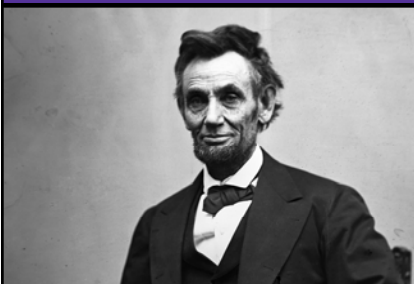




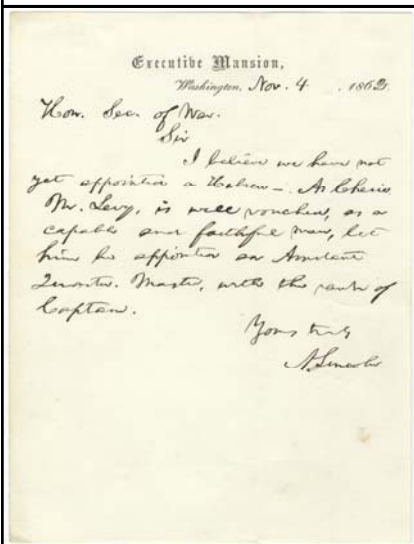
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Lincoln and the Jews

August 3 - November 15, 2015



Abraham Lincoln, 1865, photograph by Alexander Gardner, courtesy of the Library of Congress.



Abraham Lincoln to Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, November 4, 1862. Noting that "we have not yet appointed a Hebrew," Lincoln names C. M. Levy as an assistant quartermaster. Image courtesy of the Shapell Manuscript Collection.

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois,
in partnership with the
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

**A presentation by
Daniel Stowell,
Director/Editor
of The Papers of Abraham Lincoln**

&

Private Showing

Of

With Firmness In The Right Lincoln and the Jews

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

212 N. 6th Street

5:30 pm Presentation

In the Union Theatre

6:15 pm Private Showing

FREE OF CHARGE

This exhibition, organized in conjunction with the Shapell Manuscript Foundation, brings to light the little-known relationship between Abraham Lincoln and Jewish Americans. Original documents, artifacts, photographs, and first person accounts tell the story of how Lincoln's meaningful bonds with Jewish individuals, his audacious defiance of anti-Semitic generals, and the interventions he made as president on behalf of all Jews reflected his deepest values and helped promote inclusivity in the United States.



MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



“I’m pregnant, my new job just pays the rent and utilities and a little more, my refrigerator/freezer died and we lost all our food. You can’t imagine what a blessing your doing this today is to my family. Thank you so much.”

That was only one story, but it made a truly special day even more worthwhile. Together, 60 members of the Jewish community and their friends handed out more than 17,000 pounds of free food to 157 individuals and families who are food insecure. That meant hauling 30 grocery carts from Schnucks, borrowing a fork lift, renting a trailer to haul the fork lift from HyVee, making coffee, putting out the cups and sugar, unconcentrating the orange juice, displaying the breakfast bars and donut holes, playing the music, assuring the insurance and police awareness, and securing the use of Springfield Clinic’s parking lot to keep the Temple B’rith Sholom lot free for the Central Illinois Food Bank truck to unload the apples, onions, cereal, stuffed mushrooms, watermelons and other produce. To qualify, an individual had to give his/her zip code, number in the family, how many seniors and children in the household: that’s it. Families greater than 5 in number got double portions. Each family received a sequential number at check in. While they waited in the TBS Memorial Hall, our hungry neighbors received a warm good morning, orange juice, coffee and pastries/breakfast bars. They gave us courteous thanks, many even bussed their own tables.



At 11 a.m., the first 20 people were called to the drizzly outside parking lot, where some volunteers had unloaded all that food, then handed it out as the recipients went down the line. Each family had a cart, made their choices, and were escorted home if nearby, or to their cars.

Yes, we didn’t need to all be there at 8 a.m., which was the Food Bank’s idea, and we could have served more people. But for a first effort, it was smoothly run, and as life’s experiences so often go, those of us who gave our time, from age 6 to 80+, got more than we gave. Thanks to the **Federation** and **JCRC** for sponsoring this; to **Temple B’rith Sholom** for the use of the building; to **Jordan Litvak** (a star coordinator), **Mary Beth Cohen, Sonia and Ed Gerson, Gary Kessler, Ralph Loewenstein and Steve Stone** for serving on the most excellent steering committee; to **Rachel Hinkle** for creating the sign and doing all the support work; to **Bank of Springfield** and every Jewish individual and organization who chipped in to cover the costs; to volunteers who bought treats; and to the 60 volunteers who were grinning from ear to ear as they finished their beautiful, wet Shabbat morning.

Let’s do it again!

Lisa Stone, Chair
Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry





Celebrate with your friends (*Chaverim*) the Jewish day of
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Tu B'av Chaverim Party

Join us for cake and coffee

Bring photographs of your weddings, or births, graduations or other loving occasions.

