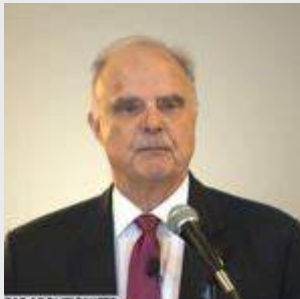


JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Education and Culture Committee presents:

Robert K. Sutton
Author of Nazis on the Potomac

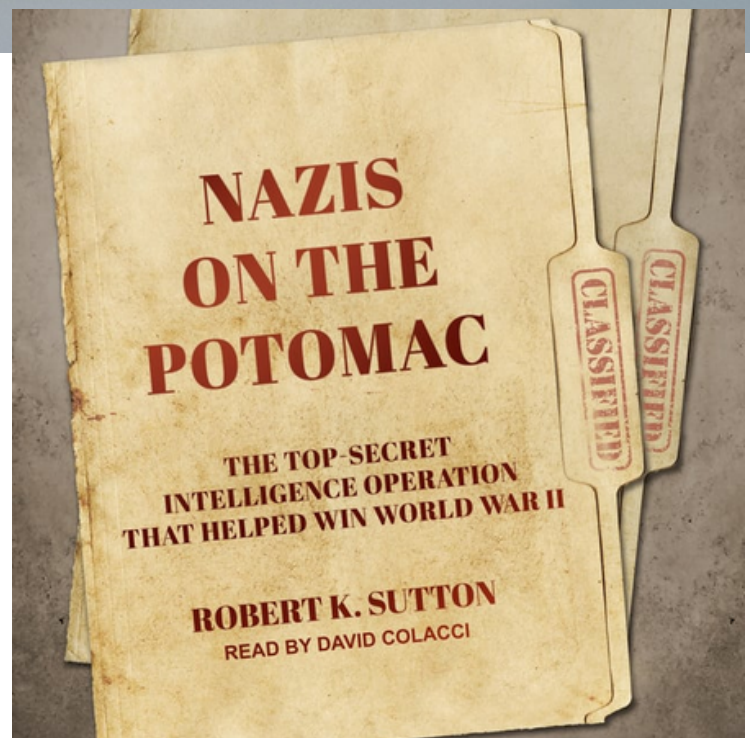


Monday, Dec. 12, 2022
7:00 pm

Mr. Sutton will share the previously
untold story of the intelligence operation,
P.O. Box 1142.

During World War II, the US military
conducted a clandestine
intelligence operation, known as
P. O. Box 1142.

In the shadow of the Nation's
Capital, at Fort Hunt, Virginia,
American servicemen, many of
whom were Jews who had escaped
Nazi Germany as children,
interrogated Nazi prisoners.



MESSAGE

From the President



Bob Silverman

It seems that once Labor Day and the High Holidays are over, the rest of the year goes by in a flash. The same is true at the Federation, once one project is completed, the next one pops up.

On October 24th we had our 2022 Campaign kickoff event. We heard the story of Tatyana, her father, and the work of the JDC, who rescued him (a Holocaust survivor, now escaping his second war), and reunited them. The JDC is one of the agencies your campaign gifts support.

A week later, led by our intrepid Executive Director, five of us attended the GA (General Assembly) of the Jewish Federations of North America, the international convention of the American Jewish world. At the GA, you engage with people from all over the country and Canada, and find out that many communities, even large ones, have the same issues we face. The larger they are, often the larger the problems. But you do come back inspired and ready to work. Next year's GA will be in Israel, as part of Israel's 75th birthday. Think about joining us.

Once over the GA, we got set to welcome eight women, four Israeli Jews and four Israeli Arabs, from the Western Galilee. Women Leading a Dialogue was a great success. I know that those of you who had the opportunity to interact found them exceptional individuals. My thanks to those families who hosted and to the members of the organizing committee.

