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Weathering the Storm

by **SUSAN TEPPERMAN, LCSW,**
Jewish Community Services Coordinator

How are you dealing with these trying times? COVID-19 has hit some of us financially. Statewide shut-downs have caused job loss and economic instability. Financial concerns can be frightening and paralyzing. Others of us are dealing with physical manifestations of the virus. We have lost loved ones or have struggled with grave illness. I know firsthand that these worries are crippling and immobilizing. Some of us have faced Covid and have recovered. Others of us live in fear of contracting it. Some of us are sheltering with others and

some of us are painfully alone. We are a community of all ages, needs and concerns. I have heard it said that while we are all weathering the same storm, we are not all in the same boat. We all have different perspectives. Here are some of my thoughts and suggestions to help us weather this difficult time:

1. Begin by being mindful of the perspective of others. If you've had the virus, or are in a low risk category, understand that others may have gripping fears of getting sick.

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Simchas

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline.org by June 22, 2020. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

MAZEL TOV...

To **Abby Farkas** and big brother Jeremyah on the April 7 birth of daughter Kennedy. Proud grandparents are **Steve & Kelly Farkas**.



To **Jean Jacobson** on the birth of her newest great-granddaughter, Alina Darlene Jacobson, born on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Proud parents are **Jenae & Bernie Jacobson**.

To **Phil Katz** for successfully defending his 600+ page dissertation, "Cultural Histories of the Ship in the Greek and Roman Aegean," and receiving his Ph.D. in Classics from NYU College of Arts and Sciences. Phil currently resides in Atlanta, GA, but would rather be in Athens,

Greece. Proud parents are **Rick & Judy Katz**.

To **Trent Pendley** on his recent retirement from Bartlett's Fish Camp Restaurant in Michigan City and from Albert's Diamond Jewelers.

To **Cynthia Ostrovsky** for the recent appearance of **Steven Mayer** on *Good Morning America*. If you missed it, visit goodmorningamerica.com to hear what Dr. Mayer has to say about wearing facial masks.

To **Emma Stiener** on attaining the age of bat mitzvah May 22. Proud parents are **Eric Stiener & Shana Levinson** along with big sister Mya. Proud grandparents are **Don & Rosalie Levinson**.

To **Yudi Zalmanov** on becoming bar mitzvah April 27. Proud parents are **Rabbi Eliezer & Chanie Zalmanov**. Proud siblings are Shayna, Mendy, Dovi, Leba, Leah, and Zevi. 🌍



Save the Date

Community Outdoor Movie Night!

Thursday, July 9 (rain date: Thursday, July 16)

Public health guidelines permitting. Watch your email for details!

We Are Here To Help!

If you or someone you know in the Jewish community are ill, immune-compromised, or in need of resources, please let us know how we can help.

- Contact Susan Tepperman, Jewish Community Services Coordinator, at 219-301-0960 or susan@federationonline.org with information or updates.

- Call or text Aida Nozick, Executive Director, on her cell phone: 219-688-6238. You may also email aida@federationonline.org.

Food for Thought

2019–2020
BRUNCH SERIES



Anna Winger: “Behind the Scenes of *Unorthodox*”

Sunday, June 28, 2020 • 11am-12pm CT

live from Berlin via Zoom

BYOB—Bring Your Own Bagels!

For Berlin-based American writer-producer Anna Winger, creating the Netflix miniseries *Unorthodox* offered a unique opportunity to tell a Jewish story in Germany. The show, which premiered March 26 on Netflix, is inspired by Deborah Feldman’s 2012 memoir, *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*, and follows a young woman who leaves her husband and her insular ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Satmar community in Williamsburg, New York, for a new life in Berlin.

On June 28, Anna will join the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana for an exclusive Sunday morning conversation moderated by Carol Culberg. We encourage all our community members to watch the 4-episode series on Netflix in preparation for this exciting program!

Anna Winger was raised by anthropologists in Massachusetts and in Mexico, and educated at Columbia University. Her 2008 novel, *This Must Be the Place*, was published by Riverhead Books (Penguin). Winger co-created and co-wrote the four-episode Netflix series with documentarian Alexa Karolinski, and also serves as executive producer. Best known for *Deutschland 83*, the German series she co-created, she is also the founder of Studio Airlift, a production company based in Berlin. She lives in Berlin with her family.

