

*Welcome
Summer!*



MESSAGE

From the President

Bob Silverman

July 1st will begin our 48th year of living in Springfield, (almost makes us natives) and, later this summer Natalie and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary. If my math is somewhat correct, about 95% of our lives have been spent here among you as neighbors, friends, and, in many cases, family.

The Springfield Jewish Community when Natalie, Joel, and I arrived is certainly different than the Springfield today. We're certainly smaller; and, definitely older. But, one thing hasn't changed, this Jewish community has and continues to fulfill the Biblical command to welcome the stranger, both native and immigrant; visit the ill; together, console the bereaved; together feed the hungry in Springfield; together aid those in need, from flood victims in Kentucky and Central America, relief to the survivors of the Holocaust; aid to Jewish communities world-wide; support and stand up for Israel; and today, assistance to the refugees from Ukraine, where we have sent in excess of \$35,000. We do these things as neither members of Temple Israel or Temple B'rith Sholom; but, as members of a caring Community.

Something else of which we can be proud. Springfield may be one of the smallest of the North American-wide network of Federated communities. But, despite our size, our community's voice is one of the loudest in the room. We have huge influence beyond our size. Leaders who serve on multiple national boards in both Jewish and non-Jewish worlds.

But, what of the future? As the last two years have taught us, we need to be ready for the unexpected and adjust. We can probably anticipate a smaller annual campaign and its impact. Under the leadership of Bob Roth, a taskforce has been formed whose purpose is to try and anticipate what the needs of this community will be in the future, what programs will be needed, enhanced or perhaps discarded. My goal is to have this report completed by the end of this year. Our JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council), continues to be our link to wider Springfield. And, thanks to Jerry Jennings and the board of the Legacy Funds, our financial base is secure.

I am thankful for an outstanding Federation Board and fellow officers Karen Westbrook, Bob Roth, Vera Herst, Andrew Boyer, and Fred Benson.

I am grateful to Nancy Sage, Betsy Salus, and Wendy Evans-Terry, who have kept our office and Federation functioning under extraordinarily circumstances. And to the outstanding leadership of Past President Arden Lang. Arden, we hope that you and Jim will enjoy a well-deserved life in Albuquerque and lots of time spoiling Miles.

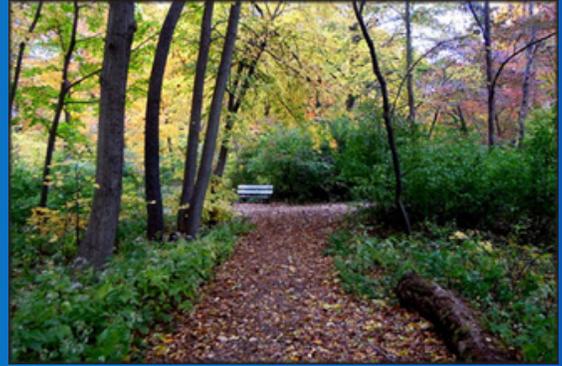
I am humbled and honored that you have expressed confidence in me to lead the Federation during the next year, I hope that I will be worthy of your trust.

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

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Jewish Community Relations Council

Healthy Foods Drive-Thru Distribution

Friday, June 10, 2022

11:30am (while supplies last)

Location:

Temple Israel

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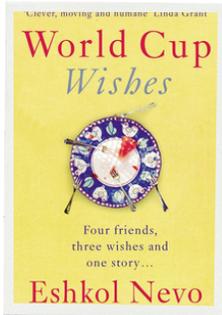
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The mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.



Book Club
"World Cup Wishes"
June 26, 2022

12:00 p.m. CDT

Join us for a discussion of Eshkol Nevo's novel, suffused with wonder, warmth and an astonishing wisdom



Partnership Summit
September 10-15,
2022

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Join us for a celebration of Partnership, in our first international gathering in almost three years!

Partnership 2GETHER

We're just coming off of the season of the "yoms" in Israel, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). These three commemorations come in rapid succession and, consequently, the country as a whole within a few days runs an emotional gauntlet each year from mourning to celebration.

One feature of the Partnership2Gether Yom HaShoah that caught me by surprise was, at the end of the program, the sharing of a most extraordinary musical performance, which can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vuh1-jDi7Qw>

The performance brings together Holocaust survivors living in Israel, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—a huge choir -- all singing together a truly inspiring song led by a talented and energetic conductor. The song, with the refrain "chai, chai" speaks of survival and hope for the future. I guarantee you will be touched deeply by watching this video.