What's next? Again, this year we will be participating in Memorial Hospital's Holiday Lights seasonal celebration. Look for our display in the old PNC (INB) building downtown, from November 26th until December 26th. Wende Stern and Sherry Flynn get our thanks for again putting this together. On December 12th, Education & Culture will present a zoom program, "Nazis on the Potomac," a fascinating program that tells the story of German rocket engineers brought to this country after World War II.

The Futures Committee, chaired by Bob Roth, has begun its work. In order to help determine priorities, a survey is being prepared. When you receive it, please complete it. It's important to us to know what's important to you.

Looking further ahead, April 29th, after a 3-year absence, our Wine Tasting event, chaired by Pam and Ted LeBlang, will return.

Within the next few weeks, you will be receiving your pledge card and request to contribute to the 2022 Federation Campaign. In order to fulfill our mission, "Doing the Most Good," we need the help of the entire community. No Matter the amount, whatever you can give is most appreciated. And as I promised, each dollar we receive is only used in the most appropriate manner.

And before Natalie and I take off for a few months in Arizona, our best wishes for a Happy Chanukah, and prayers for a happy and healthy 2023.

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**RSVP by Monday, Dec. 26,
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Partnership2GETHER

Budapest Summit

The Budapest Summit provided me an opportunity to meet in-person people both from the United States and from Israel whom I had only met over Zoom. I had been looking forward to seeing Avital ben Dror, lead staff person for the P2G Book Club, with whom I had been in many Zoom meetings. Getting to see her in person was especially gratifying.

An unexpected pleasure was to meet in person Michael Aronson. Michael was a past Israel Partnership chair. I had first seen him on a Zoom session held in July 2021 organized by the Partnership held in July 2021 during which residents of Akko offered their personal perspectives on the May 2021 riots. For four nights Arab youths had burned Jewish businesses. A number of us from Springfield, including Linda Morrison, Pat Chesley, Natalie Silverman, and Nancy Sage were on that call.

The riots were terribly frightening; however, they also had a devastating, enduring emotional impact because of the commitment the Jewish residents of Akko have to a shared society and the sense of betrayal they experienced. In that Zoom session, Aronson offered his well-informed perspective on the underlying causes of the riots and the Jewish residents' intention, after a time of recovery and healing, to get things back to where they were.

In the conversation Aronson and I had in Budapest, I was, to put it mildly, impressed to learn that he had had a role in the 1976 rescue of Israeli hostages at Entebbe.

At the time, Aronson had been discharged from the IDF, but he was called back to active service to serve as a military instructor for an anti-terror unit which would serve as a presidential guard force for President Jomo Kenyatta. His service in Kenya was the product of quiet cooperation between Kenya and Israel around the two countries; mutual interest in defeating terrorist activities. That cooperative relationship proved to be of central importance in the final stage of the rescue.

Aronson let me know about a recently published book which documents not only his support role in the Entebbe rescue, but also includes first-person accounts of the military staff, the command squad, and the assault force that carried out what is still one of the most daring and successful hostage rescue operations ever conducted. These stories bring the reader into the moments leading up to and executing the rescue through the multiple perspectives of those who were involved. The book – which I highly recommend – is *Entebbe Declassified: The Untold First-Hand Stories of the Legendary Rescue Operation*. It is available from Amazon.

Harry Berman, *Chair*

Partnership2GETHER

December Report

I've been reading the 2014 book *Relational Judaism* by Ron Wolfson. Wolfson has had a remarkable career as a Jewish educator and inspirational speaker, who thinks deeply about the future of American Judaism. I'm chagrined that I hadn't encountered his work before, after all he's the author of five earlier books offering guidance to individuals, families, and congregations about deepening Jewish lives.

The central idea of *Relational Judaism* is that in order to thrive Jewish communities need to focus on relationships. Programs in and of themselves do not create sense of meaning and purpose is the essence of Jewish living. The book offers compelling examples of Jewish organizations that have succeeded in becoming relationship-focused, as well as strategies for transcending denominational boundaries, ideological differences, and institutional walls to develop a Relational Judaism for the twenty-first century.

