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COMMITMENT

The Education & Culture Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield presents

A Weekend with Arthur M. Feldman

Gallery Owner, Art Appraiser, Art Historian

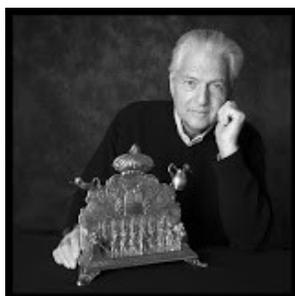
Art in the Jewish Tradition

Friday, March 24, 6:30 pm

Temple B'rith Sholom

1104 S. 4th Street, Springfield

Join us after services for a lecture on the symbols, ceremonies, and accompanying ritual art of the Jewish cultural heritage (Biblical period through the 21st century).



Judaica in Your Attic*

Saturday, March 25, 7:00 pm

Temple Israel

1140 Governor Street, Springfield

Would you like to find out more about that special Judaica object tucked away (or proudly displayed), perhaps inherited or discovered in an old shop? This is your opportunity! Arthur Feldman will listen to our stories, evaluate our treasures, and provide historical background. Paintings, artwork, ritual items, even furniture pieces are welcome (jewelry is *not* his expertise).

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. A dessert reception will follow.

*If you like Antiques Road Show, you'll love this!

Call Linda Morrison (787-7223 ext. 11) for more information.

Arthur M. Feldman is an independent professional appraiser for over 25 years with museum experience at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England; the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; the Spertus Museum, Chicago, Illinois and the Miller Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma. In addition, he has lectured on collecting antiques and Judaica throughout the nation. His knowledge base covers the full gamut of fine art and antiques.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In what was a very fast sequence of events on Friday, January 27th President Trump issued an Executive Order on immigration. On Sunday through Tuesday, January 29th – January 31st I attended my first national Board of Trustees meeting for Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). On Wednesday, February 1st we had a Board of Directors meeting for our own Jewish Federation. The reason I have linked all of these together is because the issue of immigration and the President's Executive Order was the source of lengthy conversation and debate in both the national Board meeting, and our local Board meeting.

In my article in last month's bulletin I wrote about December's United Nation's Security Council resolution that concerned Israel, and the subsequent speech given by then Secretary of State John Kerry. I explained that, as with so many issues, the Security Council resolution brought about deep feelings on the part of many on either side of the issue. Because of this, our Federation had decided to take an informational role in this discussion by emailing links to various articles written about the issue. We did not adopt and express an official position (even though many of us had very strong feelings) because we felt that as a Federation we need to be inclusive of different views. I bring this up because this philosophy has again played a big part in discussions about the Executive Order.

First, I would like to give a snapshot of the discussion at the national Board of Trustees meeting. There were many Trustees in attendance who wanted a strong and forceful statement issued by JFNA in opposition to the President's Executive Order. As one can imagine, at times the conversation became quite intense. After a period of time, JFNA's President, Richard Sandler, remarked that by adopting official statements on contentious issues that have advocates on either side we are risking dividing our community and jeopardizing our mission. Sandler did not foreclose the possibility of issuing an official statement at some point, but only after careful research, thought, and consideration.

Two days after experiencing this discussion at the national level, I experienced it again at our local level. At our February Board meeting we had several members who felt very genuinely and passionately that our Federation Board should issue a statement in opposition to the Executive Order. It was a very thorough discussion, and at the end the Board voted not to issue an official statement – at this time – about the Executive Order.

Even though, as President of our Board, I don't vote I want to tell you why I feel that this was the correct decision. Really, my thoughts are very similar to President Sandler's.

During other parts of the national meeting we heard presentations on much of the wonderful work Federation does nationally and internationally. It is thrilling to hear details on how our funds do so much good for so many in need. When you combine this with our own local accomplishments I agree with President Sandler that we must focus on our mission. And that mission means we need to be inclusive within our communities in order to gain as much participation as we can in achieving our goals as a Federation. Today, there are very strong feelings on a host of issues. Our Jewish communities, just as the community at large, have many who come down on different sides of these issues. I am convinced that we cannot let these differences get in the way of what our Federation does. The good that we do is too important.

Related to the discussion at the national Board of Trustees meeting was Richard Sandler's great interest in the issue of creating civil discourse within our communities. To this end he brought in as a speaker Rabbi Doug Kahn. Rabbi Kahn is the Executive Director Emeritus of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council. His presentation was "Civil Discourse in an Era of Polarization." Rabbi Kahn spoke about the need within our community to be able to have disagreement in a civil manner while actually listening to others. Without going into every point he made I will highlight:

We should listen and speak respectfully about controversial topics, helping to grow our individual and community understanding.

