

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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"FEDERATION IS MY FAMILY"



Galina Meklina moved to Springfield as part of the Jewish Federation's program to resettle Jews from the former Soviet Union. This is her story in her words ...

"Federation is where I feel connected and comfortable. Federation is my home; I am not alone in the world.

In 1993, I moved to the United States from St. Petersburg, Russia. I first arrived in Detroit, where my son was living. A year and half later, I moved to Springfield, Illinois, at the urging of the Belogorsky family; Tatyana Belogorsky had been a colleague of mine in St. Petersburg. And that is when my relationship with the Jewish Federation began.

With great pleasure, I recall the kindnesses that the Federation showed me in those early days. Selma and Stanley Oberman were so very attentive and arranged for us to have furniture and everything else we needed. With the help of the Rabbi, Luda Smikun, who was president of the Federation at that time, organized a Chaverim for the new immigrants to the Springfield community. It was wonderful. There were about 16 of us and this Chaverim helped us get to know each other and get to know Springfield. Gloria Schwartz helped me understand that I was not just a refugee but that I am a valued member of our community. Gloria found meaningful opportunities for me to volunteer and contribute to the community. On several occasions I was able to assist by providing interpreting services. One time I even provided translation for a young athlete who was in surgery. Other times I helped by interpreting in the schools. Betty Hurwitz provided me the opportunity to volunteer at the Temple sales. Even today, when I see Betty, we remember the fun that we had at those sales. For many years, I would help with mailings in the Federation office. These experiences made me feel so useful.

I have always been a very active and social person and I appreciate the opportunity to participate in many of the events and programs that the Federation offers, especially the Chaverim program. I enjoyed going to Chaverim when it met weekly at the Temple and I treasure the friendships that I have made through Chaverim. I still enjoy the monthly Chaverim gatherings because they give me the chance to visit with my friends and catch up with people that I do not see very often. I also like the discussions that deepen my religious knowledge.

Although I have lived in Springfield for 23 years, Federation is still so important to me. I appreciate the holiday gifts and visits. Perry Singer used to visit with me, and we would talk about the issues of the day. Perry does not live here anymore, but other people come to visit me. Lisa Stone is very good to me and invites me to dinner every year for holidays. I have many good acquaintances and I am very close to so many people at Federation. And, I know that if I require any assistance, Federation will always be here for me. I am honored to receive attention from the Federation."

The Jewish Federation of Springfield thanks Galina for all that she does with and for community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/6/18—Chaverim, 10 a.m.
- 11/12/18—Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
- 11/28/18—Knosh & Knowledge, 9:30 a.m.
- 12/2/18—First Night of Chanukah

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Pat Chesley

WORLD CLASS TALENT!



Pat Chesley
Federation President

With fewer than 1,000 Jews in our area, how is it possible that your Federation, along with its local Jewish partners, brings world class talent to our community? Before I answer that question, I am going to mention three of those people who have been here in the past year.

Michael Masters mesmerized us at our Community Campaign Dinner in October. He is the National Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Secure Community Network (SCN), an organization created in part by the Jewish Federations of North America. SCN's functions are to monitor, collect and disseminate threat information, to educate Jewish communities to potential dangers, to work with governments and private sector resources to better protect and secure our communities, and to ensure that such entities maintain our interests as a high priority. SCN sends out an almost daily bulletin containing a list of the major threat incidents in the United States and the world. Mr. Masters has a national reputation gained from his current position and from working as the Executive Director of Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency; participating on the Chicago FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force; and serving on the U.S. Homeland Security's Foreign Fighter Task Force.

Mr. Masters told us, among other things, of the increase in anti-Semitic incidents worldwide and the extremely hostile environment Jewish students face on college campuses. He told us that it is a common refrain when a place is attacked for the people there to say "we never thought it could happen here." He was a marvelous speaker who was able to command the attention of a room full of Jews throughout his presentation (No easy thing to do).

