

2022 Federation Annual Campaign

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MESSAGE

From the President



Bob Silverman

It's August, the dog days, the summer doldrums.

I recently had the opportunity to take a walk in Southwinds Park when my dog, Bella, and I attended the Blessing of The Animals sponsored by Temple Israel. I found the grove of trees that had been planted many years ago in honor of Temple B'rith Sholom's 150th anniversary. Many of you were there that Sunday morning, joining together as one community.

While walking in the park I recalled a story I had heard many years ago in religious school. The story was about Honi, Israel's version of Johnny Appleseed. As the story goes, as Honi was in search of food he comes across an elderly woman planting a tree. Honi asks the woman what kind of tree she was planting and she responded, "A carob tree, which will take 70 years to bear fruit." Honi, trying not to insult the woman, said, "You're not exactly a youngster, are you certain you will live another seventy years to enjoy the fruit of this tree?" The elderly woman said to Honi, "when I was born into this world I found many beautiful carob trees planted by those who came before me. Just as my ancestors planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will have carob to eat." And, like Johnny Appleseed, Honi travels the land, planting carob trees.

So, what does this have to do with the Federation? And why am I writing about an old religious school tale about trees? Wouldn't this be better for Tu b'Shevat, the New Year for trees? The trees planted by those who came before us provide the shade we enjoy today. The gifts given by our community over the past 81 years have provided programs such as Chaverim; Camperships so that any child could enjoy a Jewish camping experience; A Gift of Israel; an active JCRC; PJ Library; Partnership; and Refugee Resettlement; to name just a few. Likewise, contributions given today, like newly planted trees, will help us guide the Federation into the future. As our community changes, the Federation will evolve to meet the challenges of the future. Let's be like that elderly woman planting the seeds for the future.

During these last days of summer take a walk in one of Springfield's parks, or, in one of our older neighborhoods. Enjoy the shade and thank a tree.

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.

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees. Enjoy socializing and learning with friends young and old.

Knosh & Knowledge

WED., SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 9:30-10:30 AM

**Tour of Springfield Fire Station,
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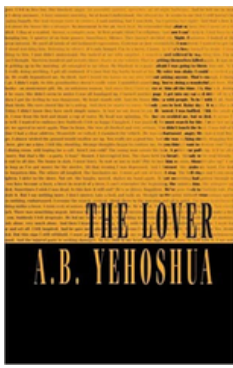
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P2G Book Club

November 20th

12 pm CDT



Join us for a discussion about A.B. Yehoshua's (z"l) debut novel *The Lover*. Originally published in Hebrew in 1977, it has been adapted for the screen twice and is written from the point of view of each of the six main characters. The book explores themes of adultery, war and Israeli national identity.

[RSVP](#) and get your zoom link

Partnership2GETHER

Marcy Paul, the new director of our consortium, the Western Galilee Partnership2Gether, has posed an interesting question to the leadership of the Partnership communities: How do you define Jewish peoplehood?

The question is an apt one in terms of our affiliation with Partnership2Gether. The ties that bind together the 17 US communities in our consortium, as well as the Budapest Jewish community, and the Western Galilee region of Israel, are not easy to pin down. Sure, we're all Jewish. But when we say that are we talking about religion and what the sociologists call "religiosity," that is, engaging in religious activities – or about something else? I'm confident that the amount of religious activity (e.g., attending services, observing shabbat, keeping kosher) varies enormously among people involved with Partnership2Gether, ranging from almost none to daily or weekly religious activity. Plus, we're aware that many of our Israeli partners don't consider themselves "religious" at all. But who could doubt their attachment to the Jewish state – or their Jewishness?

Interestingly, both Nancy Sage and I responded to Marcy's question by harking back to a remarkable program we had in Springfield several years ago, when we hosted Avram Infeld (Thank you, Barry and Barbara Seidman!). Infeld played a central role in the founding of the Birthright program, served for three years as international president of Hillel, and lectures extensively, particularly on college campuses, about Jewish identity. Infeld's notion of Jewish peoplehood is that it revolves around five areas: Memory, Family, Mt. Sinai (meaning Jewish laws and practices), Israel, and Hebrew (meaning the Hebrew language). Infeld argues that it's not necessary to buy in, so to speak, to all five. But if you can buy into three then your Jewish identity will be firmly grounded, just like a three-legged stool. And, equally important, your areas of identification will necessarily overlap with those of other people who call themselves Jewish even though their lifestyles may be considerably different than yours. If you're interested in learning more, see <https://5leggedtable.com> or Infeld's book, *A Passion for a People*.

Marcy visited Springfield on August 3rd and 4th and met with the Federation board, as well as with members of our community who had been active in Partnership activities. Marcy provided an overview of Partnership activities but gave special attention to the Women Leading Dialogue (WLD) program. This program brings together Jewish and Muslim women from the Western Galilee region who meet together for a year. The study year culminates in a trip to several US Partnership communities. This coming November the WLD women will be visiting Springfield. Based on the experiences of other Partnership communities who have hosted WLD groups in the past, we can expect that hearing the stories of these courageous women who are dedicated to creating a shared society in Israel will be a powerful and moving experience. More information about their visit will be forthcoming.

