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Springfield Chapter of Hadassah & Jewish Community Relations Council
of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL
Presents

“Dangerous Rise in Anti-Semitism”



Karen J. Aroesty

Regional Director, Missouri/Southern Illinois Anti-Defamation League
Will Present

Current Statistics and Efforts to Combat the Trend

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm

1004 South Fourth Street
(Temple B'rith Sholom Vestry Room)
Springfield, IL

Desserts/ Couvert \$6.00

RSVP by *Wednesday, November 15, 2017*
to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or 217.787-7223 ext. 18

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For those of you who were able to be with us, our community gala Campaign event last month was a huge success. Wonderful people, inspiring speakers, and a genuinely warm atmosphere combined to create an evening to remember. For those of you who were with us, and were able to make their pledge that evening – thank you so much. Not only do you recognize the importance of what Federation does, but you have helped get our Campaign off to a fast start.

If you were not able to join us last month or if you were not able to make your pledge that night, I urge you to consider making your pledge sooner rather than later. Each year our Campaign is directed by many volunteers. These are people who are willing to take time out of their busy lives because they understand its importance. They know – we all know – how important it is. And that is why they are willing to ask. Without our Campaign – without you – Federation would never be able to accomplish the many important things we do. Locally, we provide educational and entertaining programming year after year. We provide books with Jewish content for the youngsters of our community. We look after those in our community in need. Nationally and internationally we are part of a Federation network that does the same, and so much more. Anywhere in the world there may be Jews who have needs of any type Federation is helping. Our community has always recognized the importance of what Federation does, and has always responded. As I said at our gala event of last month, one constant for over 75 years has been the Jewish Federation of Springfield. For over 75 years our Federation has taken on the responsibility to better our community locally, nationally, in Israel, and around the rest of the world. For over 75 years we have shown that we can accomplish more than most would expect from a community our size. We have proven that one small community in the middle of America can have an impact much greater than simple numbers can explain.

Please consider making your pledge sooner rather than later.

Consider increasing your pledge over last year's. The work Federation does never gets easier and there are always more people in need.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or criticisms please use this process as an opportunity to let us know. Believe me, we want to hear.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helped make our October event the success it was. A wonderful group of people led by our Campaign Co-Chairs, Rita Victor and Amber Sabin contributed to the success of the event. You have all made a difference.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

THANK YOU TO... *Chaverim* volunteers Rabbi Michael Datz, Mark Deluhery, Rabbi Barry Marks, Linda Morrison & Barb Rabin.



History of the Jewish Federation in Springfield, Illinois

As we approach the anniversary of Kristallnacht, come join with your Chaverim friends to learn the history of our Springfield Jewish Federation and reflect upon its role in the life of our Springfield community.



Tuesday, November 7, 2017
10:00 am–11:00 am

Join us for knishes and rugelach
\$3.00 per person

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

Park on the east side where there is a ramp. If you need assistance when you arrive, call 787-7223 x 10.

Please let us know if you would like a ride!

RSVP by Friday, November 3 to 787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org



Presented by the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois



KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

A monthly hour of relaxed learning and discussion on topics of interest

Mobility in Motion Personal Training Services



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Wednesday, November 29
9:30 am — 10:30 am

Schnucks Community Room
2801 Chatham Road
Springfield, IL 62704

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli



RSVP by Friday, Nov. 24 to 787-7223 x 18
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Cruise News ***We are going International!***

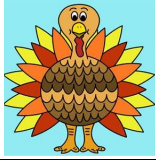
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Ports of Call: Rome, Italy; Ajaccio, Corsica; Malaga, Spain; Seville, Spain; Gibraltar, United Kingdom; Sete, France; Provence, France; Portofino, Italy; Florence/Pisa, Italy

This promises to be a wonderful experience for all. Fun and fundraising at the same time!

For additional information, please contact:
Howard & Lori Hammel at 217-741-6656 or lorihammel1@gmail.com





NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.	2 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg Chilli Prep	3 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	4 9 am TI Service
5 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 11:30 am—6 pm B'nai B'rith Chilli Supper Daylight Savings Time ends	6 12 pm TI Talmud Class 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7 10 am Chaverim Party	8 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	9 1 pm Adult Ed Challah Baking @ MB Cohen 7 pm Adult Ed Jewish Ethics @ TI	10  5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 om TI Shabbat Veterans Day Office Closed	11 9 am TI Service
12 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 1 pm Adult Ed Challah Baking @ MB Cohen	13 GA in Los Angeles	14 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	15 11:30 am TBS S'hd Gen Mtg 4:45 pm Hebrew	16 TI S'Hd Mtg	17 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	18 9 am TI Service
19 4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg No Hebrew or Religious School Thanksgiving Basket Prep	20 12 pm TI Talmud Class	21 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries	22 No Hebrew	23  Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat Office Closed	25 9 am TI Service
26 No Hebrew or Religious School	27 12 pm TI Talmud Class	28 5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	29 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm JCRC/ Hadassah ADL speaker Karen Aroesty @ TBS	30		
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From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

