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*Jewish Federation of Springfield invites you to the
20th Annual*

WINE *Tasting*

Your Hosts:

Lisa and Jon GoldbergBelle

Sat., June 7, 2025

6:00 - 9:00 pm

**Maldaner's Restaurant
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Karen Westbrook

Message From the President

As we approach the annual meeting, it is time to reflect on the last year. Where to start... Nancy announced her retirement in June and began preparing transition documents for her successor while keeping the Federation operating at its high level. Not an easy task. I thank her for all of her time, energy, and support. Wendy and Betsy have worked side by side to be sure we haven't missed a step.

Our Executive Committee and Board have been fantastic, volunteering to help in addition to the committees they already serve on. I am proud that every Board member is on a committee. Some have hidden talents they have shared with us: data input; editing; and even arranging travel. It is a pleasure to preside over a Board filled with people so committed to our Jewish community.

There are so many community members who contribute time and energy, as well as moral and financial support to the continuation and success of this organization. Each one deserves a big hug. It is very easy to walk away or say no. That is not our community. I don't think anyone has told me no in the last two years. That is who we are and is why our community continues to be vibrant.

As you know, I am not going anywhere. Bob Roth will be an excellent President. He is kind, calm, and steady. We are lucky to live in a small but mighty, caring Jewish community. I know we will continue to thrive. I wish everyone all the best.



MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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				12:30 pm Chabad Lunch & Learn YOM HA'ATZMAUT	5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service	9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
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9:30 am SBJE Religious School	7 pm Hadassah Book Club		6 pm Fed Annual Mtg 7 pm Chabad Class	12:30 pm Chabad Lunch & Learn	5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service	9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service
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9:30 am SBJE Religious School 2 pm TBS Exec. Bd. Meeting MOTHER'S DAY		1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club 2 pm TI S'Hd Exec. Bd Mtg	12 pm TI Adult Ed 7 pm Chabad Class 6:30 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	11 am Fed Educ & Culture Mtg 1:30 pm Chabad Kosher Deli Picnic 7 pm Fed JCRC Bd Mtg	6 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service	9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah study 10:30 am Chabad Service
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	5:30 Fed. Exec. Committee Mtg Federation Closed MEMORIAL DAY	7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	9:30 am Fed Knosh & Knowledge 7 pm Chabad Class 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	12:30 pm Chabad	5:30 pm TI Service 6 pm TBS Service	9:30 am TI Service 10 am TBS Torah Study 10:30 am Chabad Service

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

AT
TEMPLE ISRAEL

APPETIZERS & REFRESHMENTS

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SAVE THE DATE!

BOOKCLUB

Sunday May 18th

1pm EDT | 7pm Budapest | 8pm Israel

Join us to discuss the book

House on Endless Waters by Emuna Elon

If the Federation can assist you in any way, if you have questions or concerns, or are in need of financial or social service assistance, please contact us at (217)787-7223, ext. 1. All calls are confidential, and your privacy will be respected.



ANNUAL JEWISH FILM SERIES

THURSDAY
June 5, June 12, June 19
& June 26



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.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut



Wings of hope אפקט התקווה

The butterfly effect by Edward Norton Lorenz was originally explained metaphorically, suggesting that a flap of a butterfly's wing in one corner of the world could cause a tornado elsewhere weeks later. Popular culture has largely embraced the butterfly effect metaphor to describe that while it may sometimes seem that our individual decisions and actions have little to no impact on the big picture, our collective action and interconnectedness can cause our small actions to have larger, collective outcomes.

On Israel's 77th birthday, you can help spread the message of individual and collective Jewish hope for Israel by wearing a "Wings of Hope" butterfly pin made available to us through the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Pick up your Wings of Hope pin at the Federation Annual meeting on May 7 at Temple Israel, 6 pm, or at the Federation office, and become part of the hopeful "butterfly effect".

