

The Mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel, and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, services and educational activities.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

2017-2018

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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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WITH APPRECIATION TO FEDERATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS

CAMPAIGN: Rita Victor and Amber Sabin, Co-Chairs; Susan Nightingale, Super Sunday Chair; Mark Wancket, Matching Fund Chair.

CARDOZO SOCIETY: Howard Feldman and Mark Rabin, Co-Chairs.

CHAI TEA: Arden Lang, Chair. Members: Beryl Feldman, Elissa GoldbergBelle, Sara Lieber, Anita Myers, Merle Shiffman, Sharon Star, and Mary Jo Wasser. Chefs: Mark Deluhery and Elissa GoldbergBelle.

EDUCATION & CULTURE: Jay Mogerman, Chair. Members: Pat Chesley, Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Bob Silverman, Barry Weiss, Harvey Wells, and Barb Wolfson.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL: Betsy Salus, Chair. Members: Jeff Chesky, Nancy Chesley, Pat Chesley, Rabbi Michael Datz, Mark Deluhery, Cary Israel, Gary Kessler, Jordan Litvak, Ralph Loewenstein, Rabbi Barry Marks, Caleb Melamed, Leika Myers, Whitney Rosen, Bob Roth, Scott Sabin, Gloria Schwartz, Barbara Seidman, Abby Sgro, Ben Sgro, Bob Silverman, Natalie Silverman, and Stephen Stone.

LEGACY FUND: Jerry Jennings, Chair, Lisa Stone, Immediate Past Chair. Board Members: Fred Benson, Dr. Harry Berman, Howard Chodash, M.D., Gregory Marantz, Anne Morgan, Lisa Stone, and Karen Westbrook.

LIFE & LEGACY: Anne Morgan, Chair. Members: Jerry Jennings, Ted LeBlang, Ralph Loewenstein, and Nancy Sage.

MAIMONIDES SOCIETY: Howard Chodash, M.D.

NEXTGEN: Andrew Boyer, D.D.S. and Kayla Morrison, Co-Chairs.

NOMINATING: Ted LeBlang, Chair. Members: Fred Benson, and Arden Lang.

SENIORS: Arden Lang, Chair. Members: Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Linda Morrison, Barbara Rabin, and Mark Wancket.

WINE TASTING: Ted LeBlang, Chair.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Barry Seidman,
Federation President

As I complete my final year as president of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, I feel I can look back and conclude we have had another successful year. There are always challenges, but what we are able to accomplish in our small community is outstanding.

During the past year we continued to offer a wide array of both social and educational programming. There has been targeted programming running the spectrum from Next Generation's successful Chanukah party to our popular, monthly Chaverim program serving our senior community. Knosh & Knowledge continues to be a successful and well attended monthly event with a variety of interesting speakers. Our popular annual Jewish film series expanded this year to include a special presentation of short films. Perhaps our programming highlight this year was a presentation by Avraham Infeld, one of today's most recognized speakers on Jewish life and community. I think anyone who joined us to listen to Dr. Infeld will agree the evening was quite an event for our community.

During the past year we have continued our tradition, and had another successful Campaign. This year our Campaign was led by Rita Victor and Amber Sabin. As part of our Campaign, we continued with a new tradition of having one community wide event available for everyone to attend. Rita and Amber planned a wonderful evening of good friends, good food, fun entertainment, and meaningful remarks.

For the second consecutive year our community has successfully participated in LIFE & LEGACY, a partnership between Federation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Through this wonderful program each of our community's synagogues, as well as Federation, have strengthened the foundation for our future by receiving commitments to support our community for years to come.

Our Jewish Community Relations Council continued its tradition of reaching out to the greater Springfield community with the Mobile Food Pantry. JCRC also continues to serve as a first line of defense when world

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

events require a response from us.

There are so many people to thank for doing the hard work that makes our successes possible. First, our professional staff led by our Executive Director, Nancy Sage. Also, our Program Director, David Miller, our office manager, Wendy Evans-Terry (truly the glue that holds so much together), and Sari Miller Wancket, our social worker who works for us on an as needed basis. Our JCRC Chair, Betsy Salus puts in many hours of thought and effort on community matters.

Most importantly, we could not achieve what we do as a small Federation without the help and support of each of you, from volunteers who help in our office, to those who deliver our various holiday baskets to our seniors, to those who help plan and organize the various programs, to those who work on our JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, to those who worked on LIFE & LEGACY, to those who agree to be Campaign solicitors, and especially to all who contribute. All of you are the reason why we have continued to be successful for over 75 years. With your continued help and support we will have many more years to come.

