewish Community does not always agree on the pressing policy matters, including issues impacting Israel. We know that with especially complex issues, reasonable minds can differ, but that considering various points of view only enhances our decision-making and our respect for each other. So with that in mind, we are extremely excited that JCRC has arranged for two nationally renowned journalists, J. J. Goldberg and Jonathan S. Tobin, to have a lively and spirited debate:

**“Left vs Right: The Battle for Israel’s Soul”**

Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Tobin will be tackling such timely and thorny issues as: What lies ahead for U.S.-Israel relations? What impact might this have on the peace process, and how should American Jews feel about it? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel’s survival – or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel’s survival?

Expressing the view from the Left, will be J.J. Goldberg, editor at large and senior commentator at the *Jewish Daily Forward*. He was the Forward’s editor in chief from 2000 to 2007. In the past he has served as U.S. bureau chief of *The Jerusalem Report* and managing editor of the New York Jewish Week. His books include *“Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment”*, as well as *“Builders and Dreamers,”* a history of Labor Zionism in America.

Expressing the view from the Right will be Jonathan S. Tobin, the award-winning contributing writer for *National Review*, the nations’ pre-eminent conservative magazine of opinion and ideas. He is also a columnist for the *New York Post* and *Israel Hayom*, the Jewish state’s largest daily newspaper. In his writing he covers on a daily basis the American political scene, foreign policy, the U.S.-Israel relationship, Middle East diplomacy and the Jewish world.

The moderator for the evening will be our own **Bernie Schoenburg**, political columnist at the *State Journal Register*.

Thanks to the JCRC Israel Committee, especially Natalie Silverman and Rabbi Michael Datz, for arranging this event.

This will be an exciting and enlightening evening. I hope to see you there.

Betsy Salus  
*JCRC Chair*



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# 4th Annual JEWISH FILM SERIES



Four Thursdays in June 2017 (June 8, 15, 22, 29) 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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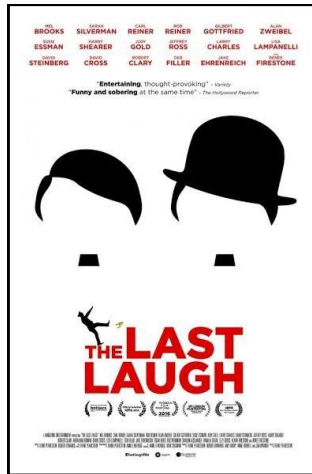


Thursday, JUNE 8

## The Last Laugh (2017)

USA, Documentary, 85 minutes  
Directed by Ferne Pearlstein  
English

Are we allowed to make jokes about the Holocaust? In this outrageously funny and thought-provoking film, director Ferne Pearlstein puts the question about comedy's ultimate taboo to comedic legends, critical thinkers and Holocaust survivors. The film asks uncomfortable questions about just how free speech can really be, with unexpected and hilarious results that will leave you both laughing and appreciating the importance of humor even in the face of events that make you want to cry



Official selection:

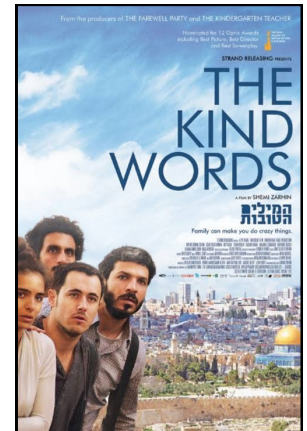
- Tribeca Film Festival
- Jerusalem Film Festival
- BFI London Film Festival
- Chicago Int'l Film Festival
- Hot Doc Int'l Festival

Thursday, JUNE 15

## The Kind Words (2015)

Israel/Canada, Com/Drama, 118 min  
Directed by Shemi Zarhin  
English subtitles

This quirky and wry dramedy follows three Jewish Israeli siblings who, in the wake of their mother's death, learn the man who raised them is not their biological dad. The revelation sends them on a road trip from Israel across France to discover the truth about their real father. The sixth feature from writer-director Shemi Zarhin explores an unraveling family secret and the bittersweet journey of self-discovery that follows.



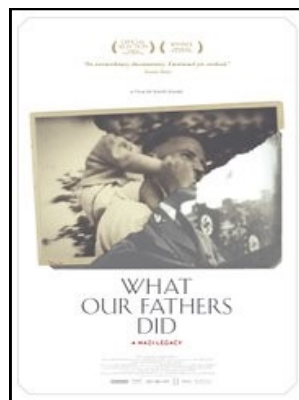
Nominated for 12 Ophir Awards (Israeli Academy Awards) including  
—Best Film  
—Best Director  
—Best Screenplay

Thursday, JUNE 22

## What Our Fathers Did (2014)

UK/Austria/Poland/Ukraine, 96 min  
Documentary, Directed by David Evans  
English

A rigorous examination of inherited guilt and pain, this film follows three men as they travel together across Europe. For two of them the journey involves a confrontation with the acts of their fathers (senior Nazi officers). For the third, human rights lawyer and author Philippe Sands, it means visiting the place where much of his own Jewish family was destroyed by the fathers of these two men. It is an emotional, psychological exploration of three men wrestling with their past, the present of Europe, and conflicting versions of the truth.