RSVP by Friday, June 26 to get the Zoom link:

federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Winger

or call (219) 301-0960 for more information.

2020 NAMING CONTEST: New Year, New Newsletter!

Our community has changed, the *Illiana News* has changed... now we're holding a contest to find just the right name for our popular print newsletter. Any Jewish resident of Northwest Indiana may enter. The grand prize: bragging rights!

Visit federationonline.org/news to submit your entry by **June 1, 2020**. Entries will be evaluated by the Federation board and staff, based on style, originality, appropriateness, and Jewish relevance. The winning name will be revealed in August 2020. Questions? Contact Erica Yakovetz at (219) 301-0960 or erica@federationonline.org.



Illiana News through the years: issues from 2000, 2010, and 2020.

2020 FEDERATION BOOK CLUB: SESSION 5:

Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman

Monday, June 22

7:00pm **(VIA ZOOM)**

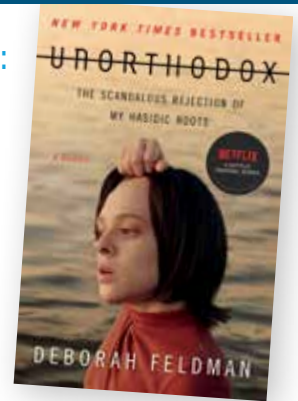
The basis for the 2020 Netflix original series. As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of relentlessly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear and to whom she could speak to what she was allowed to read. Yet in spite of her upbringing, Deborah grew into an independent-minded young woman whose stolen moments reading about the empowered literary characters of Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott helped her to imagine an alternative way of life among the skyscrapers of Manhattan. Entering as a teenager into a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the tension between Deborah's desires and her responsibilities as a good Satmar girl grew more explosive until she gave birth at nineteen and realized that, regardless of the obstacles, she would have to forge a path—for herself and her son—to happiness and freedom.

Please read the book in advance and, if possible, watch the 4-episode Netflix series. Join the Zoom meeting on Monday night, June 22, for lively discussion facilitated by Carol Culberg.

Paperback copies are available to borrow or purchase (\$15) through the Federation office. Call for availability.

RSVP to (219) 301-0960 or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Feldman

***Then join us the following Sunday morning, June 28, when Carol Culberg will moderate a Food for Thought conversation with Netflix showrunner Anna Winger! See p. 3 of this issue for details.*



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Food for Thought

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Dan Feferman: “Who’s Who in the New Israeli Government”

Sunday, June 14, 2020 • 11am-12pm CT

live from Israel via Zoom

BYOB—Bring Your Own Bagels!

After over a year and three national elections, Israel’s new unity government was officially sworn in on May 17. Together, we will take a look at the major players in the new coalition, putting names to faces, and review what their party affiliations and priorities are likely to mean for policy—both within Israel and in relation to Diaspora Jewry.

Dan Feferman is a Major (reserve) in the Israel Defense Forces and a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, a leading think-tank focusing on issues of importance to Israel and the Jewish people, where he researches religious pluralism in Israel, trends in Jewish identity, and Israel-Diaspora relations. He is also a political and communications consultant and publishes and speaks widely on the Middle East and Israeli defense and political matters. Read more about Dan and his work at DanFeferman.com.

RSVP by Friday, June 12 to get the Zoom link:

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upcoming-events#Feferman](https://federationonline.org/upcoming-events#Feferman)

or call (219) 301-0960 for more information.

Coronavirus & Federation's Jewish Community Services



Seder-to-Go: In Your Words

"I just got off the phone with my grandmother. She is 87 years old... [a] friend signed her up for one of your Kosher meal deliveries and my family and I are so grateful! My grandmother lives alone and because of your delivery, you have brought some normalcy to our "Zoom Seder" tonight. Thank you and Happy Passover!"

"So grateful to you, your staff, and volunteers for the beautiful and delicious seder meal, as well as the twice a week lunches."

"Words can't express my appreciation to [Federation] and everyone involved in supplying lunch for Senior Citizens and all the extras you offer."

"I can't thank the Federation enough! Your thoughtfulness and caring allowed me to have two seders [...]. When I opened the parts of the meal, and realized the work and caring that went into it, I was moved to tears. Because of my age and health, I've been sheltering in place for several weeks. The entire Pesach experience was especially meaningful."