On a personal note, I have been proud to represent our Federation as I have traveled to national events and have met people from around the world. There are wonderful people doing good work on behalf of the Federation system in areas all around the globe. The fact that we in Springfield continually make the conscious decision to be a part of this, and to contribute beyond what our size would naturally indicate is remarkable. Generally, when I am at national Federation events I am representing the smallest community in attendance. But I have yet to find a community that is better than ours.

Thank you for all of your support and commitment. It has been a privilege to serve as President.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

We are a small Federation that does. And, at the heart of it all is you. For it is your support, guidance, participation, and generosity that make what we do possible. And everything we do is meant to have positive impact within the community, to save and change lives in 70 countries through our overseas partners.

Our leadership seeks and creates special opportunities that build, invest and engage our community as exemplified by the premiere of the Rosenwald documentary. This screening attended by 750 people resulted from the combined efforts of Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Federation's Education and Culture Committee and partners in the black community who saw an opportunity to promote intergroup dialogue and understanding. This endeavor recently earned us a Program Excellence Award from the Jewish Council of Public Affairs. And, the Rosenwald Initiative partnership continues to work on a follow-up project.

And then there was Avraham Infeld. Special thanks to both temples and B'nai B'rith who helped sponsor this world renowned, inspirational speaker. His contagious passion for the Jewish people emphasized that Jewish community is multi-faceted with a place for each of us to find our own mode of expression.

The films of Jewish interest chosen for the film series share the ideal to bring something special to Springfield. The Education and Culture Committee vets each from a long list of films that play on large screens in larger cities or are featured in film festivals across the country.

Throughout the year, dedicated volunteers devote their energy and creativity to give back to our community as committee chairs, committee members, board members, and program participants. The programs span all ages and interests. PJ Library sends free books of Jewish content to children in our community ages 6 months to 8 years. Federation gives a \$3,200 grant to the B'rit Yisrael religious school and awards scholarships to children attending Jewish camps. Chaverim, the monthly social gathering for seniors engenders warmth, caring, and sharing stories. Active retirees meet at Knosh & Knowledge to learn a bit more about Springfield's organizations,

arts and artists, historic sites and the like. Chai Tea and the Gala Wine Tasting are fun and entertaining while raising funds. The JCRC Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry provided food for more than 700 family members last year.

We spoke with one voice on issues of religious pluralism in Israel to express our disappointment regarding proposed legislation to recognize only conversions approved by the Orthodox Rabbinate and reneging on the agreement for egalitarian worship at the Western Wall. Your support for lifesaving and life-changing services in Israel, positioned our national organization and partners to work with Israelis whose lives these decisions directly affect.

Yes, we are a Federation that does. And, we couldn't do it without the skills and talents of our staff, social services counselor Sari Miller Wancket, office manager Wendy Evans-Terry, and part-time program director David Miller.

I am grateful to Barry Seidman for his leadership and guidance over the past two years and for his passion and dedication to the mission of Federation. I deeply appreciate the hard work of our Board and committee chairs, their stewardship of our Federation's programs and events, and the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

Campaign is the life-blood of our Federation; it is what enables us to do all the wonderful things that we do. Heartfelt thanks to Rita Victor and Amber Sabin, chairs of our 2018 campaign, Susan Nightingale, Super Sunday Chair, Super Sunday callers, Mark Wancket, Matching Gift Chair, and all who support our campaign.

It has been a privilege working with all of them and serving as Executive Director of a small Federation that does.



JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

This year, JCRC has continued its incredible work of engaging the Springfield Jewish Community with the greater community and with local, national and international issues.

- ◆ Together with the Education & Culture Committee and community partners, we arranged for the screening of the Rosenwald documentary, a film about Julius Rosenwald's partnership with African-American communities.
- ◆ We co-sponsored with Hadassah an evening presentation on the Dangerous Rise in Anti-Semitism with ADL's Karen Aroesty.
- ◆ We tackled the thorny issues surrounding refugees and immigration.
- ◆ We coordinated the 4th Annual Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry to highlight the issue of food insecurity in our community and do something to address it.

None of this could be accomplished without the dedication of the JCRC members, to whom we are so appreciative. JCRC is comprised of representatives of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, its constituent organizations, and "at large" member of the Springfield Jewish community. Thank you to all for everything you did to advance the mission of community engagement during the past year.