Last spring superstar, Avraham Infeld inspired us with his words and presence. He is a world-renowned author, educator and lecturer. To mention just a few of his accomplishments, he has been president of Hillel Foundation, first director of Birthright International and a founding member of a number of organizations that further Jewish values and identity. He has been described as one of the most unique and compelling teachers and leaders in the Jewish world today.

Michelle Citrin enthralled us in September with her singing and positive energy. She may be petite in stature, but she has a booming, crystal-clear voice that makes her seem larger than life. She has been called a top New Jewish Rock Star, The Jewish IT Girl, and is a YouTube sensation with many of her videos going viral. She has received numerous accolades, including a Top American Songwriter, and has been a finalist in VH-1's Song of the Year and Sony Music's Future Rock Star Competition.

Anyone who was lucky enough to attend these remarkable presentations is glad they did. We are so fortunate to bring such talent here for our community to enjoy.

So how is it possible for our tiny community of Jews to bring in such stellar talent? Our Federation staff, our volunteers, our Board and our local Jewish partners make it possible with your generous support. Be sure to thank them for all they do.

Chaverim KRISTALLNACHT

Tuesday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, 10:00-11:00 am.

Join your Chaverim friends to commemorate Kristallnacht and to reflect on the importance of Federation in the Springfield community.

Donation \$3.00 per person.

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, November 2 to Betsy Salus, 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

Knosh & Knowledge

Wednesday, November 28,
9:30 a.m.

Schnuck's Community Room

Knosh & Knowledge presents Lyn Buerkett, Director of Adult Education & Literacy at Lincoln Land Community College, on **Wednesday, November 28, 9:30 a.m.** in Schnucks



Community Room, 2801 Chatham Road, Springfield. She will share with us information about how the adult education and literacy programs at Lincoln Land Community College prepare these students and she will also tell us about the many volunteer and tutoring opportunities that we may be interested in pursuing.

Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

RSVP by Friday, November 23, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Michael left parts of the Florida Panhandle in ruins with at least 36 people dead. 1.4 million utility customers from Florida to Virginia are without power. The storm pushed through and up the mid-Atlantic Coast, wreaking havoc with powerful winds and flooding.

When disaster first strikes, immediate aid is needed to help communities get back on their feet. Afterwards, rebuilding and strengthening resilience can take years.

Your donation will be combined with the gifts of your neighbors and friends and will help provide urgently needed assistance to those hardest hit by hurricanes this season.

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has opened a donation mailbox to provide immediate and direct assistance to those whose lives, homes, and communities have been affected by Hurricane Michael. The link to the mailbox is: <https://www.jewishfederations.org/Hurricane-Relief-Fund-2018>

Your generosity is always appreciated and makes a difference.

NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	2 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	3 9 am TI Service
4 9 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 4 pm TBS Century Club	5 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	6 10 am Chaverim Election Day	7 7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg	8	9 4:30 pm TBS Cornerstone Opening 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner	10 9 am TI Service 6 pm TBS Israeli Artists w/Wine & Cheese Reception
11 9 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 10 am TBS Israeli Artists	12 12 pm TI Talmud Veteran's Day Office Closed	13 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club 7 pm JCRC Meeting	14 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg 7 pm Joint Adult Ed @ The Villas	15	16 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	17 9 am TI Service
18 No Hebrew or Religious School 4pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg	19 12 pm TI Talmud	20 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries	21	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	24 9 am TI Service
25 No Hebrew or Religious School	26 12 pm TI Talmud	27 7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	28 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 12:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	29	30 T/TI S'Hd UIS Tour/ Lunch 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	

JDC RESPONDS TO INDONESIA TSUNAMI, EARTHQUAKE

September 30, 2018 – New York, NY – Following the deadly earthquake and tsunami that struck Indonesia's Sulawesi island on Friday, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is providing emergency medical services, critical supplies, and psychosocial support with one of its longstanding local partners. Additionally, JDC's Indonesia representative, in cooperation with its global disaster response team, is engaging in ongoing needs assessments and working together with local organizations to help ensure best practices among responders to protect groups especially vulnerable in disasters including women, children, and the elderly. With a presence in Indonesia since the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, JDC is raising funds for immediate and long-term support in the face of a spiking death toll and widespread devastation impacting millions. To support JDC's Indonesia relief efforts, visit: www.jdc.org/indonesiarelieff.

