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MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Arden Lang
Federation President

Lately my reading has taken me to consider the nature of heroism. Who are our heroes? What are they made of? The answer, "sterner stuff, begs the question." Why do we admire the heroes among us?

Our heroes may change during our lifetimes. As small children, if we're lucky, we idolize our parents and older siblings. We appreciate their smallest gestures. We emulate their every movement. We talk like they talk. We think like they think. As we enter school, and come into contact with a larger universe, we see ourselves as idealized versions of police, firemen, or comic book characters with super powers. We envision our heroes daring to fight the forces of evil, athletes fiercely doing battle, men and women masked and caped flying around Gotham making sure that righteousness prevails. We learn to appreciate teachers, nurses, doctors, friends, and our religious leaders. We see the merit of fictional and non-fictional characters. We learn from the books, art, and music which may sustain us through good times and bad.

Sometimes we find our heroes are tarnished - - the batter whose amazing physical feats were accomplished through drug use, the velvet voiced singer who preyed on the more vulnerable, the cowboy who couldn't ride. But let's not dwell on them.

As we mature, we come full circle. We recognize that there are many heroes among us whose otherwise unexceptional lives are punctuated by acts of bravery. I've been fascinated with the heroism of the French Resistance since I was small. (I was an only child for 8 ½ years, and my parents took me with them to a lot of movies. In those days, the Motion Picture Academy lived by a code of ethics that did not allow the bad guys to win in the end.)

I now know that many people who claimed to be resistance heroes were anything but. But I prefer to concentrate on the ethical people who put their own lives on the line to create a better world. Think Casablanca. Notable among the Resistance heroes were whole communities living on the Gliere plateau in Eastern France. At least two of these communities contained descendants of the Huguenots, a religious minority persecuted for its beliefs. Thousands of Huguenot escapees fled to the Eastern United States centuries ago. Remembering its huguenot past, during World War II, the citizens of Le Chambon-sur Lignon housed over 1000 Jewish children, whose parents had gone into hiding. Not one person in the town or in the nearby farms ever betrayed a child even though betrayal had its rewards. The citizens knew that if they didn't keep quiet, they would endanger everyone, since the Nazis carried out reprisal murders to retaliate against whole communities who harbored resistance members. Yad Vashem has honored both the villages of Le Chambon and Dieulefit as Righteous Among the Nations.

In our Federation community today, who are our heroes - certainly the health care workers and those of us who provide other much needed services. Our heroes make every effort to see that our community has adequate food, that our lodgings, businesses, and other buildings are safe and secure, that our children are able to learn both secularly and Jewishly, that we are nourished spiritually, and that all of our Federation membership rises to the occasion again and again.

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Knosh & Knowledge

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

THE JOY OF MOVEMENT with Eve Fischberg

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:00 to 10:00 am

Please note special time.

Zoom Presentation from your computer, tablet or phone

Please join us for Knosh & Knowledge when occupational therapist Eve Fischberg will introduce us to “The Joy of Movement.” Eve will discuss the health benefits of movement and share with us how “The Joy of Movement,” an ongoing accessible group dance program, enhances the health and quality of life for older adults living with Parkinson disease and related disorders (PD) and for their care partners. Eve promises to get us moving.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by Monday, October 25.

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- Up to \$174



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SAVE THE DATE

Federation Education & Culture Committee Program

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021 at 7 PM

“PRISONER OF HER PAST” with HOWARD REICH

Mr. Reich, former Chicago Tribune Arts and Music Critic, traveled through Poland, Ukraine, and the United States to discover why his mother, a Holocaust survivor, always believed her life was in danger. His journey unearthed buried war crimes documents, and led him to discover relatives that he did not know he had, and met witnesses to machine gun massacres of Jews in his mother’s hometown.

“Prisoner of the Past,” written by Mr. Reich and the Emmy Award, nationally broadcast, PBS documentary, that he wrote, produced, and narrated tells his story.

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER

On July 26 the Partnership held its Council of Communities meeting to develop plans and a budget for the coming year. The small Partnership staff in the Western Galilee manages to keep an enormous number of balls in the air at the same time. The programming for the coming year covers a wide range of activities in the arts, literature, education, language-learning, medicine, and so on. Thanks to Pat and Nancy Chesley for representing Springfield at that meeting, along with Nancy Sage, who provides continuing professional support for the Partnership programs.

