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OUR MISSION

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.

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ADAR 2 — TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM

SYNAPLEX 3 — FRIDAY, MARCH 4

LEAPING 4WARD — 5PM-10PM

SYNAPLEX 3

COINCIDES WITH ADAR 2 THE MONTH OF THE JEWISH LEAP YEAR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF ACTIVITIES

A PHOTO BOOTH, YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND ADULT COCKTAILS FROM 5PM

BBQ Buffet Dinner and Dessert

CHOICE of an ***All-Music Shabbat Service*** or ***A Meditative Shabbat Service***

A Photo Booth–take family pictures, individual portraits or funny shots

sponsored by NBP Photography

Games and Crafts for the young kids, ***Nintendo Wii*** for the teens and adults

Chocolate Truffle Demonstration by Anita Myers

History of the Jewish Leap Year with Rabbi Datz and Rabbi Marks

A Fun and Interactive Presentation on ***How We Are Connected***

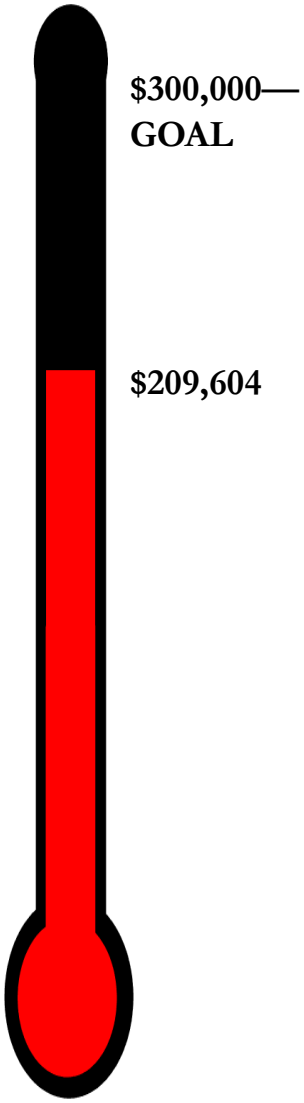
by Dr. David Goldman (for teens and adults)

Martini Piano Bar with Mark Vincent on piano

ADULTS- $10 KIDS AGE 13 OR UNDER- $5 FAMILY OF 4 OR MORE- $30

RSVP essential no later than Monday February 28 to 787-7223 ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org

A Schedule of Events and Times will be available at registration



2011 CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU TO SUPER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our Super Sunday volunteers: **Bill** and **Lindy Seltzer, Rachel Hinkle, Pat** and **Nancy Chesley, Pat Halperin, Ross Garmil, Betsy Salus, Jo Datz, Nancy Sage, Anne Morgan, Karen** and **Bob Westbrook, Adrianne Swartz, Christine Weisbaum, Mark Wancket, Howard Chodash, Fred** and **Terri Benson, Beryl Feldman, Mark Deluhery, Susan Nightingale, Bob** and **Natalie Silverman, Gary Kessler, Harriet Josephson, Eydee Schultz, Lisa GoldbergBelle, Joel Smiley, Ted LeBlang, Sandy Weiss, David Radwine,** and **Caleb** and **Selma Melamed.**

Special thanks to Super Sunday Co-Chairs **Nancy Sage** and **Anne Morgan,** and **Harvey Chimoff** for doing the Super Sunday training.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR 2011 PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION CAMPAIGN, IT'S NOT TOO LATE ! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD OR CALL 787-7223 ext. 10.

"It's What Being Jewish Feels Like."

FORUM OF THE FINAL FOUR MAYORAL CANDIDATES

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Federation will be hosting a

Forum of the Final Four Candidates for Springfield Mayor
Thursday, March 31
7 pm
Federation Office – 2nd Floor Conference Room
1045 Outer Park Dr.

The community is invited to hear from the final candidates for Springfield Mayor before the election on April 5. You will hear from each candidate and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Please RSVP to the Federation by Wednesday, March 30 at 787-7223 ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org.

Chaverim

CHAVERIM MENU

3/1 Hot dogs, chips, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, dessert

3/8 Quiche, vegetable, salad, peaches, dessert
Program: Golden Girls and a Guy Dance Performance

3/15 Corned Beef & cabbage, potatoes, salad, dessert

3/22 Chicken salad sandwiches, chips, vegetable, salad, *hamantashen*

3/29 Salmon, baked potatoes, vegetable, salad, mandarin oranges, birthday cake

Call Rachel (787-7223 ext. 11) before noon on Monday if you are coming to Chaverim.
(Menu subject to change if necessary without notice.)

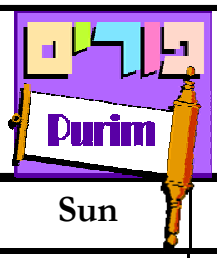
THANK YOU TO… Kathleen Parienti for proofreading *Shalom Springfield;* Chaverim volunteers **William Kipp**, **Stan Oberman, Anna Rogovaya, Susan Sutker,** and **Rae Lipsky; Les Eastep** for helping in the office.