"Our hearts go out once again to the people of Indonesia, who have suffered two tragic disasters in recent months and find themselves in need of immediate care and tools to better prepare themselves for future crises," said JDC CEO David M. Schizer. "As Jews around the world gather in the coming days to celebrate the conclusion of our High Holiday season, we are keenly aware of our blessings, our responsibility to repair a broken world, and the need to act now to deliver hope to those facing so much despair."

Last month, JDC responded to the tragic earthquake in Lombok by providing survivors critically-needed shelter, food, medicine, electricity, and psychosocial support. This response built off of JDC's work in Indonesia providing direct aid through local partners and, in a major focus, strengthening disaster risk reduction and response capabilities over the last 14 years. Those JDC efforts culminated in a just-completed flagship program, funded by USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, that trained local communities in disaster management and psychosocial services.

JDC's disaster relief programs are funded by special appeals of the Jewish Federations of North America and tens of thousands of individual donors to JDC. In the last year, JDC has responded to disasters and crises in Guatemala, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Mexico, the Caribbean, Sri Lanka, and East Africa and has continued its post-disaster development work in Nepal and Haiti. JDC also provides ongoing humanitarian aid to refugees in Europe and the Middle East.

JDC relief activities are coordinated with the U.S. Department of State, USAID, the Israeli government and the United Nations, as well as local and international partners. JDC is a partner agency of the Jewish Federations of North America. Your overseas allocation supports JDC and its lifesaving work.

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2019 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!



I want to help Federation change lives in our community and around the world. Here's my gift to support the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois' 2019 Annual Campaign.



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OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

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- \$750-\$1,199
- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

It's Time to Vote!

You have listened to the candidates, studied the issues, and made your decisions; now it is time to cast your ballot.



Tuesday, November 6th is the day to go to the polls to elect Representatives to Congress; State Constitutional officers, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer; State Senators and State Representatives; and local officials, including County Clerk, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, Treasurer, County Board members and Judges.

Sangamon County residents will also be asked to vote on whether to impose a 1% sales tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes. Capital Township residents will be asked whether Capital Township should pursue a full merger with Sangamon County.

If you live in Sangamon County but will not be able to make it to the polls, you can vote early by going to the Sangamon County Election Office 200 S. Ninth Street – Room 101 Springfield, IL. That office will be open every day, through November 6th. Call (217) 753-8683 for hours. If you wish to vote in this election but have not yet registered to vote, or if you need to change your address, you may register to vote or submit a change of address **ONLY** in person in the Sangamon County Election Office or on Election Day at your polling place. After the registration process is completed, you will be allowed to cast a “grace period ballot.”

If you live in Menard, Morgan, Christian, Macon, or Logan counties, early voting can be accomplished at the County Clerk’s office. In each of these counties, the County Clerk’s office is located in the County Courthouse.

Whatever your views, let your voice be heard on November 6th.

THANK YOU TO OUR OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

October Chaverim Volunteers: Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Barb Rabin and Hillel Rabin.

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MICHELLE CITRIN WEEKEND WRAP UP

BY TERRIBENSON AND BARBARA SEIDMAN

The Michelle Citrin artist in residence weekend was a memorable one for our community. She led four events, beginning with Friday night Sukkot services and dinner, a workshop on Saturday afternoon on creating a welcoming spiritual community preceded by a delicious lox, bagel and quiche Kiddush, a Saturday evening concert with dessert buffet, and a lively music experience for our religious school children on Sunday. All events were very well attended. Michelle sounded the theme of oneness at several junctures



during the weekend. The best strengths of our community were showcased, strengths we can continue to build on to keep Jewish life thriving in Springfield for years to come.