The Medical Committee had several meetings over the summer to discuss initiatives to add to the ongoing programs that provide educational opportunities for medical residents and social workers. Harry Berman has proposed that the Medical Committee sponsor and organize seminars on end-of-life care planning, initially for physicians and other healthcare professionals and then for the general Partnership membership. The idea was well-received and Harry is making connections for the Partnership with people in the U.S. who have expertise in addressing such issues.

On Friday, August 27, members of the Springfield community who have been participating in the P2G Book Club had a lively zoom discussion of *The Orchard*, a book by the noted Israeli author Yochi Brandes. Our Springfield discussion was followed on Sunday, August 29, by the P2G Book Club zoom meeting with participation from most of the U.S. communities, Budapest, and the Western Galilee. We had good participation in that session from book-loving members of our Springfield community. We were privileged to hear from the book’s translator, Daniel Libenson, who shared insights about the author and the process of translation.

The next P2G Book Club selection is the novel *The Slave* a 1980 novel by the Nobel prize-winning American-Jewish author I.B. Singer. Other dates to be aware of include the Summit in Budapest – Sept. 11-15, 2022 and the Summit in the Western Galilee (for the 75th Israel anniversary and 25th Partnership anniversary) - November 5-9, 2023.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair

Partnership2GETHER WESTERN GALILEE'S FILM CLUB PRESENTS

Sallah Shabati

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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 17
12:00 PM CT

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Special Online Theater Workshop on Jewish Peoplehood

Sunday, Nov 7, 2021
12:00 PM CT
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BOOKCLUB

November 21, 12:00 PM
20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest

8th Book Club Gathering
THE SLAVE
BY Isaac Bashevis Singer

RSVP

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JDC)

Please join small Federations from across the country for a very special opportunity to see how our partner, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), is providing life saving aid to people and communities in Latin America.

Virtual Mission **LATIN AMERICA**

Monday October 18, 2021 at 6 PM CT

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SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive

In contrast to Federation's community programs and initiatives such as JCRC's Healthy Foods Distribution that are always publicized, there are aspects of what Federation does that are best described as behind the scenes, not highly publicized and, for that reason, not widely known. Social services and community security are so integral to our work, that I want to take this opportunity to describe Federation's involvement in these concerns. In both instances, there are underlying reasons why these aspects of Federation are somewhat under the radar.

In the case of social services, our foremost commitments are to privacy, confidentiality, and protecting the dignity of individuals who seek these services. Going back many, many years, Federation has had a licensed counselor or social worker on staff. In our weekly email updates and our newsletter, we ask that anyone in need call the executive director. I do receive calls from individuals seeking assistance and from friends and family members at a loss as how to help their friend or loved one. As you can imagine, each circumstance is different, and I respond accordingly. It might be to advocate, to refer to an appropriate agency, to research resources, to consult with or refer to our social worker, to work with our rabbis, or to provide financial assistance. We remain in regular contact with members of the community to inquire of their well-being and to ascertain whether there are any needs. Our community's social service needs are growing. For many of us, the past 18 months have been accompanied by added stress, and, as our community ages, challenges are bound to increase because of people living far from immediate family, living alone, or facing life changing circumstances. Federation's mission is to serve our community. Nothing is more important than being here for someone in need.

Community security has been part of Federation's work long before the murders at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and at Poway. Our relationships with local and federal law enforcement are critical components of community security and are ongoing. Federation continues to be in close contact with leadership within the Springfield Police Department, County Sheriff's office, Park District Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In preparation for the High Holidays, Federation arranged for Temples, Chabad, and Federation leadership to meet with the Springfield Police Department's Commander of Field Operations to discuss security concerns. Commander Dodd was helpful and informative and went beyond any expectations. This does not surprise me, as it exemplifies the response each time I am in contact with law enforcement. He emphasized the importance of the motto "see something, say something" to community security, and I reiterate. If you have even the slightest suspicion of an antisemitic incident, report it to local law enforcement and to me as the Federation Executive Director. Federation's responsibility to the community is to ensure follow-up and to abide by law enforcement's instructions as to how we can assist them and avoid impeding ongoing investigations or encouraging copycat crimes.