LIFE & LEGACY™

In late 2016, the Jewish Federation of Springfield was selected to participate in the Jewish Federations of North America/Harold Grinspoon Foundation's LIFE & LEGACY program as one of only eight small Federated Jewish communities from across North America. This two-year incentive grant program with the goal of working collaboratively to establish a culture of legacy giving as a means to secure a Jewish future ended successfully in February 2018. Federation executive director Nancy Sage worked with Legacy Teams from Federation, Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel to share training and to secure each participating organization eighteen letters of intent to leave a legacy gift during each year of the program. A legacy gift is a bequest in a will, insurance policy, IRA or a qualifying endowment gift.

We gratefully appreciate all who signed a letter of intent to leave a legacy gift, Federation again this year earned the \$5,000 incentive grant as did Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel. Federation Legacy Team members Jerry Jennings, Ted LeBlang, Ralph Loewenstein, Nancy Sage and Team Leader Anne Morgan initiated legacy conversations that led to achieving the goal. Over two years, LIFE & LEGACY brought \$30,000 in incentive grants, \$5,000 each year to each organization, and yielded 119 letters of intent with an estimated total of more than \$600,000, including 40 letters of intent totaling an estimated \$313,691 to Federation. Our community Legacy Shabbat celebration honoring legacy donors is scheduled June 1, 2018.

We thank the following individuals who have indicated intent or made provisions to leave a Legacy gift:

Anonymous Donors	Jerry & Paula Jennings	Cantor Sam Radwine
Towfig Arjmand, M.D.	Jay & Carol Kitterman	Scott & Amber Sabin
Fred & Terri Benson	Ted & Pam LeBlang	Betsy Salus
Alan & Roberta Cherrick	Len Lieberman	Eydee Schultz
Pat & Nancy Chesley	Ralph & Carol Loewenstein	Julie Seidman
Howard Chodash, M.D.	Yetta Marantz	Dr. Michael & Gloria Schwartz
Mary Beth Cohen	Sid & Natalie Marder	Stuart & Merle Shiffman
Rabbi Michael Datz	Rabbi Marks & Nancy Sage	Bob & Natalie Silverman
Jonathan Goldfarb, M.D.	Michael Metnick	Carol Spiegel
Eli Goodman, M.D.	Jay & Susan Mogerman	Dr. Stephen & Lisa Stone
Stuart Frank, M.D.	Linda Morrison	Larry Tick
Pat Halperin Wolford	Saul Morse & Anne Morgan	Rita Victor
Vera Herst	Max & Kathleen Parienti	Mark Wancket
Ralph & Betty Hurwitz	David Radwine	Debra Weiner

LEGACY FUND

Long before LIFE & LEGACY, our local Federation leadership established Federation's Legacy Fund to ensure financial security in the future. The Legacy Fund includes all Federation endowment funds. According to our by-laws, a small percentage of funds may be spent annually, insuring that the funds will continue to endure and grow across time. The Legacy Fund helps support programs in Jewish education, culture, camperships, senior initiatives, community activities, financial assistance, and social services for those in need. Thus, we are pleased to include our newest legacy gifts as part of our legacy listings.

The Legacy Fund remains an important part of the Federation as the years go by. It serves as a reserve for local or worldwide emergencies, and a funding source for the annual budget of the General Fund which pays for all of our programs and day to day operations.

The Legacy Fund continues to grow from both contributions received and earnings from our investments, which are almost all invested with the Endowment of the Jewish Federation of Chicago. At the end of 2016 the value of the Legacy Fund was over \$1.3 million.

The Legacy Fund is an essential part of the financial security of our community. By providing for our Federation—through a bequest or legacy, a gift, a trust fund, or philanthropic fund—you insure the continuity of Federation's life saving humanitarian services, locally and globally. By being a part of our Legacy Fund, you enable us to undertake vitally needed special projects in Jewish education, culture, social welfare, and religious life. By being a part of our Legacy Fund, you will enrich the life of the Jewish people and the over-all community, not only in your own lifetime but in the lifetimes of your children and grandchildren.

We would like to talk with and/or provide information to anyone interested in setting up their own named fund, or who would consider making a provision for the Federation in their estate planning. We sincerely believe this would be a worthwhile investment in the future of the local, national and worldwide Jewish communities.

Ending Balance	December 2016	December 2017
Chicago Investment Fund	\$1,170,652.96	\$1,305,904.83
Local Checking Account	\$25,911.34	\$15,578.26
TOTAL	\$1,196,564.30	\$1,321,483.09

LEGACY FUNDS PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH THE FUTURE IS BUILT

Good people have planned ahead to assure our future. At tax time, or any time, consider adding to these funds, if you support their purpose, or if you wish to memorialize or honor the donors.

