

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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The Officers and Board of the Jewish Federation of Springfield  
cordially invite you to our

## 77th Annual Meeting & Dinner

As we express appreciation for our community's support  
& glimpse towards the future

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

**5:45 dinner; 6:15 pm meeting**

**1140 Governor Street (Temple Israel)**

Special Summer Salmon Dinner  
ala Maldaner's

(vegetarian entrée upon request)

**\$18.00 per person**



**Reservations for dinner by Friday, May 18th**

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### UPCOMING DATES

**5/19/18—JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, 9:30 am, Temple B'rith Sholom**

**5/24/18—Federation Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm, at Temple Israel**

**6/1/18—Legacy Shabbat, 5:45 pm, Temple Israel**

**6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28/18—Annual Jewish Film Series, 7 pm, Capitol City Bar & Grill**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barry Seidman

### WE ARE THE "JEWISH HOUSE"



Barry Seidman,  
Federation President

It's hard for me to believe that my tenure as President of our Federation is coming to an end. In many respects, it's been a quick two years for me. While, certainly, there have been difficulties and problems to contend with, I have enjoyed and valued these two years.

Any successes we have achieved have been the result of many people: our professional staff, our Board of Directors, our Executive Board, and most importantly, all of our members. What we achieve consistently as a (very) small Federation easily can be taken for granted. Being in a position to see up close all of the work that goes into making our Federation successful allows one to understand this success doesn't just happen.

Over the last two years we have had accomplishments I am proud of. Of course, there are areas in which I wish we had done better. I'm sure I have made decisions and charted courses that some have not always agreed with. I hope you know that I have always tried to make decisions based on what I thought was in the best interest of our Federation and our community.

One area I have felt strongly about has been trying to keep Federation out of the political dissension, both domestic and international, that occurs regularly today. This is not easy because our community consists of very bright people who have genuinely strong and sincere feelings on many of today's issues, and who feel that Federation should take an official position on some of these issues. As I have stated in several of my monthly bulletin articles, my own strong and sincere view is that the mission of Federation is to come to the aid of fellow Jews, anywhere they are in need. That can be here in Springfield, elsewhere in our country, in war torn regions around the world, and in Israel. By trying to take sides on some of today's issues, we run the risk of creating conflict within our community. Potentially, this conflict makes it harder to continue achieving our mission. To those who have said that Federation cannot always attempt to remain neutral – sometimes it's necessary to choose a side, my response is the rhetorical question, "to what end?"

Even the subject of Israel is no longer a source of unity among our local, and greater, Jewish community. It wasn't that many years ago that an overwhelming majority of American Jews looked upon Israel as a source of pride and with emphatic support. Today, there are disagreements within the American Jewish community concerning Israel and what Federation's role towards Israel should be. Personally, this has been a most difficult area for me to try to maintain a semblance of neutrality for our Federation. I am a fervent and vocal supporter of Israel – regardless of what government is in power and regardless of specific policies I may disagree with. But I know there are many who feel differently. Starting a few years ago with the national debate about whether or not the United States should be entering into an agreement with Iran, differences within our greater Jewish community become profound. Our Jewish Community Relations Council, while debating the Iran deal, decided not to take a position on this issue because of the strong disagreement within our community. Even though, personally, I was a strong opponent to the Iran deal, I believe that our JCRC was correct in its decision. Similarly, towards the end of the Obama administration when the United States did not veto a United Nations Security Council resolution critical of Israel, our Federation, again, did not take an official position. Instead, we emailed to our community

links to articles both supporting and opposing our government's action. I know there are those on either side of these questions who feel we should have taken positions. My question again is, "to what end?" Do we want to alienate a significant portion of our community who sincerely disagree with whatever formal position we, as a Federation, may take? Do we want to run the risk of turning someone away from Federation and all the good works we are able to accomplish? Other challenges we have faced while I've been President are immigration and gun control. There are those who believe, as Jews, it is our responsibility to take positions on these (and other) issues. I genuinely believe that by doing so, we run the risk of potentially dividing our community and harming our mission. Our community is not monolithic. It is important to remember that no matter how strongly one feels about a specific issue, there is another who believes the opposite just as strongly. Federation has, and should continue, to play a role in these debates. It is the role of convener – to bring differing viewpoints together to discuss respectfully. But, again, I firmly believe that if we get into a routine of imposing one side's views as official policy, we are running the risk of alienating others in our community, and thereby endangering our mission.

