

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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The Officers and Board of Directors cordially invite you to our

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD'S

# VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

**7 p.m. Via Zoom**

**The meeting may be virtual,  
but our impact is real**

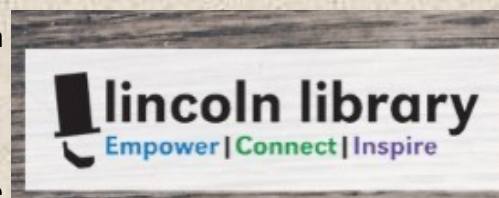
RSVP by Tuesday, June 2, to 217.787.7223, ext. 18  
or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org). Link will be provided after you RSVP.

## Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, May 27th 9:30 a.m.

### Virtual Presentation Lincoln Library: The Building is Closed But the Library is Still Open

Knosh & Knowledge presents Caroline Kionka, Reference Librarian, and Arden Lang, President of the Lincoln Library Board of Trustees, **on Wednesday, May 27th, 9:30 a.m.**, via Zoom presentation. Connect from your computer, tablet or phone.



Caroline and Arden will share with us how we can enjoy the library's many resources remotely. Even if you do not have a library card, you will learn about programs and resources that are available to all.

RSVP by Friday, May 25, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

### Flourless Chocolate Cake By David Radwine

Makes 1 10" cake—Serves 12-16

16 oz. Semi Sweet Chocolate

8 oz. Unsalted Butter, cut in pieces

2 TB Kahlua, Dark Rum or Brandy

9 Eggs, separated at room temp

1 cup Sugar

Butter and Cocoa Powder for 10" springform pan

In a double boiler, melt chocolate and butter, stir until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Stir in Kahlua, Dark Rum or Brandy.

Beat egg yolks with sugar.

Beat egg whites until soft peaks form.

Fold  $\frac{1}{3}$  of chocolate mixture into yolk mixture. Fold in  $\frac{1}{3}$  of egg whites. Fold in remaining chocolate mixture and egg whites. Put mixture into a buttered 10" springform pan that has been dusted with cocoa powder. Bake at 325° F convection or 350° F non-convection oven for 25-30 minutes. Cake will fall as it cools. Cake can be served with whipped cream and or fresh berries. This cake freezes well. It can also be refrigerated several days, but let slices come to room temperature before serving.

# MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 6 pm TI Shabbat	2 9:30 am TI Service TI Faingold Bar Mitzvah TBS Havdallah
3	4 12 pm TI Jewish Ethics 6:45 pm Hadassah Book Club	5	6 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg T/Hadassah Gen. Mtg	7 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	8 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 9:30 am TI Service TI Paskan Bar Mitzvah
10 4 pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg Mother's Day	11 12 pm TI Jewish Ethics	12 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club Lag B'Omer	13 T/7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	14	15 6 pm TI Shabbat	16 9:30 am TI Service
17	18 12 pm TI Jewish Ethics	19 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	20	21	22 6 pm TI Shabbat	23 9:30 am TI Service TI Marks Bat Mitzvah
24	25 Memorial Day Federation Closed	26 7 pm TBS Bd Meeting	27 9:30 am Fed. Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed Exec Committee Mtg T/7 pm Hadassah Mtg	28 Erev Shavuot	29 6 pm TI Shabbat TBS Yizkor Shavuot Federation Closed	30 9:30 am TI Service & Yizkor Shavuot
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## PARTNERSHIP2GETHER

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Consortium has been providing opportunities for us to be closer than ever with our partner Jewish communities in the Western Galilee as well as in Budapest Hungary and 16 communities in the US.



In early March, we hosted visitors from Budapest and held a special screening of *Tales of Teleki Square*, a documentary about the present day renaissance of a dormant Jewish community in old Budapest.

In April, Partnership2Gether presented “Memories in the Living Room” a virtual program for Yom HaShoah that allowed us to hear from second generation survivors of the Holocaust. In early May, Partnership will bring us together for our P2G Virtual Book Club discussion of “The History of Love,” by American author Nicole Krauss.

