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HEALTHY FOODS DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION—JUNE 2021



THE DAY AFTER

Personal Perspectives in the Western Galilee

Diverse group of Israelis, Arabs, and Jews, share about the challenges and hopes for the future in the Western Galilee.

JULY 12, 2021 12 PM

VIA ZOOM



Arden Lang
Federation President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past fifteen months, time has had little meaning for me. One week has faded into the next, without a true sense of the seasons or other temporal markings. Within the past two months, though, Jim and I have indulged in the simple pleasure of running into friends during our neighborhood strolls (I dare not call them “walks”). We have increased our comfort zone to include small outdoor gatherings. A few tradesmen have crossed our threshold. I have retired my sourdough starter to the refrigerator. I am no longer obsessed with the New York Times cooking section online. But things are not back to the old normal. We have to deal with many additional uncertainties now the government has eased standards of conduct.

Here it is -- July -- the second July of the pandemic. Many of us approach our increased freedoms with a certain hesitancy. Last year, most of us kept away from others during scaled down Fourth of July celebrations, if we ventured forth at all. Thinking back to prior Fourths, I fondly remember parades, barbecues, and family. We stared in awe watching the skies light up with colored gunpowder. This year, we anticipate a more normal existence. We are particularly grateful as we begin to socialize. On Independence Day this year, it will be hard to ignore the miracle of the birth of this nation. It should be equally impossible not to acknowledge our Constitution's institutionalization of its greatest sin - slavery.

You might ask what is the relevance of the Fourth of July to our lives in Springfield, in Illinois, in the nation, and in the international community. As American Jews, we know that most of our families fled inhospitable environments to come to the United States with dreams of freedom, fair treatment, and safety from oppression. Over these many years, the bigotry and discrimination have eased, allowing us to thrive as Jews individually and as a community. But now we find ourselves once again living with uncertainty in the face of the increased open expression of antisemitism. As American Jews, we must cherish the ideals on which our nation was founded while recognizing that idealism, alone, will not save the day. Our Federation continues to regard the security and safety of the community as a priority. We have forged a close relationship with law enforcement agencies - city, county, and federal - and we are able to rely on the expertise and advice of JFNA and SCN should there ever be a need.

Feel free to air your concerns on this important topic.

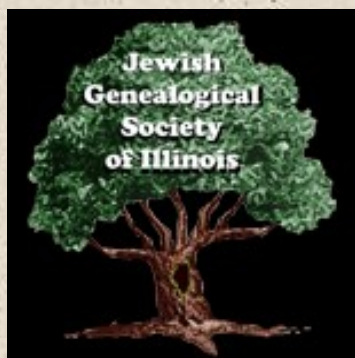
Arden Lang, Federation *President*

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KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Knosh & Knowledge Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

Wednesday, July 28, 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer



Please join Knosh & Knowledge when our presenter will be **Debbie Soren** from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois.

We have a lot in common, but each of us has a unique family history. Genealogy can start as a fun exercise of “Jewish Geography”; however, by exploring our own family history, we can have a better understanding of who we are and that each of us brings something special to the community.

Debbie Soren will share with us how she became involved in Jewish genealogy, what genealogy can teach us about ourselves, and what resources are available to those who want to dig around the roots of their family tree, including upcoming programs of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois.

To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by Monday, July 26, to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or (217) 787-7223, ext. 18.

Knosh & Knowledge

Gas, Food & Lodging: A Roadside Architecture History Presentation by Mike Jackson, FAIA



Wednesday, August 25, 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom on your phone, tablet or computer

Please join us as Preservation Architect Mike Jackson provides us with a new perspective of and appreciation for American Roadside Architecture.

Mike Jackson has been active in the field of historic preservation throughout his career and has been a leader in the areas of Roadside Architecture, Main Street, the Recent Past and Sustainability. Mike holds degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Columbia University in New York. Prior to retiring as the Manager of the Preservation Services Division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), Mike was the deputy State Historic Preservation Officer.



To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP by Monday, August 23, to rsvp@shalomspringfield.org or (217) 787-7223, ext. 18.