There are issues we have been vocal on. Most noticeably on two issues within Israel that we feel affect our community so dramatically it, indeed, was our responsibility to speak out: the Israeli government putting on hold a plan to create an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, and also the government's restrictions on conversion to Judaism. On these issues, our Federation has spoken with one voice, along with Federations all over North America, to make sure the Israeli government and the Israeli people realize how strongly we disagree with these policies. I am confident our Federation will continue to speak out on issues such as these that affect the very fabric of American Jewry.

In closing, I want to retell a story told by Rabbi David Wolpe at the Jewish Federation of North America General Assembly that took place in Los Angeles last November. In illustrating the importance of Federation, Rabbi Wolpe related a story from recent history when the Federation system was instrumental in resettling into our communities Soviet Jews who escaped the tyrannical system under which they lived. (As many of you are aware, here in Springfield, our Federation was a leader in the effort to resettle Soviet Jews.) Rabbi Wolpe told of a young boy who was home alone with his father. The family had recently come from the Soviet Union and had been resettled in the Los Angeles area. One day the young boy called the Los Angeles Federation office and excitedly said he needed to talk to someone who could help him right away. The director of the Federation took the call and was told by the boy that the boy's father had fallen and was unconscious. The director quickly had an ambulance dispatched and the father was taken to a hospital where it was determined he had suffered a heart attack. Fortunately, he recovered fully. Later, when visiting him, the Federation director asked the father why his young son had thought to call the Federation office to come to his aid. The father showed the director a phone number on their refrigerator – it was the phone number of the Federation office. The father had stuck it on the refrigerator and had told his young son if he ever needed help with anything, to call that number because that number was for the "Jewish house" and they will help.

For me, this sums up Federation: We are the "Jewish house." It is our mission, our duty, and our history to be available to help Jewish people anywhere and anytime. This is what we are about, and nothing should get in the way of us continuing this work. Because of all of you, I am confident our community will continue carrying out our mission.

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## Chaverim Shavuot Celebration

Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 am – 11:00

Join your *Chaverim* friends to celebrate Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks, marking the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer and commemorating the giving of the Torah.

**TUESDAY, May 15, 10:00 A.M.**

**Join us for dairy treats. \$3.00 per person donation.**

Parking is available on the east side of the building where there is a ramp. If you need assistance when you arrive, call 787-7223 ext. 10. Please let us know if you need a ride.

RSVP by Friday, May 11 to David Miller, 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

## Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, May 30, 9:30 a.m.

**“A Backstage Tour!”**

**University of Illinois  
Springfield’s Sangamon Auditorium**

Knosh & Knowledge presents “A Backstage Tour!” with Bryan Rives, Director of UIS Sangamon Auditorium, on Wednesday, May 30, 9:30 a.m., at UIS, Public Affairs Center, One University Plaza, Springfield, IL.



Bring your own favorite coffee for the road!

RSVP by Friday, May 25, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

## NEXTGEN

### Take Me out to the Ballgame!

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Game starts at 5:05 pm

Springfield Sliders at Robin Roberts Stadium

1415 North Grand Avenue East

Springfield, IL 62702



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Refreshments (Hamburger, Hot Dog, Chips, Soft Drink) Included!*

*Please RSVP by Friday, Jun 8 to  
David Miller at 787-7223 x 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)*

# MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			4:45 pm Hebrew	5:30 pm CBD Lag B'Omer Picnic 7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg. <b>Lag B'Omer</b>	5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 Last Hebrew 10:15 am Last Religious School	12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg		5:30 pm Joint Service @ TBS	9 am TI Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg <b>Mother's Day</b>	12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI	<b>10 am Chaverim</b> 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	7 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Video Series @ The Villas	6 pm TI S'Hd Taste & Tell	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat, S'Hd Installation & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service <b>9:30 am JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry</b> 4:30 pm Joint Temples Shavuot Ice Cream Social @ TBS 5:30 pm Joint Temples Erev Shavuot Service @ TBS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2 pm CBD Shavuos Dairy Bar 10 am TBS Annual Mtg <b>Shavuot</b>	9 am TI Yizkor <b>Shavuot</b> <b>Office closed</b>		6 pm Hadassah Installation	<b>5:30 pm Federation Annual Meeting @ TI</b>	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service Abrams Bar Mitzvah @ TBS
27	28	29	30	31		
	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge			

## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Chairing JCRC is a privilege and a joy. I am so appreciative of the work and dedication of our volunteer members and of the Federation staff. The positive impact of our work has certainly been acknowledged in our community. However, I am especially proud that it has been noticed nationally as well. In April, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Springfield received the 2018 Award for Program Excellence from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. This honor was bestowed upon us in recognition of our Rosenwald project, which serves as a model program for JCRC's throughout the country seeking to engage with community organizations and form partnerships with local non-Jewish organizations.

While the Rosenwald screening was perhaps the highlight of the year, it was only one of many successful and important activities of the JCRC. Working with the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah, in November, JCRC co-sponsored an evening lecture by Karen Aroesty, Regional Director, Missouri/Southern Illinois Anti-Defamation League. Karen's presentation, "Dangerous Rise in Anti-Semitism, Current Statistics and Efforts to Combat the Trend", provided our community with data and anecdotal information, as well as insight into how the Anti-Defamation League addresses anti-Semitic incidents.

In the Spring of 2017, recognizing that the issues surrounding refugees and immigration were resonating both nationally and in our community, JCRC formed an Immigration Subcommittee. In October, JCRC signed on in support of a proposal before the Springfield City Council seeking to designate Springfield a "Welcoming City." In December 2017, JCRC adopted a position statement regarding immigration, which was disseminated to the community.

In February, JCRC began the planning work for our fourth JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, which will be held on May 19. As in the past, we expect to distribute thousands of pounds of food, as well as personal hygiene items, to those in the Springfield community and, in our own way, help ease the problem of food insecurity in Springfield. The enthusiasm for this project seems to grow each year. The Food Pantry is a remarkable experience, not only for those who receive much needed food but also for the dozens of volunteers, of all ages, who participate. JCRC is grateful to the Jewish Federation and our other member organizations for their participation, both financially and physically.

Throughout the year, we have had conversations with the Israel Consul General's office to plan a forum for the Consul General to meet with the Springfield community. Although logistics made a community wide event unworkable, we are in the process of arranging an opportunity for leadership of Springfield's Jewish organizations to meet with the Consul General soon. Lastly, as we move into an election year, JCRC's Political Advocacy Committee will be reaching out to various candidates to identify their positions on issues that are important to the Springfield Jewish Community.

The work of your JCRC is never done and is constantly evolving. With your continued support and engagement, we can continue to be a significant force in the area of community relations.

Betsy Salus, *Chair*

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**Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:45 pm at Temple Israel**

**Special Shabbat Dinner immediately following services**

**\$12.00 per person**

**Kosher Corned Beef, Pastrami, or Turkey Pastrami Sandwich, Cole Slaw & Dessert  
(Vegetarian sandwich option & Gluten-free bread available)**

**Please RSVP for dinner with sandwich selection by Tuesday, May 22  
at the latest to 217-787-7223 ext.18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

**A community is too heavy to carry alone. Deuteronomy Rabbah 1:10**

**AWARD WINNING FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

Presented by the *Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois*

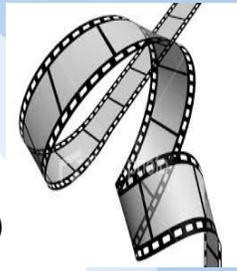
**Four Thursdays in June 2018 (June 7, 14, 21, 28) at 7:00 pm**

**Theatre Room at Capital City Bar & Grill**

3149 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL 62703

**TICKETS: \$25 series pass OR \$7 per film (\$5 with student ID)**

Contact: [787-7223 x18](tel:787-7223x18) or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)



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**Thursday, June 7**

***Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* (2017)**

Canada, Musical/Documentary  
52 min.  
Directed by Larry Weinstein  
English

Set almost entirely in a Chinese restaurant, *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* is an offbeat, irreverent musical documentary that tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Torme, Jay Livingston, Ray Evans, Gloria Shayne Becker, and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to Christianity's most musical holiday. It's an amazing tale of immigrant outsiders who became irreplaceable players in pop culture's mainstream.