Our Federation is answering the call to support community members and help bring our Jewish community together. We have expanded our roster of support services during this time:



Our longstanding Adult Friendship Club has been reinvented as a home delivery meal program. We delivered over 400 kosher meals in March and April, including over 150 Seder-to-Go meals to enhance this very challenging Passover for our community members.



Our food pantry has expanded its hours and moved to contact-free curbside distribution to facilitate the health and safety of our volunteers, staff, and clients. We are continuing to field requests for financial assistance.



We are curating recommended resources on our website for virtual Jewish community and ongoing learning. Visit federationonline.org/virtual to enjoy some of our favorite selections.



K'Ton Ton Early Childhood educators are supporting families and children with a focus on a curriculum of love, care, kindness, and relationships. Teachers and staff actively engage with children through daily virtual class times and a weekly Shabbat celebration, videos of activity ideas and stories, mailing letters and cards, and an active Facebook group for families to share and interact. They have had drive-by birthday and teacher parades, and assembled over 40 "play-at-home" kits to deliver to families.

Whatever your circumstances, we are here for you. Please call the Federation office at (219) 301-0960 for any additional assistance we can offer you during this time. 🕊

WE BEAT OUR GOAL:

\$14,420!



#GivingTuesdayNow

Your generosity raised over \$14,420

In this time of uncertainty, there's a fundamental truth that gives us hope: that together we can do extraordinary things. Over the past few weeks and months, the entire world has been coming together to stand up, help out, give back and heal. Whether through donations to community organizations, celebrating doctors and nurses at shift changes, or reaching out to a neighbor to help with groceries, generosity has been helping the entire world get through this global pandemic. Together.

#GivingTuesdayNow was a new global day of giving and unity that was organized for May 5, 2020—in addition to the regularly scheduled #GivingTuesday on December 1, 2020—as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day was designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world.

Thank you to all those who stood with the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and gave what you could in this time of unprecedented need. Through your generosity, we raised over \$14,420 on #GivingTuesdayNow. These funds will allow the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana to continue providing crucial support to the most vulnerable in our community during this crisis:

- delivering meals to our seniors;
- opening our food pantry to families facing heightened food insecurity;
- answering requests for financial assistance;
- supporting our community members from youngest to oldest;
- fostering Jewish unity across Northwest Indiana.

Together, we can continue to meet whatever challenges come our way. Together, we can overcome any crisis—even this one—no matter the physical distance. 🌐

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Special thanks to the Service League of Northwest Indiana for doubling their grant in support of our food pantry.



Remembering Mickey Sparber

by GUS GALANTE, M.D.

"Good afternoon, Gus. This is your good friend, Mickey Sparber, calling to say hi and..." Whenever I would receive a voicemail from Mickey, it would start like this. Then he would add a positive wish or an uplifting message like "Happy New Year" or "Happy Hanukkah" or "Happy Birthday..." and always wishing and hoping that my family was doing well. On May 18, 2020, Mickey passed away, and I lost that good friend. In his passing, Northwest Indiana also lost a good friend.

I met Mickey through the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana over 15 years ago. At that time, he was heavily involved with Federation's Jewish Community Relations Committee. He was instrumental and a force on that committee, able to bring groups of people from various and diverse backgrounds together, one of his strengths.

In addition to providing opportunities for local groups of differing faiths to convene, he was also politically active. His speech before the Indiana House of Representatives in Indianapolis helped pass legislation to mandate Holocaust education in our schools. He was also instrumental in organizing a comprehensive Holocaust exhibit at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster, never done in this area before. There,

he convened the Consuls General of Poland, Germany and Israel as speakers for the program.

Over the next few years, we became close friends, and when I became president of the Federation in 2008, he became one of my vice presidents. They say you are only as good as your first assistants, and he was definitely one of those, providing me with ideas and support throughout my tenure.

Mickey served as founder, board member, and first chairman of the Northwest Indiana Veterans Council, whose mission is to enhance the lives of service members, veterans, and their families, including those returning from war in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of those individuals was his son, Michael, who served proudly in Iraq. Occasionally partnering with Habitat for Humanity, this organization would help to provide homes for our veterans as well.

Mickey would frequently provide bagels and coffee to the local National Guard training meetings. An act of kindness. He was one of the founding members of The Buddy Bear Project of the B'nai B'rith organization that provided cuddly, stuffed teddy bears to children in local hospitals. An act of compassion.