Partnership2Gether continues to plan program opportunities, tours, cooking demonstrations, and Shabbat greetings as well as stories and songs that fill the [Partnership2Gether Facebook](#) page.

So, although we are apart for now, we can still connect with others through our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Consortium.

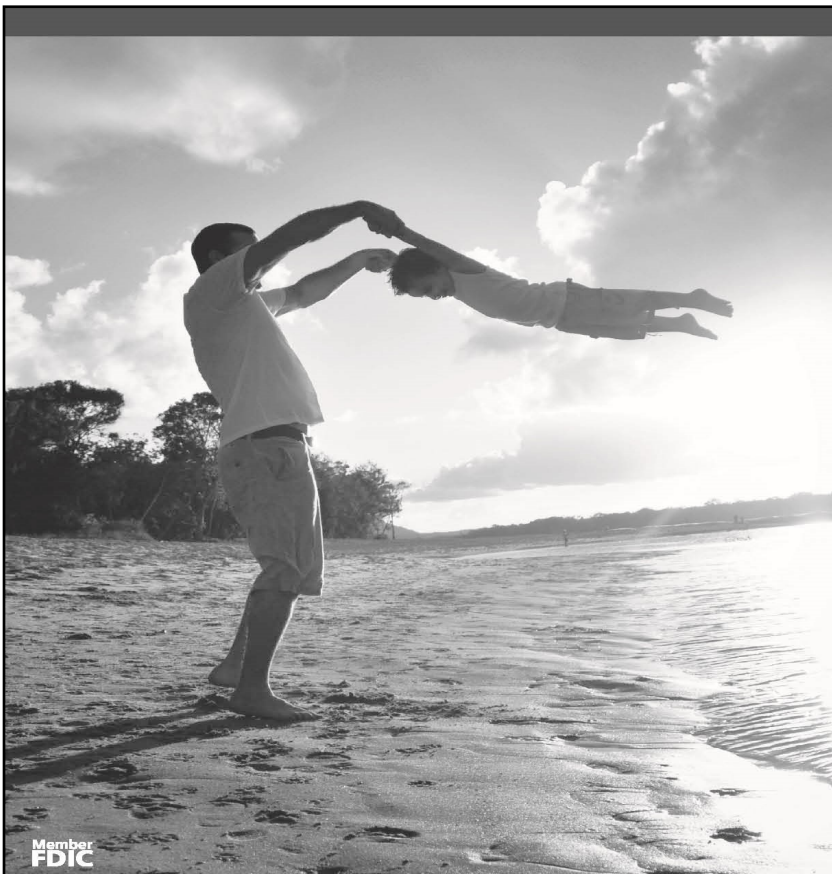
In case you missed, or if you just want to see it again:

Memories in the Living Room—Yom HaShoah Program:

[https://m.facebook.com/videos/live/m/redirect/228446188378301/?\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/videos/live/m/redirect/228446188378301/?_rdr)

Global Celebration of Israel at 72 (program starts at minute 11:45):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrNU5GhJkFY&feature=youtu.be>



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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following report is submitted by Pat Chesley for the Nominating Committee:

Committee Members: Pat Chesley; Cary Israel; Eydee Schultz; and Bob Silverman.

The Board extends its sincere appreciation for the services of the following members whose terms are set to expire in May 2020, and will not be continuing on the Board:

Jay Mogerman; Anne Morgan; and Scott Sabin.

The Board will also miss the services of Eydee Schultz, who is resigning from the Board as a result of her move to the Chicagoland area.

The terms of Bob Barewin, Pat Chesley, Barry Seidman and Bob Silverman are set to expire in May 2020. The Committee nominates those four plus Vera Herst and Karen Westbrook to serve a three-year term on the Board (2020-2023).

