



A Celebration of Survival

Jewish Federation of Springfield is bringing 12 violins to Springfield. These instruments, whether played or hidden, survived the Holocaust. They have been lovingly restored and have traveled the world to give voice to the victims and reinforce messages of hope, harmony, and survival.

Below are the opportunities to hear and/or view these historic violins.

For more info contact sjf@shalomspringfield.org or 217-787-7223 ext. 18.

“Our Family’s Violin Story”

Opening Recital

Illinois State Museum
Thursday, September 7,
Reception 5:30 pm/ Recital 6:30 pm
www.illinoisstatemuseum.org
or call 217-782-7386

Violins of Hope – Music of Survival Concerts

UIS Performing Arts Center
Sunday, September 10, 2 p.m. / 4:30 pm.
for tickets go to UISpac.com
or call 217-206-6160

“A Violin’s Journey” Educational Recital

Lincoln Land Community College - Trutter Hall
Tuesday, September 12, 10 a.m.
www.llcc.edu/community-education
rsvp@community.education@llcc.edu

Violins of Hope – A Celebration of Survival

A Display of Violins

Illinois State Museum
September 7 - September 13
Mon-Sat: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sun: Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Around the Town

Featuring the Violins of Hope

Illinois Symphony Orchestra
Friday, September 8, noon
Temple Israel
Complimentary Performance
www.ilsymphony.org/hope

“Music of Hope” Final Concert

Hoogland Center for the Arts
Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 pm
For tickets go to www.hcfta.org
or call 217-523-2787

Honoring the Feuer-Brozgold family's love of music.



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Message From the President



Karen Westbrook

I hope you have enjoyed the summer. The Federation volunteers and staff have been busy participating in several volunteer efforts. The JCRC initiative, Art Makes It Home, was a resounding success. Under Lisa Stone's leadership, over 160 pieces of art were collected. This art will be making its way to Helping Hands, a private non-profit organization that provides homeless services to single adults, to decorate 55 new living spaces for formerly unhoused individuals. Congratulations to Lisa, JCRC and the entire community for participating in this important effort.

In September, we have several activities taking place. Laurie Barnum and Elizabeth Mendeloff will be coordinating the preparation and delivery of packages for our senior community prior to Rosh Hashanah. Volunteers are needed for assembly and delivery. This is a wonderful way to remind our seniors that they are a cherished part of our community. Please contact Betsy Salus at sjf@shalomspringfield.org or 217-787-7223 ext. 18 to help.

And, the Violins of Hope – A Celebration of Survival is almost here. By now, you should have received the schedule and had an opportunity to reserve your tickets for one or more of these fantastic events. We have also invited the Greater Springfield Community to view the display and attend the variety of recitals and concerts. We need volunteers to serve as greeters, ushers and ambassadors from the community. We need to be there ourselves and welcome all who attend. Please contact Betsy if you would like to help with any of the Violins of Hope events. Your help will be greatly appreciated. sjf@shalomspringfield.org or 217-787-7223 ext 18.

A food insecurity event is coming soon. There are monthly PJ Library events for families with preschoolers. And, more opportunities will be coming.

Volunteers are what makes an organization thrive. We are all busy. Please look at your schedule and find a few minutes to donate your time and talents to the Federation's programs and initiatives.





LEGACY OF THE FEUER-BROZGOLD FAMILY

The Federation has been the recipient of a legacy gift from the Feuer-Brozgold family. We learned of this bequest following the passing of Frances Pell Feuer, the last surviving member of the Julius and Lena Feuer family.

Julius and Lena Feuer immigrated to Springfield with their two oldest children from Austria during the second decade of the last century. They settled on the north side of Springfield, where Julius ran a grocery store. In subsequent years, five more children were born into the family. They were a close-knit family of modest means, and, when the children were old enough to work outside the home, everyone pitched in to make ends meet.

Following World War II, brothers Isadore, Hyman and Joseph started an auto parts business. They began displaying and selling items at their father's grocery, later expanding the business and moving into their store on MacArthur Boulevard, General Auto Parts, where they were joined by sister Rose and by Joe's wife, Frances. Some years later, sisters Belle, Sara, and Annette launched the Belle Feuer Insurance Agency, a brave venture for its time, when there were few women entrepreneurs in the insurance field. When Belle married Morris Brozgold, he too became part of the business.

The family was actively involved in Jewish life in Springfield, participating in and generously supporting Federation, Temple Israel, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith. Both Joe and Annette served as Federation presidents. Fran and Joe served as Campaign Chair. Family members attended Shabbat eve services at Temple Israel every Friday night, and there were few events or programs within the Jewish community at which the family was not represented.