He served as a volunteer for the Great Lakes Wing of the



Michael "Mickey" Sparber in 2010.

Commemorative Air Force. Here, he assisted in educating the public on the World War II C-47 plane on flights from the Lansing airport to Chicago and back, a way of honoring those veterans that served on those planes. Another way of giving back.

His business relationship with Calumet College in Hammond included volunteer work as well. For several years he assisted in collecting dental supplies, including toothpaste and tooth brushes for students to take on missions to Guatemala.

Aside from all his volunteer efforts, Mickey's day job consisted of being a consultant for employee benefits, business and personal insurance. He leaves behind his loving wife of 21 years, Svetlana, his son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, Nate and Tyler.

Mickey definitely aspired and succeeded in contributing to our Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Our community is left better because of Mickey, and I am better for having been his friend. 🕊

Save the Date

Community BBQ & Masa B'Yachad Religious School Registration Sunday, August 9

Public health guidelines permitting. Watch your email for details!

JCY Day Camp Goes Virtual for 2020

by **RACHEL SIEFFERT, JCY Camp Director**



JCY Day Camp has always held the highest standards for the safety and welfare of its campers. The Jewish Federation's Board of Directors and staff have spent weeks gathering information about the impact of COVID-19 in order to ensure we could make the best decision for our JCY family.

It is with great sadness that we share, out of the utmost concern for the well-being of our campers, staff members and their respective families, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel in-person JCY Camp for the summer of 2020. All registration fees will be refunded over the next 3-4 weeks.

We have always made our decisions based on what is best for our children and families, and this is no different. In this instance, we are unable to guarantee camper safety. The well-being of everyone is just too important to move forward with camp.

We are very excited to share that we have made the decision to offer a virtual JCY experience free to our community this summer. We are putting together many engaging and fun activities which will be offered via the "JCY Day Camp" Facebook page beginning June 15, 2020. While virtual camp activities will never

replace the real JCY experience, we are thankful for the opportunity to connect with you and your children during this uncertain time.

It is our hope that social distancing requirements will be such that we will be able to plan one or more special get-togethers during the summer. We are also planning on hosting a few Zoom meetings to play games and see each other.

We hope you and your family members are safe and well, and that your camper(s) will be joining us this summer for JCY's "The Virtual" Summer of Peace, Love, and good old-fashioned JCY fun. We know it is not the same as being together, but here at JCY, we're determined to make the best of it. We love you. We miss you. We can't wait to see you soon.

Peace, Love, and JCY! 🕊️

President's Corner



A Time for Thanks

by **JUDY KATZ**

I am so proud to be part of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. I'm sure readers of this edition of the Illiana News will share my appreciation of all that our Federation staff and volunteers have been doing during these crazy times. I want to personally thank Aida and the staff who have kept as much normalcy as possible for our community.

I especially want to thank Nancy Gross, our Jewish Community Services Chairperson, for organizing a great group of volunteers who have

been helping with meal deliveries and much more. Sixteen volunteers helped deliver our Seder meals to 156 families!

Thank you to the eleven families who helped sponsor our Seder-To-Go project. And, a huge thank you to the more than 65 people who donated to our Federation on May 5 for #GivingTuesdayNow! Our goal for #GivingTuesdayNow was an ambitious \$10,000. We surpassed our goal by over 40%! Special thanks are due to the Service League of

Northwest Indiana for doubling their grant in support of our food pantry. It is because of our caring community that we can continue to provide the services that are so badly needed at this time, especially to our wonderful seniors.

I hope many of you took advantage of our Shabbat in a Box program while listening to our six rabbis giving pre-Shabbat messages on Friday, May 22. Thank you to Jewel-Osco of Munster for the donation of Shabbat candles, to our and to all those who helped assemble and deliver the boxes.

Our K'Ton Ton Director, Erin Nowakowski, and the teachers all deserve a huge thank you for their

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Show Us Your Quarantine!

Zoom seders? E-learning? Art projects? Exploring your backyard? The Jewish Federation invited the Northwest Indiana Jewish community to share some photos showing how you're making the best of sheltering in place.