Exhibit at St Louis Holocaust Museum: Artist Who Captured Eichmann



Info at:

<https://stlholocaustmuseum.org/exhibition/s/special/#:~:text=Discover%20Our%20Special%20Exhibit:%20The,generously%20donated%20by%20Michael%20Staenberg.>

Exhibit at Illinois Holocaust Museum Shtetl in the Sun: Andy Sweet's South Beach 1977-1980 (Available through 6/1/25)



Info at:

<https://ilholocaustmuseum.org/exhibitions/shtetl-in-the-sun-andy-sweets-south-beach-1977-1980/>

CAMP BEN FRANKEL HOSTS ISRAELI YOUTH

In June 2024, Camp Ben Frankel, operated by the Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, launched an effort to bring Israeli youth to the summer camp as a respite from the war. Our Federation contributed \$5,000 to support this effort which resulted in 18 Israeli children attending the camp.

This was supposed to be a one-time project. Sadly, it is not. The Board has approved another donation of \$5,000 to help the camp reach the goal of 24 campers this year.

Here is the thank you note:

Dear Karen,

Hello! My name is Naomi Abelson Gohn and I serve as the Alumni Chair for Camp Ben Frankel. I wanted to send a personal thank you for the Springfield Federation's generous donation to CBF's Israel Camper Campaign. We are so grateful for your continued support.

I was raised in Springfield, Illinois (in the 90s), and have such fond memories of the Jewish community there. I am not sure if we crossed paths at that time, but perhaps so? My parents, Richard & Deborah Abelson, were very involved in Temple Israel, the religious school, ORT and Federation. I attended CBF during those years and am so happy to continue to support the camp and provide meaningful Jewish experiences to the next generation.

Thank you so much for your support! Wishing you a happy and healthy Pesach.

Naomi

CAMPERSHIPS AWARDED

We are pleased to learn that Peyton Lehl and Elise Gross will be attending OSRUI again this year. These campers are well seasoned; Elise attending for her 7th year and Peyton for the 5th time. Jewish camp has been a part of the Springfield fiber for many years. Whether OSRUI, Camp Chi or Camp Ben Frankel, our youth are exposed to Judaism, camping, and Jewish kids from other backgrounds. We wish Peyton and Elise "Happy Camping" and look forward to hearing about their experiences. If you have a child or grandchild in Springfield interested in attending overnight camp in the future, please let us know. Camperships are available.

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Thank You To Our Volunteers

Passover Outreach: *Mary Beth Cohen, Rabbi Datz, Deborah Derbander, Barry Mendeloff, Elizabeth Mendeloff, Monty Mittleman, Anne Morgan, Gloria Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz, and Grace Wenz*

PJ Playdate: *Regan Marks and Kayla Morrison*

Yom HaShoah: *Rabbi Kanter, Rabbi Stern, Randy Martin, Bob Roth, and Karen Westbrook*

Federation Office: *Brett Westbrook*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE LEGACY FUND

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TO: Maayan Erez-Burg and Ryan Burg, parents, and big sister Emma, on the arrival of Danielle Eden Erez-Burg.

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The family of **Adam Suchomski**
May his memory endure as a blessing.
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IN THE COMMUNITY

A Message from SBJE

It is truly remarkable and heartwarming how this Jewish community has embraced and wholeheartedly endorsed SBJE with such an outpouring of generosity. As we were making plans for our fundraiser this year, we wanted the community to realize the dire financial situation we were in, but yet underscore the dedication, enthusiasm, and appreciation our students, staff, and board exhibit in the pursuit of Jewish education in Springfield.

You, this community, have responded unequivocally. We are abundantly grateful and feel empowered to move forward with renewed spirit and commitment to assure this small group of children will have a quality experience in their Jewish studies. Todah Rabah!

A note from one of our donors:

"My husband and both our sons, who are now in their 30's, attended and hold many wonderful memories of religious school. The instruction they received and the friendships they formed during these important formative years continue to influence and guide them today. The B'rit Yisrael Religious Schools is a jewel of our local Jewish community. It has been for many years, and it is so very, very important that we ensure it continues."

Barb Schwartz



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