

# **HERE FOR GOOD**

**The 2022 Annual  
Federation Campaign Event  
at  
The Ace Sign Company Museum  
2540 S. First Street  
Monday, October 24th, 2022  
5:30 - 7:30 pm**

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# MESSAGE

## From the President



**Bob Silverman**

You've heard the expression, "Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bah Zeh," "All Israel is responsible one for the Other," multiple times. But what does it mean; and who am I, or we, responsible to and why?

It's easy to identify individual responsibility. Each of us is responsible to obey the laws of our community and country, or, protest, if we feel they are wrong. We're responsible to our employers; we're responsible to our families. And, finally, we're responsible to ourselves for our actions. But what does it mean to be responsible to the larger group; and, specifically, to the Jewish Community? The larger Jewish Community has always come to aid of those in need, feeding the poor, sheltering the

homeless, healing the sick; but when it comes to helping each other we've provided the means to care for ourselves. The list of agencies the American Jewish Community has set up is remarkable: HIAS, (The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) - how many of our grandparents or great grandparents got to the United States with the help of HIAS (and they are still aiding the refugees from war-torn countries today); the JDC, (Joint Distribution Committee), founded in 1914 to aid displaced Jews in Europe during World War I, is still assisting the displaced in Europe and feeding the elderly in Eastern Europe; the ADL, (Anti-Defamation League), founded in 1913 after the murder of Leo Frank, is still fighting anti-Semitism in the United States and around the world. The list goes on, the Hebrew Free Loan Societies; the numerous hospitals established in the 19th and early 20th centuries; Hadassah, founded in 1912 by American Jewish women, has brought life-saving medicine to the middle east. When Jews needed help, we've turned to ourselves. And today, in the 21st century, the need is still there. Unfortunately, we still need the JDC, HIAS, and the ADL, all agencies supported by our Federation.

Locally, you support SBJE, our joint Temples' religious school; a Campership Scholarship program, which enables our kids the opportunity to attend Jewish summer camps (which has been proven to be a key in a person's life-long Jewish identity); Partnership Together, which ties our Federation to 16 Jewish Federations throughout the United States, Budapest, and Israel Western Galilee; senior programs which range from monthly meetings that feature speakers on various topics related to local life and history, to outreach, including phone calls and holiday packages. JCRC, (Jewish Community Relations Council), our link to the wider Springfield community as well as a food distribution program, which provides healthy food to those in need. The Education and Culture Committee works to bring interesting and entertaining programs via Zoom, (and we hope in 2023 to bring back our summer film series). The Federation also provides an as-needed social worker to aide families and individuals in crisis situations.

We cannot meet these needs without your help. And by help, I mean your financial support. We value every dollar you give and pledge that your gifts are managed in a way that gives the best return on your investment. We monitor each program to ensure that it is meeting your desire as a donor.

The 2022 Jewish Federation of Springfield campaign will kick off on October 24th with our first in-person event since 2019. More details to follow, but I promise an exciting and meaningful event.

On behalf of Natalie, myself, as well as the Officers, Board, and Staff of the Federation, please accept our heart-felt wishes for a very Happy New Year. May 5783 be "A Good Year...a Year of Peace...a Healthy Year." Shanah Tovah.

**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 Nancy Sage, Executive Director, at (217)787-7223, ext. 12. All calls are confidential, and your privacy will be respected.**

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees. Enjoy socializing and learning with friends young and old.

# Knosh & Knowledge

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**WED., OCTOBER 26, 2022 9:30-10:30 AM**

**Getting from Here to There at the  
Turn of the 20th Century:  
Springfield's Love Affair with Streetcars  
and Electric Railways.**

with speaker Mike Kienzler



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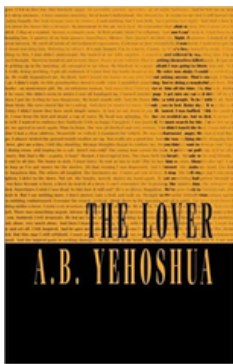
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# OCTOBER 2022

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**P2G Book Club**  
**November 20, 2022**  
**12 pm**

Join us for a discussion about A.B. Yehoshua's (z"l) debut novel *The Lover*. Originally published in Hebrew in 1977, it has been adapted for the screen twice and is written from the point of view of each of the six main characters. The book explores themes of adultery, war and Israeli national identity.