\$2.00 per person

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 11:00 am– 12:00 pm

The Jewish Federation office - 1045 Outer Park Drive, Suite 320

(The American Red Cross building)

There is an elevator and ample parking - the rear parking lot has a ramp entrance.

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

Please let us know if you need a ride!

A FAREWELL



The Jewish Federation is bidding a farewell to Rachel Hinkle, our Program Director since September 2010. Rachel has been a wonderful asset to the Federation and the community. She has done an outstanding job of organizing all our programs and successfully carried out our strategy of obtaining underwriting to supplement revenue. Rachel could always be relied upon to make sure that every detail of every event was well covered and we never had to worry about any program being well prepared and well publicized. I'm sure many of you will miss her phone calls urging you to attend one program or another as well as her cheerful disposition and enthusiasm for all the programs presented over the past 4 plus years. Rachel assures us that she will still participate in Federation events as a volunteer but will be pursuing other options, as yet undecided. We wish her well in all her future endeavors. She will be missed!

JUST A NOTE...

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you in the community who have inspired me to work hard in honor of your passion and drive for our Federation community to remain strong, active and visible. Though I am moving on from my current role, it will be a pleasure to sit with you a participant and a volunteer! This is not a good-bye, just a see you soon.

Regards,
Rachel Hinkle



JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service Office Closed 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service Independence Day
5	6 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	7 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	8	9	10 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & TBS Bd Installation 6 pm TI Shabbat	11 9 am TI Service
12	13	14 11 am Chaverim Tu B'av Party @ Fed 1pm TI S'Hd Book Club	15	16	17 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat Office Closed	18 9 am TI Service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Federation Office Closed					
4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg		7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg		6:30 pm Young Adults Night Out w/Rabbis TI S'Hd Night Out @ Boccardi's	5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	9 am TI Service Kaye Bar Mitzvah @ TBS
26	27	28 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg T/7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	29 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge @ HyVee	30		
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AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am TI Service 10 am TBS Service
2	3 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	4	5 T/7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg	6	7 5:30 pm TBS Family Shabbat 6 pm TI Service	8 9 am TI Service
9	10	11 1pm TI S'HD Book Club	12 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	13	14 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat & Dinner 6 pm TI Shabbat	15 9 am TI Service
16 4 pm TBS Exec Bd Mtg	17	18 7:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	19 7:30 pm TI Bd Mtg	20	21 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat	22 9 am TI Service
23 5 pm Lincoln & the Jews Presentation @ ALPML	24 7 pm JCRC Mtg @ Fed.	25 7:15 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	26 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge @ Café Andiamo 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg	27	28 5:30 pm TBS Shabbat 6 pm TI Shabbat & Dinner	29 9 am TI Service
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74TH ANNUAL MEETING



Anne Morgan

Sunday, May 31, the Federation held their 74th Annual Meeting. Members of the Federation enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres in the lovely setting of the Audubon Society at the Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Thank you to the event co-chairs, **Linda Morrison** and **Bob Silverman** as well as the wonderful volunteer helpers: **Eydee Schultz** and **Barbara Rabin** and **Mark Deluhery**, who helped **Anita Myers** with the food. Thanks also to **David Brodsky** for designing and printing certificates and **Mel Taff** for taking photos. A hearty mazel tov to **Barry Seidman**, recipient of the **Gail Lieberman President's Award** and the **Marantz Family**, recipients of the **Carol Marks Volunteer of the Year Award**. The Annual meeting is not only an opportunity to conduct important Federation business, (nominating board members) but also to thank outgoing board members and campaign volunteers and to talk about the past year in review.

If you would a copy of the annual report you can pick one up at the office, or read it on-line at www.shalomspringfield.org.



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The Federation will be CLOSED Friday, July 17-Friday, July 24.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
BARRY SEIDMAN**



Barry Seidman & Anne Morgan

**2015 GAIL LIEBERMAN
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
WINNER**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
MARANTZ FAMILY**



2015

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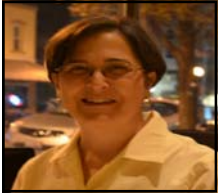
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Gail Lieberman President's Award is given to a **Federation Board member** who has given service over and above their standard job description. Thus, it is only awarded from time to time when outstanding work merits this recognition. While the President makes this selection, the staff and other executive members have the opportunity to give their input as well. This year I was very pleased to present this award at the Federation annual meeting.

One aspect of exceptional contribution is almost never saying no. When asked to attend meetings, chair a committee, participate in future planning—this individual always said yes.

