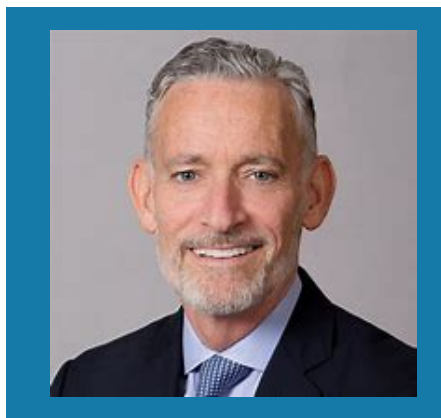


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2023 FEDERATION
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
6:00 PM
WITH GUEST SPEAKER
JEFFREY SCHOENFELD



Jeffrey Schoenfeld serves as the Chair of JFNA (Jewish Federation of North America) Israel & Overseas Committee. He has previously served as President of the UJA-Federation of New York's Board and as chair of its Annual Campaign. Mr. Schoenfeld also was Chair of UJA's Caring Commission overseeing human service and community building programs in New York, Israel and the former Soviet Union. He has served on the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors since 2016.

Mr. Schoenfeld received his BA in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and his MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

He is a partner at Brown Brothers Harriman (BBH). He leads the firm's Institutional Investment Management client activities on a global basis for a range of products and services. Mr. Schoenfeld is proud to be a visible role model who helps lead BBH's Diversity & Inclusion efforts and is the founding sponsor for the firm's LGBTQ Affinity Group, BBH Pride.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Message From the President



Karen Westbrook

September was a busy month for the Federation. The Violins of Hope came to fruition. Biasedly, it exceeded all of my expectations. The Jewish Federation team of Merle Shiffman, Rochelle Arjmand, Susan Nightingale, Ben Hammel, Andrew Boyer, Rémi Benichou, Nancy Sage, Betsy Salus and Wendy Terry were the backbone of the project. Laurie Barnum, Nancy and Pat Chesley, Pamela Cohen, Rabbi Michael Datz, Vera Herst, Caleb Melamed, Elizabeth and Barry Mendeloff, Bob Silverman, Rabbi

Arthur Stern, and Steve and Lisa Stone were on hand to assist throughout the 5 days of events. The true star was Dr. Yona Stamatis who curated all of the musical events. Each program was a magnificent presentation. Thank you to the artists who participated knowing they would have little opportunity to rehearse. And, if you missed the display at the Illinois State Museum, you missed a beautiful and respectful exhibit of the violins. We co-hosted a reception and opening night recital for the memberships of both our organizations which created the buzz for the rest of the week, The Illinois State Museum Society was the perfect partner in the planning and execution of this wonderful week. In addition to the Illinois State Museum, the following partners played an important role in making the Violins of Hope a reality: Bank of Springfield; Illinois Symphony Orchestra; UIS-Performing Arts Center; UIS-School of Music; Lincoln Land Community College; and the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Together, we truly brought an exciting initiative to Springfield. It is my hope that we honored the Feuer-Brozgold Family in a manner that would make them proud.

In the meantime, Laurie Barnum, Elizabeth Mendeloff, Denise Arjmand, Kim Schoenburg, Rabbi Datz, Mary Beth Cohen, and Annette and Jerry Schwartz were busy packing and delivering Rosh Hashanah packages to the less mobile members of the community. The PJ Playdate took place at the Apple Barn where the children and their families selected apples and tasted honey in anticipation of a Sweet New Year. Thank you to Regan Marks and Kayla Morrison. The Education and Culture Committee is planning a fall event. Additionally, mark your calendar for a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum on March 9, 2024. The Federation and Lincoln Land Community College will be cosponsoring a visit to view a traveling visit about the phenomenon of the American Jewish Deli.

Throughout the newsletter, there will be opportunities to volunteer. Please do not assume someone else will do it. Sign up. I think you will find it is well worth your time and energy.

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Knosh & Knowledge

October 25, 2023
9:30 am - 10:30 am



CURRENT DINING TRENDS

RSVP by Mon., Oct. 23,
to (217) 787-7223 x 18
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org

Morocco Earthquake Relief Fund

In response to the devastating earthquake that hit the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco, Jewish Federations of North America have launched an earthquake relief fund to provide critical humanitarian aid and life-saving assistance to thousands of earthquake survivors. Thanks to Jewish Federations' core funding, our overseas partners JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Center) and The Jewish Agency for Israel were immediately dispatched on the ground in Morocco to assess the needs and implement an immediate and comprehensive response.