Official Selection :

- Atlanta Jewish Film Festival
- Toronto Jewish Film Festival

**Thursday, June 14**

***1945* (2017)**

Hungary, Drama  
91 min.  
Directed by Ferenc Torok  
English subtitles

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople—suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and cunning—expect the worst and behave accordingly. The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand their legally acquired property back.



- Winner WJRO Justice Award
- Winner Jewish International
- Winner SF Film Critics Award
- Winner Yad Vashem Award
- Winner Der Neue Heimatfilm

**Thursday, June 21**

***Menashe* (2017)**

USA, Drama  
82 min.  
Directed by Joshua Z. Weinstein  
English subtitles

Deep in the heart of New York's notoriously secretive Hasidic Jewish community, Menashe, a good-hearted but somewhat hapless grocery store clerk, struggles against tradition to keep custody of his only son after his wife passes away.



- Winner Deauville Film Festival
- Winner Lipscomb Ecumenical
- Winner NBR Award
- Winner Terry Porter Award

**Thursday, June 28**

***The Wedding Plan* (2016)**

Israel, Comedy  
110 min.  
Directed by Rama Burshtein  
English subtitles

Exhausted by single life at 32, spirited bride-to-be Michal is eager for the comfort and companionship of marriage. Then, her fiancé dumps her one month before their wedding. Devasted but undeterred, she decides to keep her wedding date, leaving it to fate to provide a suitable groom. With invitations sent, the venue booked, the clock counting down to the big day, and pressure from her family mounting, Michal enlists two matchmakers to help her find Mr. Right.



- Winner 3 Ophir Awards:
- Best Actress
- Best Screenplay
- Best Costume Design

# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2018

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## 2018 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Goal \$285,000



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# NOMINATION COMMITTEE

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Fred Benson, Arden Lang, Ted LeBlang.....Committee Members  
 Board members whose terms expire in May of 2018 are: **Fred Benson, Andrew Boyer, Theodore LeBlang,** and **Susan Nightingale.**

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve three-year terms on the Board (2018 - 2021): **Fred Benson, Andrew Boyer, Theodore LeBlang, Susan Nightingale, and Eydee Schultz.**

The Committee nominates the following individuals to serve as officers: **Pat Chesley** to serve one year as President, **Arden Lang** to serve one year as First Vice-President, **Jay Mogerman** to serve one year as Second Vice-President, **Fred Benson** to serve one year as Treasurer, and **Andrew Boyer** to serve one year as Secretary. **Barry Seidman** will serve as Immediate Past President.

The nomination committee recommends that these board members and this slate of officers be voted into office at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois on May 24, 2018.

## JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



### JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE **FOOD PANTRY**

Saturday, May 19, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Temple B'rith Sholom  
Parking Lot

#### JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY – MAY 19

On May 19, 2018 the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation (JCRC), in conjunction with Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, both temple sisterhoods, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith will be sponsoring our fourth annual mobile food pantry. The event will be held in the parking lot at Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 South Fourth Street) between the approximate hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. depending on volunteer assignments. Food distribution will begin at 11 a.m. to accommodate those volunteers who may wish to attend Saturday morning services.

\* So why do all of these organizations and all of our volunteers participate year after year? We do so because there is a serious issue of food insecurity in our greater Springfield community.

\* Who comes to receive the food, and do they really have a need? Those who show up to receive the food are all races, the elderly, women with small children and families. They are a cross section of our community at-large, and they are our neighbors. As to whether they actually need the food, no one would wait up to two hours to stand in line to get food if they didn't need it. And, yes, they are grateful and appreciative.

\* Do we really solve the problem of food insufficiency by having one event one time a year? No, but we do help at least in some small way. More importantly, we hope that we increase awareness within our Jewish community of the problem of hunger and motivate people to advocate on this issue and support initiatives of the Central Illinois Food Bank and other organizations that deal with it on a daily basis.