Music was their special love. When they entertained at home, family members would form a musical combo on drums, violin and piano and sing original parodies of popular songs with lyrics appropriate to the occasion. The Feuer family had their own row of seats at the Sangamon Auditorium and were regular attendees at concerts of the Illinois Symphony.

Success in business made it possible for family members to travel extensively to Israel, Europe, and other destinations, something they very much enjoyed. They never forgot their humble roots and believed strongly in giving back to the community. They supported our local Jewish organizations and also cultural and healthcare institutions within Springfield.

We recognize the contribution the Feuer family made to Jewish life in Springfield during their lifetimes, and we honor their memory. We are grateful for their foresight and for their generosity in providing for the future of our Jewish community.

Springfield's recurring social and educational series for active retirees.

Knosh & Knowledge

September 27, 2023

9:30 am - 10:30 am



Tour of Camp Butler National Cemetery

**RSVP by Mon., Sept. 25,
to (217) 787-7223 x 18
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org**



The Hawaii Wildfire Fund

Deadly wildfires in Hawaii have wiped out the historic city of Lahaina, and destroyed many homes. According to the latest news reports, the current death toll has risen to over 100, and is expected to go much higher.

We have launched a dedicated fund to ensure that additional contributions flow to the affected communities.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2023

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The Springfield Maimonides Society members wish you and your family
a happy and healthy New Year.
L'Shana Tova.



Robert Abrams, M.D. - Maternal Fetal Medicine
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Richard Bass, M.D.—Otolaryngology
Harry J. Berman, Ph.D.—Psychology
Howard Chodash, M.D.—Gastroenterology
Cassandra Claman, M.D.—Dermatology
Stuart Frank, M.D.—Cardiology
David Goldman, D.O.—Psychiatry
Eli Goodman, M.D.—Internal Medicine
Theodore R. LeBlang, J.D.—Law & Medicine
Jon Mann, M.D. - Pulmonology
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Work

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Stephen Stone, M.D.—Dermatology
Joel Tennenhouse, M.D.—Interventional
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The Maimonides Society is a fellowship of health professionals dedicated to educational, social and philanthropic activities under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois. Their purpose is to support Jewish life in Springfield, Israel and throughout the world, and to mobilize the healthcare profession to serve as a resource for the Jewish and general communities.

WE ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET ON FOUR THURSDAYS IN JUNE

The Jewish Federation was excited to present our Seventh Annual Jewish Federation Film Series. We really did not know what to expect when we started planning the film series. After all, the Jewish Film Series had been on an extended Covid hiatus and during that time people had become comfortable with streaming movies to watch at home.

But, the Education and Culture Committee was determined to return the Jewish Federation's Film Series to the "Big Screen." The Committee selected 4 films to share that were not otherwise destined to make it to Springfield. These award-winning films, *My Polish Honeymoon*, *Wet Dog*, *Fig Tree*, and *Kiss Me Kosher*, which hailed from France, Israel, Ethiopia and Germany, were entertaining and, at the same time, challenging. The films turned the audiences' attention to issues confronting contemporary society in Israel, the civil war in Ethiopia, antisemitism in Europe, and the shadows that the Holocaust casts on descendants of Holocaust survivors. Although the themes were serious, the films were engaging and, sometimes, even laugh-out-loud humorous.

The Film Series was well received by both our Jewish community and by Springfield's art house film connoisseurs. Of course, we could not have pulled it off without the dedication of the Education and Culture Committee and film chair, Jay Mogerman, the assistance of AMC Theatres, and our business sponsors: Bank of Springfield; Cherry, Frazier & Sabin; and Holley, Rosen & Beard.

If you have any comments or suggestions for next year's Jewish Federation Film Series, please send them to sjf@shalomspringfield.org or call 217-787-7223, ext. 11.



Central Illinois Food Bank
Jewish Community Relations Council

Healthy Foods Distribution

October 2023

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



**November 7-11, 2023
in Israel's Western Galilee**

Celebrate and Experience our Partnership's Involvement in the Arts,
History, Multiculturalism, Connections, and more!

Partnership communities Toledo and Fort Worth-Tarrant and
our Partnership2Gether Western Galilee are sponsoring tours of Israel.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Sage
nsage@shalomspringfield.org or 217-787-7223 #12

Partnership2GETHER

What does it mean to be Jewish?

Is it being a member of a synagogue? Going to services? Holding a seder? Eating lox and bagels?
Contributing to Federation?