Last December, I shared with you that the Anti-Defamation League had reported the results of their study of anti-Semitic targeting of journalists during the 2016 political campaigns. ADL had documented a significant and observable “uptick” in anti-Semitic expression during that period. In the year since, we have witnessed anti-Semitic activity, nationally and globally. There have been bomb threats at Jewish Community Centers and Jewish day schools. In February we saw desecration of gravestones at Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis and Philadelphia. Throughout the year there have been numerous other acts of vandalism. Last December, in Whitefish, Montana, there was an organized effort to harass Jewish residents of that community. In August, the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, with its overtly anti-Semitic and racist overtones, became violent and sent fear throughout that community and raised alarm throughout the country. While anti-Semitism is nothing new, these developments are cause for concern.

With that in mind, Hadassah and JCRC have arranged for Karen J. Aroesty, Regional Director, Missouri/Southern Illinois Anti-Defamation League, to come to Springfield. On Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., Ms. Aroesty will present “Dangerous Rise in Anti-Semitism: Current Statistics and Efforts to Combat the Trend.” This presentation will be at Temple B'rith Sholom, 1004 S. Fourth St. (Dessert will be served and there is a \$ 6.00 couvert to cover the expenses.) Hadassah and JCRC are grateful to Sharon Star for her tireless efforts to make this presentation possible.

As I said last December, it is incumbent upon all of us to be vigilant and identify and address anti-Semitism. While we need not live in fear, it is imperative that we stay informed and aware of the nature of anti-Semitism in the world in which we live. This is our opportunity to get information from a very knowledgeable source. I hope to see you there.

Betsy Salus, *JCRC Chair*

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- Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually
- by Check Visa or MasterCard or online at www.shalomspringfield.org

Gift 1 year ago	Gift 2 years ago	Gift 3 years ago
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____ I am interested in helping to strengthen the future of our Jewish community through legacy giving.

Your gift will be published in our Annual Report

Joshua Society

- \$10,000 +

President's Circle

- \$7,500 - \$9,999
- \$3,600 - \$7,499

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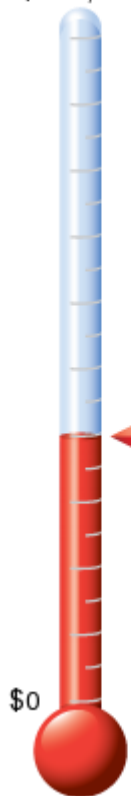
- \$2,800 - \$3,599
- \$2,000 - \$2,799
- \$1,200 - \$1,999

Friends

- \$750-\$1,199
- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

2018 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Goal
\$280,000



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!



Providing a Lifeline For Small Jewish Communities

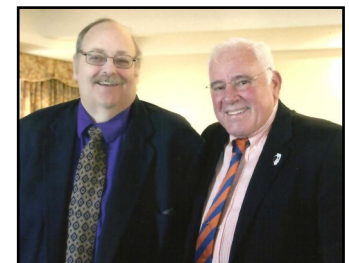
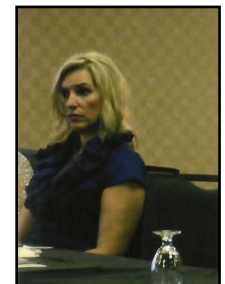
Against so many challenges, Jewish life continues to flourish in all four corners of the globe. Our partners work in more than 70 countries, ensuring that Jewish communities everywhere—whatever their size—stay vibrant and resilient.

2018 Campaign Spectacular

More than anything, Rita Victor and Amber Sabin, wanted to throw a great party complete with music to bring the community together to inspire support for Federation. They succeeded. We express our thanks and appreciation to Rita and Amber, the generous underwriters *Bank of Springfield, Jerry and Paula Jennings, Ralph and Carol Loewenstein, Scott and Amber Sabin and Rita Victor* and the fabulous committee including *Fred and Terri Benson, Alan and Roberta Cherrick, Paula Jennings, Jim Lewis and Arden Lang, Carol Loewenstein, Harvey Rothschild, Barry Seidman, Julie Seidman, Merle Shiffman, Nancy Tennenhouse, and Mark Wancket* for creating one spectacular evening that raised nearly \$100,000.