Wolfson's ideas were much on my mind during the remarkable experience we had hosting *Women Leading a Dialogue*, a powerful program organized by Partnership2Gether. You're probably aware that at Nancy Sage's urging and her unflagging efforts, as well as the assistance of Betsy Salus and many volunteers, we hosted a most successful visit by a delegation of eight Israeli women, four Jewish and four Arab Muslim. Special thanks to the host families: Mark and Cheryl Stern, Stephen and Lisa Stone, Barry and Barbara Seidman, and Jamie and Leika Myers.

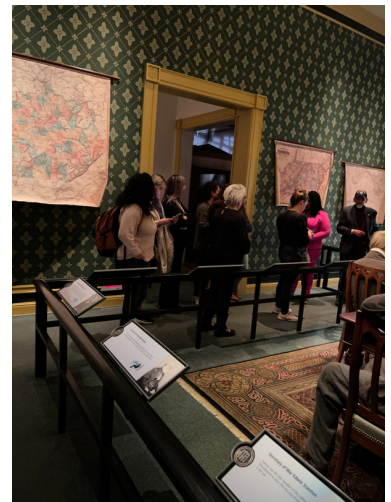
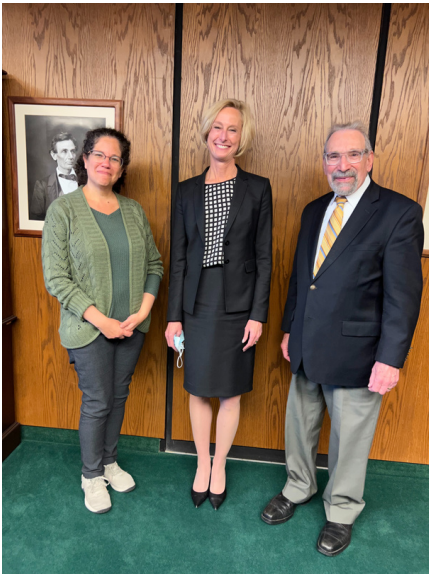
In my opening remarks to the delegation's public session, held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, I mentioned the centrality of relationships to what really matters in life. Of course, family relationships come first. But beyond family, it's about friendships -- and that there's a special quality, a special character, a special emotional resonance when the friendships extend across national boundaries.

Without going into all the details of the program, which, in addition to the ALPLM, involved visits, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the University of Illinois-Springfield, Lincoln Land Community College, and Boccardi's Restaurant (!), it's safe to say that we created a powerful experience for our guests and -- undeniably -- our guests created a powerful experience for us.

Which brings me back to friendships and Relational Judaism. These women -- Eleanor, Doaa, Dalida, Yasmin, Maor, Michal, Safi, and Adi -- along with their incomparable program director Avital -- are now our friends. We had a great time with them and, from everything they said, they had a great time with us. I, for one, look forward to seeing as many of them as possible next year in Israel. What more can you ask of friendship?

Harry Berman, *Chair*

WOMEN LEADING A DIALOGUE PICTURES



SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

This past month, although it has been a bit of a whirlwind, was a good one. It started with the 2022 Campaign Kick-off Event, Federation's first large in-person event since Covid. It was wonderful to be together and so heartening for us to hear how you, through your support of Federation and through the work of our overseas partner, JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), helped to rescue Mykailo, an 81 year-old Ukrainian Holocaust survivor, and to reunite him at the Ukraine border with his daughter, who brought him to his new home in Peoria.