Arjmand Family Fund (Unrestricted)

Chaverim Fund (Seniors/Chaverim)

**Chodash-Bernsen Health Education
and Promotion Fund**
(Health & Health Education)

Neal J. Feldman Fund (Unrestricted)

Feuer-Brozgold Fund (Unrestricted)

**Linda and Les Eastep Financial Needs
Assistance Fund**
(Provides Financial Assistance)

Gift of Israel (Savings Plan to Send
Children to Israel)

Fred Hexter Fund (Unrestricted)

Sam & Peggy Klein Fund (Unrestricted)

**Len & Gail Lieberman Future
Springfield Fund** (Future of the
Springfield Jewish Community)

Loeb Fund (JCRC)

Mission Fund (Help Local Members
Participate in Trips to Israel)

Mogerman Family Fund (Community
Activities & Cultural/Educational
Programs)

**Jim & Edith Myers Adult Education
Fund** (Restricted to Adult
Education)

Gloria Schwartz Fund (Professional
Development)

Stone Philanthropic Fund
(Leadership/Capital Expenditures)

Simon Wasser Fund (Unrestricted)

Joni A. Wolfson Campership Fund
(Camperships)

The following have made contributions to the Legacy Fund in the last year:

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Abramowitz

Dr. & Mrs. Towfig Arjmand

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barewin

Dr. & Mrs. Harry Berman

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Chesley

Mr. Harvey Chimoff

Ms. Mary Beth Cohen

Drs. Stuart Frank & Amber Barnhart

Ms. Jill Gordon

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hammel

Ms. Carol Herzog

Mr. Tom Immel

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Josephson

Mr. William Kessler

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Kitterman

Mr. & Mrs. Ted LeBlang

Mr. Len Lieberman

Rabbi Barry Marks & Nancy Sage

Mr. Michael Metnick

Dr. & Mrs. Lanny Odin

Mr. & Mrs. Max Parient

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Schultz

Ms. Eydee Schultz

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Schwartz

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Seidman

Mrs. Julie Seidman

Robert & Natalie Silverman

Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Stone

Mrs. Rita Victor

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Wasser

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Weiss

Mr. Walt Wilson

2017-2018 FEDERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Your contributions to our annual campaign make these programs and services possible.

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS. The Joni Wolfson Campership Fund provided three scholarships to Federation members to attend overnight Jewish camps where they can explore Jewish values and concepts.

CAMPAIGN. Our 2018 Annual Campaign was co-chaired by Rita Victor and Amber Sabin. The Campaign kicked off with a Thank You Event Blues Brunch for our Pacesetter donors, followed by the Campaign Spectacular Dinner, held at the Wyndham City Centre, and January's Super Sunday, chaired by Susan Nightingale. At the time of this writing, we are within 92% of reaching our campaign goal of \$285,000.

CHAI TEA. This year's Annual Chai Tea, a fundraiser for Senior and Social Service Programs, marked its 10th year by honoring founding chef, Anita Myers. Guests enjoyed tea, homemade scones as well as other sweet and savory bites. Attendees had an opportunity to win a prize for best hat and to purchase raffle tickets for prizes furnished from Springfield businesses, ranging from restaurants to salons, and even local artists. Music was provided by the Sangamon Valley Youth Orchestra.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE. This committee brings diverse, informative, entertaining, and timely programs to Springfield working on their own or collaboratively. Education and Culture sponsored the 4th Annual Jewish Film Series, and a "Jewish-Italian Cooking Demonstration" with David Radwine, and initiated Short Order Films, a sampling of short films on a Sunday afternoon. In conjunction with JCRC and partner organizations in the Black community, they sponsored the Springfield premiere of the "Rosenwald," documentary. With support from both temples, their sisterhoods and B'nai B'rith, Education and Culture brought us the renown Avraham Infeld with his memorable presentation "Passion for A People: Unified not Uniform."

GALA WINETASTING. The sixteenth annual wine tasting, an annual fundraiser for the Federation, featuring a nice selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, was held at Maldaner's in April, with The Corkscrew providing this year's wine selections. Ted & Pam LeBlang served as hosts for this event.

2017-2018 FEDERATION HIGHLIGHTS

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATION COUNCIL (JCRC). JCRC, comprised of 22 members representing the Jewish organizations as well as 6 at-large members, focuses on issues of concern to the Jewish community, interfaith and intergroup relations, Israel and international relations. JCRC seeks opportunities to build and strengthen relationships within the greater Springfield community. Their leadership role in the premiere screening of the Rosenwald documentary earned national recognition from the Jewish Council on Public Affairs. JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry brings out more than 60 volunteers to provide free food to people in need.