▲ This is what I've done to keep the pandemic away. The cards are going to Hospice of the Calumet Area to be sold and funds raised to support Riley House. —Bobbie Czajka, Schererville



▲ Our son Yudi's drive-by bar mitzvah celebration on April 27. —Rabbi Eliezer Zalmanov, Munster



▲ One of my projects during this stay-at-home time. I'm about 2/3 done with this latch hook rug. It will be used as a wall hanging. —Julie Wodarski, Highland



▲ Knitting projects & colorful Hebrew letters needlepoint. —Jane Barron, Hammond

◀ Need to send love and hugs. Family Zoom workshop to create weathergrams - reaching out past our collective isolation. I love my family and we all love those currently beyond our reach!! —Karen Ness, Munster

A weathergram is a poem of ten words or less written on a strip of paper, then hung outdoors on a branch or bough to weather over a season, between solstice and equinox, or equinox to solstice. The poems are simple, spontaneous, and often refer to aspects of nature or the season.—Ed.



▲ Happy 18 During Quarantine! —Mira Fefferman, Munster

Community News



▲ Thanks to Federation for this GREAT Seder meal!! —Jane Barron, Hammond



▲ Roni and Griffin Gold, of Valparaiso, show off their face masks.



▲ Holly the Wonder Dog. —Miriam Marcus, Munster



▲ Josie (age 2) enjoying a favorite PJ Library book. —Rachel Saller, Highland



◀▲ Scenes from quarantine. —Carol Culberg, Munster

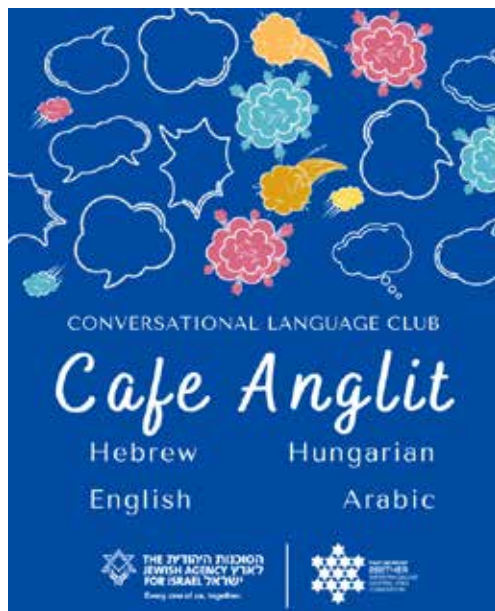


▲ K'Ton Ton Early Childhood teachers assembled over 40 "play-at-home" kits to deliver to families.



▲ For Federation's May 22 Shabbat-in-A-Box deliveries, the challah baking and braiding crew included Debbie Herszberg, Emma Stricker, Lily Yalowitz, Leah Nozick, and Shayna Zalmanov.

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee



CAFE ANGLIT: LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Registration deadline: June 15, 2020

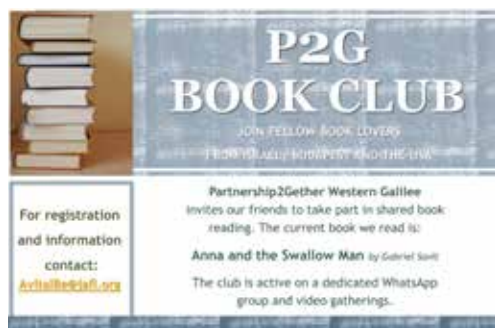
Program begins: Week of June 29

Program ends: Week of Sept. 13

Would you want to spend a Zoom hour a week in conversational English, Hebrew, Hungarian or Arabic? Here's an opportunity to practice your language skills and help someone else with theirs. Intimate weekly meetings of up to 5 participants in a group. For more information, please contact Avital Ben Dror, P2G's Community Engagement Coordinator (avitalbe@jafi.org).

NEW: P2G FILM CLUB!

Those Who Remained, a Hungarian Jewish themed film, will be screened as part of the first P2G Film Club. Following the screening, we will host the director for Q&A session. Stay tuned for further details!



P2G BOOK CLUB

The P2G Book Club is starting a new book: *Anna and the Swallow Man* by Gavriel Savit (a member of the Springfield, IL, Jewish community). It's a great opportunity to spread the word and invite people to join in. Contact Avital at avitalbe@jafi.org.