On Sunday, July 10, the P2G Book Club was fortunate enough to spend an hour on zoom with the Israeli novelist. Eshkol Nevo, whose book, *World Cup Wishes*, we had read – the 10th book club selection. The book is the story of four Israeli young men who are close friends, the ups and downs of their lives and relationships. The book touches on the themes of friendship, trust and betrayal, and the surprising way that lives evolve. The conversation with Nevo was exhilarating. He regaled us for the hour with discussion of the ties between the story and his own life, the challenges of translation, and his writing process. I was reminded that sometimes there's a disconnect between a book that we love and the personality and character of the author – the author can disappoint. That was certainly not the case with Eshkol Nevo. He was personable, warm, humorous, and courteous to everyone on the call. It was a privilege to make his acquaintance.

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair

Jewish Community Relations Council

Greetings to all the members of the Springfield Jewish Community:

I am most honored to have been elected chair of the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for the coming year. As you know, JCRC is the arm of the Jewish Federation that interacts with the Springfield community at large, and presents to them our points of view, concerns, and suggestions for initiatives and programs that can benefit all of us. The members of JCRC represent all the major Jewish institutions in Springfield: the two synagogues and their sisterhoods, Hadassah and B'nai Brith. We provide a forum for representatives of all these groups to meet and exchange ideas and proposals.

The very basis of JCRC is openness and communication. JCRC operates under a strong committee system, in which subject matter committees are primarily responsible for developing ideas and bringing them to fruition. The current committees of JCRC are Advocacy, Food Insecurity, Interfaith, Israel and Overseas, and New Initiatives/Re-Entry.

Any member of the Jewish community can join any of these committees. You do not have to be a JCRC member to belong to a committee, and we welcome your participation. I would particularly recommend participation in the Healthy Food Distribution, whose dozens of volunteers have provided vitally needed assistance to the more needy citizens of Springfield through a continuing series of food and toiletry distributions. If you would like to serve on any of our committees, please contact the Jewish Federation Office. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

Caleb Melamed , JCRC Chair

Happy Rosh Hashanah

From the Federation Board and Staff



Save the Date November 9th-11th, 2022



THE PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Young Adults Center of Matte Asher Regional Council, the Western Galilee Partnership2Gether created a group of Arab and Jewish women from Akko and Matte Asher, to lead a dialogue. Jewish Federation of Springfield is pleased to be a host for this program.

The women of the group get to know each other, go out on field trips and celebrate special holidays together, like Ramadan, New Years and Passover. While strengthening their bonds, they also enhance their leadership, project building and development skills.



Women Leading a Dialogue MISSION

To find mutual ground and strengthen the bond between Arab and Jewish women from the Western Galilee while sharing, exposing and involving our partner communities to the complex diversity of the Western Galilee. We will have four Jewish women and four Muslim women visiting Springfield.

Volunteers Needed

If you're interested in being a home host for our Women Leading a Dialogue guests for two overnights (Nov. 9 & 10), or to help drive our guests from event to event, please contact Nancy Sage at nsage@shalomspringfield.org.

Small Federations Experience Israel:

Join others from small communities on this once in a lifetime trip!

Dates: April 17-23, 2023

See Israel: Tel Aviv, Akko, Jaffa, Caesarea, Rosh Hanikra, Jerusalem and more!



Extended option: April 23-26: Join the JFNA General Assembly - the Jewish Federations of North America premier event.

Registration for the GA will be through the GA website - details TBA.



Highlights Include:

- Take a culinary tour through the Lewinsky Market
- Visit to the Old Port City of Jaffa
- Tour Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and see its archaeological wonders
- See the northern border at Rosh Hanikra
- Spend a day in Akko and walk the Crusader Halls
- Celebrate Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Experience Yad Vashem, float the Dead Sea and climb Masada
- And so much more!!! A treat for all of your senses.

Cost:

Land based on double

occupancy: \$3750

Single supplement: \$1,308

\$500 deposit due with registration.

Does not include GA hotel or registration.



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Includes:

7 overnights:

2 overnights in Tel Aviv

1 overnight in Nahariya

4 overnights in Jerusalem

3 Dinners/6 Lunches

Delicious Israeli breakfast every morning

6 days with English speaking tour guide

Luxury Tour Bus with free wifi

Does Not Include:

Airfare

Insurance

Tips for guide and driver



JFP is making no interest loans available to JFP members

Subsidies will be available for GA

Contact the office for details

Register at www.jewishpeoria.org

Limited space available. Deadline to Register Jan. 15, 2023

Cost subject to change based on number of participants

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

I wanted some time between my travel to Ethiopia and my presentation so that I could reflect on its impact and meaning. I do wish that each and every one of you could have traveled with me to experience directly the good you do, and truth be written, how much more there is to do.

Ethiopians making Aliyah, leaving their homes to reunite with their families in Israel, and Ukrainians escaping from ravages of war, these are the lives you save through your generosity. It is your support that makes it all possible. You bring them services, education, and practical day-to-day

knowledge that assists their success in their new land. Because of you, our overseas partners, Jewish Agency for Israel, JDC, and ORT, have been long-established in these areas, so that they could act without haste to save and change lives.

