

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Springfield is pleased to partner with the Presbytery of Great Rivers to present a lecture by

## AMY-JILL LEVINE



### **“Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christians Read the Bible Differently”**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016**

**7 p.m.**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
(533 South Walnut, Springfield)**

**RSVP for the lecture by Wednesday, August 17 to 217-787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).**

Dr. Levine is a prolific author and the recipient of numerous grants and honorary degrees. Her books include: *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, and *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*. Dr. Levine describes herself as a “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible belt.” Her scholarship is combined with a commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, racist, sexist and homophobic theologies.

Partial funding for this program provided by the Jim and Edith Myers Adult Education Fund.



*The Jewish Community Relations Council  
of the  
Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois  
presents:*

**ELLIOT CHODOFF**



**Middle East Update:  
Security Issues, Shifting Alliances, and the  
America-Israel Strategic Partnership**

**Monday, July 25, 2016  
5:45 pm Light Refreshments  
6:00 pm Program**

**American Red Cross Building  
1045 Outer Park Drive  
First Floor, Room 120**

**Elliot Chodoff** is a political and military analyst specializing in the Middle East conflict and the global war on terrorism. He is a major in the IDF reserves and a graduate of the Home Front Command Senior Commanders Course. He presently serves as the Commanding Officer of the Population Behavior and Information Unit of the Northern Region in IDF Home Front Command. In addition, he is an expert in infantry weapons and tactics, and has taught courses in fieldcraft and small unit tactics to infantry and paratroop officers. He received the IDF Home Front Command Outstanding Officer Award in 2006.

Elliot has presented and published papers on the subjects of Deterrence and U.S. Military Manpower Policy, Cultural Relativism and Nuclear Deterrence Policy in the Middle East, Israel's Changing Defense Posture Following the 1982 Invasion of Lebanon, Terrorists' Use of Modern Information Technology, and Regional Deterrence During and After the Cold War. His paper on Combat Motivation and Effectiveness in Infantry Units has been on the recommended reading list at the U.S. Army War College. His articles have appeared in *The Washington Times*, *National Post of Canada*, *In the National Interest*, *Front Page Magazine*, and numerous web journals. Elliot is the founder and senior editor of *MidEast On Target*, an e-journal and newsletter.

**RSVP by July 18 to 217-787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).**

A special thank you to the Illinois National Guard for bringing Mr. Chodoff to Springfield.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Even though I am a lifelong resident of Springfield, I know there are many people in our community whom I don't know or with whom I am not well acquainted. Let me take this opportunity to introduce (or reintroduce) myself. As I said, I have lived in Springfield all of my life as did my late father. My mother is a relative newcomer to our community having moved here approximately sixty years ago. Each of my parents were very active in synagogue life as well as Federation. It was from them that I saw firsthand how important it is to work towards bettering our community through these institutions. With the help of my wife, Barbara, who moved here in 1987, I have tried to follow the example they set. We, in turn, have tried to set this same example for our three children who, even though they each live in different parts of the country, attempt to maintain a similar sense of responsibility.

When I was growing up here, there were quite a few "native" Springfieldians. There are not a lot of "natives" in our community anymore. And this has been great for our community! Many have come here from faraway places and with different backgrounds. Each person who settles in Springfield, whether for short or long term, brings an important perspective that adds to our community. Even though we come from many different places, one of the wonderful things about our community is that we are a very cohesive group, and we care for one another regardless of what our background is. We have varying degrees of religious backgrounds, and some none at all. Among us we can find differences in interests, differences in domestic politics, and differences in how we view world events. But what is important is that we are all working towards the same goal. We are taking responsibility and working for the betterment of our local, national, and international communities. We may take different approaches, but we are all going in the same direction. That is how I view, and I hope you view, our local Federation. Just as we strive to be a cohesive and caring group towards one another, the Jewish Federation of Springfield helps coordinate these desires through its various local activities. Federation also helps us achieve this same cohesiveness and caring for communities around the world. We don't have to be united in opinions, but as long as we are united in these goals we will continue to be a community far more successful than our numbers would imply. In this, our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, I hope that each of you will find a way that you can contribute to and through Federation to help us continue our community's long and impressive history.