The Committee also nominates the following individuals to serve one-year terms as officers:

Arden Lang – President; Bob Silverman – First Vice President; Cary Israel – Second Vice President; Fred Benson – Treasurer; Andrew Boyer – Secretary; and Pat Chesley – Immediate Past President

## LEARNING TO ZOOM

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## ONLINE SCAMS



### Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)



#### ONLINE EXTORTION SCAMS INCREASING DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has seen an increase in reports of online extortion scams during the current "stay-at-home" orders due to the COVID-19 crisis. Because large swaths of the population are staying at home and likely using the computer more than usual, scammers may use this opportunity to find new victims and pressure them into sending money. The scammers are sending e-mails threatening to release sexually explicit photos or personally compromising videos to the individual's contacts if they do not pay. While there are many variations of these online extortion attempts, they often share certain commonalities.

#### SCAM COMMONALITIES:

Online extortion schemes vary, but there are a few common indicators of the scam. The following characteristics are not all-inclusive but should serve as red flags. It is important to remember that scammers adapt their schemes to capitalize on current events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, high-profile breaches, or new trends involving the Internet, all in an attempt to make their scams seem more authentic.

- The online extortion attempt comes as an e-mail from an unknown party and, many times, will be written in broken English with grammatical errors.
- The recipient's personal information is noted in the e-mail or letter to add a higher degree of intimidation to the scam. For example, the recipient's user name or password is provided at the beginning of the e-mail or letter.
- The recipient is accused of visiting adult websites, cheating on a spouse, or being involved in other compromising situations.
- The e-mail or letter includes a statement like, "I had a serious spyware and adware infect your computer," or "I have a recorded video of you" as an explanation of how the information was allegedly gathered.
- The e-mail or letter threatens to send a video or other compromising information to family, friends, coworkers, or social network contacts if a ransom is not paid.
- The e-mail or letter provides a short window to pay, typically 48 hours.

#### TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Do not open e-mails or attachments from unknown individuals.
- Monitor your bank account statements regularly, and your credit report at least once a year for any unusual activity.
- Do not communicate with unsolicited e-mail senders.
- Do not store sensitive or embarrassing photos or information online or on your mobile devices.
- Use strong passwords and do not use the same password for multiple websites.
- Never provide personal information of any sort via e-mail. Be aware that many e-mails requesting your personal information appear to be legitimate.
- Ensure security settings for social media accounts are activated and set at the highest level of protection.
- Verify the web address of legitimate websites and manually type the address into your browser.

The FBI does not condone the payment of online extortion demands as the funds will facilitate continued criminal activity, including potential organized crime activity and associated violent crimes.

#### VICTIM REPORTING:

If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, reach out to your local FBI field office, and file a complaint with the IC3 at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). Please provide any relevant information in your complaint, including the online extortion e-mail with header information and Bitcoin address if available.

## OVERSEAS PARTNERS RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Our overseas partners, JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel) and JDC (Joint Jewish Distribution Committee) are responding to the Covid-19 crisis and are working with global Jewish communities and in Israel to help those in dire, offering aid and assistance to struggling Jewish families and social service organizations.

For example,

### JAFI

In Ethiopia, JAFI helps people who are awaiting their Aliyah approval to get supplies and food they couldn't access otherwise, including matzah for the recent Passover holiday.

In Italy, with the support of world Jewry, JAFI sent \$82,000 to the Jewish community there, where it is being disbursed to the Jews who need it.

Aliyah continues, even during COVID19, requiring quarantine and many additional procedures and assistance. More than 1000 new immigrants moved to Israel in March.

In Israel, JAFI is hard at work fortifying the non-profit/NGO sector that is focused on welfare, education, health services, and more. As the situation persists, there has been a dramatic surge in the number of organizations seeking emergency assistance, including non-profits that serve at-risk youth, battered women, the elderly, people with disabilities, other populations with special needs, and more.



### JDC

In the former Soviet Union (FSU), JDC is providing necessities that include: supplemental emergency medicine; medical care; and food for the poor, elderly, and children who can no longer get it by themselves; personal hygiene gear; private transportation; and communications equipment to reach clients in remote locations. JDC ensures the health safety of staff and clients and delivers food and medicine amid restrictions to public services.