We should not allow our arguments to devolve into causeless hatred. Instead we should respect the majority and minority opinions in our community.

We should focus on building trust within our community even as we acknowledge honest disagreements.

We should focus our comments on our personal views without attacking or condemning others.

We should listen with an open heart, recognizing that we should be learning from each other.

I think that within our Springfield Jewish community we do an excellent job of keeping our disagreements civil, and remaining friends with those who may disagree. But it's still worth keeping these points in mind. It can only help us as we continue to confront the issues of the day.

I hope you will excuse the lengthiness of this article. But even though I may have strong views on the issues of the day what I am passionate about is creating the community and the understanding that enables us to achieve our goals as a Jewish Federation. As I wrote last month that goal, simply, is to help Jews in need wherever they are.

Thank you for your time.

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation
of Springfield Presents:



Chaverim Purim Party

Join with your Chaverim to celebrate the Feast of Esther, and the deliverance of the Jews from their enemies. The rabbis will talk with us about the holiday while we nosh on hamantaschen and channel our inner royalty.

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

***Purim stories & costumes welcome!
\$2.00 per person for sweet and savory
hamantaschen***

The Jewish Federation office
1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320
(American Red Cross building)

Park on the east side where there is a ramp. West door is now kept locked. If you need assistance when you arrive, call us. Let us know if you need a ride: we will pick you up!

**RSVP by Friday, March 3, to Linda Morrison
787-7223 x 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org**

The Senior Committee of the Jewish Federation
of Springfield Presents:

KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Functional Inefficiency: The Unexpected Benefits of Wasting Time & Money



Dr. Peter S. Wenz

**Professor and Author,
University of Illinois—Springfield**

**Wednesday, March 29
9:30 am**

**Schnucks Community Room
2801 Chatham Road
Springfield, IL 62704**

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

RSVP by Friday, March 24 to
787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Save the Date

15th Annual Federation Gala Wine Tasting

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Maldaner's Restaurant

6:00-9:00 pm

\$25 per person

*Sample a wide selection of wines from around the world
While enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres.*

Your hosts: Pam & Ted LeBlang

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MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg. Super Sunday Follow-Up	2 7pm JCRC Mtg @ Fed.	3 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	4 9 am TI Service Shannon Bat Mitzvah @ TBS
5 No Hebrew or Religious School 2-4 pm Children of Abraham Activity @ ALPLM	6 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7	8 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm "An Evening Of Israeli Vegetarian Cuisine" @ Stones	9 7 pm Adult Ed "The Ethical Life" @ TI	10 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 om TI Shabbat	11  9 am TI Service 6 pm TI Purim & Megillah Reading Purim
12  No Hebrew or Religious School 11 am-1 pm Bowling w/ Queen Esther @ AMF Lanes 5 pm CBD Purim Party @ Chabad Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 12 pm TI Talmud Class 7 pm Paintings & Potage @ TBS	14 10 am Chaverim Party 1 pm TI S'HD Book Club 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	15 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	16 6 pm TI S'HD Girls Night Out @ Mimosa w/Women from Islamic Society of Gr. Spfld	 17 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat St. Patrick's Day	18 9 am TI Service
19 No Hebrew or Religious School 4:30 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg 5:30 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg— Progressive Dinner	20 12 pm TI Talmud Class 7 pm Paintings & Potage @ TBS	21 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	22 No Hebrew	23 7 pm Community Read @ TBS	24 5:30 pm Joint Service @ TBS 6:30 pm Arthur Feldman—Art in the Jewish Tradition @ TBS	25 9 am TI Service 7 pm Arthur Feldman— Judaica in Your Attic @ TI
26 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	27 12 pm TI Talmud Class 7 pm Paintings & Potage @ TBS	28 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	29 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 4:45 pm Hebrew	30 7 pm Community Read @ TBS	31 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 om TI Shabbat	
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ELVIS

Is *In* the Building

Temple Israel
Saturday, March 11, 2017

Dinner 6:00 pm
Megillah 7:00 pm

Memphis Style BBQ and Fixins
(BYOB)

Adults: \$15
Children(under 6) : \$6

*"Shake, Rattle
and Roll"
....to the Megillah*

Make your reservation for dinner by March 4

Temple Israel : 546-2841

**If you are unable to join us for dinner, please come join us
for the performance at 7:00 pm and stay for hamantaschen**