Prime Timers



On Thursday, March 12, Prime Timers enjoyed the Chicago Botanic Garden's Orchid Show and "Morning Music with Orchids" chamber music concert.

Prime Timers is Federation's group for active adults, ages 55 and over. Together they take day trips to regional attractions, restaurants, and other special events. More info: federationonline.org/prime-timers

Adult Friendship Club

Thank You Chef Jim!

As of June 1, we will be having a change in chefs. **Jim Smith**, who has been our AFC chef for the past year, has an opportunity that he couldn't turn down from his primary job at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville. We are very sad to be losing Jim, but very excited for him

and his future. Jim has been an excellent chef and a pleasure to work with, and we thank him very much.

Beginning June 1, caterer **David Lerner**, sous chef at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, will take over the twice-weekly lunches. We are lucky to have found such a qualified



Jim Smith



David Lerner

chef at this time and are looking forward to his creations! 🍴

Home Delivery Menus

Welcome to Chef David Lerner, beginning June 1!



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June 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 Home Meal Delivery: Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, fresh fruit	2	3 Home Meal Delivery: Chicken casserole with vegetables and rice, cookies	Order online at federationonline.org/ upcoming-events or call (219) 301-0960 ORDER DEADLINES: To help us serve you better, please place your order by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOON ON FRIDAY for Monday deliveries • NOON ON TUESDAY for Wednesday deliveries <i>Orders received after that time will be fulfilled based on availability, first come first served.</i>		
7	8 Home Meal Delivery: Vegetable stir-fry with rice, fresh fruit	9	10 Home Meal Delivery: Stuffed shells, garlic bread, fresh fruit			
14	15 Home Meal Delivery: Greek chicken breast, Greek potatoes, roasted broccoli & cauliflower, cookies	16	17 Home Meal Delivery: Beef with mushroom sauce over egg noodles, vegetable medley, fresh fruit			
21 Father's Day	22 Home Meal Delivery: Mediterranean sandwich (grilled eggplant, fresh mozzarella, pesto), Israeli couscous salad, chips, cookies	23	24 Home Meal Delivery: Vegetable lasagna, breadsticks, fresh fruit			



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OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

July 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	June 29 Home Meal Delivery: Chicken breast with lemon caper sauce, rice pilaf, garlic green beans, cookies	30	1 Home Meal Delivery: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted vegetable, fresh fruit	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day
5	6 Home Meal Delivery: Mixed vegetable pasta bake, garlic bread, dessert	7	8 Home Meal Delivery: Vegetarian egg roll bowl with sweet soy dressing over rice, dessert	\$8 per meal Pay what you can or sponsor a neighbor No-contact curbside pickup or FREE home delivery available <i>Pickup/delivery window: 12-2pm</i> <i>Delivery dates and availability subject to change pending further public health mandates. As an essential human service agency, Federation will continue meal service as long as we are able to remain open.</i>		
12	13 Home Meal Delivery: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes with gravy, dessert	14	15 Home Meal Delivery: Mango grilled chicken wrap, chips, broccoli salad, dessert			
19	20 Home Meal Delivery: Chef's pasta with sun-dried tomato marinara & mushrooms, bread & butter, dessert	21	22 Home Meal Delivery: Stuffed eggplant with vegetables & cheese, quinoa salad, dessert			
26	27 Home Meal Delivery: Beef shawarma with pita, cucumber salad, Mediterranean couscous, dessert	28	29 Home Meal Delivery: Chicken fajitas with tortillas & fixings, black beans & rice, dessert	30 Tisha B'Av	31	Aug 1



K'Ton Ton Early Childhood educators are supporting our preschool families and children with a focus on a curriculum of love, care, kindness, and relationships. Teachers and staff have held drive-by birthday and teacher parades, met with classes over Zoom, and assembled over 40 "play-at-home" kits to deliver to families. Shown here are a few of the stops on our drive-by routes!



Saluting Our 2020 Pre-K Graduates!

We've always known the heart of K'Ton Ton is our K'TonTon family. This year, the relationships we enjoy within our K'TonTon family have helped us continue to do what we can, as best as we can, for the little ones with whom we love to spend our time.

First and foremost, I want to thank our families who have made such generous "tuition" donations during this time. While we work hard to support our families all the time, and even more so now, the truth is, they support us just as much.