STEVE DISHLER TO SPEAK IN APRIL—HOLD THE DATE

The Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council and Springfield Chapter of Hadassah are pleased to announce a special guest speaker, Steve Dishler, on **Wednesday April 27, 7:15 pm, at Temple Israel.** He will give us an update on the ever-changing situation in the Middle East.

Mr. Steve Dishler is currently the Director for International Affairs for the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago. In his position, Steve regularly briefs members of the local foreign consular corps and the Illinois Congressional delegation. Steve has been a guest lecturer at Notre Dame, Northwestern, Loyola and DePaul Universities and is a frequent speaker on issues pertaining to Israel, the Middle East, Darfur, and other world affairs to groups throughout the region.

Desserts will be served. A modest cost will be charged to help both Hadassah and JCRC's project **"Let Us Shine."**



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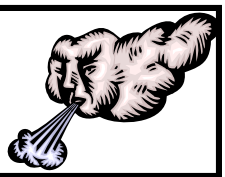
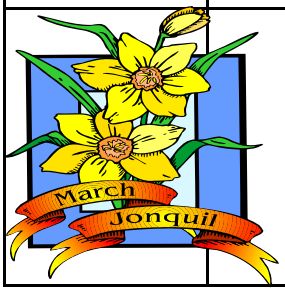


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 12 pm Chaverim	**2** 4 pm Hebrew **7:15 pm Fed. Bd. Mtg.**	**3**	**4** **5 pm JOINT EVENT—SYNAPLEX @ TBS**	**5** 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
6 9 am Hebrew 10 am Religious School	**7** 6:30 pm Hadassah Book Club	**8** 12 pm Chaverim 7:30 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	**9** 4 pm Hebrew	**10**	**11** 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat	**12** 9 am TI Service
13 9 am Hebrew 10 am Religious School 10 am TBS Exec. Bd. Mtg. 2 pm SBJE Silent Auction	**14**	**15** 12 pm Chaverim 7:30 pm SBJE	**16** 11:30 am Joint Sisterhood Lunch Event 4 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	**17** 7 pm JCRC Mtg **St. Patrick's Day**	**18** 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	**19** 9 am TI Service 6 pm TI Purim Spiel & Dinner TBS Purim **Purim**
20 TBS CRUISE 10 am SBJE Purim Carnival No Hebrew or Religious School	**21**	**22** 12 pm Chaverim	**23** Hadassah Bd. Mtg. 4 pm Hebrew	**24**	**25** 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	**26** 9 am TI Service
27 TBS CRUISE 9 am Hebrew	**28** 7 pm Fed. Exec. Bd. Mtg. TBS S'Hd Bd Mtg	**29** 12 pm Chaverim 7:15 pm TBS Bd. Mtg.	**30** 4 pm Hebrew	**31** 7 pm Mayoral Candidates Forum @ Federation		



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Black, White & Fred All Over

WHY DO YOU GIVE?

It is customary for the President and/or Executive Director to write a column in our *Shalom Springfield* newsletter concerning what they have been doing, thinking about or simply something going on in our community. Hopefully you have noticed that last month we added a column for our members to express their thoughts concerning the topic of "Why I Give". (Pat Halperin was our first contributor.)

The reason for adding a column for our members to express themselves is that we want to know what you like about Federation and why you give. "We," of course, is not just the Federation staff and Board members, but also other members of Federation, and while we want to know why you give, we also want to know what else we can do, or do differently, to improve our services to you.

So please consider contacting Jo at the Federation office and contributing your thoughts to the newsletter as to why you give. Help make the Federation better and by doing so, you will not only be helping others, you will also be helping yourself!

Fred Benson, President

ARE YOU MOVING OUT OF TOWN FOR A FEW MONTHS? GOING ON A LONG VACATION?

You can help save the Federation money by informing us of your plans and preventing the U.S. Postal Service from charging us for returned mail and address change notices. Call 787-7223 ext. 18 and leave your name and new address, or email the information to *sjf@shalomspringfield.org*.

Are You on the Jewish Federation's Email List?

Between newsletters and to save on postage, the Federation sends updated announcements and special event details to those who wish to receive them. Send an email to *sjf@shalomspringfield.org* if you would like to join the list..

Weed Out Hate with Seeds of Peace!

Springfield's own Marc Daniels has a vision: to weed out hate and sow the seeds of peace, literally and figuratively, throughout the world. His "Weed Out Hate" campaign idea came about after researching and analyzing the ecological, social and Jewish spiritual roots of gardening. He describes his vision in his German language book *Der Himmelsgarten* (Heaven's Gardens).