Barry Seidman, *Federation President*

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*The Federation Presents:*

## **KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE**



**Mark McDonald,  
Network Knowledge  
ILLINOIS STORIES**

**Wednesday, July 27  
9:30 a.m.**

**Schnucks Community Room  
2801 Chatham Road  
Springfield, IL 62704**

***Please pick up your coffee and nosh in the store or on your way. Presentation will start promptly at 9:30.***

RSVP by Friday, July 22  
to 787-7223 ext. 18 or  
[rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

*The Federation Presents:*

## **Let's Get Together for GAMES & GAB!**



**In July,**

**We will play games and chat  
informally with each other.**

**Bring your favorite games...old or new...  
AND your friends!**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2016  
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

***Join us for coffee & cake***

***\$2.00 per person***

The Jewish Federation office (1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320 )  
*(The American Red Cross building)*

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*The Federation Presents:*

## **Let's Celebrate Tu B'Av**



**In August**

**Join with your Chaverim to celebrate the  
Jewish Day of LOVE!**

**After *Tisha B'Av*, it is nice to focus  
for a day on what and whom we love.  
Bring your stories and your pictures!**

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016  
10:00 am – 11:00 am**

***Join us for sweet treats!***

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*The Federation Presents:*

## **KNOSH & KNOWLEDGE**



**“The Intersection of Art  
and Spirituality”**

**Wendy Allen, Artist**

**Wednesday, August 31  
9:30 a.m.**

**Schnucks Community Room  
2801 Chatham Road  
Springfield, IL 62704**

***Please pick up your coffee and nosh in the store or  
on your way. Presentation will start promptly at  
9:30.***

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# JULY 2016



| Sun                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tue                                                  | Wed                             | Thur | Fri                                                                              | Sat                                       |
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| 3                                                                           | 4<br><br>Independence Day<br>Office Closed                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5                                                    | 6<br>T/7:30 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.    | 7    | 8<br>5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner<br>6 pm TI Shabbat & Dinner, S'Hd Installation | 9<br>9 am TI Service                      |
| 10<br>10:30 am Fed. Event<br>Louis Davidson @ TBS<br>T/4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12<br>10 am Chaverim Party<br>1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club | 13                              | 14   | 15<br>5:30 pm TBS Shabbat<br>6 pm TI Shabbat                                     | 16<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 17                                                                          | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 19<br>7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg                            | 20                              | 21   | 22<br>5:30 pm TBS Shabbat<br>6 pm TI Shabbat                                     | 23<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 24                                                                          | 25<br>5:45 pm JCRC Elliot Chodoff @ Fed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26<br>7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg<br>7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg  | 27<br>9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge | 28   | 29<br>8 am—2 pm TBS Rummage Sale<br>5:30 pm TBS Shabbat<br>6 pm TI Shabbat       | 30<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 31                                                                          | <b>JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS</b><br>1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320<br>Springfield, IL 62704<br>Phone: 787-7223 Fax: 787-7470<br><a href="http://www.shalomspringfield.org">www.shalomspringfield.org</a><br>Email: <a href="mailto:sjf@shalomspringfield.org">sjf@shalomspringfield.org</a> |                                                      |                                 |      |                                                                                  |                                           |



# AUGUST 2016



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|                                                                                                        | 1                                   | 2                                                         | 3<br>T/7:30 pm Fed.<br>Bd. Mtg.                     | 4                                                              | 5<br>5:30 pm TBS Family<br>Shabbat<br>6 pm TI Service       | 6<br>9 am TI Service<br>10 am TBS Service |
| 7                                                                                                      | 8                                   | 9<br>1 pm TI S'HD<br>Book Club                            | 10<br>7 pm Hadassah<br>Bd. Mtg<br>7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg | 11                                                             | 12<br>5:30 pm TBS<br>Shabbat &<br>Dinner<br>6 pm TI Shabbat | 13<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 14<br><br>Tisha B'Av | 15<br>6:15 pm Hadassah<br>Book Club | 16<br>10 am Chaverim<br>Party<br>7:30 pm SBJE<br>Bd Mtg   | 17                                                  | 18<br>6 pm TI S'HD<br>Opening Mtg                              | 19<br>5:30 pm TBS<br>Shabbat<br>6 pm TI Shabbat             | 20<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 21<br>T/4 pm TBS Exec<br>Bd Mtg                                                                        | 22<br>7 pm JCRC Mtg<br>@ Fed.       | 23<br>7:15 pm TBS Bd<br>Mtg<br>7:30 pm Fed Exec<br>Bd Mtg | 24                                                  | 25<br>7 pm Amy-Jill<br>Levine @<br>Westminster<br>Presbyterian | 26<br>Joint Shabbat<br>Service                              | 27<br>9 am TI Service                     |
| 28                                                                                                     | 29                                  | 30                                                        | 31<br>9:30 am Knosh &<br>Knowledge                  |                                                                |                                                             |                                           |