Any description of Federation's social services and community security components would not be complete without recognizing the critical role of our national organizations - JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) and SCN (Secure Community Network), which is funded by JFNA. Last year, JFNA, recognizing the challenges COVID brought to our communities, offered a matching grant to fund social services. Thanks to all our local members who contributed and to JFNA, our resources dedicated to social services have increased. SCN and JFNA's expertise in the area of community security has served our community well. Michael Masters, SCN's CEO, was our campaign speaker pre-Pittsburgh. SCN's Midwest Security Chief made a site visit to Springfield, walked through each of our local Jewish facilities, met with local and federal law enforcement leadership, and was the featured speaker at a community meeting. SCN's Facility assessor walked through both Temples and Chabad, provided on the spot recommendations and offered to conduct formal security assessments for each facility. Federation provides JFNA's technical assistance to the temples and Chabad for the federal government Non-Profit Security Grant Program. Thus far, Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel applied for and received grants to bolster their security initiatives.

As we enter a new Jewish year, Federation remains committed to its mission of promoting the well-being of our community and its members, addressing our needs and keeping us safe and secure.



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HURRICANE IDA RELIEF EFFORTS

Hurricane Ida, one of the strongest hurricanes ever to make landfall in the United States, plunged large parts of Louisiana and Mississippi into darkness and destroyed many homes and businesses. Hundreds were stranded, thousands of New Orleanians were displaced, and towns along the Gulf Coast were flooded. Jewish communities and others have significant needs in terms of shelter, recovery, aid, and rebuilding.

Jewish Federations are uniquely positioned to help at times of need such as these.

Local Federations and Network Communities in Louisiana and other potentially affected states including Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, laid the groundwork for a response ahead of the storm, while Federations in neighboring states such as Texas are already preparing to set up support in the forms of hot food, supply drives, temporary housing and childcare, coordination with aid organizations, and satellite services.

You can help support relief and recovery efforts by contributing to the Hurricane Ida relief fund.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

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THANK YOU

- Mary Beth Cohen**, for providing honey for our holiday packages.
- Jonathan Reynolds & Food Fantasies**, for providing Challahs for our holiday packages.
- September 10 Healthy Foods Distribution**, Ralph Loewenstein, Food Insecurity Chair, Rick Grimniger, Volunteer Coordinator, and volunteers Pamela Cohen, Cary Israel, Alan Kamhi, Mark Rabin, Bob Roth, Sammy Roth, Barbara Seidman, Bob Silverman, Denise Simon, and Stacey Skrysak.

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Feuer-Brozgold Legacy Fund

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming expressions of condolence we have received from so many of you. Clearly, the memory of our beloved Susan has not been diminished despite her long absence from public life. The outpouring of remembrances and appreciation from all with whom she was involved, both professionally and personally, has been profoundly gratifying to our entire family. It has served to ease the very heavy burden of our grief. Please know that your thoughtful, caring gestures of condolence have been gratefully appreciated and have helped to preserve Susan's memory as a blessing.

The Mogerman Family

JCRC—FOOD INSECURITY

Jewish Community Relations Council Healthy Foods Drive-Thru Distribution

Friday, October 8, 2021
11:30am (while supplies last)

To volunteer, contact Rick Griminger at rgriminger@gmail.com.



DETAILS:

- Open to residents of Sangamon County
- No registration required
- No financial eligibility requirements

Jewish Federation of Springfield/Jewish Community Relations Council
B'nai B'rith
Springfield Chapter Hadassah
Temple B'rith Sholom
Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood
Temple Israel
Temple Israel Sisterhood

LOCATION: Temple Israel—1140 W. Governor St.

Please wear a mask and clear a space in your trunk or back seat to ensure everyone's safety!

IN THE COMMUNITY

TBS Sisterhood invites you to join us for

ISRAELI DANCING



Presented by: Springfield International Folk Dancers
TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 2:00 PM
Couvert: \$5.00
RSVP by October 12 to 217-525-1360 #4

Temple B'rith Sholom presents Read the Prayerbook this year in the Original Hebrew!
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LEARN TO READ HEBREW MARATHON

You don't need to know anything about Hebrew! You will leave able to sound out words, sing some Hebrew songs, and understand a bit of grammar and meanings.

Sunday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost for Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, & Federation members: \$18.00 per individual
Sign up and pay by October 5th

Mail your check to: Temple B'rith Sholom, 1004 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703



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To:

Michael & Kayla Hurwitz, on the birth of their son, Theo Albert Hurwitz. Grandparents are Joe & Anna Hurwitz, Great Grandparents are Ralph & Betty Hurwitz.

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.