A few days later, I left for the "GA," aka the JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America), General Assembly in Chicago along with Ralph Loewenstein, Bob Roth, Bob Silverman, Natalie Silverman, and Rabbi Stern. This was the first in-person GA since February 2019. I felt a sense of relief, that we were back and that it was more like the "good old days, pre-Covid." Once again, we were together with volunteers and colleagues representing small, intermediate, and large Federations across North America to learn from each other, to share experiences, and to hear featured speakers on global issues facing Jewish communities. The sessions focused on diversity, mental health, the Abraham Accords, antisemitism, Israel, data, the communal agenda, tikkun olam, Ukraine, and more. While you'll miss the camaraderie and the side conversations that come with being there in person, you can view the GA on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCdO7ehuPLIY7k-nqqBJYtJ0tX6ZpU6km>

Immediately following the GA, I attended the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) Directors' meeting held at the JUF (Chicago's Federation) office. We shared successes, challenges, and ideas that included community outreach, involvement, and relationship-building, addressing and fighting anti-semitism, and balancing diverse views about issues.

The JCRC Directors' meeting ended with a special tour of SCN (Secure Community Network) offices and operations center. I couldn't help but think back to when Michael Masters, SCN Executive Director, spoke at our Federation's campaign dinner just months before the murders at Tree of Life Synagogue. He described his vision of having a security director assigned to every local Jewish community. Since then, personnel from SCN have visited the Springfield's Jewish community's facilities, assessed our security needs, and provided us with their expertise, whenever we have been confronted with antisemitic incidents or with threats. from Pittsburgh to the most recent east coast synagogue bomb threats.

In mid-November, Federation hosted our Federation's Partnership2GETHER Western Galilee Consortium's "Women Leading a Dialogue" delegation. Our visitors, four Jewish and four Muslim women, who studied together with facilitators for two years learning about each other's cultures and values, exemplified the importance of building relationships as a bridge to understanding and

SAGE NOTES



respecting differences. We were honored by and are thankful to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, UIS Chancellor Janet Gooch, and faculty and administration at Lincoln Land Community College for hosting the various events during the women's visit. Our guests could not have felt more at home in Springfield, thanks to Jamie and Leika Myers, Barry and Barbara Seidman, Mark and Cheryl Stern, and Lisa and Steve Stone, who opened their homes to them and provided hospitality. Nancy Chesley, Linda Morrison, and Judy Zaleski planned great catered lunches and dinners. We were able to travel from place to place, thanks to the home hosts and to Laurie Barnum, Pat and Nancy Chesley, and Linda Morrison. We extend special thanks to Dr. Harry Berman, who chairs our Federation's Partnership Committee and also serves as our Partnership's Kramer Council Chair. Kramer Council brings Partnership's seventeen Federation Executive Directors, the US volunteer chairs, and Partnership professionals and volunteers from the US, Budapest, and the Western Galilee together quarterly via Zoom.

Our recent celebration of Thanksgiving reminds me of how grateful I am to you for all the support you give to Federation and for the way that you care for each other and for our community.

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, occurs later this month, and I wish all of you a most joyous and healthy holiday.



Again, this year, Federation is pleased to participate in Holiday Fest sponsored by Springfield Memorial Foundation in partnership with Downtown Springfield, Inc. Sherry Flynn and Wende Stern designed and will decorate wonderful window display of menorahs and dreidels in the former PNC Bank Building across from the Old State Capitol on East Washington Street.

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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
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For making Women Leading a Dialogue:

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Western Galilee Chair

Home hosts for Women Leading a Dialogue:

Jamie and Leika Myers, Barry and Barbara Seidman, Mark and Cheryl Stern, and Steve and Lisa Stone

Women Leading a Dialogue Committee: Nancy Chesley, Linda Morrison, and Judy Zaleski

Drivers: Laurie Barnum, Pat and Nancy Chesley, Barbara Seidman, Mark Stern, Linda Morrison, Leika Myers, and Steve and Lisa Stone

Woman Leading a Dialogue:

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library
Abraham Lincoln National Historic Park
Lincoln Land Community College
University of Illinois at Springfield,
Office of the Chancellor

Here For Good Campaign Committee: Cary Israel, Susan Nightingale, Barry Seidman, and Bob Silverman

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