When Israel was attacked from Gaza last summer, the Jewish Federations of North America began fund raising to provide resources to those most vulnerable to attack- including counseling, respite relocation, and provisions for those who couldn't evacuate. We were assigned a specific local Federation goal. This was right before the kickoff of our annual campaign and we had a careful discussion with our campaign chairs. We concluded that we needed to do the special Stop the Sirens appeal and identified the person we hoped might chair it.

I held off calling to make the request because I knew this person was out of town. That evening, I checked my e-mail and discovered a President's dream— brief message from the very same person we had in mind—VOLUNTEERING to chair the special appeal. "I won't be insulted if you want someone else, but I am willing." Volunteering before you are asked is even better than always saying yes!

If you haven't guessed by now, this year's President's Award was given to Barry Seidman. His commitment to our Federation, to our Jewish community, and to the well-being of Israel is almost unmatched. In his modesty, he might claim that he is not eloquent. But on several occasions I have heard him choose just the right words. He presented our community with the analogy of a homeowner, with annual Federation pledges as our mortgage payments to maintain our Jewish home. In the inevitable household emergency—the need for a new roof or repair of storm damage-other funds are needed such as those in a special appeal.

As first vice-president, Barry also has been willing to participate in brainstorming about future planning for the Federation, and he chaired this year's nominating committee. Barry's name has been added to the plaque hanging in the Federation office; I hope many of you will congratulate him on this honor.

Anne Morgan, *Federation President*

Job Position Available

The Jewish Federation of Springfield is seeking a part-time Program Director (20-25 hours per week). The Program Director is responsible for the administration and development of special events and programs arising from the committees of the Federation. The Program Director is also responsible for the creation and publication of the monthly newsletter.

Please go to www.shalomspringfield.org for the full job description and qualification requirements.

Please e-mail your resume and cover letter with two references to:

Josephine Gon at jgon@shalomspringfield.org by July 31, 2015

Newsletter Column- July/August 2015



This month's column is the text of the presentation of the Carol Marks Volunteer of the Year Award which I presented at the Federation's 74th Annual Meeting on May, 31, 2015.

In order for the Federation to fulfill our mission, we rely on your financial contributions. Equally important to our ability to function however, is the additional support, **in many different forms**, that we receive from our members over and above their annual pledge.

Every year, we recognize an individual who willingly gives of their time, their support or their skills whenever asked. We honor one person whose help has earned them the title, "volunteer of the year." This year however we are honoring a family. A family who through the generations consistently, immediately and willingly steps forward to sponsor an event or donates the use of their facilities or their personnel every time they are asked. They simply never say, "no."

This family has been an invaluable support to our Federation and thereby the Jewish community. Not only do they hire every young Jewish person in the community at some time or other but their two children, Greg and Jennifer, served as counselors at Kibbutz Kulanu for a number of years. Additionally, the Bank of Springfield, starting with Jack Marantz and Yetta, and now Tom and Natalie, has been a major sponsor and underwriter of so many of our events - *Chai* Tea, Wine tasting, Kibbutz Kulanu, Newsletter, Film Series and yesterday's Mobile Food Pantry, to name just a few. Their dedication to this community is evident. Underwriting for our programs is a crucial supplement to our income to ensure that we continue to provide quality programming for you.

It is therefore my honor to present the *2015 Jewish Federation Carol Marks Volunteer of the Year Award* to the **Marantz Family**.

Unfortunately they could not be here tonight to present this plaque which will hang in the Federation office. We thank them so very much for all they do for the Jewish Federation and the Springfield Jewish community.

Jo Gon, *Executive Director*



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TO:

Carly Isaacks, daughter of John & Susan Isaacks,
granddaughter of Mark & Barbara Rabin, on her
Bat Mitzvah.

Philip Rukosuev, on his graduation from the
University of Illinois School of Law.

Jeffrey & Annette Chesky, on the birth of their
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Mark & Sari Wancket, on the engagement of their
son, Drew, to Samantha "Sammy" Spriggs.



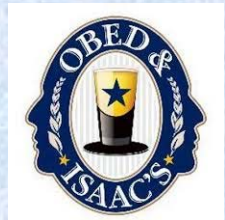
YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:30 pm – 8 pm.

OBED & ISAACS (500 S. 6th St.)

On the Patio



A casual get together with our two rabbis. Enjoy
Obed's hometown brews with something from their kitchen.

This will be the first of many get togethers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by Monday, July 20 with your name & number attending
787-7223 ext. 18 or sjf@shalomspringfield.org.

Condolences to the families
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**Wednesday, July 29
9:30 a.m.**

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\$5 per person for bagels, fruit & coffee

Meet in Tasting Room by Wine & Spirits

RSVP by Friday, July 24 at 787-7223 ext. 18 or
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**Come early for breakfast and to visit.
Presentation begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, August 26
9:30 a.m.**

*Bob Croteau—
CWLP Energy Audit Division*

RSVP by Friday, August 21 at 787-7223 ext. 18 or
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