[RSVP](#) and get your zoom link

## Partnership2GETHER

Deborah and I attended the 2022 Partnership Summit in Budapest. The Summit was attended by 90 participants from almost all of the Partnership communities in the US Consortium, as well as representatives from the Western Galilee and our hosts in Budapest. It was very moving to meet in person Partnership colleagues that I had only ever interacted with via zoom. The Summit was extremely well organized, with sessions acquainting attendees with the city of Budapest, the history of Budapest's Jewish community, the range of activities sponsored by the Partnership, and the Western Galilee region's commitment to building a shared society.

Kudos to the Partnership co-directors, Jonny Whine and Marcy Paul, as well as to the entire Partnership staff for organizing such a impactful event. As Jonny notes, "it was really a very special event and hard to describe in words." Below are excerpts from Jonny's post-Summit column in the P2G Weekly:

Some of the highlights were touring the beautiful city and learning about its turbulent history and challenging present, hearing from our fabulous tour guides about the rich and long Jewish history and from local Budapest Partnership lay leaders about the contemporary Jewish life.

We also had many opportunities to hear from participants about current Partnership programs, collaborations and plans. A high point for everyone was hearing about 'shared society' programs in Akko and Matteh Asher which are succeeding in bridging the gaps between the Jewish and Arab residents.

We also had lots of fun tasting local wines, cruising the Danube River and enjoying the local cuisine.

The timing was perfect as we were able to join the Partnership's Create2Gether program, which brought together 9 artists from our 3 countries who were participating in a 5-day seminar which was the culmination of a two year long collaboration on Zoom. Amongst all the other things they did during their packed schedule they also produced incredible artwork and ran some inspiring workshops for the Summit participants.

The final night's gala dinner took place in the incredibly beautiful Rumbach Synagogue, with many dignitaries from the Budapest Jewish community as well as the Israeli Ambassador to Budapest, the President of the Hungarian Jewish Federation and our dear friend Roman Polansky, the Director of the Jewish Agency in Eastern and Central Europe.

We were so pleased to be able to join our partner and friend Dr. Assad Shemesh at the opening of the new wing at the Budapest Jewish Hospital, where he serves as CEO. It was also an honor to visit the OR-ZSE Budapest Jewish University with Dr. Zoltan Haberman.

And one last highlight - it's one thing touring a fabulous city with friends and partners but it's another thing altogether when the city and its history is brought to life through the eyes of locals. Two brothers Franck Schwartz (from Louisville) and his brother George Perlstein (along with his daughter and two grandchildren) joined us for the Summit. They both grew up in the Jewish community of Budapest before the Holocaust and were raised for their formative years in a Jewish orphanage next to the Obuda Synagogue. This was George's first visit back to the city since they fled the Nazis. It was a huge honor and pleasure that they joined us, and I promise to we'll tell their story in more detail.

I hope you will participate in upcoming Partnership events. We especially look forward to the Women Leading Dialogue visit to Springfield from November 9 - 11. More details to follow.

Harry Berman, P2G Chair

## Save the Date November 9th-11th, 2022



### THE PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Young Adults Center of Matte Asher Regional Council, the Western Galilee Partnership2Gether created a group of Arab and Jewish women from Akko and Matte Asher, to lead a dialogue. Jewish Federation of Springfield is pleased to be a host for this program.

The women of the group get to know each other, go out on field trips and celebrate special holidays together, like Ramadan, New Years and Passover. While strengthening their bonds, they also enhance their leadership, project building and development skills.

### Volunteer Opportunity

If you're interested in being a home host for our Women Leading a Dialogue guests for two overnights (Nov. 9 & 10), or to help drive our guests from event to event, please contact Nancy Sage at [nsage@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:nsage@shalomspringfield.org).

### Small Federations Experience Israel:

**Join others from small communities on this once in a lifetime trip!**

**Dates: April 17-23, 2023**

**See Israel: Tel Aviv, Akko, Jaffa, Caesarea, Rosh Hanikra, Jerusalem and more!**

**Extended option: April 23-26: Join the JFNA General Assembly - the Jewish Federations of North America premier event.**

**Registration for the GA will be through the GA website - details TBA.**



#### Cost:

**Land based on double occupancy: \$3750**

**Single supplement: \$1,308**

**\$500 deposit due with registration.**

Does not include GA hotel or registration.