Send donations to
<https://form.jotform.com/232215853058960>



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.

OCTOBER 2023

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**BRAVO! THAT'S AMAZING! THANK YOU!**

How delightful that 26 members of our community donated 165 pieces of wall art to benefit Helping Hands and the newly housed people in our town. That was easy. The Federation office was crammed with lovely pieces which have now been picked up by Helping Hands. On move-in, the new residents will be given the opportunity to choose several pieces each. How Helping Hands will display them in the common area so the residents can choose what they like is a problem for them to solve, but members of the New Initiatives Task Force will be invited to the opening in the Fall. How nice that we could be a part of this, thanks to you. For the record, Helping Hands did a fundraiser to be able to buy linens and kitchenware. They made it livable; we'll make it home. Thank you again.

Caleb Melamed, *JCRC Chair*

Lisa Stone, *New Initiatives Task Force Chair*

With Elizabeth Mendeloff, Marjory Reimer, Jeffrey Chesky, Rabbi Mendy Turen, Sherry Flynn, Judy Zaleski, Ralph Loewenstein and Jim Lewis



Sun, Dec 03, 2023 | 12 pm Online-zoom

P2G Book Club

Join us in a discussion about the book
Red Sea Spies by Raffi Berg

RSVP to

<https://www.westerngalilee.org.il/event-details/book-club-3/form>

PJ Library Play Date



Violins of Hope



Art Makes It Home



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.



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Jewish Community Relations Council & Central Illinois Food Bank Healthy Foods Distribution

**Thursday, October 12, 2023
11:30 am (while supplies last)
at
Temple Israel
1140 W. Governor
Springfield, IL**

If you would like to be a Healthy Foods Distribution volunteer at the October distribution, please email sjf@shalomspringfield.org.

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

In my last column, I provided a behind - the - scenes view of the “Violins of Hope” programs, which took place in early September, and acknowledged the many community members who helped in the planning. I add my thanks to those offered by Federation President Karen Westbrook to all who performed and who volunteered and helped in various capacities and to all who attended. An undertaking of such significance has lots of moving parts, each dependent on one another. However, at the core of our efforts were Karen and Merle Shiffman, the quintessential planners, and Yona Stamatis, who selflessly contributed her talent and her brilliance, resulting in memorable programs filled with beautiful music.

I am looking forward to our annual fall Federation campaign, which we are now in the midst of planning. Each year, the Campaign Committee tries to find a speaker who can capture the community’s attention by describing in very personal terms the impact of your generosity and highlighting the strength we achieve through our collective effort. Our campaign recognizes that we are all connected; it strives to give us the tools to build on and expand those connections and to strengthen our sense of community. This year’s speaker, Jeffrey Schoenfeld, is superbly qualified to deliver that message and to share with us aspects of Federation’s mission and work that might otherwise be unknown or overlooked.

From the time that I served as Campaign chair through today, a quote that keeps coming to mind is that “Campaign is the lifeblood of Federation.” This has been true for the entire eighty plus years of our existence. It is Campaign that gives us the means to carry out our work – whether it’s building community relations here in Springfield, delivering holiday packages to seniors, hosting a film series, or recognizing a unique opportunity offered by JCC Chicago to bring the Violins of Hope to Springfield, and running with it.

Through Campaign, you support our overseas core partners and enable them to save and change lives every day, year-round, as well as in times of emergency. JDC (Joint Distribution Committee, JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel), and ORT reach 70 countries. These organizations are safety nets and lifelines. They deliver food and medicine to the elderly amidst challenging conditions - war, famine, and natural disaster - in countries where such humanitarian assistance would not otherwise be available. Our core partners operate in areas at risk from Ukraine to Argentina. They help to preserve and enhance Jewish life and maintain an on the ground presence for Federations, so that when, for example, an earthquake hit Morocco, JDC was one of the few organizations that could act immediately.