Jerusalem Film Festival winner:  
A. Shalev Yad Vashem Chairman's Award for Best Feature  
Stockholm Film Festival nominee:  
Best Documentary  
Hamburg Film Festival nominee:  
Political Film Award

Thursday, JUNE 29

## The Women's Balcony (2016)

Israel, Comedy/Drama, 96 minutes  
Directed by Emil Ben-Shimon  
English subtitles

A mishap at a Jerusalem synagogue causes a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power. When the women's balcony in the synagogue collapses, injuring the rabbi's wife and leaving the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. A young charismatic rabbi steps in to help but his fundamentalist ways soon divide the community. A battle of the sexes ensues threatening to tear apart families and friends as they try to balance traditional and progressive values.



Nominated for 5 Ophir awards  
Winner, City Mouse magazine's People's Choice Award  
100% Rotten Tomatoes rating  
2016 #1 box office hit in Israel  
LA Times Critic's Pick

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## SAGE NOTES

As we prepare for our annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16th, "A Deli Delight," my thoughts and thanks go to all of you who have taken part in our Federation. Federation depends on our community's involvement and generosity. You participate in our programs, lend your leadership skills, volunteer your time, and contribute to our annual campaign. You make it possible for our Federation to succeed.

You are part of a national movement, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), that helps Jews everywhere. You save Jews who are at risk and in need throughout the world and in Israel, and you offer to respond to natural disasters wherever they occur via our partner agencies, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC or "the Joint") and Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Through Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), you help refugees flee from places where their lives and livelihoods are threatened and resettle in new homes.

You helped create a nationwide security network, SCN (Secure Community Network), that responds to threats to Jewish communities and to anti-Semitic acts and that has the ability to act and communicate immediately, to coordinate with law enforcement, to alert Jewish institutions, and to offer training and consultation in order to enhance safety.

Every month you send a high quality book with Jewish related content to children ages 6 months to 8 years old within Springfield's Jewish community through the PJ Library Program. You provide scholarships to Jewish camps. You send young adults with a Jewish heritage to Israel as part of Birthright Israel and support Jewish life on campuses through Hillel. And you fight the BDS - Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions on Israel - through the Israel Action Network supported by JFNA and the Jewish Council on Public Affairs (JCPA).

You are the reason for our Jewish Film Festival (four Thursdays in June), for the recent exhibit Federation hosted at the Springfield Art Association featuring our own community's photographers, and for the opportunity to learn a bit about Jewish art history and have Judaica items appraised. You give "NextGen," the community's young adults, opportunities to be together. You visit and deliver holiday packages on Chanukah, Passover, and Rosh Hashanah to members who don't get out as often as they would like. You host the monthly Chaverim program for seniors and Knosh & Knowledge for active retirees.

You make a difference in the greater Springfield community and the Jewish community through the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). You fight food insecurity by giving away mostly fresh food and produce at the JCRC Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry. You worked together with the Great Rivers Presbytery to bring renown biblical scholar Professor Amy Jill Levine to Springfield. You establish working relationships with other religious organizations and with the African American community. You respond to issues of anti-Semitism in schools and keep us informed about Israel.

I appreciate everything you do on behalf of Federation. You are why we have a strong Federation and make a difference in Springfield and throughout the world. Thank you for all you do to help us achieve our mission "to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and education activities." With your help and support, the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL will continue to thrive and be of service to our community.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

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# SAVE THE DATE

## HADASSAH DONOR

Wednesday, May 24

5:30 pm

Inn at 835

\$48 per person for the dinner

\$60 min. for donor

Music by Professor Jane Hartman

We will be honoring  
Rabbi Datz and Rabbi Marks

RSVP by Mon., May 15  
to Carol Kitterman  
at 546-9449

# MAZEL TOV

TO:

**Vlada Gudzenko**, daughter of Tanya Reeves, on her graduation with honors from Illinois State University with a double major in risk management/finance and insurance.

**Judge Scott Diamond**, on his recent retirement.

**Aaron Morrison**, on his engagement to Laura Terry. Aaron is the son of Linda Morrison, and Vaughn Morrison and Sherry Knight.

**THANK YOU TO...** *Holiday Outreach* volunteers Laurie Barnum, Andrew Boyer, Rabbi Datz, Arden Lang, Sara Lieber, Len Lieberman, Rabbi Marks, Anne Morgan, Annette Schwartz, Gloria & Michael Schwartz, Lisa Stone, Adrienne Swartz, Mark & Sari Wancket, and Sandy Weiss for delivering Passover packages; *Chaverim* volunteers Mark Deluhery, Barb Rabin, Rabbi Datz and Mark & Sari Wancket for providing charoset, refreshments and transportation for the Chaverim Passover Party, and to Rita Salemm for help with miscellaneous program tasks.

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