Towards this vision, Marc has donated 1,000 packs of his Sunflower peace seeds to the Springfield School District with parallel campaigns occurring in cities across America. The Peace Seed give away was displayed on the Times Square billboard, and was mentioned by Matt Lauer on NBC's Today Show. Marc next hopes to create a children's grass roots email campaign to the White House urging them to plant the seeds of peace in the White House Garden. For more information go to *www.weedouthate.org*.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TBS SISTERHOOD SERVICE HONORING BETTY HURWITZ

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

5:30 pm

Adults $15/Teens $10/Children Under 12 $5

Dinner features food from our long time community dinners.
RSVP to Temple B'rith Sholom (525-1360) by Sunday, March 27.

GREAT SUCCESS AT 2011 CHAI TEA

Nearly 200 persons attended the annual Chai Tea fundraiser for Chaverim on February 13. Thank you to **Bank of Springfield** for sponsoring the event, and to **Anita Myers**, our Chaverim chef, and **all of the volunteers** she brought to assist for the day. Special thanks to **William Kipp** for assisting Anita with collecting raffle prize donations, set-up, grocery shopping and serving.

A huge thank you to the following people for their help with the tea: **Mary Beth Cohen, Beryl Feldman, Sara Leiber, Rae Lipsky, Susan** and **Howard Sutker, Jody Wallace, Ellisa GoldbergBelle, Anna Rogovaya** and her granddaughter, **Leeza, Alex Potylchansky** and **Galena Meklina**. Thanks also to **Kenny Elliott** at Temple B'rith Sholom for all of his help. And finally, thank you to all who donated the use of your teapots and three-tiered trays!

CHAVERIM PICTURES
SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FLUTE CHOIR

Datz All Folks!

One of the reasons that a small Federation such as ours is so dynamic and successful is due to the special relationship we enjoy with our two local synagogues. In contrast to some Federations, we receive the input and moral support of both Rabbis; there are no "turf wars"; and both Temples make their facilities available to us for free. I want to thank Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom for that special gift. It makes the Federation's work that much easier.

The question sometimes arises: how does the Federation select one Temple or the other for its programs and events? The general guidelines were established by past executive directors and **I am committed to continuing the tradition of a scrupulous and impartial balance.** Federation's three major annual events - Annual Meeting, Campaign Community Event and Federation Shabbat - alternate sites each year. Chaverim has been held at Temple Israel for more than 25 years. Other programs are decided on a case-by-case basis and driven by various considerations: food issues, space or equipment considerations, day of the event (Sunday morning programs often occur at Temple B'rith Sholom because of the religious school), whether the guest speaker needs to be in walking distance from a hotel because of Shabbat observance, or whether one or the other Temple is a co-sponsor of the event.

In every instance, however, we try our best to maintain a balance, always mindful of what factors will insure the event's maximum success. A few recent examples will serve to illustrate: The Federation Community Event and Federation Shabbat were both at Temple Israel due to the yearly rotation. Following the two events at Temple Israel, it was Temple B'rith Sholom's turn to host an event - the visit of Romiel Daniel. Additionally the speaker was Shabbat observant and needed to be within walking distance of the hotel. The last five Chai Teas were held at Temple Israel, but they have grown so successfully - to two events each year and thus, double the work for the volunteers - it has been moved to Temple B'rith Sholom as their larger facility enables us to make it a one-day event. The Synaplex location is due to yearly rotation. The first, *Tequilla and Tefilla,* was held at Temple B'rith Sholom, the second, *Simchat Torah celebration with the Klezmer Band* was held at Temple Israel, so therefore, this year's Synaplex will be at Temple B'rith Sholom.

Adding to the "confusion", the two Temples, rabbis, SBJE or other organizations themselves may also plan their own joint events. For example, B'nai B'rith's Super Bowl party was at Temple B'rith Sholom. Over the space of a few months it may occasionally appear out of balance, but over the space of a year - as regards Federation events - it usually evens out.

Let us all be grateful that we have such a wealth of programs and a rich tradition of synagogue support.

Jo Datz, Executive Director.

Have You Been Thinking About Visiting Israel? Would You Be Interested In A Federation Sponsored Mission To Israel In 2012?

If there is sufficient interest, the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, possibly in conjunction with other communities in central Illinois, would be willing to put together a mission to Israel for our community.
If interested, contact Jo Datz, 787-7223 ext. 12.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 19
PURIM MEGILLAH
Temple Israel
6 pm

Author Dan Senor of "Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle"

Will Be Speaking in St. Louis
Thursday, March 3rd
Graham Chapel at Washington University
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Free and Open to the Public.

If you are interested in going, please contact the Federation (787-7223) and we can car pool.

Mazel Tov!

To: **Dr. Michael Pick** on being named the **2010 Eveloff Award Winner**. The award, established in 1997 in honor of A. Raymond Eveloff, recognizes the recipient for going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the health and well-being of patients, and to continually strive for excellence in the delivery of health care.

To: **Emily Hammel** on being named an AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, and Prairie State Achievement Award winner.

SAVE THE DATE

HADASSAH DONOR

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
6 pm

CALLING ALL POKER PLAYERS
Poker Fundraiser

Saturday, April 9
Temple Israel
7 pm
$50 per Ticket
Cash Prizes

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