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*The Jewish Federation's Education and Culture Committee of the Jewish Federation of Springfield presents:*



## **“It Started in Sighet”**

*Creating a photographic record of synagogues around the world.*

**LOUIS DAVIDSON**

**Architect-Photographer-Historian**

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

**10:30 am**

**Temple B'rith Sholom**

Bagels, fruit and coffee

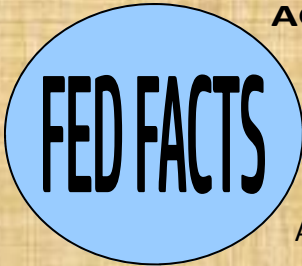
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When not traveling, **Louis A. Davidson** lives and displays his work in both Los Angeles and Tulsa with his wife, Ronnie and his *synagog*, Harley. They assist him with all photographic endeavors. He is the creator of Synagogues360, a searchable virtual reality database of panoramic images of hundreds of historic synagogues throughout the world. His work is on permanent display at the Beit Hatfutsot Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv, and he has published numerous books of photography. He writes about his work at [www.synagogues360.blogspot.com](http://www.synagogues360.blogspot.com). We are happy to have him visiting us in Springfield, where he will add Temple B'rith Sholom's historic sanctuary to his collection.

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### **AGENCY ALLIANCE**

The logo for "FED FACTS" consists of the words "FED FACTS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a light blue circle.

The “Alliance” is a group of Federations of all sizes that voluntarily partner and collectively fund national Jewish agencies and organizations. Established in 2007, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) National Federation/Agency Alliance allocates funds for national agencies according to established priorities and annually evaluates their effectiveness. The priorities or strategic directions include: Building an American Jewish community that provides quality, accessible, and timely support for human needs and a safety net for those who are vulnerable; encouraging future generations to identify with Jewish life; promoting collective responsibility among Jews no matter where they live and advocating in support of Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world; affirming the role of Israel in Jewish life and addressing key challenges facing Israel; strengthening institutions within the Alliance, Federations and affiliated agencies to help better serve Jewish communities.

The agencies the Alliance helps fund are some of the agencies listed on your pledge card: American Jewish World Service, Association of Jewish Family and Children's Service Agencies, BBYO, HIAS, Inc (featured in last month's Fed Facts) Hillel International, JCC Association of North America, Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), National Coalition for Supporting Eurasian Jewry, previously National Coalition for Soviet Jewry, Seventy Faces Media, previously Jewish Telegraphic Agency and My Jewish Learning.

## From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

I am honored and excited to be chairing the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council this year. JCRC had an active and productive year last year (and I have every expectation that this year will be no different). Our last project of the 2015-2016 year was the JCRC Mobile Mitzvah Food Pantry on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A great deal of effort went into this successful event, and I want all of the constituent organizations, organizing committee members and individual volunteers to know that their participation is very much appreciated. The Food Pantry is a terrific example of “doing good” in our community.

I realize that Summer is upon us. Nevertheless, JCRC never rests. So in that spirit, I am inviting everyone to attend two programs that we have planned. On Monday, July 25, 2016, **Elliot Chodoff**, a Political and Military Analyst specializing in the Middle East Conflict and global war on terrorism, will provide a “*Middle East Update: Security Issues, Shifting Alliances and the America-Israel Strategic Partnership.*”

On Thursday, August 25, 2016, **Professor Amy-Jill Levine** will be lecturing on “*Agreeing to Disagree: How Jews and Christians Read the Bible Differently.*” There is more information regarding this event elsewhere in the newsletter. But please know that Professor Levine is an expert on the New Testament, and from all reports she is a fantastic speaker. This really is a do not miss opportunity.

In the year ahead, I am looking forward to keeping the work of JCRC relevant and of interest to the Springfield Jewish Community. I am open to suggestions on how to achieve this and welcome input and feedback from all. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and the JCRC.