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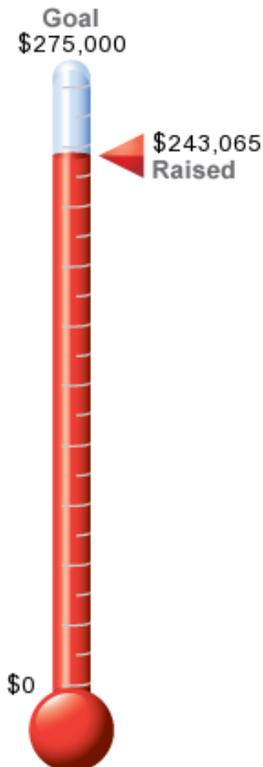
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- \$2,000 - \$2,799
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- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

2017 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



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APRIL 27 2017

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From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

The Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is a committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield. JCRC operates under its own constitution and is comprised of 2 representatives from each of the member Jewish organizations and additional at-large members. JCRC, in turn, is a member organization of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), which is comprised of representatives from 16 national and 125 local Jewish organizations. JCPA is a separate organization from the Jewish Federation of North America, of which our Federation is a member.

The recent Executive Orders regarding immigration and refugees have occupied much of the recent news cycle and have also been a source of debate and discussion within the Jewish Community, nationally and locally. The major Jewish religious movements, Orthodox Union, Conservative movement and Reform movement, have issued statements questioning these Orders. On January 27, 2017, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs issued the following statement which opposes the Executive Orders Targeting Immigrants and Refugees:

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the coordinating body of the Jewish community relations field, opposes President Trump's executive orders that would restrict entry for refugees from predominantly Muslim countries, halt federal funding for "sanctuary cities," and expand detention for immigrants and asylum-seekers. "We are deeply concerned about President Trump's actions on immigration and refugees, and the callous decision to take such action on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. These pronouncements not only severely restrict immigration, they instill fear among existing immigrant populations that they are not welcome and may be at risk," said David Bernstein, President and CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "The 'sanctuary cities' provision, especially, threatens to seriously compromise the police's ability to keep communities safe by undermining trust and communication between the police and immigrant populations."

The Jewish people know firsthand the consequences of turning away those fleeing persecution. Based on our immigrant experience and Judaism's imperative to "welcome the stranger" the Jewish Council for Public Affairs has advocated for more than 70 years on behalf of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers who hope to build a better life for themselves and their children. Resettled refugees have consistently boosted the economy, and enriched our culture and pluralistic ethos.

"As the daughter of refugees, I take this very personally," stated Cheryl Fishbein, Chair of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "The United States currently has one of the most stringent vetting policies in the world and should continue this careful review," she added. "We are facing a severe international refugee crisis and cannot let our concerns about radical Islam undermine a core national purpose – providing a home for immigrants. The American immigrant experience is one of the country's greatest sources of strength."

On a personal note, let me just add that HIAS, (formerly known as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), which has been instrumental in resettling refugees for over 130 years, has poignantly reduced support for refugees to this: "We used to take refugees because **THEY** were Jewish. Now we take them because **WE** are Jewish." When we turn our backs on the most vulnerable, we diminish ourselves. This is a pressing issue that goes to the very core of our Jewish values. Since JCRC has not met since the Executive Orders were issued, we have not yet taken any positions relating to this issue; but the JCRC will be considering immigration issues at its March meeting and I am sure we will continue to grapple with this in months ahead. If you have any thoughts regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and the JCRC.

Betsy Salus, *JCRC Chair*

JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry 2017

By Ralph Loewenstein



For the last two years, JCRC in conjunction with Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel and other local Jewish organizations have sponsored a mobile food pantry. Last year we distributed 12,000 pounds of food to approximately 140 patrons, families and individuals who, without our support and other groups like us, would have insufficient food to meet their needs.

The year's mobile food pantry will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in the parking lot of Temple B'rith Sholom from 8 a.m. till approximately 12:30 p.m. or until all of the food is distributed. But in order to make this event a success, we need your help. Specifically, we need volunteers. Last year, we had 72 individuals of all ages who participated. Volunteer shifts and assignments will depend on your availability, interest and physical abilities and limitations. Jordan Litvak has once again graciously agreed to organize the volunteer effort. Anyone willing to participate should contact him at jjilitvak@gmail.com. Please also express to him your time availability, preference of assignments if any, and physical limitations so that he can best accommodate everyone.

