



The officers and Board of the Jewish Federation of Springfield
Cordially invite you to our

75th Annual Meeting and Brunch Honoring our Heritage, Community & Commitment

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Temple Israel

(1140 W. Governor Street)

11:30 a.m.

Featuring Yeladim Yeshaynim (Sleeping Children)

A dance performance dedicated to commemorating the victims and
supporting survivors of the Holocaust, featuring
DCDS Competitive Youth Dance Team
Created and Choreographed by DCDS In Motion*

Brunch and business of the day will follow the performance

\$12 per person for brunch

Reservations by Monday, May 16

RSVP to 787-7223, ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org

*For more information about the performance, please see article on page 6.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I find it difficult to believe that this is my final column as president of the Federation. I feel that the past two years have flown by. I want to thank the Federation Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for their ongoing support; we had excellent participation at the board level—a key to maintaining a strong organization. I have worked closely with in-coming president **Barry Seidman**, and he is well prepared to be our next president.

During the past year we had challenges in our local office due to the resignation of program director **Rachel Hinkle**, and soon after, the resignation of executive director **Jo Gon**. Happily, office manager **Wendy Evans-Terry** has been a steadfast source of continuity and institutional knowledge. We welcomed **Linda Morrison** as our new program director in August, and **Nancy Sage** began as our new executive director in December. In the midst of all this change, **Mark Wancket** has been a strong leader for our annual campaign, and with his commitment and persistence we continue to move closer to this year's goal.

But the key to having a strong organization is the membership, and we live in a wonderful small Jewish community. From rallying to raise funds for those at risk in Israel during the Stop the Sirens appeal to doing hands on work at the Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry, our community members demonstrated their willingness to act. Participating in communal activities reinforces our commitment and actualizes Jewish values. I want to especially thank those who volunteer behind the scenes for Federation—from Chaverim volunteers who provide transportation and periodic home visits, to campaign solicitors, to Education and Culture committee members who screen films for our summer festival. All the volunteer hours help to create our Federation.

I hope that I have also helped us to look ahead. After attending the JFNA General Assembly in 2014, I realized that we needed to be actively planning for the future of our Jewish community. We have eagerly accepted the challenge of the **LIFE & LEGACY™** grant to become more active in securing a financial future for the Federation and our congregations. I have also strongly encouraged the decision of our congregations to form a committee to consider future options, and Federation will be adding representatives their committee and helping to secure a facilitator.

Please join me and the Federation Board at our annual meeting on May 22nd as we enter our 75th year. This is an exciting and challenging time as we look ahead to another decade of service to the Springfield Jewish Community.

Anne Morgan, *Federation President*

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11 A.M.

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**We will start in a classroom & then go to the
Observatory on the 4th floor of the
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advance if you need an elevator.**

**Wednesday, May 25
9:30 a.m.**

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LET'S CELEBRATE ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY with CHAVERIM



*Join with your Chaverim to celebrate Yom
Ha'atzmaut, commemorating the Israeli
Declaration of Independence and establishment
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**Tuesday, May 10
10–11 am**

*\$2.00 per person
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There is an elevator and ample parking -
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Please let me know if you need a ride!

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A Jewish Young Adult Group Celebration



**Cinco de Mayo
Thursday, May 5
7:00 p.m.**

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The JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry
Committee would like to
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items as part of this
initiative.

We are collecting new
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cream, and toothpaste.

Collection boxes are located at Temple
B'rith Sholom, Temple Israel, and at the
Jewish Federation office.



MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School	2	3	4 No Fed. Bd. Mtg.	5 11 am State Yom Hashoah Observance @ Old State Capitol 7 pm YAD Event @ Casa Real Yom Hashoah	6 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	7 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
 8 4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg Mother's Day	9 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	10 10:30 am Chaverim Israel Independence Party 1pm TI S'HD Book Club	11 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg Yom Hazikaron	12 Yom Ha'atzmaut	13 5:30 pm TBS S'Hd Shabbat & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat	14 9 am TI Service 11 am JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry
15 10 am TBS Annual Mtg	16	17 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	18 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	19	20 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	21 9 am TI Service
22 11:30 Fed. Annual Mtg Brunch @ TI	23 7:30 pm JCRC Mtg @ Fed	24 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	25 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	26 6 pm TI S'Hd Donor @ Sangamo Club Lag B'Omer	27 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	28 9 am TI Service
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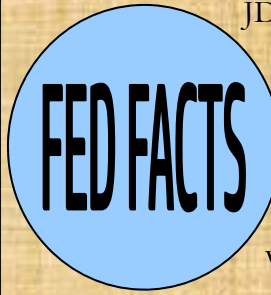
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GALA WINE TASTING