Rita, Amber and the committee left no detail unturned from the invitation design to the beautiful rose-filled centerpieces. They wanted a different venue, so the top of the Wyndham it was. They wanted a first class evening with a fabulous dinner menu and wine, music and dance at \$35 per person, and it was. They wanted the room filled to capacity, it was. They wanted a program that emphasized the importance of small communities and how through Federation we are part of a bigger movement. David Brown, volunteer chair of Israel and Overseas Committee of the Jewish Federations of North America, delivered a relevant and timely message about Israel and pluralism. Rita Victor shared her niece's story about how much she missed her Jewish heritage living in her isolated small town until she incidentally found a few Jews living in the area. And, how, just those few people could one day become a new local Jewish Federation.

Again, thank you all for all you did to make the Campaign 2018 kick-off event, very special!





**THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT 2017—Thirty-first year
Temple B'rith Sholom, First Congregational Church and
Congregation Temple Israel**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT**

We will be assembling baskets at Temple B'rith Sholom.

Please make checks payable to **Temple B'rith Sholom Thanksgiving Baskets,
1004 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703** and return this form.

_____ (\$35.00) Full Basket _____ (\$20.00) Half Basket

Enclosed is my/our check for \$ _____ for _____ baskets.

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ **Thursday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

I/We can help put boxes together or unload the food bank truck at Temple B'rith Sholom.

Sunday, November 19, _____ 9—11:00 a.m. _____ 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m. _____ 12:00—2:00 p.m.

I/We can help fill baskets at the Temple.

_____ **Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.**

I/We can help schlep baskets from the Temple to the parking lot.

_____ **Any groups available November 21, 7:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.**

To help schlep baskets from Temple to the parking lot

Volunteers also needed to unload food from the Food Bank on the following dates
at Temple B'rith Sholom (call TBS for times):

Completed **Thursday, September 7**

Completed **Thursday, October 12**

_____ **Thursday, October 26**

_____ **Thursday, November 9**

_____ **Thursday, November 16**

B'nai B'rith

Annual Chilli Luncheon/Dinner

Presenting Les Eastep's award winning red chilli (vegetarian chilli on request),
or Kosher hot dogs/chilli dogs plus chips, drinks and dessert.



Sunday, November 5th

11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Temple B'rith Sholom

(1008 South 4th St.)

\$7.00 Adults

(carry-outs will be available)

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The Whys and Wise Behind Eydee Schultz's Legacy Gift

"I want to leave something for the people who are following us. My Jewish life is here and this community has been an important part of my life. That's why I want to help out and make a mark on the future," said Eydee Schultz about her legacy gift to the Jewish Federation of Springfield.

After living in Skokie with its large Jewish community, Eydee knew that a strong Jewish community was important to her. She researched and experienced Jewish life in Springfield before she decided to move here. She served on the Federation Board for seven years and realized that "my Jewish commitment goes beyond celebrating the holidays"

While Eydee winters in Arizona, her heart is here. She sees that we are losing population and that her legacy gift will "help to perpetuate the community for years to come."

We very much appreciate Eydee's generosity and her commitment to a Jewish future in Springfield.



Assuring Jewish Tomorrows

Please remember our community with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

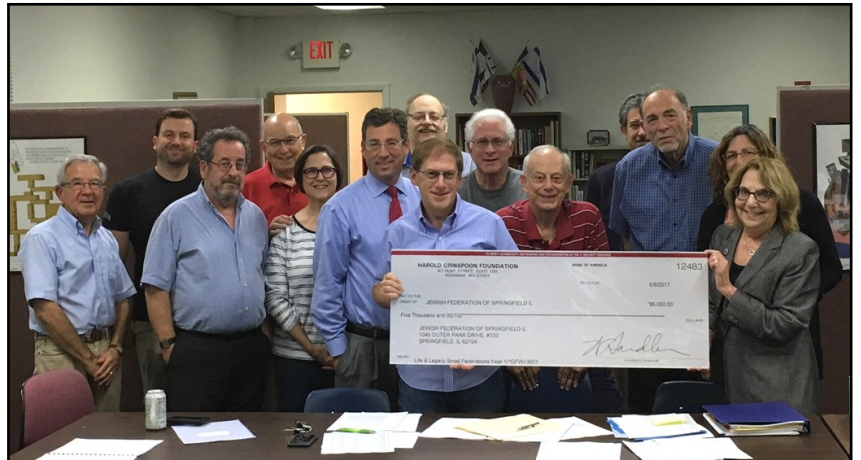
LIFE & LEGACY NEWS

Jewish Federation of Springfield is pleased to announce that we earned the \$5,000 incentive grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for receiving more than 18 letters of intent to leave a legacy gift to the Federation. We express our heartfelt appreciation to all who notified us of their intent within the first year of our participation in the LIFE & LEGACY™ program..