*Betsy Salus Chair*  
JCRC

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## SAGE NOTES



We start and end the summer season with community-wide and public presentations, especially befitting our Federation's celebration of 75 years of Community & Commitment. In June, just as the Education and Culture Committee's Third Annual Film Festival ended, the Cardozo Society brought noted law Professor John Q Barrett, who offered insight on how the Nuremberg trials apply to today's world. In August, Springfield's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) outreach to and nearly two year partnership with the Great Rivers Presbytery will result in bringing renowned Bible scholar Professor Amy-Jill Levine to Springfield. Nestled in between, Louis Davidson will present a slide presentation of historic synagogues (July 10) and Elliot Chodoff, political and military analyst, will present a Middle East update (July 25) with thanks to Education and Culture Committee and JCRC respectively. These are in addition to our monthly Chaverim and Knosh & Knowledge programs sponsored by the Senior Committee.

I feel very fortunate and appreciate the opportunity to join with colleagues and volunteers from Federations throughout the country on this year's campaigner's mission to Paris, France and Israel. The Paris itinerary emphasizes how the Federation movement assists the French Jewish community, which lives with anti-Semitism and with acts and threats of terrorism. In addition, we'll see social services and programs we help fund for those in need in Paris and in Israel. This is a working mission with major campaign training and skill building components. Jewish Federations of North America believes so strongly in the importance of experiencing Federation's work first-hand, that they [provided a \\$3,600 subsidy for this mission. This includes a special \\$1,800 subsidy](#) for small Federation executive directors. I find it sad and ironic that while we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, anti-Semitism is on the rise in France and in Europe as are threats of terror. The mission starts off in Paris the day after the Soccer World Cup ends. I look forward to coming home and sharing my thoughts and experiences about the mission with you.

This summer's robust activities reflect our community's 75 year legacy and commitment to our mission: *to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.* I thank all of you for everything you do to help make all of this possible.

- Nancy Sage Executive Director

**THANK YOU TO...**Chaverim volunteers **Mark Deluhery** for the wonderful Shavuot blintzes, and to **Barb Rabin** for the gifts of lovely ornamental plants for all attendees; Jewish Film Series volunteers **Carol Loewenstein, Anne Morgan, Julie Seidman,** and **Barry** and **Sandy Weiss** for selling tickets, and to **Jay Mogerma**n for introducing all the films.

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For Temple B'rith Sholom  
Sisterhood Opening Meeting  
Sunday, September 11  
at 11:30 a.m.

*Our featured speaker is  
Springfield native,  
Dr. Adam Myers,  
Associate Professor of Political  
Science at Providence College.*



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# MAZEL TOV

**Hannah Silverman**, granddaughter of Bob and Natalie Silverman, on her recent bat mitzvah.

**Samuel Pasman**, son of Zvi Pasman and Kim Knuuti, on his recent bar mitzvah.

**Abbie Frank**, daughter of Stuart Frank and Amber Barnhart, on her engagement to Tim Voelker.

**Linda Morrison**, for being named Volunteer of the Year by the Compass program at Douglas Avenue Church.

**Chloe Mishkel**, daughter of Susan Nightingale, Greg and Denise Mishkel, on her engagement to Andrew Van Sickle of Chicago.

**Abby Pfeiffer**, daughter of Ralph and Carol Loewenstein, for being selected and completing Crain's Chicago Business Leadership Academy.

**Ralph Loewenstein**, who was honored by the Illinois Education Association for Outstanding Service for more than 40 years and received the IEA/NEA 2016 Friend of Education Award.

**Samantha Roth**, daughter of Bob Roth and Sharon Star, on her graduation from Loma Linda University with a Masters degree in Public Health—Global Studies.

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These names were not included in last month's list:

**Drs. Randolph Martin & Catherine Fox**  
**Mrs. Joan Rosen**

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Joan Josephson, from Howard & Lori Hammel.

*In Honor of:*  
Barry Seidman, on being elected the new Federation president from Jay & Carol Kitterman.

### *Neal J. Feldman Fund*

*In Memory of:*  
Saul Wolf, from Howard & Beryl Feldman.

### *Wasser Fund*

*In Memory of:*  
Nolan Lipsky, from Stan & Mary Jo Wasser.

Condolences to the family  
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Joan Josephson, sister-in-law  
of Alan & Harriet Josephson  
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