In Springfield, Federation's mission, very simply, is to serve you. Federation and Jewish Community Relations Boards are dedicated to enhancing Jewish life in many different ways. As a small Jewish community, we create our own opportunities.

The Jewish Community Relations Council's (JCRC) longtime partnership with the Central Illinois Food Bank provides food for many hundreds of individuals and families who live within greater Springfield and suffer food insecurity. Your support makes it possible for us to reach out and assist them, and when you volunteer, you make it happen.

When we are confronted with antisemitism, we address it immediately with those involved and collaborate to combat it along with all manifestations of racism and hate. When you call Federation to report an incident of antisemitism, we respond, involve local and federal law enforcement, consult with experts, and pull together the response team to address the situation. A JCRC special committee has drafted an outline that will serve as a guide for presentations describing Jewish culture and religion adaptable for use for different audiences. Most important and key to combatting antisemitism, your support helps build relationships which strengthen understanding within the greater Springfield community.

Security is of major concern. The Federation's Community Facilities Committee brings together representatives from Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, Chabad, and B'rit Yisrael, the joint temples religious school, regarding security issues. Springfield Police Department recently conducted walk-throughs at each facility, spoke to the Jewish community at Federation's annual meeting and continues to reach out regularly as well as to respond to questions and concerns. FBI is readily available. We regularly consult with SCN (Secure Community Network), the national Jewish security agency, funded by JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America). SCN's resources and seminars are state-of-the-art. Federations, as the umbrella organization for Jewish communities locally and across the country, coordinate local security initiatives. Your support and awareness strengthen community security.

From camp scholarships, free PJ Library books, and support for B'rit Ysrael for our youngsters to a wide variety of Education and Culture programs, from Knosh and Knowledge for active retirees, to outreach to seniors, to social services and financial support, we strive to serve all age groups and interests in our community. It is what we do. As we approach Campaign 2022, please we remember that Federation is here to serve and that we could not do any of the things we do without you and your support.

**The Springfield Maimonides Society members wish you and your family
a joyous, happy and especially healthy New Year.
L'Shana Tova.**



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The Maimonides Society is a fellowship of health professionals dedicated to educational, social and philanthropic activities under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois. Their purpose is to support Jewish life in Springfield, Israel and throughout the world, and to mobilize the healthcare profession to serve as a resource for the Jewish and general communities.

Thanksgiving Baskets 2022



Our Thirty-sixth Year!

Dear Friends,

If Fall is approaching, it must be time for our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. This is the thirty-sixth year that our congregations will combine resources, funds, and people power to provide food to approximately **1500** individuals who live in Springfield and the surrounding areas. During the past two years, food insecurity has continued to grow, and social service programs have faced increased demand, making this project even more important to our community.

Last year we began a new process to create the final baskets. By allowing our social agency partners to assemble deliveries to each family, we will again have space to provide food to additional families; we are planning to assist **275** families this year! We will need volunteers on Sunday, November 20th and a group early Tuesday morning, November 22nd to assist loading agency vehicles. There may also be occasional volunteer opportunities after mid-October to carry food into our staging area at Temple Israel.

Your generosity comes through each year despite uncertain economic times. Increasing costs have led to an increase in the suggested donation to **\$40 per basket**, and we are grateful that many of you donate for several baskets. We also welcome donations for **half baskets (\$20.00)**. The entire amount of your donation goes to food and supplies; we have no overhead costs. If you would like to support this project, please send your check as soon as possible so that we may plan accurately.

Please make checks payable to Temple B'rith Sholom or Temple Israel, mark Thanksgiving Baskets on the memo line and return your check with the bottom of this letter.

Thanks so much,

Thanksgiving Basket Committee representing First Congregational Church,
Congregation Temple Israel, and Temple B'rith Sholom

Please complete and return this portion to:

Temple B'rith Sholom or Temple Israel

1004 S. 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 1140 Governor St., Springfield, IL 62704

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

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

I would like to volunteer on Sunday the 20th ____; early Tuesday morning the 22nd ____
____ Please contact me for occasional assistance carrying food into Temple Israel.



TO:

Healthy Foods Distribution Volunteers: June 10 - Bob Barewin, Rabbi Datz, Rick Griminger, Cary Israel, Alan Kahmi, Ralph Loewenstein, Rabbi Marks, Zvi Pisman, Bob Roth, Marilyn Silver, Denise Simon, and Steve Stone.

PJ Library Volunteers: Regan Marks & Kayla Morrison, for helping to organize the first get-together, PJ in the Park.

Eva Marks, for volunteering in the Federation office for her school community service hours.

If you would like to receive the Federation's newsletter, *Shalom Springfield*, via email as a PDF, in full color, instead of USPS, drop us a line at wterry@shalomspringfield.org.



Please keep the Federation informed if you have changed your address, phone numbers, or email.

Send to your changes to sjf@shalomspringfield.org

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