Thanks go to the Jewish organizations whose generous financial contributions brought Michelle Citrin to Springfield: B'nai B'rith, Jewish Federation of Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel and Temple Israel Sisterhood. We also received individual contributions from Fred and Terri Benson, Harry and Deborah Berman, Greg and Leslie Sgro, Howard and Lori Hammel, Barry and Barbara Seidman, Julie Seidman, Bill and Lindy Seltzer and Bob and Karen Westbrook. In addition, abundant thanks to our community members who kept us well fed during the weekend: Nancy Chesley and Lorraine Robinson and the TBS Sisterhood for Friday night dinner, Mary Beth Cohen and Mark Deluhery for Saturday Kiddush, Gloria Schwartz and Carol Kitterman and many volunteer bakers for the Saturday dessert buffet and Temple Israel Sisterhood for the Sunday morning snack for the Sunday school students. Nat Radwine and Ann Bova contributed time and materials to provide the sound systems for the weekend.

We received so many positive comments and numerous thank yous throughout the weekend. But the real thanks belong to all of you who heard our enthusiasm for this impressive young woman and supported our vision for what she could bring to our community. This would not have happened without you.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Baskets 2018

Our Thirty-second Year



Dear Friends,

Fall is approaching and with it comes our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. This is the thirty-second year that the Jewish community will join with First Congregational Church to again combine resources, funds, and people power for an outreach program benefiting over **1000** individuals in need. This year we hope to increase last year's number and provide baskets for 260 families.

Some of you have seen them, helped fill and carry them-and realize that families actually receive two large cartons filled to the brim with food, in addition to turkey and pie! To honor your support, we have kept our suggested donation at **\$35 per basket**, and we appreciate that many of you donate for several baskets. We also welcome donations for **half baskets (\$20.00)**. The entire amount of your donation goes to filling the baskets because we have no overhead expenses.

If you would like to support this project, please send your check to the Temple as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly. We are also in need of **volunteers**, so please **select date(s) and time(s)** to help make sure that this is another successful year.

Make checks payable to either: Temple B'rith Sholom Thanksgiving Baskets or to Temple Israel

Thanks so much,

**Thanksgiving Basket Committees of Temple B'rith Sholom, First Congregational Church and
Congregational Temple Israel**

Please complete and return this portion to:

Temple B'rith Sholom
1004 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

OR

Temple Israel
1140 Governor St. Springfield, IL 62704

Your Name _____

E-mail address _____ Phone Number _____

_____ Enclosed is my/our check for \$ _____ for _____ baskets.

Volunteer Sign-Up shifts:

Thursday, November 15, I/We can help put boxes together or unload the food bank truck at TBS
_____ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 18, I/We can help fill baskets at TBS. **PLEASE select shift(s):**
_____ 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. _____ 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 _____ 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20, I/We can help schlep baskets from TBS to the Parking lot.
_____ 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

_____ **Tuesday, November 20**, I/We can volunteer our truck/van to drive baskets to agency drop off spots.

SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

“THERE IS SO MUCH MORE FROM WHICH WE, AS A COMMUNITY, BENEFIT”



Nancy Sage
Federation Executive
Director

While the Federation’s annual fundraising campaign is most associated with supporting Federation programs and services offered in Springfield as well as those that help Jews in need throughout the world, there is so much more from which we, as a community, benefit.

Our Community Campaign dinner speaker offered insight into the little-known organization, Security Community Network (SCN), that is funded by our Federation through the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Michael Masters, CEO, described SCN’s work to ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities at events, synagogues, community centers, day schools and on college campuses. In addition to offering security training, including online seminars and materials that have been helpful to our temples and Federation, SCN is on the frontline coordinating with law enforcement when any Jewish organization or institution is confronted with anti - Semitic incidents, threats, or violence.