NEXTGEN. This group of young, adult Jewish community members, led by Andrew Boyer and Kayla Morrison, gathered with their friends and family for a fun filled afternoon at SkyZone, celebrated Chanukah, and met with the Rabbis for an evening of food and drink.

PJ LIBRARY. Through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and our local Neal J. Feldman Legacy Fund, children, age six months through eight years, are able to receive Jewish books, CDs and materials from the PJ Library. More than 64 children have received PJ Library books in our community. Once they reach the age of eight, they can continue to experience PJ Library through *PJ Our Way*, via their website. There they can chose their own book selection, take polls, quizzes, and participate in monthly interviews and challenges.

SENIORS. Chaverim attendees continue to gather monthly for conversation, a short presentation, and a light snack. More than 75 Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah packages were also delivered by volunteers to our community members. Knosh & Knowledge, the program for active retirees, continues to also meet monthly for a presentation, coffee, and discussion. Presenters have included APL's Caitlin Loving, Matthew Sheppard, Sangamon Valley Youth Orchestra and Civic Orchestra, and Rachel Thomson, Kidzeum of Health and Science. Occasionally, attendees have also toured other sites, such as the Lincoln Heritage Museum.

SOCIAL SERVICES. A wide range of private, confidential services are available to individuals and families in our community to assist in difficult life situations. Crisis intervention, case management and supportive counseling, as well as liaison work with other resources and service providers, are all core aspects of our work.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

FISCAL REPORT (Unaudited)

REVENUE	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Campaign	\$264,443	\$276,364
Legacy Fund Income	\$ 29,792	\$ 40,845
Lapsed Funds	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,500
Interest/General Fund	\$ 400	\$ 367
Grants/Reimbursement	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other	\$ 30,924	\$ 30,890
United Way Designations	\$ 528	\$ 600
TOTAL	\$329,512	\$351,566
EXPENSES	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
JCRC	\$ 10,840	\$ 11,760
Annual Meeting & Report	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,995
Media & Technology	\$ 6,084	\$ 7,462
Chaverim/Social Services	\$ 2,616	\$ 2,533
Allocations	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
Campaign	\$ 12,150	\$ 12,150
Camperships	\$ 500	\$ 500
Fundraising	\$ 3,660	\$ 4,415
Chicago Federation Dues	\$ 500	\$ 500
National Dues	\$ 10,819	\$ 10,506
Springfield Board of Jewish Education	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
Other Programs	\$ 17,735	\$ 26,643
TOTAL	\$ 72,299	\$ 83,664
JFNA Overseas Allocation	\$ 66,881	\$ 71,131
Administrative & Other	\$190,332	\$196,771
Unallocated Expenses		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$329,512	\$351,566
Excess of Expenses	\$0	\$0
Over Expenditure		

2017-2018 WHAT YOUR DOLLARS SUPPORT

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Cardozo Society
Chaverim
Education & Culture
Financial Assistance
Jewish Camp
Scholarships
Jewish Community
Relations Council
Jewish Film Festival
Knosh & Knowledge
Maimonides Society
Newsletter
NextGen
PJ Library
Social Services
Springfield Board of
Jewish Education
(B'rit Ysrael Sunday
School)

NATIONAL

American Jewish World
Service (AJWS)
Association of Jewish
Families & Children's
Agencies (AJFCA)
Jewish Community
Centers of America
(JCCA)
BBYO
Foundation for Jewish
Culture (FJC)
Hebrew Immigrant Aid
Society (HIAS)
Hillel: The Foundation
for Jewish Campus Life
Jewish Council for
Public Affairs (JCPA)
Jewish Telegraphic
Association
(JTA/70 Faces)
National Coalition
Supporting Eurasian
Jewry (NCSEJ)

INTERNATIONAL

American Jewish
Joint Distribution
Committee (JDC)
Ethiopian National
Project (ENP)
Hadassah
(Neurim Youth
Village)
Jewish Agency for
Israel (JAFI)
Taglit Birthright
Israel
World ORT

AGENCY	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Birthright Israel	\$ 2,817	\$ 2,817
Jewish Federations of North America—Overseas (JDC, ENP, JAFI, World ORT)	\$64,064	\$68,314
Hadassah Neurim	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Other Designated Allocations	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
Springfield Board of Jewish Education	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
TOTAL	\$77,281	\$81,331

PICTURES