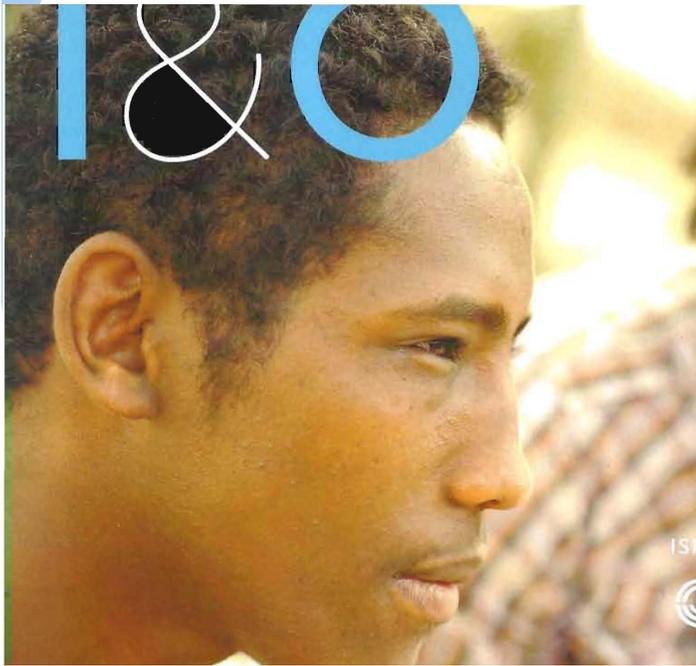
This event does not happen without our hardworking mitzvah mobile food pantry committee, our partners who make this event possible – Bank of Springfield (for financial support), Schnucks (for lending us shopping carts), McQuinn Auto Body (for supplying a flatbed to pick up and drop off the shopping carts) and Siciliano, Inc. (for supplying a fork lift and fork lift operator to off load the food), and of course, our volunteers.

So, how can you help? We still need volunteers. Rick Griminger is our volunteer coordinator and if you are available, please contact him at [rgriminger@att.net](mailto:rgriminger@att.net) so he can put you on his list. If you have any physical or time limitations, he will accommodate your needs.

Mary Beth Cohen is once again organizing a toiletry collection. She is soliciting **new, full sized** shampoo, conditioner, soap, sunscreen, body lotion/hand cream, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes. Items can be dropped off at TBS, TI and the Federation, and will be distributed to patrons on the day of the event. For questions on the toiletry collection, please contact Mary Beth at [marybeth.cohen@comcast.com](mailto:marybeth.cohen@comcast.com).

Thank you once again for your support, and we are looking forward to another successful event.

## ISRAEL & OVERSEAS



### CHANGING LIVES FOR ETHIOPIAN-ISRAELIS

Twenty-five years ago, Federation and its partners secretly helped rescue 14,000+ Ethiopian Jews and bring them to Israel. That was just the beginning.

Integration remains a challenge: today, 45% of Ethiopian-Israeli children live in poverty, twice the rate of other Jewish children. Federation can change their lives.

The **Ethiopian National Project's SPACE program** is proven to help at-risk high school students achieve a 72% matriculation success rate. The **Jewish Agency for Israel** provides critical absorption services for recent immigrants from Ethiopia, including schooling, Hebrew and Judaism lessons, ritual services and food distribution.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### GRADUATES

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Juliana Neuger  
Molly Stern

#### COLLEGE

Andrew Bloomberg  
Drew Duffy  
Ilana Litvak  
Genie Melamed  
Zoe Radwine  
Raya Seidman

### MAZEL TOV

**Natalie & Bob Silverman**, on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jordana Silverman. She is the daughter of Joel & Deborah Silverman.

**David Worker**, on his engagement to Ashley Winter.

**Linda Morrison & Vaughn Morrison**, on the marriage of their son, Aaron Morrison, to Laura Terry.

### THANK YOU TO OUR APRIL VOLUNTEERS

**Film shorts:** Pat Chesley, Rabbi Datz, Larry and Yosh Golden, Rabbi Marks, Jay Mogerman, Bob Silverman, Barry Weiss, Harvey Wells, Barb Wolfson

**Chaverim:** Judy Foster, Arden Lang, Len Lieberman, and Rabbi Marks

**Passover Packages:** Andrew Boyer, Rabbi Datz, Len Lieberman, Rabbi Marks, Annette Schwartz, Gloria Schwartz, and Adrienne Swartz

# SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

## “EVERYTHING YOU DO...MAKES A DIFFERENCE”



Nancy Sage  
Federation Executive  
Director

As we put plans into place for our annual meeting on Thursday, May 24th, I think how fortunate we are for your support, involvement, generosity, leadership, and your care for our community. You are why we are a strong and thriving Federation that serves our community through innovative programming and helps Jewish people throughout the world. I am proud of all we accomplish, because of you.

