

# SHALOM SPRINGFIELD

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

MAY 2021 Iyar/Sivan 5781 Issue #216

The Jewish Federation Board of Directors is delighted to invite you to our  
**80th Annual Meeting**  
on Wednesday May 5, 2021, at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

A link to the Festivities & Federation Business on Zoom will be sent  
to you prior to the Annual Meeting.

We have arranged an optional and delicious pre-meeting Israeli Picnic meal  
from Maldaner's Restaurant. Your choice of entrees include: stacked grilled  
eggplant OR sliced grilled tuna with tomato and grilled asparagus.

Both are served with Israeli sides including falafel.

\$25.00 per person

To sign up for the Zoom link to the meeting and/or the optional meal from  
Maldaner's if you wish, please RSVP the Federation by Friday, April 29th.

Email us at [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) OR call us at 217-787-7223 ext.18.

If you are ordering dinner, PLEASE specify your choice of entree at that time.  
(Meal pick-up will be at Federation office on May 5th between 4:00 pm and  
5:00 pm.)

We look forward to celebrating this landmark anniversary together.

## UPCOMING DATES

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 7 pm —SALON2021 "A Community Concerned"**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 12 pm —SALON2021 "At Home in Israel with Raya Seidman"**



Arden Lang  
Federation President

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here's an existential question for us: WHY? Why, over many millennia, have the Jewish People survived. As Jews, we ask ourselves that question. We consider that question, we debate that question, and we attempt to answer that unanswerable question. Nevertheless, an answer is offered by the Israeli authors, Amos Oz and his daughter, Fania Oz Salzberger, in their extended essay, "Jews and Words." When my husband picked it up and started reading it the other day, I remembered what lessons I had taken from that book, several years ago. First and foremost, I learned, "[I]n order to remain a Jewish family, a Jewish family perforce relied on words. Not any words, but words that came from books...even when bookless or barely literate, Jews were always texted."

How does that thesis translate into our lives, and why should the answer matter to us?

My recent reconsideration of the Oz thesis has been taking place after a relative I never knew existed, Irene Bowen, contacted me regarding a book she was writing about our mutual forebears, the Golbs (Nee Goloborodko). Irene asked for help in humanizing the stories of those of us who are descended from my dad's mother, Sara Golb Lang.

I started on this voyage rather reluctantly. Many of our family photos had been destroyed. The remaining papers are dulled with age and have caused my allergies to act up. Nevertheless, I started writing down my memories about the Golb family. I've had to document what I wrote as much as possible. My brother and I agree on the broad outlines of the lives of my grandmother in addition to my dad and his two sisters. But our recollections vary on minor points. Sometimes, on this journey, we discover a revelatory fact. We laugh and cry. Our family survives. We ask why. We question. We debate. We try to regard the present against the perspective of our voyage as a Jewish family. How had we survived through the generations? How have we remained bound by having been "texted[,] no matter where our fortunes have taken us?

I had sent Irene many family photos beginning with my grandmother's generation, but I was lacking a headshot for my 17-year-old grandson, Liam. Liam did send a recent photo by text, which I passed along to Irene, with whom I'd been in almost daily communication for the past month or so. Somewhat apologetically, I suggested that Liam might regret his photo choice in a few years. Irene felt the photo begged for a fake cover for her upcoming family biography. Here it is the Fake Cover she created:

### THE BELAYA TSERKOV BARBER AND HIS DESCENDANTS



### SIX GENERATIONS

1862-2021

Over the millennia, Jews have been tied to words. They question, they debate, they survive. The latest six generations of the Goloborodko family just scratch the surface of our Jewish family. Thank you for all you do to help our Springfield Jewish Federation do its small part to ensure that survival into the future.

## KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

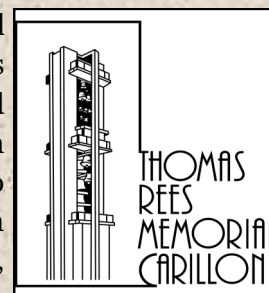
### Knosh & Knowledge

#### CALEB MELAMED—THOMAS REES MEMORIAL CARILLON

Wednesday, May 26, 9:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer



Please join us for Knosh & Knowledge when **Caleb Melamed** will speak with us about his experiences performing on the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Caleb studied carillon with former Springfield carillonneur Karel Keldermans and has been a frequent recitalist on the Rees instrument. In 2003, Caleb passed the examination to become a Carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America (GCNA). His earlier musical background was in piano, including four years of undergraduate study at Yale University.