A crowd of nearly 90 gathered in Maldaner's upstairs dining room on April 16 to sample 60 wines from five of Famous Wine & Spirits distributors for the 14th Annual Gala Wine Tasting. The delicious food, steady sampling of quality wines, and interaction with old and new friends made for a lovely evening. Thank you to **Ted and Pam LeBlang** for again hosting this event and to our generous sponsors: **Bank of Springfield, Capitol Blue Print, Davis Financial Group, and Hanson Professional Services.**



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DCDS In Motion and "Yeladim-Yeshaynim"

by Janet Cripe, Owner and Director of Dance Creations Dance Studio

The dancers who perform the piece "Yeladim Yeshaynim (Sleeping Children)" are between the ages of 11 and 13 and have been dancing together for the past 7 years. After getting to know several Jewish families, I was inspired to create this piece though I had to search for the right music. Many of the dancers had begun learning about the Holocaust in school and embraced the idea. These kids have also taken it upon themselves to learn more about the Holocaust.

All of them have gotten books, watched movies, and have had deep discussions about the things they have learned. I'm sure we have also discussed this in class as well. When the song was finally selected and played for them, the room was filled with tears. I wondered if the subject matter was too mature for them. After a few classes, the tears stopped falling and they began to portray the children of the Holocaust. This is so much more than a dance to them. It is something they will forever be touched by, even those who are not Jewish. DCDS In Motion truly hopes that it inspires others to commemorate the victims and support the survivors, to promote education and public awareness about the Holocaust.

A special thank you to Heather Cox who brought this performance to our attention. Community members Julia Cox (Brett and Heather's daughter) and Sydney Shannon (Patrick and Laurie Shannon's daughter) are members of this DCDS In Motion dance team. They will also perform Yeladim-Yeshaynim following the May 5th Yom Hasboah Memorial Service on the lawn of the Old State Capitol.

JCRC Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry Distribution **Saturday, May 14**

What's the mitzvah about our Mobile Food Pantry? And does it have to occur on a Saturday morning? Could we do it on a Sunday? Glad some of you have asked or even thought about asking.

Right now, the Central Illinois Food Bank, which provides the food for us to give away, only makes the truck available on Thursday at 5 p.m. or Saturday. The committee considered Thursday afternoon, but: (a) our effective volunteer coordinator, Jordan Litvak, works in Chicago during the week and wouldn't be here; (b) it's a less attractive time for volunteers (after school activities, delays getting out of work; starting family dinners). We'd be hard pressed to get 60 volunteers.

Does it present a conflict with Shabbat observance? Yes, in a perfect world, we'd pick another day and time. (But if it were a perfect world, we wouldn't be needing to do this, would we?) Both Rabbis Marks and Datz graciously have considered the options and agree that helping the food insecure is life-sustaining work. The mitzvah is to help those in need, but the benefits to us are many. We put our Jewish values into action, and members of both congregations and the overall Jewish community work well together in a positive, joyful activity. It's really all good.

Thanks to JCRC for creating and marshalling interest and resources for this worthy project. We look forward to another excellent event on **Saturday, May 14**.

Lisa Stone, *Chair*

From the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

A sunset meeting with a 92 year old legend—Shimon Peres

I have been in an audience where former President Shimon Peres has spoken before, but this time I was sitting at the Peres Center for Peace, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea as the sun slowly set in a burst of color. It was almost poetic, as were the words of this 92 year old icon as he outlined his vision of today and his hopes for tomorrow. I should share with you that the Peres Center is Israel's leading organization promoting peace building between Israel and its neighbors as well as between the Jewish and Arab citizens within Israel.

Here was a man who had been at the very center of history since the founding of the State of Israel, when he was sent to the U.S., knowing not a word of English and helped create and secretly build the Israeli Air Force. Although he was being "interviewed" by the chair of JCPA, he made the points he chose to highlight regardless of the question. I will share some of them below:

- We're in a crisis of transition and we are entering a new age departing from the age of territory to the age based on science and technology. For the first time, a country can be greater without being bigger. "We don't need wars; they are irrelevant."
- We, in the Middle East find ourselves with boundaries that no longer exist, in a region where 400 million people live in poverty and ignorance (60% of them are young people under the age of 25). These states cannot escape poverty without educating women. Human resources are our greatest capital.
- Israel is not the story of a land that enriched a people, but a people who enriched the land.
- We need to teach our children how to dream and dream big. The mistake is in dreaming too small. DREAM BIG!
- The future is in our spirit.

