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The Adult Education Committee of the
Springfield Jewish Federation Presents:

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us for the second movie in our series

“Someone To Run With”



Sunday, March 21
Temple B'rith Sholom
(1004 S. 4th St.)

6:30 pm Hot Dog Dinner - \$5

7:30 pm Movie (free of charge)

Based on the best-selling novel by David Grossman, *Someone to Run With* captures the unrelenting pace, suspense and heartfelt drama of the book as it sends viewers on a riveting ride through the streets of Jerusalem at the end of a Labrador's leash. Assaf, a shy, awkward seventeen year-old, begins to piece together the incredible story behind the owner's disappearance. This film won the Israeli Film Academy Award. *In Hebrew with English subtitles*

**RSVP by Thursday, March 18 to the Federation at
787-7223 ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org**

Please mark your calendars for

Sunday, April 11, **“The Grey Zone”**

Chaverim

See more photos at:
www.shalomspringfield.org

Chai Tea

More than **200** people attended the Chaverim *Chai* Tea fundraisers at Temple Israel on January 24 and 31. This wonderfully successful event was attended by people from the entire Springfield community. Kudos and thanks to **Anita Myers**, our Chaverim chef, who worked so hard on this event. She not only baked, she also secured the chefs, the volunteer helpers and procured the donations for the door prizes and many of the food supplies. Another huge thank you to the chefs who donated their time and talent: **David Radwine** of the Sangamo Club; **Caitie Barker** of Caitie Girl's; **Patrick Groth** of Incredibly Delicious and especially **Michael Higgins** of Maldaner's who also helps us set up trays on the day. Thank you also to the following organizations for in-kind donations or for donating to our raffle: **About Your Hair, Augies Front Burner, Barney's Furniture, Baskin Robbins, Caitie Girl's, Country Market, D & J Café, Del's Popcorn Shop, Estate of Theresa A. Kipp, Five Flavors Catering, Fifth Street Flower Shop, Food Fantasies, Fritz's Liquor Distributors, Hair Necessities Salon, Holy Land Diner, Incredibly Delicious, Iris & Ivy, It's A Wrap, Lauterbach Tire & Service, Luers, Maldaner's, MJ Kellner, Nelson's Catering, On the Edge Jewelry, Peases' Candy Shops, Rae Lipsky, Recycled Records, Ross Isaac's, Sachi Flowers & Gifts, Sangamo Club, Schnucks, Shop n Save, Sweet Life and Two Olives Cantina.**

This event would not have been a success without the hard work of so many people. Thank you to everyone who helped: **Nina Rossini, Denise Perry, Michelle Phillips, Marian Samuelson, William Kipp, Robert Jones, Anna Rogovaya, Lisa Zavelsky, Galina Meklina, Alex Potylchansky, Bob Barewin, Vlad Brodsky, Boris Brodsky, Susan & Howard Sutker, Jane Baker, Rae Lipsky, Marianne Tick, Alla Brodsky, Susan Nightingale, Gayle Rabins,** and especially **Sara Lieber** for all her hard work. And finally, thank you to those of you who donated **tea pots**. Thank you all!



CHAVERIM MENU

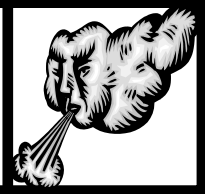
- 3/2 Vegetable lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, hammentaschen
Program: Sharon Snyder, sing-along
- 3/9 Breakfast for lunch
- 3/16 Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert
Program: SHS Jazz Band
- 3/23 Tuna cakes, au-gratin potatoes, salad, vegetable, birthday cake
- 3/30 **NO CHAVERIM - PASSOVER**

(menu subject to change without notice)

call Jo Datz (787-7223 ext. 11) if you are coming to Chaverim.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	2 12 pm Chaverim	3 4 pm Hebrew 7:15 pm Fed Bd Mtg	4 7:15 pm TI Adult Ed	5 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Family Shabbat	6 9 am TI Service TBS S'Hd Dinner Fundraiser
7 9 am Hebrew 10 am Religious School 2:30-4:30 pm SBJE Fundraiser @ Bella Milano	8	9 12 pm Chaverim 7:30 pm TI S'Hd Book Club	10 4 pm Hebrew 7 pm Hadassah Bd. Mtg	11 7 pm TBS Exec Mtg 7:15 pm TI Adult Ed	12 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 8 pm TI Shabbat	13 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service TBS S'Hd Dinner Fundraiser
14 9 am Hebrew 10 am Religious School Hadassah Donor	15 TBS S'Hd Bd Mtg	16 12 pm Chaverim 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg JCRC Teachers' Holocaust Workshop in St. Louis	17 4 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	18 7:15 pm TI Adult Ed	19 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner & Visiting Scholar 8 pm TI Shabbat	20 9 am TI Service TBS Visiting Scholar
21 9 am Hebrew 10 am Religious Sc 6:30 pm Adult Ed Dinner & A Movie @ TBS	22	23 12 pm Chaverim 7:15 pm TBS Bd. Mtg	24 4 pm Hebrew No Hadassah	25 7:15 pm TI Adult Ed	26 12 pm Legacy Fund Mtg. @ Fed 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 8 pm TI Shabbat	27 9 am TI Service
28 TBS Cruise No Hebrew No Religious School	29 First Passover Seder	30 9 am TI Passover Service No Chaverim First Day of Passover Federation Closed	31 No Hebrew Second Day of Passover Federation Closed			