When you look at our newly designed website, you’ll see the JTA/70 Faces Media newsfeed that captures Jewish-related news, features and photos from newspapers and publications throughout the world. JTA was founded in 1917 as the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to inform and connect Jews and Jewish communities worldwide. JTA reporting “reflects the wide spectrum of religious, political and cultural identity” within the Jewish world. JTA is part of 70 Faces Media, a non-profit organization that publishes *My Jewish Learning*, an electronic news and educational magazine created to “spread knowledge of Jewish religion, history, values, traditions and culture in a manner that is meaningful and accessible to people of all backgrounds.” JTA offers free daily email news briefings at www.JTA.org/subscribe, and *My Jewish Learning’s* daily email offers information about Judaism and Jewish life at www.myjewishlearning.com. Additionally, 70 Faces Media publishes several other electronic newsletters including *The Nosh* as part of *My Jewish Learning*.

For children within our Jewish community and for grandchildren who live elsewhere between the ages of 6 months and 8 years old, PJ Library is their Jewish-Book-of-the-Month Club. Every month each child enrolled receives a free book in the mail, selected by early childhood educators and literature experts that conveys Jewish values, traditions and themes. So that the books are free to children and families, the expense is underwritten by PJ communities and program sponsor, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF). For PJ communities, generally Federations, including Springfield, the cost is \$40 per child annually which is generously underwritten in Springfield by the Neal J. Feldman Fund and by your campaign contributions. To sign up, contact our office or enroll online at www.pj.library.org. If your grandchildren live elsewhere, their connection to PJ Library will be through their local Federation or JCC.

And, yes, HGF, along with Jewish Federations of North America, provided the two-year LIFE & LEGACY™ incentive grant that brought \$10,000 each to Temple B’rith Sholom, Temple Israel, and the Federation. Over the two year period, the three organizations collectively received a total of 120 letters of intent to leave legacy gifts, which should bring in an estimated \$1,000,000 to our community.

These are a just few of the programs that benefit members of our community and that are made possible by your campaign contribution.

A special note of thanks to our Campaign Dinner Event Chairs, Marlene Schultz and Julie Seidman, whose attention to every detail delivered a delicious dinner and memorable evening, to Gloria Schwartz and Delores Rothschild for graciously greeting everyone, to Howard Chodash for the first issue Israeli stamps and 1967 Israeli coins that decorated the tables, to Pat Chesley for introducing the speaker, to Barry Seidman who suggested the speaker and offered insight and inspiration as he encouraged us to pledge, to Cary Israel and Mark Wancket for raising the matching funds and to all who contributed, to Wendy Evans-Terry and Betsy Salus for working diligently, and to all of you who attended and helped make the evening a success.

IN THE COMMUNITY

AN INVITATION FROM TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM



TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM
INVITES YOU TO THE

*Opening of the
Sanctuary Cornerstone*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018
4:30 PM
1004 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Shabbat Services and Dinner to follow

**Dinner is \$18/person. Please contact Joni Abramowitz at
793-1131 to make your dinner reservation.**

IN THE COMMUNITY

David Brodsky will have an exhibit on November 1-26, 2018, at the Anne Lloyd Gallery in the Madden Arts Center, 125 N. Water St., Decatur, IL, featuring "The World As I See It."

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 2, 5-7:30 p.m., with Artist Talk at 6 pm and a book signing. Gallery hours are Mon.—Fri. 8:30 am—4:30 pm; Sat. 10 am—2 pm.



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MAZEL TOV

TO:

Leah Berman Williams, on her appointment as interim dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks and for being elected to the Fairbanks Borough Assembly.

Cooper Wick, on his bar mitzvah in L.A. on October 20th. Cooper is the son of Sam & Meredith Wick, and grandson of Barry & Sandy Weiss.

Michael Hurwitz, on his marriage to Kayla Kohler Dlugopolski. Parents are Joe & Anna Hurwitz, grandparents Ralph & Betty Hurwitz.

Ben & Abby Sgro, on the birth of their daughter, Eliette Linn Sgro. Grandparents are Greg & Leslie Sgro.

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