I wish each of you had the opportunity to listen, in spellbinding silence, to one of the great leaders and statesmen of our generation. One may not always agree with his policies but one has to respect his devotion to principles that one can only dream of emulating.

Natalie Silverman, *Chair*

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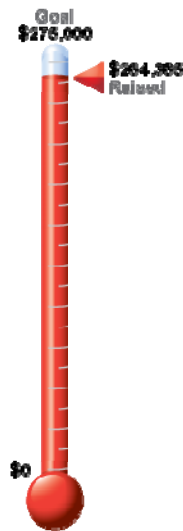
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HELP VICTIMS OF HOUSTON FLOODS

Houston and 9 surrounding counties in Texas have been hit since yesterday with extensive flooding across the entire region, including areas where the Jewish community is concentrated. Amounts ranging from 1-2 feet of rain have fallen in a very short time, completely overwhelming bayous and streams that run throughout the area, and rain is continuing to fall. It is expected that the damage will surpass the range and severity of last year's Memorial Day weekend flood.

Some who have spent most of the last year putting their lives back together have now been hit again. It will take a few days until the full extent of damage can be quantified. However, because of the widespread damage already evident, JFNA has opened a national mailbox for donations to support relief efforts in Houston. Funds will be administered by the Houston Jewish Federation in partnership with its Jewish Family Service Agency to support both the Jewish and general community.

Go to www.jfna.org to find a direct link to a donation page (Houston Flood Relief).

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This month marks our Jewish Federation of Springfield, 75th anniversary. Throughout this long history, our organization has been characterized by its dedication to strengthening the bonds of Jewish community and its commitment to the well-being and security of Jews in America and around the world. Community and commitment have been the values we have endeavored to uphold and have stood the test of time.

Federation was founded during some of the darkest times in Jewish history. World War II had been raging for two years and in the course of that conflict, 6 million Jews would be annihilated. The need for American Jewry, the largest and most prosperous Jewish community in the world to unite locally and nationally under the umbrella of the Federation movement is in order to more effectively render assistance and support to Jews who were threatened or endangered was urgent.

Much has changed in the course of 75 years. Thankfully, we now have a vibrant Jewish state that is militarily and economically strong though still threatened by terrorism and by the instability and turmoil of the Middle East Region.

American Jewry remains strong and prosperous, but we are concerned about our future. How do we assure the commitment of our young people to the Jewish community and Jewish life?

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Jews from the USSR were finally able to emigrate to Israel and to America, but many of the poor and elderly remained behind, dependent on assistance from Federation and partner agencies. More recently, hostilities between Russia and Ukraine have left many Jews in dire straits in Europe. In other parts of Europe, anti-Semitism, emanating from the political left and right and from the radicalized elements in the Islamic community, have been great.

Federation is committed to doing our part to deal with all of these challenges, to reaching out to Jews in need or in danger and to working for Jewish continuity and survival. Adapting to changing circumstances has been the key to Federation's success. We remain committed to the same values that motivated the founders of Jewish Federation in 1941. But we are aware of what makes our circumstances here and now unique and we will respond accordingly.

Throughout the coming year we will be celebrating a heritage of community and commitment of which we are proud – and we look forward to your participating in the celebration.

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- Nancy Sage, *Executive Director*

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Dr. Eli Goodman, for his recent article in the *State Journal Register*, "A Prescription for a Better Health Care System."

Merle Shiffman and **Sari and Mark Wancket**, for their recognition at the Springfield Good as Gold ceremony as 'Heart of Gold' award recipients. Merle was recognized for her volunteer work staffing the Enos School library. Sari and Mark were recognized for their years of volunteer time at the weekly Compass after school program.

Michael Levkovitch, has received the Regents' Scholarship to attend Southeast Missouri State University for the 2016-17 academic year. Levkovitch will be a 2016 graduate of Springfield High School.

Gregory Marantz, on his marriage to Hannah Bachman on April 19, 2016.

Brett Cox, on his new position as Chief Financial Officer at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Howard Chodash, M.D., on being re-elected as the speaker of the IL State Medical Society House of Delegates.

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Condolences to the family and friends of Nolan Lipsky, husband of Bobbie Lipsky, Jamie Sherman, wife of Norman Sherman, Joyce Liberman, wife of Bill Liberman Jonathan Baer, son of Steve & Rhonda Baer Z"l



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