Does being Jewish mean subscribing to a set of beliefs? The traditional answer is that action -- the Jewish things we do -- carries more weight than subscribing to a set of beliefs, as would be found in the Christian tradition (see, for example, the Nicene Creed). The idea of action over belief goes back to the b'rit -- the covenant -- at Sinai: "na'aseh v'nishma" -- we will do and we will understand -- the assembled B'nai Yisrael said.

That said, I was intrigued to learn recently that in 19th century Jewish American Sunday schools children studied documents identified as Jewish catechisms (see discussion of Laura Yares new book Jewish Sunday Schools on the JTA website <<https://tinyurl.com/2vymn8tc>>). And, of course, when it comes to beliefs, we can turn to Maimonide's; Thirteen Articles of Faith, summarized in the familiar Yigdal prayer we sing at Friday evening services. Consequently, even though substantial weight is given to actions, there is also a tradition of Judaism having core beliefs.

My thoughts about what it means to be Jewish were prompted by my attendance at the recent Partnership2Gether Council of Communities. In early July, Nancy Sage and I joined about 40 other attendees from most of the 17 US Partnership communities, Budapest, and Israel. Unlike other Council of Communities gatherings in past years, the focus of this event was on strategic planning for the next five years. Two ideas are central to the purposes of the Partnership: a) strengthening Jewish Peoplehood and b) creating connections between Israel and the Partnership communities. The hope is to create the maximum possible alignment between those two components of the mission and the programs offered through the Partnership. So, to return to the question of what it means to be Jewish: Partnership brings emphasis to an aspect that complements religious beliefs and observance, synagogue or Federation membership, or food preferences, namely one's *self-identification as a member of a people*. That we are all members of a people is a simple but powerful idea.

Harry Berman, Chair



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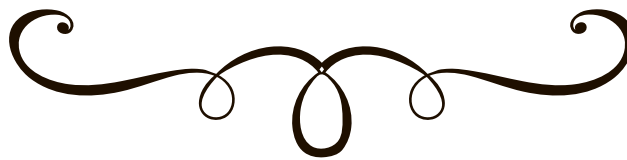
SENIOR OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist the Jewish Federation's Senior Committee in a variety of ways. For the less mobile members of our community, there is Senior Outreach.

With Covid behind us, now more than ever, in-person contact is so important. We want to ensure that those who find it challenging to get out and about know we are here with them, and for them, and that we appreciate all that they bring to our community.

Senior Outreach includes assisting with the preparation and delivery of holiday packages for Passover, Tu B'Av, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah to our less mobile community members. This can be so rewarding. A few minutes of conversation and attention and a break in the daily routine are greatly welcomed. In addition, Senior Outreach sends cards for various holidays and does telephone check-ins. If you would like to help us to stay connected with those who do not get out much, please consider serving on the Senior Outreach committee, or assisting with our outreach activities. For more information, contact the Federation office at 217-787-7223, ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org

The Senior Committee also has a program for active retirees called Knosh & Knowledge. This is a monthly program of learning and discussions on topics of interest determined by and for our active retirees. During this past year, programs have included a tour of the Illinois State Military Museum, a presentation from the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance, a tour of Woodlawn Farm, an Underground Railroad site in Jacksonville, and more. Typically, Knosh & Knowledge meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. All are welcome to participate in any of the Knosh & Knowledge programs. Simply call the Federation office at 217-787-7223, ext. 18 or email rsvp@shalomspringfield.org.



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Feuer-Brozgold Legacy Fund

Visit St. Louis Holocaust Museum With The Joint Temples Adult Education



“Learning Together: Joint Temple Adult Jewish Education” will undertake a road trip to the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum on Sunday, Oct 1.

Those wishing to go will meet at noon at the TBS parking lot to carpool. We expect to arrive at the Museum by 2 p.m. and, after security checks, begin a guided tour at 2:10 p.m. When the tour ends at 3:40 p.m., we will have until 4 p.m. to review exhibits on our own.

The cost is \$12 per adult and \$10 for seniors. Some people may want to stay in the area to have dinner as a group.

Please reserve a place before Sept. 21 by contacting Ozma by phone at Temple Israel (217.546.2841) or e-mailing ozma.templeisrael04@gmail.com. Please indicate if you want to be among those who will drive your own car and if you have room for a passenger or two.



SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

Generally, what happens behind the scenes stays behind the scenes. I feel, however, that the behind the scenes work that is taking place in connection with the upcoming Violins of Hope events is something that I need to share with you. If you attend any of these events, you'll hear beautiful music and see these inspirational violins. Each of the programs came about because of the incredible talent, dedication, hard work, leadership, and attention to detail on the part of Federation president Karen Westbrook and Merle Shiffman. Each program has many moving parts, all dependent on each other and all tied to the other programs. Karen and Merle have been amazing, ensuring that every "i" is dotted and "t" crossed and then some.

From designing the flyer to preparing the public relations, and coordinating each step with all of our partners, the time and care they've given is beyond description.

Dr. Yona Stamatis, UIS Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology, is the creative force and energy behind each program. She set the theme for each performance, chose the music with care, and engaged the musicians whose sounds of music are sure to be beautiful and meaningful. When we asked Yona if she would help out, little did we know that she credited her love of music to her grandfather, a Holocaust survivor, whose violin survived the Holocaust and had been restored. Yona is also bringing us her sister, Katrin, a concert violinist. Julie Staley graciously offered to emcee at the final concert at Hoogland Center for the Arts (September 13).

The working team keeps growing. Ben Hammel is coordinating social media with all of the partner organizations and, with the help of Andrew Boyer and Remi Benichou, managing our social media on a day-to-day basis. Rochelle Arjmand, Remi Benichou, and Susan Nightingale are helping out with public relations. Dr. Steve and Lisa Stone donated an NPR Illinois day sponsorship to promote Violins of Hope. Eva Muller and Zvi Pisman, second generation Holocaust survivors, will be available to tell their stories as well. Each person who you will see hosting, ushering, and helping at the events is critical to each program's success. If I've missed a name, it is because the list keeps growing, and that is a good thing.

When we first heard about the possibility of bringing Violins of Hope to Springfield, we thought that this would be a perfect way to honor the Feuer-Brozgold family through their love of music, to acknowledge their most generous bequest to the Jewish Federation of Springfield and its part in making Violins of Hope possible. Please take a moment to read more about the Feuer-Brozgold family on page 3.

We are heartened by the enthusiasm and support from our partners and sponsor. When the Illinois State Museum readily agreed to store and offered to display the violins, and when the Illinois State Museum Society offered to co-host the opening program and reception, we were off and running at full speed. Our partners - Hoogland Center for the Performing Arts, Illinois Symphony-Around the Town, Lincoln Land Community College, University of Illinois at Springfield-Performing Arts, and Illinois State Museum - have graciously



SAGE NOTES (cont.)



shared their experience, expertise, and resources. Violins of Hope sponsor, Bank of Springfield, which is Federation's Gold Sponsor, is providing additional underwriting for the printing of the posters, programs, and graphics, all of which are being produced with care by Capitol Blueprint.

The efforts and commitment of everyone involved with Violins of Hope – A Celebration of Survival have gone beyond expectations. We offer all of them our heartfelt thanks, and we look forward to seeing you at the events.

During September, we will be observing the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and marking the beginning of a new Jewish year, 5784. Federation extends to you our wishes for a happy and healthy New Year, a year of peace, blessing and fulfillment for you and your loved ones.

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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PJ Library: Regan Marks and Kayla Morrison

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TO:

Les Eastep, for his first-place finish at the IL State Fair Chili Cookoff in the homestyle category. Les was guaranteed a spot in the World Championship Chili Cook-off in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in 2024.

Betsy Salus, on winning numerous food awards, including a first place finish, at the IL State Fair.

CONDOLENCES WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Alvin Karlin, father of Natalie Silverman

Moshe Pasman, father of Zvi Pasman

Stephen Lewis, brother of Jim Lewis

S. Matthew Prastein

Lila Kastigar, mother of Linda Morrison

Norma Gerstel, sister of Sonia Gerson

May their memories endure as a blessing.

WITH GRATITUDE TO RALPH LOEWENSTEIN

Ralph Loewenstein resigned from the Federation and JCRC Boards when he and Carol moved to Chicago earlier this summer. Over the years, Ralph has served as board member, campaign chair, committee member, volunteer, and board chair, and we thank him for his service to the Federation.

He gives of himself generously and always selflessly. He embodies the very essence of leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Federation's mission. Typical of Ralph, he worked tirelessly as chair of the JCRC Food Insecurity Committee to create as many opportunities as possible for JCRC Healthy Foods Distributions, especially during the Pandemic.

Ralph is a quiet, hardworking leader who listens respectfully, cares about this community, inspires others, and credits everyone else except himself for successes. We are grateful to Ralph and Carol for all they have done on behalf of and for this community. They may have moved from their hometown; however, they've left their indelible mark on this community.



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