Last year, in addition to the food give away, we also collected and distributed toiletries. These are necessary supplies that are not always available from other sources. Mary Beth Cohen has volunteered to organize this collection effort. More information will be provided in the future regarding the types of items we need, but anyone willing to assist Mary Beth should contact her at marybeth.cohen@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate. I can guarantee you that if you are available you will come away happy that you did so. And as an added bonus, **IT'S FUN.**

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An afternoon at
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SUNDAY, MARCH 19
1:00 PM

Come join NextGen, Springfield Jewish Federation's Young Adults Group, at Sky Zone indoor trampoline park and discover your inner acrobat!

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JOIN US FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY PESEACH SEDER

Location: Temple B'rith Sholom

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$36 (Ages 13+)

Pre-Adults: \$15 (Ages 4 - 12)

Children: Free (Ages 0 - 3)

Haggadah by: Rabbi Datz and Rabbi Marks

Please RSVP before April 5 by check or phone (217) 525-1360 ext. 4

Make check payable to: Temple B'rith Sholom

Address: 1004-1008 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Please list all attendees:

Number of Adults: ____ Pre-Adults: ____ Children: ____

CHAI TEA 2017

The annual Chai Tea fundraiser for the Senior and Social Service programs of the Jewish Federation was held on Sunday, February 19. The tea featured cream scones with lemon curd, jam and whipped cream along with finger sandwiches, savories and a fully-laden sweets tray. The prizes for the *Most Marvelous Hats* were won by Tarfa Khan who wore an Asian-inspired ethnic hat and brocade robe, and 12-year old Maria Duff, with a gauzy black & white creation that perfectly complimented her summery dress and glittering sandals. Our fundraising raffle was very successful this year, thanks to the generosity of our many local business friends:



Denney Jewelers, Fifth Street Flower Shop, Flowers by Mary Lou, Barney's Furniture, BJ Grand Salon & Spa, Crissie Trigger LMT/Mobile Massage, Boyer Dentistry, Shanti Skin Care, TC Nail Salon, The Wardrobe, American Harvest Eatery, Augie's Front Burner, Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant, Fritz's Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Maldaner's Restaurant, Mariah's Restaurant, Osaka Japanese Restaurant, Sangamo Club, Wyndham Springfield and Nick & Nino's Penthouse Steakhouse, Food Fantasies, Baskin Robbins, Del's Popcorn Shop, Pease's Candy, Table Toppers, Simply Fair, Spartan Valley Olive Oil,

Wild Birds Unlimited, Recycled Records, Lauterbach Tire & Auto, and Brahler's Auto & Tire Center. We are grateful for their support.

Many thanks to our contributing chefs: **Patrick Groth (Incredibly Delicious), Michael Higgins (Maldaner's), Chip Kennedy (5 Flavors), Joseph Martin (Sangamo Club), Denise Perry (Copper Pot Cooking Studio), Ozma Rahman, Merle Shiffman** and to Federation chefs, **Anita Myers and Mark Deluhery**, for preparing the remainder of the menu and taking care of all other kitchen tasks, with the able assistance of **Ken Elliott and John Shurts**. Thanks also to volunteer servers from the **UIS Cheerleading Squad** and their coaches **Jenny McClanahan and Amanda Lazzara**. They were wonderful to work with and made sure all guests were well taken care of and happy.



The Chai Tea depends on the generosity and talents of many. First, thank you to our major sponsor, **Bank of Springfield**, and also to sponsors **Michael K. Armour, CPA, CFP; Hickory Glen Active Senior Living, Signature Event Rentals; MJ Kellner Foodservice, and Rishi Tea**. Thanks also to our **Chai Tea Committee (Mark Deluhery, Beryl Feldman, Arden Lang, Sara Lieber, Anita Myers, Merle Shiffman, Sharon Star, and Mary Jo Wasser)** and to the many additional volunteers who helped prepare the room and take care of the many tasks on the day: **Carol Kitterman, Anne Morgan, Jackie Perlmutter, Barb Rabin, Steve Rambach (photography), Adrienne Swartz, Jody Wallace, and Mark and Sari Wancket.**

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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.

JEWISH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The magic of Jewish camp is rooted in its 24/7 atmosphere. Jewish values, connection to Israel, and the culture of Judaism are entwined with basketball, arts and crafts and swimming – creating a community of campers that are proud to be Jewish. No matter your practice, there is a Jewish camp where your child will have fun, be comfortable and love being Jewish.