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Black, White & Fred All Over

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

The Good -- The Federation, through the hard work of board member Harvey Chimoff in particular, recently surveyed the community to get feedback on a number of topics. A survey was sent to members either by e-mail or postcard asking for their input. A statistical summary of the survey results will soon be available either by e-mail or by calling the Federation to request a copy. Response to the survey was good and provided valuable information which will help guide the board in the future.

The Bad -- Unfortunately, a number of those to whom the survey was sent did not respond. The ability of the Federation to serve your needs and desires is dependent on your sharing them with us. If you chose not to take the survey, regardless of the reason, I urge you to still let the Federation know what we can do to try and meet those needs and desires.

The Ugly -- The survey included individual written responses which will not be published so as to reduce the risk that the confidentiality promised will not be breached and the identity of those responding will not somehow be 'figured out'. One comment that I feel can be disclosed without such risk is the belief indicated by a few respondents that the board is a 'closed society' with the same people serving year after year to the exclusion of others. While it is true that many board members have served multiple terms, the reason for this is because it is often hard to find new people willing to serve. Thus if you would like to serve on the board, please call Gloria at 217-787-7223 ext. 12 and indicate your desire to do so. Some board members' terms expire this coming May with new 3-year terms beginning in June. We will put your name on a list and consider you along with others on the list for appointment to the board. - Fred Benson, president

Did You Know?

The Federation newsletter, *Shalom Springfield*, is available on-line at www.shalomspringfield.org click on the *Special Events* tab and scroll to the bottom of the page. If you would like us to e-mail you a pdf copy please contact Jo Datz at jdatz@shalomspringfield.org and give her your e-mail address.



Temple Israel Fundraiser
Flower Arrangements for your
Seder Table by Sachi Flowers & Gifts

\$40 Large/ \$32 small
Orders due by Wednesday, March 24 to
Temple (546-2841) or
Beryl Feldman (546-9574)

Pick up Sunday, March 28, 10:30- noon at TI

You can view the arrangements at
www.shalomspringfield.org

THANK YOU TO... Merle Shiffman for proofreading the bulletin. Jane Baker for her help in the office.

SAVE THE DATE !!

The Adult Education Committee of the
Springfield Jewish Federation
& Hadassah Presents:

Esther Carmel- Hakim, Phd.
University of Haifa

*"Visionary Women in Pre State Israel:
Contribution and Legacy"*

The stories of hitherto unknown women
pioneers whose part in establishing and building the
State of Israel during the last 120 years is crucial

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Her talk will be preceded by dinner

Details to follow

*"We're Not Waiting For The
Future; We're Building It."*

Hadassah Donor
Sunday, March 14
Lunch at the Crowne Plaza

Speaker, Natalie Silverman,
National Board Member
with

Musical entertainment by Illinois
Symphony Orchestra musicians,
Julieta Mihai, first violin, &
Maria Horvath, piano

*Join us for an informative and
musically pleasing afternoon.*

Stay tuned for more details

The Springfield Jewish Federation's 8th Annual

Gala Wine Tasting



Saturday, April 17

6- 9 pm

\$20

Maldaner's Restaurant

Invitation to Follow

Just a Reminder!



Springfield Board of Jewish Ed.
Annual Silent Auction

Bella Milano Italian Restaurant
4525 W. Wabash Ave.

Sunday, March 7

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$20.00 per person

Contact Stephanie at 652-5395 or Metnicks@aol.com

The Culture and Family Committee of the
Springfield Jewish Federation and SBJE
Presents

Lag B'Omer Celebration and
Final Day of B'rit Yisrael Religious School

Sunday, May 2

Lincoln Memorial Gardens

More details to follow

KIBBUTZ KULANU



Kibbutz Kulanu
July 12-16, 2010

For kids entering Kindergarten through 4th grade
Call the Federation for a brochure!



We Want Your Child!!

Does your teen enjoy working with kids? Are they looking for a rewarding way to spend a week this summer? Do they have great memories of Jewish camp? Are they fun-loving, enthusiastic, outgoing & not afraid of hard work? Would they like to work with terrific young Israelis?

If the answer is "yes," then they'll want to be a counselor for *Kibbutz Kulanu*, 2010- July 12-16. They must be at least 16 years old. Please contact jdatz@shalomspringfield.org or 787-7223 ext. 11 for more information or for an application form.