The Springfield Park District’s Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon is one of the largest and finest of the world’s carillons. Located in historic Washington Park, the Rees Carillon is the site of numerous free public concerts, exciting community events, and the world-renowned International Carillon Festival held each June.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by Monday, May 24, to [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) or (217) 787-7223, ext. 18.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  9:30 am TI Service
2 9:30 am Chabad Tefillin Club 10:15 Last Religious School 10:30 am TBS Annual Mtg 12 pm Fed P2G Book Club	3 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	4	5 6:30 pm Fed Annual Mtg	6 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	7 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	8 9:30 am TI Service
9 2 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Mtg 6 pm Chabad Mikvah Dedication Mother's Day	10 7 pm Fed Salon2021 "A Community Concerned"	11 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club TI S'Hd Exec. Comm. Mtg	12 7 pm Hadassah Program & Installation	13 7 pm TI Adult Ed 7:30 pm Pre-Shavuot Chabad	14 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	15 9:30 am TI Service
16 Erev Shavuot	17 Shavuot Federation Closed	18 Shavuot Federation Closed	19 TI S'Hd Activity TBD	20	21 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	22 9:30 am TI Service
23 12 pm Fed Salon2021 "At Home in Israel"	24	25 7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	26 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 12:10 pm Fed Exec Committee Mtg 6:30 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	27 7 pm TI Adult Ed	28 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	29 9:30 am TI Service
30	31 Memorial Day Federation Closed					



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## CAMPAIGN

*A Different Kind of Year. A Different Kind of Campaign.*

# SALON2021

## Great Ideas. Shared.

### "A Community Concerned"

**Antisemitism/Food Insecurity/Criminal Justice Reform**

Monday, May 10th

from 7-8 pm (CDT) via ZOOM

The rise in antisemitism, the increased prevalence of food insecurity, and the difficulties faced by citizens who are re-entering society after being incarcerated are issues of community concern of the Springfield Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC).

The JCRC, along with representatives from local Jewish community organizations, fight antisemitism and racism, advocate for Israel, and work to strengthen our relationship with other groups and faith traditions in our community.

**Host: Bob Silverman**

**Presenters:**

**Cary Israel - Antisemitism**

**Ralph Loewenstein - Food Insecurity**

**Lisa Stone - Criminal Justice Reform, Re-entry**

**Please email us at [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) or  
call us 217-787-7223 ext.18. by Friday, May 7th  
to reserve your place.**

SALON2021 is a series of campaign events that will delve more deeply into topics with a Federation connection and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas. We hope you will join us for our concluding SALON2021, At Home in Israel with Raya Seidman on Sunday, May 23 at noon. 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

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### "At Home in Israel" with Raya Seidman

Sunday, May 23rd

12 pm CDT via ZOOM

Israel, home to the Jewish people, is now home for Raya Seidman. She's lived there through COVID and numerous elections while pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work. Experience Israel through Raya's eyes: what it's really like to live there, her fascinating work, and her reflections on the country.

Conversation Host: Nancy Sage

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# Partnership2GETHER

## **PARTNERSHIP2GETHER**

*By Harry Berman, Chair*

This time of year Israel has three ‘yoms’ – Yom HaShoah (Israel Holocaust Remembrance Day – April 8); Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day – April 14); and Yom HaAtzma’ut (Israel Independence Day—April 15). Partnership2Gether organized events for each of those commemorations. At the time of this writing, we have had the commemorations for Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron.

The conjunction of those two commemorations brings home the understanding that young European Jews who survived World War II -- the few who survived Warsaw or survived fighting with partisans or survived death marches or death camps – and who found their way to Israel, almost immediately joined in the Israeli military. And, of those, many died in the War for Independence.

Thanks again to the participants in the April 6 Salon zoom meeting about the Partnership: Pat and Nancy Chesley, Jerry Jennings, Eva Muller, Judy Zaleski, and Cathy Gardner, Executive Director, Greater Dayton Jewish Federation.

**BOOKCLUB**  
 May 2nd **12:00 PM**  
 20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest

**A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED**  
 DARA  
 A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED

AUTHOR OF THE WORLD TO COME

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER PRESENTS  
**Women**  
**ROSH HODESH GATHERING**

Connect with Partnership friends for a celebration of our collective power!