**JFP is making no interest loans available to JFP members**

**Subsidies will be available for GA**

**Contact the office for details**

**Register at [www.jewishpeoria.org](http://www.jewishpeoria.org)**

**Limited space available. Deadline to Register Jan. 15, 2023**

**Cost subject to change based on number of participants**



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# SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage  
Executive Director

I think a lot about Federation's impact. After all, Federation's purpose is to serve the community here, and in a broader sense, around the world. Impact is now often measured by numbers of programs and participants, meals served, clothing distributed, people helped and housed, and lives saved. The numbers definitely paint an impressive picture; yet I think there is so much more to impact than just the numbers.

Differently put, does Federation make a difference? How well do we serve our community here and around the world? Yes, numbers do tell part of the story, whether it is something we do well, try to improve, or look to change. Another part of the story is what you make possible and the feedback we receive. For example:

- a thank you call for a holiday package from a recipient's daughter-in-law
- a parent asking how their child can receive PJ Library books when their family moves to a new state
- a person whose electric bill we paid or the caretaker for whom respite services were so important
- a patron at the Healthy Foods Distribution saying "G-d Bless you"
- being asked to be part of Memorial Holiday Fest and hearing about the "cool" Hanukkah window
- an email noting praise for the Holocaust Memorial program presented in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- learning how helpful JCRC's New Initiatives re-entry project has been to people returning to society after incarceration by providing a catalog of services and assisting in crafting a grant for much needed personal care items
- hearing your suggestions for speakers, topics, projects, ways we can improve what we do and how we do it.

Your generous support to the Ukraine Emergency Campaign allowed immediate response to the crisis and helped so many in this war-ravaged country. You made it possible through the strong infrastructure you helped build over the decades and through your contributions to the Federation for our overseas partners JDC (Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel) to provide on-the-ground humanitarian assistance. The war has not ended nor has the need for your support for people who remain in Ukraine, for those who are living temporarily in surrounding countries, and for those who have moved to Israel or immigrated to the US.

# SAGE NOTES

When I traveled to Ethiopia, I learned the complicated and difficult history of Ethiopian Jews, and accompanied 180 Ethiopians of all ages to Israel, their new homeland, to be reunited with family members after as many as twenty years. There was no way to measure the anticipation, fear, excitement, and joy of each and every person except to say it was a privilege to witness their new start in life.

From one year to the next, the devotion of Federation and JCRC boards, committees, and volunteers has created and continues to build the foundation from which we operate. Support from our Springfield community over the decades has made us what we are today, part of a collective that touches lives. That is the true measure of our impact and tells a poignant and deeply moving story of what we strive to do.

May you and your dear ones be inscribed in the Book of Life for a happy and healthy New Year.



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# JCRC HEALTHY FOODS DISTRIBUTION PHOTOS



Thanksgiving Baskets 2022  
Our Thirty-sixth Year!



Dear Friends,

If Fall is approaching, it must be time for our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. This is the thirty-sixth year that our congregations will combine resources, funds, and people power to provide food to approximately 1500 individuals who live in Springfield and the surrounding areas. During the past two years, food insecurity has continued to grow, and social service programs have faced increased demand, making this project even more important to our community.

Last year we began a new process to create the final baskets. By allowing our social agency partners to assemble deliveries to each family, we will again have space to provide food to additional families; we are planning to assist 275 families this year! We will need volunteers on Sunday, November 20th and a group early Tuesday morning, November 22nd to assist loading agency vehicles. There may also be occasional volunteer opportunities after mid-October to carry food into our staging area at Temple Israel.

Your generosity comes through each year despite uncertain economic times. Increasing costs have led to an increase in the suggested donation to \$40 per basket, and we are grateful 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 food and supplies; we have no overhead costs. If you would like to support this project, please send your check as soon as possible so that we may plan accurately.

Please make checks payable to Temple B'rith Sholom or Temple Israel, mark Thanksgiving Baskets on the memo line, and return your check with the bottom of this letter.

Thanks so much,

Thanksgiving Basket Committee representing First Congregational Church, Congregation Temple Israel, and Temple B'rith Sholom

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Please complete and return this portion to:

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1004 S. 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Temple Israel  
1140 Governor St., Springfield, IL 62704

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to volunteer on Sunday the 20th \_\_\_\_; early Tuesday morning the 22nd \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please contact me for occasional assistance carrying food into Temple Israel.



# Community

## Thank you to Volunteers:

### Senior Packages:

Laurie Barnum, Mary Beth Cohen, Rabbi Datz,  
Annette Schwartz, Gloria Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz,  
Rabbi Marks, Anne Morgan, Bob Silverman

### PJ Library/PJ in the Park:

Regan Marks, Kaya Morrison

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Frances Feuer

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Pearl Davis, mother of Terri Benson

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