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JCRC—FOOD INSECURITY

Jewish Federation of Springfield
Jewish Community Relations Council
in conjunction with the
Central Illinois Food Bank

DRIVE-THRU HEALTHY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd, 2021

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Temple Israel Parking Lot

We need approximately 10-12 volunteers for handing out light weight boxes of healthy foods to those in need. Patrons will drive up, and we will load the food into their vehicles. There should be very little walking and very little heavy lifting involved, although we might have to move some of the items from the delivery truck.

To view how this operation works, you can volunteer at the Springfield Boys and Girls Club on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. We are using their model.

Please volunteer for this important program sponsored by the Springfield Jewish community and its members which will help fill the needs of some of our food insecure neighbors.

To volunteer, email Rick Griminger at rgriminger@comcast.net *The drive-thru food distributions only need 10-12 people per session, so first to reply will be able to work. Indicate which day(s) you are available.*

Thank you!!

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JCRC—FOOD INSECURITY

On June 18, JCRC in conjunction with the Central Illinois Foodbank and the affiliated Jewish organizations hosted its first (but not last) drive thru food distribution at the Temple Israel parking lot. The location was chosen at the suggestion of the Foodbank to avoid traffic issues along main traffic thoroughfares such as Fourth Street.

If anyone wonders whether there is still a need for food they should know that as early as 10:00 cars began to line up for a food distribution that began at 11:30. During the event we gave out food to over 50 cars. Almost without exception the patrons were picking up for multiple families. Many of them were not in need themselves but were there for neighbors and other family members who lacked transportation. They included the elderly, cars full of young children and every age in between. Without exception they were grateful and appreciative of our efforts.

I want to express my thanks to our Food Insecurity committee for all the work in planning the event and for the volunteers who made it possible. A special appreciation goes to Rick Griminger for recruiting and organizing the volunteers and to our Executive Director, Nancy Sage for everything that she does to make this and everything else possible.

Now the best news. This was not a one- time event. On July 23 at 11:30 am, we will be having our second food distribution once again in the parking lot of Temple Israel. We need about 10 volunteers to help. It involves putting food in cars as they drive through the parking lot, some lite lifting and about 2 hours of your time. If you are available please contact Rick Griminger at rgriminger@att.net or Nancy Sage at 217-787-7223 #12 or nsage@shalomspringfield.org

Ralph Loewenstein

JCRC

On June 17, JCRC New Initiatives Committee co-sponsored a webinar featuring Carl Cannon – “Helping People Succeed After Imprisonment.” Carl led an excellent discussion about the challenges of reentry after incarceration and how to help people succeed when they return to the community. Carl started a phenomenally successful program in Peoria that addresses the needs of those transitioning from incarceration to the community. Many thanks to Lisa Stone, Jim Lewis and the New Initiatives Committee!

On June 18, JCRC Food Insecurity Committee conducted a food distribution event at Temple Israel. The Committee and its volunteers distributed packaged food to hundreds in need. There will be another such event in July. Many thanks to Ralph Loewenstein, the Committee and all the volunteers for a very successful event!

Bob Roth, *JCRC Chair*

Partnership2GETHER

It's hard to believe that it's been only a few weeks since my last column on the Partnership2Gether. To say that it's been a momentous and frightening period is an understatement.

Prior to the outbreak of the war on May 10, the Partnership sponsored very engaging virtual city visits in Austin and Peoria. The Austin tour really opened my eyes to the rich community life available to Jewish residents of that city, which has a campus that includes Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform synagogues; a JCC; a pre-school that can accommodate 300 children; a day school; an outdoor water facility; and a community center building – altogether extraordinary.

The Peoria presentation focused on the newly installed Preston Jackson exhibit at Peoria's Riverfront Museum. You may recall that Mr. Jackson's works were featured in Springfield several years ago with pieces on display at UIS, the Illinois State Museum, the Springfield Art Association, and the Prairie Art Alliance. The Peoria exhibit titled "From Bronzeville to Harlem: An American Story" is a sculptural installation comprised of hundreds of unique small bronze and steel figures, relief sculptures, automobiles, buildings, streets and a truss bridge. It is certainly worth a trip to Peoria to see it.

