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**Karen Westbrook**

# Message From the President

For those of you who are following the roller coaster ride of my Presidency, I am happy to report that the ride is on the way up. The sun is shining today, the weather is getting warmer, and I am getting used to juggling our business, family, and temporarily working at Federation. I want to thank Bob for his patience, though as many of you know, he is in Florida marketing his baseball software most of the time. I think that is helping to make this work.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be on a committee, come into the office or listen. Your support makes the long days shorter. I appreciate it more than I can express.

At the office, we are reviewing processes and programs to determine if there are ways to work smarter to bring the community the programs and services it warrants. We are a small yet vibrant community. We have a lot to be proud of and offer. Please do not wait to be asked to volunteer. We need all the players we can get on our roster. You can be involved for one inning or the entire game.

I am thrilled to report that this year's Campaign is an excellent example of how working together reaps wonderful rewards. Our volunteers, led by Chair Barry Seidman and Co-Chair Rémi Benichou, knocked it out of the park. At a time when many are considering decreasing donations to charities, each of you stepped up to the plate and generously supported the Federation. Cheers to each of you.

We are not at the bottom of the ninth with 2 men out and hoping for a home run. We are not going down swinging. We are in the process of filling the bases for a grand slam. Join the effort. I look forward to seeing you in the dugout.

(PS: I am out of baseball metaphors.)



## On the Prowl *for a New Executive Director*

The position of executive director has been posted on the JFNA website as well as Jewish Jobs. Copies of the job description are available by contacting Karen Westbrook at the Federation office. Applications are being accepted at [hr@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:hr@shalomspringfield.org) through March 31. All applications are confidential.



## **PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST ISRAEL: 21ST CENTURY BLOOD LIBEL**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**7 p.m. CT VIA Zoom**

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 10.**

To Register, [CLICK HERE](#)

or email [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) or call  
**217.787.7223 ext. 4**

This presentation will explore the post October 7 global antisemitism and explain why this assault on Israel is the latest blood libel directed at the Jewish people. Join together for this virtual event aimed at helping you to identify today's antisemitism.

**JOSEPHINE GON**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PALM BEACH CENTER TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM &  
HATRED AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees.

# *Knosh & Knowledge*

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**9:30 am**

**From Hull House to Second City:  
How Immigrants Influenced Theatrical Comedy  
Presented by Tara McAndrew**



At the  
Federation Office 9:30 - 10:30

RSVP by Mon., March 24,  
to (217) 787-7223 ext. 4  
or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)





PJ Library Pre-Schoolers  
Let's Play Together PJ Play Date\*  
March Edition

## Let's Get Ready for Purim

Meet up with other PJ Families for a PJ Library Story, Snacks, Songs and Fun!

We will be meeting at  
Jewish Federation of Springfield Office  
1999 Wabash Ave., Suite 206  
(Please enter building through NORTH Doors—  
doors facing Ashley Homestore OUTLET)

\*This PJ Play Date is for children accompanied by a parent.  
Questions? Call 217-859-2481.



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20th Annual  
**Wine Tasting  
Event**

**MAY 3, 2025**  
**MALDANER'S**  
**6 P.M.**



Welcoming your new host *Lisa Goldberg Belle*



**SAVE THE DATE**

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**FEDERATION  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

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**APPETIZERS**

**WEDNESDAY  
6:00 P.M.**

**7**

**MAY  
2025**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



# MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1  9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
2	3  7 pm Hadassah Book Club	4	5  12 pm TI Adult Ed <b>7 pm Fed. Bd Mtg</b> 7 pm Chabad Class	6  12:30 pm Chabad Lunch & Learn	7  5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Zoom Service	8  9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
9  9:30 am SBJE Religious School <b>10 am Fed PJ Playdate</b> 3 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Meeting	10	11  1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club 2 pm TI S'Hd Exec. Bd Mtg	12  7 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg 7 pm Chabad Class	13  <b>11 am Fed Educ. &amp; Culture</b> 6 pm TBS/TI Purim 7 pm Chabad <b>PURIM</b>	14  5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service <b>PURIM</b>	15  9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah study 10:30 am Chabad Service
16  T/12 pm TBS S'Hd Mtg	17	18  7 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	19  T/12 pm Fed Legacy Bd Mtg 12 pm TI Adult Ed <b>1 pm Fed Senior Comm. Mtg</b> 7 pm Chabad Class	20  12:30 pm Chabad Lunch & Learn <b>7 pm Fed JCRC Mtg</b>	21  6 pm TI Service 6 pm TBS Service	22  9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
23  9:30 am SBJE Religious School	24	25  7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	26  <b>9:30 am Fed Knosh &amp; Knowledge</b> 7 Chabad Class 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	27  12:30 pm Chabad Lunch & Learn	28  5:30m TI Service 6 pm TBS Service	29  9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
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## CAMPERSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE



Camperships are now available for Jewish overnight camps through the Joni A. Wolfson Campership Fund. Please contact the Federation office at [executivedirector@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:executivedirector@shalomspringfield.org) to request an application today!



**WE ALL JUST  
LOST AN HOUR**

**Daylight  
Savings Time  
Begins  
Sunday, March 9**





# SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!

## TIME TO THINK ABOUT SAFETY AND SECURITY

It is time to turn the clocks forward which means Spring is almost here. Many of us have been hibernating, participating in our activities through electronic media. As we reemerge, it is important to remind ourselves of some security guidelines.



Remember to make reservations for events if requested. You may not be admitted without a reservation.

Plan ahead to arrive at services or events on time. The exterior doors will be locked. We don't want you to be locked out.

Please identify yourself if asked. We do not always have the same security personnel. Their job is to protect us.

Please don't distract the security officers. The officers do not want to be rude. They cannot talk to you and be vigilant as they surveil the surroundings.



See something, say something. If something doesn't seem right, notify the officer or another authority as soon as possible.

See you soon!

*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.*





### **Thank You To Our Volunteers**

*PJ Library:* Kayla Morrison & Regan Marks  
*Federation Office:* Deborah Derbander for  
helping with Bloomerang

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE LEGACY FUND**

**Hexter Fund**

**In Memory of:**

**Lee Behrens,** from Barry & Barbara Seidman

### **CONDOLENCES TO**

Joel and Nancy Tennenhouse on the passing of  
Joel's father,

**Arnold Bernard Tennenhouse**

&

Carol Radwine, wife; Zoe, Mira, Zack, children;  
and Sam and David Radwine, brothers,  
on the passing of

**Nathaniel "Nat" Radwine**

May their memories endure as a blessing.  
z"l

# **Volunteers Needed**

## **TO HELP PUT TOGETHER SENIOR PACKAGES**

**We're looking for volunteers to help assemble  
and/or deliver Senior Packages! If you'd like  
to join in the fun and make a difference in the  
lives of our senior community members,  
please let us know.**

**Contact Elizabeth Mendeloff  
([EMMendeloff@gmail.com](mailto:EMMendeloff@gmail.com)) or Grace Wenz  
([gracewenz@att.net](mailto:gracewenz@att.net)) to volunteer.**



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