- Rosh Hodesh Ceremony
- Learn2Gether Session - Ahavat Hinam
- Women Make a Difference Meet Local Entrepreneur

June 13th | 17:00 BUD  
 10:00 CDT | 18:00 ISL

RSVP: [rebrand.ly/P2G-Rosh](https://rebrand.ly/P2G-Rosh)

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee,  
 Akko Municipal Conservatory,  
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**NIGUN2GETHER CONCERT**

International Virtual Music Lessons

**Thursday, June 17th**  
 10:00 PM CT | 11:00 AM ET

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 RSVP Below

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## JCRC

When the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) met on Thursday evening, April 15, we hosted a guest speaker, Shannon Dewith-McCormick, who spoke about Springfield Equal Justice Project (SEJP). SEJP is a growing coalition of individuals and organizations working together to shed light on historical and present day racial and social injustice. SEJP evolved from the initial effort to work with the Equal Justice Institute (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, which was founded by Bryan Stephenson. It has as its mission “confronting and commemorating our national history of slavery, segregation, lynching and racial terror; engaging in dialogue and restorative truth-telling and challenging contemporary injustices.” EJI’s National Museum for Peace and Justice is constructed of some 800 steel monuments, each one representing one of the counties where lynching occurred. This sparked interest in Springfield where a core group met and learned that EJI’s criteria for the lynching monument included community-wide involvement, education and conversation. SEJP’s vision is to make Springfield a model city which creates space for authentic retelling of our community history and for residents to exercise agency and participate in equal justice initiatives. SEJP’s purpose is “to engage the Springfield community in public acknowledgements and remembrances of our past racial injustices and its legacies, offering educational opportunities and content for deeper learning and creating brave spaces for engagement and dialogue.”

Ms. Dewith-McCormick encouraged individuals to be part of this growing coalition, by visiting the SEJP website [www.springfiedequaljusticeproject.org](http://www.springfiedequaljusticeproject.org). The growing list of organizations involved includes: 1908 Race Riot Commission, Black Lives Matter Springfield, Greater Springfield Interfaith Coalition, Illinois Public Health Association, Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL/Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Springfield & Central Illinois African-American History Museum, Springfield Coalition to Dismantle Racism, Springfield Frontiers International Club, Springfield NAACP, Springfield Urban League, and the Rosenwald Initiative. (Federation/JCRC have been involved nearly from SEJP’s start. Rabbi Datz was contacted by a group from Chicago interested in supporting efforts to bring to Springfield the EJI marker commemorating the lynching that took place during the race riot and suggested Federation/JCRC and the Rosenwald initiative follow-up).

JCRCs dedicated members and committees have been pursuing several projects.

The Food Insecurity Committee, chaired by Ralph Loewenstein, is working with the Central Illinois Food Bank (CIFB) to host JCRC’s first “pop up” drive-thru Healthy Foods Distribution in June. This will be unlike previous Healthy Foods Distributions, as CIFB has changed their format due to COVID restrictions. It is an all-outside event, requiring about 10 volunteers to load a pre-packaged box of food into cars. Stay tuned for more details.

The New Initiatives Committee - Criminal Justice Reform, with Lisa Stone at its helm, is focused on “re-entry,” addressing the challenges faced when those released from prison re-enter the community. The committee is in the process of planning a Zoom program that will feature a speaker who will describe the difficulties and their impact on the individual and the community. The committee has been reaching out to organizations involved and interested in re-entry in Springfield to garner information and establish relationships. Again, stay tuned for more details for this June program.

Israel Committee Co-Chair Natalie Silverman poignantly presented a summary of a ZOOM session held earlier in the day on the occasion of Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day, with Yossi Klein Halevi, author of “Letters To My Palestinian Neighbors” and chair of the Sholom Hartman Institute. His speech was a reflection on Israel’s 73 years in which he noted that the day was an occasion of gratitude. He related the story of how Israel had absorbed three major waves of immigration – European Holocaust survivors who arrived in the late 1940s; Mizrahim, Jews expelled from Arab countries who arrived in the following decade; and Jews from the Soviet Union in the 1990’s whose immigration and absorption had been organized by Israel. He said that we should be grateful and enjoy the improbable normalization of the Jewish people. He noted that the Abraham Accords this past year, which normalized relations between Israel and the Gulf Emirates, were a hopeful development that could hardly have been imagined in Israel’s early years, and he expressed the hope for continuing innovation and further positive changes in Israel’s future.

# SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director



Nancy Sage  
Federation Executive

When another Federation executive had mentioned that we are well into our second year with COVID, I felt a bit of disbelief. I hoped that we would be together, in person, for this year's annual meeting celebrating Federation's eightieth year; instead, once again we are relying on ZOOM. While it seems such a long time since we've been together, it also seems like yesterday when we moved the base of our operations to our homes. However different that is for Betsy, Wendy and me, it has not stopped us nor changed the nature of our work and our commitment to the community.

In many ways, Federation's annual meetings celebrate community because community is at the heart of everything we do and have done for eighty years. We are a community with diverse interests and viewpoints. We are caring, compassionate, and passionate about our beliefs, our Jewish community, the greater Springfield community, and the Jewish community in Israel and worldwide. Our commitment and our mission are reflected in the words that appear on the banner of our stationery: "the strength of a people, the power of community."

While community is our reason for being and the commitment underlying all that we do, our work involves a wide range and variety of programs and activities and many ways which we interact with the Jewish community locally, the wider Springfield community, and with the Federation movement nationally. It makes our work both interesting and challenging or, as the saying goes, at Federation "every day is a new day."

I have always looked forward to our annual meetings, because historically, so many people — Board members, volunteers, community members — attend. For me, the annual meeting is inspiring, not because of the business we discuss or the meal we hopefully enjoy; instead, I see so many of you whose support and leadership have shaped Federation and our community over time.

As it is our eightieth year, I took some time to glance through past annual reports and came across the following excerpt from the Federation President's Report written in 1984. I believe it is as true now as it was when Dr. Steve Stone wrote:

*"Over the last decade, there has been a fundamental change in the role of Federation in communal life, both here in Springfield and nationally. From the earlier role as collector and distributor of monies, Federations have assumed — or been granted — the role as the Jewish community's central address, its coordinator of programs and activities and its chief spokesman.*

*Although in some communities the rise in the visibility and the role of Federation has led to a feeling of competition between Federation and synagogues and other institutions, this has not occurred in Springfield, primarily because those who are active and concerned about the survival of small city Jewry have recognized that all organizations share the responsibility for sustaining Jewish life."*

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

## MAZEL TOV

**TO:**  
**Jori Sisk**, for starting her own health coach business, Personalized Wellness with Jori Sisk, and for being appointed to the executive leadership team, as Acting Director of Wellness, at Heuro Health.

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family and friends of following:  
**Daniel Weisman**  
Z"l



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Celebrating the grand opening & ribbon cutting of

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LIVE BROADCAST

**Mikvah.ChabadSpringfield.com**  
Sunday, 27 Iyar – May 9, 2021  
6:00pm

**RSVP**  
by emailing us at [Mikvah@ChabadSpringfield.com](mailto:Mikvah@ChabadSpringfield.com),  
or by calling us at 217-441-3291

Although we were anticipating an in-person celebration, being that we can't be certain of what the future holds, we have made the decision to plan a virtual event instead.  
An in-depth tour of the beautiful new state-of-the-art Mikvah will be shown, along with clips of various speakers and donors who will share their inspiration and enthusiasm.

Chabad Springfield   Mikvah

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## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT – 2021

Fred Benson, Andrew Boyer, Ted LeBlang.....Committee Members

Board members whose terms expire in May of 2021 are: **Fred Benson; Andrew Boyer; Theodore LeBlang; and Susan Nightingale.** There is one additional vacant board seat, the term for which expires in May of 2021.

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve three-year terms on the Board (2021 - 2024): **Fred Benson; Andrew Boyer; Theodore LeBlang; Linda Morrison; and Susan Nightingale.**

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve as officers: **Arden Lang** to serve one year as President; **Bob Silverman** to serve one year as First Vice-President; **Karen Westbrook** to serve one year as Second Vice-President; **Fred Benson** to serve one year as Treasurer; and **Andrew Boyer** to serve one year as Secretary. **Pat Chesley** will serve as Immediate Past President.



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**Dan & Judy Weisman**, from Rita Victor