In Israel, Yom HaZikaron commemorates soldiers who have lost their lives defending the country but also those who have been killed by acts of terrorism. I was particularly impressed that the Partnership's program memorialized a man who was killed because of an act of antisemitism outside of Israel, in this case an attack that occurred during a bat mitzvah in Copenhagen.

The celebratory spirit of this year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut was tempered by the recent, random terrorist attacks in several Israeli communities. The country has been going through an unusually tense time. As we pray at Shabbat morning services from the Eit Ratzon siddur:

*We affirm that it is possible
for Jews and Arabs, for Palestinians and Israelis
and for Jews and Jews
to work together to build a shared future.*

*We affirm that, in the end, peace is the only way,
and that ultimately all will realize this truth.*

Harry Berman, Partnership2GETHER Chair

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

This past year has been a tumultuous one, more so than any in my six-plus years as Executive Director. We continue to be plagued by covid in one form or another. We were reminded of our own vulnerability by Colleyville. Our hearts were touched and torn by the war in Ukraine. We were challenged by an antisemitic incident in the Springfield schools and by antisemitic racist, and anti-LGBTQI postings by a former Springfield Police Officer. Yet, your support combined with our Board's exceptional leadership, counsel and dedication to Federation's mission remained strong and serve as an inspiration. I thank you.

Federation strives to stay connected with you. We pivoted, as did many organizations, from in-person programs to Zoom. We used email and the old-fashioned telephone. Connecting is our responsibility to you, it builds community, and we take it seriously. From weekly eblasts to phone calls, we connect. Federation's Education and Culture Committee designs programs to appeal to diverse interests from virtual synagogue tours to author interviews, all so that we can connect. Active retirees continue to gather, virtually, through Knosh & Knowledge and connect. Partnership2Gether brings together 16 U.S. Federations, Budapest, and Western Galilee communities for book club, film club, virtual travels, programs for health care professionals, and second-generation Holocaust survivors and connects. We regularly call and send packages to seniors to connect. We do this because connecting is what brings us together as a Jewish community.

Federation continues to strengthen security for our community. FBI, local law enforcement, and SCN (Secure Community Network), the national security organization for the Jewish community are always available and respond to each question, request for technical assistance, and situation with lightning speed. Through Federation's Community Facilities Security Committee Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, and Chabad connect and identify, address and take action regarding shared security issues and concerns.

JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) epitomizes connecting with the greater Springfield community. It is through JCRC that our community comes together with the Black community, with different religious and ethnic groups, and with LGBTQI communities to fight antisemitism, racism, and hatred in all its forms and to emphasize what all of us have in common. Whether partnering with the NAACP to sponsor the Community Unity Summit, supporting the Springfield Equal Justice Project, hosting Healthy Foods Drive-thru Distributions to combat hunger, or assisting in efforts to help those who have been released from prison live successfully in Springfield, JCRC is on the ground connecting on every level to fashion a better community and a better world.



SAGE NOTES

We are a community that cares about and for each other. Because of your generosity, we are able to help people navigating life crises, whether situational, financial, or due to mental or physical health issues. Springfield's support for the Ukraine Emergency Campaign has been monumental. Each day, you save lives.

I am fortunate to work with Betsy Salus, Wendy Terry, and on-call counselor, Jordan Litvak. Each gives Federation their talent and dedication beyond the expected. To JCRC, Legacy Board, Federation Board and Executive Board, and Community Response Team members, I thank you for always putting our mission and our community's best interest ahead of all else. It shows. During these past two years of the unknown, the unexpected and the tumultuous, Federation President Arden Lang has been an incomparable, strong, brilliant, steady, inspiring leader and teacher. Our community is stronger and connected because of all of you.

I am humbled to be going at the end of this week (May 27) on a JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) and JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel) mission to Ethiopia, from where we will accompany the first group of the 3,000 Ethiopian olim who will be reunited with their families in Israel. This opportunity came to me because Barry Seidman, who is chair of small Federations JFNA trustees, was unable to accept the invitation to go on this mission because of a scheduling conflict. I was asked to go in his place in my capacity as chair of small Federations JFNA executives.

I am honored to serve as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Springfield. You are a Federation that builds on the foundations laid by past generations of leaders and donors, a Federation that reflects love for the Jewish people and for our local community and commitment to Tzedakah, giving, and to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

I thank you.

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