We are in the midst of year two of the LIFE & LEGACY program. With eleven letters of intent received, we are well on our way to earn the \$5000 incentive grant. Every letter of intent helps ensure Federation's future.

If you've remembered or intend to remember the Jewish Federation of Springfield with a gift from your will, an insurance policy, an IRA, or a qualifying gift to Federation's endowment fund, please contact a member of Federation's LIFE & LEGACY team: Jerry Jennings, Ted LeBlang, Ralph Loewenstein, Anne Morgan or Nancy Sage.

The LIFE & LEGACY program is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Springfield and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in collaboration with Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel as participants in the LIFE & LEGACY program.



Shalom Springfield is generously underwritten with support from the following community partners:

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SAGE NOTES

I think back to Thanksgiving just two years ago. I was so excited that a few days later, I would start work for the Jewish Federation. I felt passionate about the Springfield Jewish community and about the work of Federation here and all over the world. I thought then, what a wonderful opportunity. And, yes, it was daunting.

As Thanksgiving approaches this year, I feel so fortunate and honored to serve our community as executive director of the Federation. And, yes, there are days that are daunting. Those are the days when I especially remember why Federation exists, the services and programs we offer, and the lives we save worldwide. As part of Federation, each and every one of us takes part in offering emergency assistance in the face of natural disasters, delivering critical aid to vulnerable populations - frail elderly, people with disabilities, at risk children, and fostering Jewish identities wherever Jews live.

When I look through the Federation lens, I see connecting circles of community with shared purpose — to serve others. The members of our small Jewish community of approximately 950 connect with each other through Federation. We are part of a larger Springfield community and share friends, family, and interests. Springfield's Federation is connected to 148 Federations across North America. And, through our partners, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (the "Joint"), Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and ORT, we're connected worldwide. Whether sponsoring the premiere of the documentary "Rosenwald" in conjunction with organizations within Springfield's African American community, fighting food insecurity through the Jewish Community Relations Council's Mitzvah Mobile Food Truck, screening Jewish films, or visiting elderly members of our community to deliver holiday packages, we serve our own community and others. We support Holocaust survivors with compromised health who live in poverty, we deliver life-saving food and medicine to families in the Ukraine, we offer respite to children and families in war torn communities, we help those who moved to Israel to escape persecution learn everything from language to leadership skills, and the list could continue endlessly as Federations touch more Jewish lives than any other organization.

The challenges are many and the rewards are great. This Thanksgiving I am thankful I am doing work that I enjoy and work that makes a difference. I am grateful to the Federation staff and Board, and to all of you for your support.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

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MAZEL TOV

TO:

Ava Sabin, daughter of Scott and Amber Sabin, on her Bat Mitzvah.

Amy Barnum, on passing her nursing boards and graduating from St. John's School of Nursing.

Lisa Stone, on receiving the *State Journal Register's* 2017 First Citizen Award.

Dr. Mike and Vangie (Hovermale) Sternstein, on their recent marriage.

John Morse, for becoming an Associate in Feldman Wasser law firm.

Condolences to the families
and friends of
Marvin Gubin
&
Louis Mervis
Z"1

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Lesley Barewin & Tim McAuley, on their marriage, from Harry & Deborah Berman

Yosh Golden & Kazuko Golden's movie "Song of Manzanar," from Harry & Deborah Berman

Kayla & Seth Morrison, on the birth of their daughter, Adalyn Morrison, from Ted & Pam LeBlang.

Bob Silverman, on his special birthday, from Howard & Lori Hammel

Gloria Schwartz Fund

In Honor of:

Len Lieberman, congratulations on his 70th birthday, from Michael & Gloria Schwartz

Judy Foster, get well soon, from Jay & Carol Kitterman

Stephen & Lisa Stone Philanthropic Fund

In Honor of:

Lisa Stone, on receiving the 2017 First Citizen Award, from Jay & Carol Kitterman

Lisa Stone, on receiving the 2017 First Citizen Award, from Ted & Pam LeBlang