Thinking about Summer Camp? Wondering how to pay for it?

Go to www.shalomspringfield.org
for more information on the many
options for financial assistance

Be sure to note application deadlines

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE
FEDERATION ARE DUE APRIL 1.

SENIORS



Purim *Shalach Manot*



In a joint project between the Springfield Jewish Federation's senior committee and B'rith Yisrael Religious School, the students prepared *Shalach Manot* - gifts traditionally exchanged on Purim - and delivered them to some of the seniors in our community. Thank you to the families and teachers that participated in this mitzvah.



The Sangamon County Community Foundation presented The Springfield Jewish Federation with a \$500 grant from the Lisa and Stephen Stone Family Fund. The money will go towards new ovens for Chaverim.

Campaign

Super Sunday

Sunday January 24th was Super Sunday. Volunteers called the community for their 2010 UJA/Federation pledge. Thank you to Super Sunday chairs, **Nancy Chesley** and **Bob Barewin**. Thank you to volunteers **Harvey Chimoff** (trainer), **Adrienne Swartz**, **Howard Chodash**, **David Weisbaum**, **Fred Benson**, **Betsy Salus**, **Lindy Seltzer**, **Bill Seltzer**, **Sandy Weiss**, **Ross Garmil**, **George Sisk**, **Alla Brodsky**, **Ted LeBlang**, **Pat Chesley**, **Nancy Sage**, **Bob Silverman** and **Gloria Schwartz**. A special thank you to **Tom Marantz** and **Bank of Springfield** for allowing us to use their facilities. Thank you also to **Jo Datz**, **Mark Kaye**, **Lisa GoldbergBelle**, **Anne Morgan** and **Ralph & Carol Loewenstein** who made follow up calls.

On Super Sunday we raised \$9,632 from 59 pledges. We have raised \$250,000 so far, but we still need \$50,000 to reach our goal of \$300,000.

**If you have not yet made your pledge,
please consider it now!**



Birthright group at the Kotel

My Birthright Israel Experience

In January I had the opportunity to participate in a trip with **Taglit Birthright Israel**. When I decided to go on this trip I saw it as a vacation. I did not expect to be really changed by this experience, but that is exactly what happened.

The first experience I had that impacted me was a trip that we took to Kibbutz *Misgav Am*. The kibbutz is situated at the Lebanese border in the Upper Galilee. It was here that I met Aria Ben Yaakov. Aria made *aliyah* in the 1960s and has lived at *Misgav Am* since that time. He shared with us his experiences of living on this kibbutz and how its proximity to Lebanon affected his life. He talked to us about the Second Lebanon War and how the kibbutz operates when there is conflict with Lebanon. What really moved me was that this tough man who has been through so much, told us that we had a home in Israel, and that if ever we chose to come back Israel would be here for us. He made me understand that I am part of a much larger Jewish family than I ever knew. Aria touched me so deeply with his words and gave me a sense of belonging.

The second part of the trip that impacted me was traveling with a group of eight soldiers, all of whom were younger than me. While we were in Jerusalem, we went to Mt. Herzl and visited the military cemetery. The thing about this cemetery was that we walked grave to grave and our soldiers knew the details of many of the fallen soldiers lives. They knew their stories, knew their families, had gone to school with them and served in the IDF with them. Our soldiers spoke of each of them with such pride, and told us of their courage and heroism.

What I took away from my trip was a greater sense of duty. The people who live in Israel make such sacrifices in order to insure that there continues to be a Jewish state that we can all call home. After meeting all of these amazing people and learning about the history of Israel, I realized the importance of Israel's existence and that I must contribute in my own way.

I want to thank all of the people who made contributions to the Jewish Federation and made it possible for me to participate in Birthright Israel. I am so grateful for the opportunity and intend to pay it forward.
-Christine Weisbaum.

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In Memory of:

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Nancy Liberman, from Stan Oberman

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Donation to the Chai Tea in loving memory of Carol Marks, from Zale Glauberman

Mazel Tov!

To: **Elly Schoenburg**, daughter of Kim & Bernie Schoenburg, **Danielle Morrison**, daughter of Sherry Knight & Vaughn Morrison and **Ross Gelber**, son of Amy & David Gelber, on being chosen January Students of the Month.

To: **Elly Schoenburg** on her "This I Believe" Essay which she read on WUIS public radio.

To: **Jay and Susan Mogerma**n on the birth of their grandson, Isaiah Joseph Shai Mogerma.

LEAVE A LEGACY!

Planned giving is one of the most beautiful things you can do to ensure that our Jewish history and values are not forgotten; that our children's children know what it means to be Jewish and take pride in our traditions; that we pass on the legacy of those who came before us and help build a brighter future. To find out more about how you can create a permanent legacy, please call Gloria Schwartz at 787-7223 ext. 12