The key to the Jewish future is Jewish camp. We know from research—and nearly two decades’ experience—that this is where young people find Jewish role models and create enduring Jewish friendships. It’s where they forge a vital, lifelong connection to their essential Jewishness. Suddenly, all those Shabbat song sessions and campfire stories take on new importance—and urgency. So we’re devoted to helping Jewish camps and summer programs thrive. We gather data, build new programs, provide operational support and help recruit campers. We’ve elevated camp management into a true profession. And we work to elevate Jewish camp on the cultural and philanthropic agenda. In short, our mission is to help Jewish camps achieve their mission: to create transformative summer experiences—and the Jewish future.

JCC CAMP CHI



For nearly a century, generation to generation, Camp Chi has been enlivening campers with a summer experience beyond compare. JCC Camp Chi provides a range of opportunities to encourage families to choose Jewish overnight camp and save money on the cost of camp. To find out more about Camp Chi and to see if your family qualifies for any scholarships, go to www.campchi.com. Lake Delton, WI, 847-763-3551.

CAMP BEN FRANKEL

At Camp Ben Frankel every child, regardless of background in Judaism, interests, and skills, is a valued member of the camp community. We consider ourselves “reconformadox”. We respect the traditions and honor the heritage of all the branches of Judaism. Our activities are designed with that in mind. Our first Director Hyman Ruffman first expressed our philosophy that “nothing Jewish should be unfamiliar to our campers and staff.”

www.facebook.com/CampBenFrankel. Makanda, IL, 618-975-2416.



OSRUI

As we prepare to celebrate our 65th summer, we look with pride on the more than 30,000 children who have passed through our gates, building lifelong friendships, exploring their Jewish identity, and having the time of their lives. In 1952, Union Institute was founded by the Reform Movement; today, URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute serves more than 1,000 campers each summer from throughout North America and beyond. We have programs for children of all ages and talents, with sessions ranging in length from five days to seven weeks. All of our sessions are staffed by mature college students, under the guidance of experienced senior staff members and faculty from across the country. OSRUI is proud of its commitment to providing campers with strong and encouraging Jewish role models.

www.osrui.org. Oconomowoc, WI, 262-567-6277.



CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR JEWISH CAMPS

Financial assistance is available from the **Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL** and the **Joni Ann Wolfson Campership Fund** of the Federation. Application form is available at www.shalomspringfield.org.

(Subsidies also available for Maccabi Games.)

ONE HAPPY CAMPER



Your first-time camper may be eligible for a One Happy Camper grant of up to \$1000! Eligibility and grant amounts are determined by your local program provider in coordination with the Foundation for Jewish Camp. Eligibility is typically based on: Where you live; Past overnight nonprofit Jewish summer camp experience; Length of stay at camp; Type of school your child is currently enrolled in; Grade your child will enter the fall after camp.

Where are these One Happy Camper programs and which one is for my child?

To see if your community offers a One Happy Camper program, see our list of partners and contact your local program provider. If you do not live in a One Happy Camper community, and your first-time camper is a PJ Library member, alum, or sibling of a PJ Library member or alum, s/he may be eligible for a grant through the PJ (Library) Goes to Camp - One Happy Camper program. (Please note that PJ Library grants for Jewish day school students are limited and will be distributed through a lottery system.) If you neither live in a One Happy Camper community, nor are eligible for the PJ Library One Happy Camper grant, your camper may be eligible for a One Happy Camper incentive grant through your camp. **APPLY NOW** for your One Happy Camper grant! Based on your responses, our system will assign you to the appropriate program, if eligible. Go to <http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper-2>.

CHODASH-BERNSEN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION LEGACY FUND

We are pleased to announce that Howard Chodash M.D. recently established the **Chodash-Bernsen Health Education and Promotion Legacy Fund**. The fund is dedicated to the betterment of the health and the provision of health education within our community. The fund is a tribute to Howard's parents, Eugene and Diane Chodash, and grandparents, Helen and Henry Chodash and Ruth and Paul Bernsen. Howard explained, "They instilled in me the values of tzedakah, charitable giving, and tikun olam, repairing the world. I dedicated this fund to them to thank them for all they gave to me."