But then May 10 arrived and with it the barrage of rockets into Israel over 11 days – 4500 in total – and the IDF's response, as well as the riots in the streets and the destruction of houses and shops carried out by both Jewish and Arab mobs. We feared for the safety of all Israelis and were especially concerned about our partners in the Western Galilee, who have become our zoom friends these past months. Fortunately, they are all safe, but, as we came to find out, suffered from the threatened rupture of trust and friendship between Jews and Arabs that had been the norm in Akko (the Partnership's home base) and the other Western Galilee communities. After the cease fire, in a series of briefings, we learned of the efforts to restore trust – efforts on both sides that had begun even while the rockets were flying from the south and the north. I was struck by the repeated mention by our Israeli partners of their desire to create a shared society – in Hebrew, "hevrach mishutefet." Shared society means more than co-existence – even peaceful co-existence. It means *working together toward a better future. We know that there are segments of Israeli society that do not share that vision, but we can admire our partners for holding fast to that idea in spite of their recent ordeal.*

Harry Berman, Chair, Partnership2GETHER

This column was originally prepared for the June newsletter, but was not included due to space limitations

BOOKCLUB
 August 29 **12:00 PM CDT**
20:00 Israel 19:00 Budapest

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The Day After in The Western Galilee

JULY 12, 12:00 PM CDT

PANEL OF LOCAL, OPTIMISTIC, JEWS AND ARABS

Personal Perspectives in the Western Galilee

Diverse group of Israelis, Arabs, and Jews, share about the challenges and hopes for the future in the Western Galilee.

VIA ZOOM

[RSVP](#)

(<https://www.westerngalilee.org.il/event-details/personal-perspectives-in-the-western-galilee/form>)



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SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive

It is so good to be working in the office on a regular basis with Betsy and Wendy. While I would like to write that it seems like we never left, I wish that were the case. What I have missed most, and still miss, is being together as a community. Zoom certainly served and serves a purpose as it allowed many to stay connected; yet, it doesn't capture the energy, spontaneity, and sense of community that is so present when we are all together. Although we are not quite there yet, I am hopeful that we soon will be together.

In some ways, these past months seem like one long day. We did our best to continue to serve our community by staying in touch, providing programs that would be of interest, and sharing information about situations to celebrate or of grave concern. I thank all of you and especially the Federation Board for your patience, support, guidance, and confidence as we moved in ways we never could have imagined.

I thought that returning to the office would mean immediately going back to "business as usual;" yet, it is somewhat different. I believe working differently will have lasting effects and lead us to using the best from both worlds. Over the past months, emails, texts, zoom seminars and meetings dominated. While I keep hearing others speak of being "Zoomed out" and I also feel that way myself, Zoom has served Federation well. The times were confounded with the rise of antisemitism, the murder of George Floyd, war in Israel, and, of course the Pandemic. Zoom definitely facilitated calling together the response team, consisting of Federation President, Arden Lang; Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) chair, Bob Roth; and Rabbis Datz and Stern. No matter the day, the time, or the short notice, we were able to meet and explore all sides of a situation when deciding what response best served the community.

Likewise, Zoom made it easier to "meet" and did away with phone-only conference calls. Thus, Federation committees continued their work whether designing programs or figuring out when and how to continue to address food insecurity, and much, much more. We were able to partner and share expenses with other organizations, near and far, to host high level and high cost speakers, especially earlier in the Pandemic. We learned what could or would work via Zoom while recognizing the in-person ambiance is integral to the enjoyment and success of our Jewish-themed film series and gala wine tasting, featuring 60 wines and hors d'oeuvres.

Some things have changed ... and some did not. We kicked off campaign in the actual campaign year instead of in the fall of the year before. Thus, the campaign year, in its entirety, reflects the year in which we are raising the funds. We hosted "salons" that delved deeper into the different aspects of Federation. We did not change that funds raised in this campaign year serve as the basis for Federation's budget for the next year. In other words, funds raised in Campaign 2021 will be used for the Federation 2022 budget.

Small Federation executives and Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) directors relied on, shared with, and learned from each other more than ever. I believe that strengthened us all and our communities benefited. Both national organizations, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), developed and provided resources that we would otherwise might not have had. For example, JFNA provided technical assistance for the Payroll Protection Plan loans and the National Security Grant Program, offered the Human Services Grant Program and arranged for programs of community interest (Schitt's Creek and special seminars). JCPA consistently offered programs and assistance pertinent to the issues of the day featuring speakers with renown expertise.