In Argentina, JDC is providing food, medicine and monetary assistance to the neediest elderly Jews, people with chronic diseases, and families with children at risk.

In North Africa and India, JDC is providing ongoing assessment of risk and community needs, as well as crisis management planning for the many needy and vulnerable community members. In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia more than a dozen foot-operated handwashing stations are currently under construction to be placed around the city this week.

These are just a few of the life-saving projects of our partners, JAFI and JDC.



# SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage  
Federation Executive  
Director

In these very different and difficult times, first and foremost, I hope you are well. Federation is here for you and because of you, so please contact me if you need assistance, just want to touch base, or have any questions. Please call me 787-7223 ext.12 or 217-859-2482 or email [nsage@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:nsage@shalomspringfield.org).

Federation has always been about service to our community, about bringing us together, about building relationships through JCRC, and helping those in need here and throughout the world. Sheltering in place gives a different perspective on what that means and how we accomplish that mission from our homes.

We arranged for the pre-Seder (David Radwine's demonstration of how to make flourless chocolate cake) and for a virtual Community Seder featuring Haggadah Highlights on the Second Night of Passover, and we have sent out links to programs of interest. We delivered Passover packages as we have in the past, although we couldn't visit. So instead we called and continue to call. For Yom HaShoah, in place of the commemoration at the Old State Capitol, our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Consortium arranged for second generation Holocaust survivors to tell their own stories, virtually.

We postponed JCRC's Healthy Foods Distribution, and, with thanks to the Federation Board, made an additional contribution to the Central Illinois Food Bank to purchase much needed food during this time. We continue to make calls to touch base, to offer information, to plan programs of virtual interest that can bring us together, and to develop projects that can help. We think of each and every one of you as we navigate through these times and begin to look to the future, all with our mission at our forefront.

I am grateful to all who are taking care of others and of each others' needs. In one way or another, I believe that includes everyone. I think of those whose lives are at risk, including first responders and medical personnel; social workers and psychologists; people who work in grocery stores, mental health and care facilities; those who perform services for the city, the county, and state. I think of small business owners trying to stay afloat; those whose employment has been interrupted; Federation staff and Board, our Rabbis, and, so many more. And then I think of each person who calls a friend, a parent, a child and each person who answers their phone, email, or Facebook message; people who teach via phone or Zoom; parents who play and guide; neighbors who wave to neighbors; people who drop off groceries or share a favorite program; people keeping people in their thoughts and prayers, and I am thankful. And, because this is not easy, I reach out to all of you with thoughts and prayers and hope that you know Federation is here for you.

Sheltering in place does bring a new lens and new challenges. I have always believed in the strength of community. My experience over the last weeks has strengthened that belief and enabled me to view it from a new perspective. What keeps me going is that while we are not able to be together, we are still community.

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*We apologize if we have missed anyone. Please let us know if you have a graduate in your family.*

### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family and friends of the following:  
 Boris Brodsky

&

Daniel Karlin, uncle of Natalie Silverman  
 Z"l

### MAZEL TOV

#### TO:

**Josh Jacobson**, son of Jerry and Doranne Jacobson of Springfield, has been named a Vice President of Verizon Media. Josh lives in San Francisco with his wife, Rachel, and their three children, ages 10, 7, and 3.

**John Morse & Diana Zaleski**, on their wedding.

**Stan Oberman**, on his 98th birthday.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

*Pre-Seder Cooking Demonstration:* David Radwine

*Virtual Seder Highlights on the Second Night of*

*Passover:* Rabbi Datz and Rabbi Marks

*Coordination of the Joint Community Virtual Seder:*

Alan Cherrick, Loren Iglarsh, and Mark Rabin

*Senior Outreach Calls:* Arden Lang, Linda Morrison,

Barb Rabin, and Mark Wancket



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