From childhood, Howard wanted to help people. His grandmother, a Polish immigrant, told him to "always give help to others" and handed him change for the Sunday School tzedakah box. His parents taught him about community involvement and volunteerism. They held temple leadership positions and chaired the JUF (Chicago Federation) dinner at their temple. They honored the memory of their dear friends' daughter by raising and distributing funds for leukemia research and assistance to patients. Howard watched both his grandfathers suffer from serious illnesses. For all these reasons, Howard decided to become a doctor.

LEGACY SHABBAT

On Friday, February 10th, Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B'rith Sholom, and Temple Israel celebrated Legacy Donors on Legacy Shabbat with a joint service followed by a Shabbat dinner. Legacy Shabbat celebrated the successful completion of Year One of the LIFE & LEGACY™ program. Each organization received eighteen legacy commitments and each will receive \$5,000 from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

We express our appreciation to the Legacy Shabbat committee: Anne Morgan, Lisa Stone, Rick Griminger, Rabbi Datz and Rabbi Marks; Debbie Weiner for dinner arrangements and Judy Foster for centerpieces. Special thanks to the members of the combined Temple choirs: Mary Beth Cohen, Elissa GoldbergBelle, Carol Kitterman, Linda Morrison, Jackie Perlmutter, Melinda Pitt-Kaye, Sharon Snyder, Lisa Stone, Mark Wancket, Sari Wancket, Peter Wenz and especially to Nichole DiGiorno, organist and Erin Sabath for their leadership. We thank Howard Chodash, Rick and Evelyn Griminger, Cherrie and Wayne Worker for their contributions to the Oneg; Judith Foster for the dinner centerpieces; Mary Beth Cohen for the challah; and Debbie Weiner for coordinating the dinner.

SAGE NOTES



When we ask for a pledge, as part of the annual campaign process, we want to hear questions and concerns you might have and respond to them. As we near the official close of the 2017 campaign, I thought I'd use this column to answer some of the more frequently asked questions that we hear.

Why does Federation start the 2017 campaign in fall 2016? It's all about the budget. Our next year's budget is based on the funds raised in the previous year. Specifically, the funds raised in the 2017 campaign will be used as the basis for the Federation's 2018 budget. We begin the budget process in mid-summer for the fiscal year that starts January 1, 2018.

What is the annual campaign? The annual campaign raises funds that are dedicated to fulfilling Federation's mission: To serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fundraising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.

How does my pledge make a difference? Your pledge makes it possible for Federation to offer a variety of programs, services, and activities including the annual Federation Film Festival; monthly senior programs, Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge; PJ Library books to children between the ages of 6 months and eight years. It supports the Jewish Community Relations Council's Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, as well as special lectures and initiatives. Last year, 1660 people attended Federation related programs. We offer scholarships to Jewish camps, stipends to Maccabi games, and a grant to the joint temples Sunday School.

Your pledge supports social services and financial assistance for those in need in Springfield and life-saving and life-changing programs and services for Jews at-risk around the world.

How large is the Federation staff? We have two full-time staff (executive director and office manager) and a half-time program director. The social worker is on call and works on an as needed basis.

Does any part of my pledge go to the Israeli government? No funds go to the Israeli government. The money we send goes to help people in need and funds social services and programs directly through the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), and World ORT.

When is my 2017 campaign pledge due and how can I pay it? The 2017 pledge is due by December 31st, 2017. You may choose to be billed monthly, quarterly, or annually and may pay by check, cash or credit card.

We are grateful for the support received from our community. It is because of you that we can do what we do.

Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

THANK YOU TO... *Chaverim* volunteers **Mark Deluhery, Barb Rabin, and Mark Wancket** for providing refreshments and rides for the Chaverim Tu B'Shvat Party.

RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM

It is with sadness and great concern that I write about the rise in anti-Semitism across the country. Since the first of the year, JCCs have received bomb threats, Chicago's Loop Synagogue was vandalized, a St. Louis cemetery has been desecrated, and there have been more incidents across the country. These are horrific reminders that expressions of hatred against any group of people must not be tolerated. We, as a community, must continue to work together to educate and fight anti-Semitism and prejudice.

Nancy Sage

FED FACTS

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For the past ten years, the Security Community Network (SCN) under the leadership of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has been at the forefront of an innovative, collaborative, and cooperative national homeland security initiative educating the Jewish community to potential threats, leveraging government and private sector resources. Through information sharing, security awareness, training, security advice, and counsel, SCN strives to empower individuals and organizations and establish a culture of security consciousness and preparedness throughout our communities. SCN publishes information, offers training, hosts conference calls, and provides on-the-ground assistance.

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