On the other hand, working at home, I spent more of my workday glued to the computer screen, whether responding to email, writing, or on Zoom. Email seemed to replace phone calls and meetings, unless they were held on Zoom. On average, there were more meetings with expected attendance on a day than ever before, albeit via Zoom. While Zoom is a great vehicle to reach out to people who would not otherwise attend due to health constraints and distance, it does not reach everyone and, it too, leaves people out. Being on Zoom is much more prone to zoning out, multi-tasking, and texting during a meeting. It is certainly more difficult to read body language and expressions on Zoom than connecting in person and helping to ensure everyone is heard.

For me, nothing can replace that human touch which keeps us together and reminds us that we are community.

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- Up to \$174

Because of your generous support, our Federation has been able to serve our local community in so many ways and to provide life-saving support to Jews around the world for eighty years. In this landmark and very challenging year, our Campaign Committee designed the SALON 2021 series of five different presentations, offering an in-depth look at various aspects of Federation's program and commitments. Our intention was to foster conversation within the community and to elicit your thoughts, ideas, and questions.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to our Campaign Committee: Cary Israel, Arden Lang, Susan Nightingale, Barry Seidman, and Bob Silverman; to Arden Lang and Bob Roth for their introductions; and to Barry Seidman, Pat Chesley, Arden Lang, Dr. Steve Stone and Ted LeBlang for their closing remarks. And, of course, to the presenters and hosts for their time, commitment, and very thoughtful and thought-provoking presentations:

Lifeline hosted by Barry Seidman with David Butler, Chair, Jewish Federations of North America Israel & Overseas Committee; Sandy Katz, Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC); and Shaylee Cioban, The Jewish Agency for Israel

Partnership Up Close & Personal hosted by Harry Berman with Nancy and Pat Chesley, Partnership & Its Magic; Jerry Jennings and Eva Muller, People and Places through Travel, Eva Muller – Sliding Dors & Children of Holocaust Survivors, Cathy Gardner, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton – Women Leading a Dialogue & Look to the Future

A Community Concerned hosted by Bob Silverman with Cary Israel, Anti-Semitism; Ralph Loewenstein, Food Insecurity; and Lisa Stone, Criminal Justice Reform – Reentry

Rosenwald, Our Hometown Hero hosted by Jay Mogerman with Mike Jackson, Rosenwald Initiative and Dorothy Canter, President, Rosenwald Schools & National Parks Campaign .

At Home in Israel hosted by Nancy Sage with Raya Seidman, and Ted Leblang

If you have not yet pledged to Campaign 2021, please complete the pledge card above and return it to Jewish Federation of Springfield, 1045 Outer Park Drive #320, Springfield, IL. or you may pledge [here](https://form.jotform.com/210525556922152) (<https://form.jotform.com/210525556922152>).

(If you missed the Salons, we hope to have them available for you to view relatively soon)

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Eli Goodman, MD, on receiving a patent for the punctuation mark "The Rhetoricon." The Rhetoricon punctuation mark is used at the end of a sentence, phrase, statement or comment that is both rhetorical and sarcastic; with or without a sense of double entendre.

Barry & Sandy Weiss, on the birth of their grandson, Luca Jacob Weiss. Parents are Danny & Lizelle Weiss.

LEGACY FUND

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In Memory of:

Angela Goldman, from Stanley & Mary Jo Wasser

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In Memory of:

Pearl King, from Barry & Barbara Seidman

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Lisa Stone for her presentation to Knosh & Knowledge about Springfield First Citizen Award; and Caleb Melamed for his presentation to Knosh & Knowledge about the Thomas Rees Carillon.

JCRC Food Insecurity Committee and Healthy Foods Drive-thru organizers Ralph Loewenstein and Rick Griminger and June 18th Distribution Team: Pamela Cohen, Rabbi Datz, Cary Israel, Zvi Pasman, Bob Roth, Bob Silverman, Annette Schwartz, and Lisa Stone.

JCRC New Initiatives Committee for arranging the webinar on the Challenges of Reentry after Incarceration with Carl Cannon and to Jim Lewis, Bob Roth, and Lisa Stone for hosting.





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