Little did we know how small and connected the Federation world can be. Barry Seidman, who is once again our Campaign Chair, came up with the idea of inviting Jeffrey Schoenfeld to be our Campaign 2023 speaker. Barry served with Jeff on JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) Israel and Overseas Committee, of which Jeff is now the chair. I had the honor of traveling with Jeff when he led the mission to Ethiopia and saw him in

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action. Very simply, Jeff is a philanthropist who not only gives but also does. At the center connecting this small, small world is Rita Victor, Campaign Event Chair. Rita, pre-Covid, met Jeff when they were both away from home. Jeff is from New York City and, of course, Rita is from here. One of the things they had in common was Federation. Jeff had served as President of what has been termed the “largest philanthropic organization in the world,” New York City’s Jewish Federation, UJA New York. And Rita, of course, is a past President of the Jewish Federation of Springfield (one of the ten smallest Federations in the country) and a past Campaign chair, who has made each of the Campaign events in which she has been involved special.

I hope you will join us on November 7th to welcome Jeff Schoenfeld, to experience the uniqueness of Jewish Federation of Springfield, and to hear how your support for Federation saves and changes lives.

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Thanksgiving Baskets 2023

Thirty-seven Years in the Making!



Dear Friends,

Another year has quickly gone by and it is once again time for our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. This is the thirty-seventh 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. Food insecurity continues to grow and social service programs have faced increased demand, making this project even more important to our communities.

We will be assembling baskets that allow our social service agency partners to deliver to each family. This process will provide food to additional families. We are planning to assist 280 families this year! We will need a group of volunteers early Tuesday morning, November 21st to assist loading agency vehicles. This process will begin at 7 am. There may also be occasional volunteer opportunities after mid-October to carry food into our staging area on the first floor of the Chabad building at 1045 Outer Park Drive.

Your generosity comes through each year despite uncertain economic times and we are truly grateful for your generosity. Increasing costs have led to an increase in the suggested donation to \$50 per basket, and we are thankful that many of you donate baskets for several families. We also welcome donations for half baskets (\$25.00). 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 accordingly.

Please make checks payable to Temple B'rith Sholom, First Congregational Church, or Temple Israel, mark Thanksgiving Baskets on the memo line, and return your check with the bottom of this letter. Each congregation administrative office will collect the checks. 100% of your donation is deductible.

Your contribution gives members of our community an extra reason to be thankful at this season.

Warmly,

Your Thanksgiving Basket Coordinator representing First Congregational Church, Temple Israel,
and Temple B'rith Sholom

Please complete and return this portion to:

First Congregational Church
2100 Bates Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

Temple B'rith Sholom
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 early Tuesday morning the 21st _____

Please contact me for occasional assistance carrying food into the Outer Park building. _____



THANK YOU

Rosh Hashanah Packages: Laurie Barnum, Elizabeth Mendeloff, Denise Arjmand, Kim Schoenburg, Rabbi Datz, Annette Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz, Mary Beth Cohen.

PJ Library: Regan Marks and Kayla Morrison, Stephen Stone (for lending us Shofars)

Violins of Hope - Greeters and Ushers: Laurie Barnum, Remi Benichou, Nancy Chesley, Pat Chesley, Pamela Cohen, Rabbi Datz, Vera Herst, Caleb Melamed, Barry Mendeloff, Elizabeth Mendeloff, Annette Schwartz, Jerry Schwartz, Bob Silverman, Rabbi Stern, Lisa Stone, Stephen Stone

Violins of Hope - publicity and Media Relaitons; Rochelle Arjmand, Andrew Boyer, Ben Hammel, Susan Nightingale, Merle Shiffman

Violins of Hope - Home Hospitality: Lisa and Stephen Stone

Violins of Hope - Pacesetters Reception: Barbara and Barry Seidman

CONDOLENCES WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Joan Loeb, mother of Karen Westbrook

May her memory endure as a blessing.

MAZEL TOV

TO:

Amelia Frank, Bryan Goers and big brother Henry Goers welcomed new baby, Arthur Nolan Goers, born August 19. Grandparents are Stuart Frank & Amber Barnhart.

Samantha Roth, on her marriage to Bradley Defreitas. Parents are Bob Roth and Sharon Star.

Legacy Fund

Chaverim Fund

In Memory of:

Joan Loeb, from Howard Chodash

Food Insecurity

In Memory of:

Joan Loeb, from Vera Herst

Alvin Karlin, from Vera Herst

Hexter Fund

In Memory of:

Norma Gerstel, from Bob Roth & Sharon Star

Joan Loeb, from Ted & Pam LeBlang

Joan Loeb, from Kim & Bernie Schoenburg

Joan Loeb, from Bob Roth & Sharon Star

Joan Loeb, from Howard & Lori Hammel

Special Projects

In Memory of:

Joan Loeb, from Carol Herzog



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