Your contributions and dedication to ensuring high-quality cultural and educational programs brought to our community nationally and internationally known Jewish scholars and thinkers. Our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) program featuring Jonathan Tobin and J.J. Goldberg, presented opposing views on events in Israel and the Middle East. They modeled for us the possibility of civility in public dialogue and showed how people can disagree about the issues and yet speak with respect for each other and a willingness to learn from the other. Avraham Infeld, celebrated Jewish educator and author, emphasized that Jews are a people, that there many avenues to expressing our Jewishness and that we don't all have to choose the same ones. In our Jewish life we need both the intellectual analysis of the issues provided by Tobin and Goldberg, and the passion and charisma of Infeld. I was deeply gratified by the anonymous donation that made it possible to bring Tobin and Goldberg to Springfield, and by the support from Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, and B'nai B'rith that enabled us to put on the program with Infeld. Your support and generosity show me how much you care about our community.

You strengthen our connections with the greater Springfield community through endeavors such as the Rosenwald Initiative and the JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry. The Rosenwald Initiative, a partnership with organizations in the Black community, brought more than 750 people to the premiere of the Rosenwald documentary. The Rosenwald Initiative partnership continues to meet, with the goal of developing a project befitting the legacy of the Springfield-born Julius Rosenwald and his model of philanthropy. The JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, now in its fourth year, fights food insecurity with a strong focus on distributing healthy foods.

Your attendance at the Jewish Film Series (four Thursdays in June) and the “Short Order of Jewish Film Shorts” (a Federation first) lets us know that bringing films of Jewish interest, identity, or origin are important contributions to the community. The Education and Culture Committee takes great care in choosing the films— balancing genre, cost, and availability to appeal to your different tastes and preferences. Similarly, your interest in food and the talents of Chef David Radwine made “Italian-Jewish Cooking” a delicious and successful event.

You are the reason our core programs succeed. These include Chaverim, the monthly senior social hour; Knosh & Knowledge, the speaker's series for active retirees; holiday visits and gift packages to members who are not out as often as they would like; PJ Library, the program that sends a high quality book with Jewish related content to children ages 6 months to 8 years. In addition, you send young adults with a Jewish heritage to Israel through Birthright Israel and support Jewish life on college campuses through Hillel.

And, you save and change lives in this country and throughout the world. Through our national organization, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), you responded generously to help those devastated by Hurricanes in Houston and Puerto Rico. Through Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Agency (JDC) you not only provide life-saving medication, meals, and skill building programs, you strengthen relationships on the ground in Israel that have been at the forefront of fight for religious pluralism. Through Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), you help refugees flee from places where lives and livelihoods are threatened and get resettled in new homes.

Everything you do on behalf of Federation makes a difference and I am grateful. You are the reason we achieve our mission and why, each year, we strive to do more and to be better. You give strength to our community and our Federation.



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.  
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

*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.*

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### *Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Cruise News*

#### ***We are going International!***



Travel with your friends on a fabulous European cruise!

***11-night Spain, France & Italy Cruise aboard the Celebrity Constellation  
October 19, 2018 – October 30, 2018***

This promises to be a wonderful experience for all.  
Fun and fundraising at the same time!

For additional information, please contact:  
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### **BECOMING DR. RUTH**

“Becoming Dr. Ruth,” a one woman play about Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the German-born, Jewish immigrant to the U.S. who became famous as a sex therapist, media personality, actress, voice actress and author, will be presented at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, in the Clubroom, on June 1-3.



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BY THE FIRE

@ Lincoln Park (Shelter 7)

THURSDAY, MAY 3 @ 5:30PM

Kosher Deli Sandwiches	Live Music	RSVP by April 30 Adult \$12 Child \$6
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