Our K'Ton Ton teachers and assistants are hands-down the best early childhood educators around. They seamlessly stepped into virtual learning going above and beyond to support our kids. Through a curriculum focused on love, care, kindness, and relationships, they show up daily for zoom class time and play time, weekly shabbat celebrations, teacher car parades past houses and birthday parades, play at home kit deliveries and more.

The amazingness of our K'Ton Ton kids cannot be overlooked. These little ones had their lives turned upside down. No longer going to school to see friends and teachers, not being able to go anywhere but their houses, and a complete routine upheaval. Throughout it all, they have handled it as best as we can expect. They continue to play, create, investigate, and bring joy to all of us who see them.

Here we are, at the end of the year, ready to celebrate our Graduates. This year's graduating class is truly extraordinary. They WILL move mountains in their time. They are a silly, kind, helpful, creative, problem-solving group who are ready to take on Kindergarten and Beyond!

Without further ado, our graduates...

MOST LIKELY TO
Moonwalk...



Alex

MOST LIKELY TO
Host a Cooking Show...



Ayden

MOST LIKELY TO
Care for Others...



Alex

MOST LIKELY TO
Find a Cure...



Enzo

MOST LIKELY TO
Lead...



Aria

MOST LIKELY TO
Set Sail...



Evie

K'Ton Ton Preschool (continued)

MOST LIKELY TO
Be a Hero...



Forrest

MOST LIKELY TO
*Grant
Wishes...*



Kainaat

MOST LIKELY TO
*Spread
Happiness...*



Lizzie

MOST LIKELY TO
Help Others...



Maxwell

MOST LIKELY TO
*Create a
Masterpiece...*



Tommy

MOST LIKELY TO
*Save the
Earth...*



Hannah

MOST LIKELY TO
Teach Others...



Leah

MOST LIKELY TO
*Knock it Out
of the Park...*



Lorenzo

MOST LIKELY TO
*Make People
Laugh...*



Sanjog

MOST LIKELY TO
Fix It...



Viet

MOST LIKELY TO
*Sing in
Class...*



John

MOST LIKELY TO
*Act on
Broadway...*



Lila

MOST LIKELY TO
*Set a World
Record...*



Mackenzie

MOST LIKELY TO
*Spread
Peace...*



Stella



MAZAL TOV to all of our community's 2020 graduates!

While this is a graduation season unlike any other, we're proud to celebrate your achievements and your next steps.



MAX ARNOLD

Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, School of Informatics



MAX NATHAN BUKA

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, Kelley School of Business



BEN DODGE

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Bowling Green State Univ., majoring in aviation with the goal of becoming a commercial pilot. He currently works at the Gary Jet Center as a lineman.



MIRA FEFFERMAN

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: UNC Chapel Hill in the fall to study biochemistry



CAMPBELL GIDEON

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Wilbur Wright MS
What's next: Munster High School



CALEB GOLDFARB

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Valparaiso High School
What's next: Purdue University, pursuing a degree in construction management



ELLA GUTENSTEIN

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Valparaiso High School
What's next: High Point University, NC



JAY HARRIS

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: A job training program



RILEY HARRIS

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: IU Northwest



MIKAYLA HIGGINS

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Valparaiso University
Degree: History and Chinese Studies
What's next: Getting married soon!



JOSH JURY

Hometown: Homewood, IL
Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: James Hart Middle School



LUCAS KATONA

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Wilbur Wright MS
What's next: Munster High School



PJ KATONA

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: IU in the fall, majoring in sports management



BRETT KAUFMANN

Hometown: Munster
Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Valparaiso University
Degree: Finance & Business Analytics
What's next: Corporate Financial Analyst at Ulta Beauty



KYLE KAUFMANN

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Valparaiso University—direct admit to the Physician Assistant Program

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Special Section: Our 2020 Graduates (continued)



ANNA LEE LAVALLEY

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Valparaiso High School
What's next: College (undecided), with plans to major in international studies



JACOB LEVY

Hometown: Munster
Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Indiana University
Degree: Jewish Studies
What's next: Master of Science in Social Work program at Univ. of Texas-Austin



ETHAN LIESER

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, with an interest in Sports Marketing & Management



EVAN LIESER

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, with an interest in Economics/Management



CALEY F. MINTZ

Hometown: Munster
Graduating from: IU School of Dentistry
What's next: A General Residence Practice with the VA Hospital in Indianapolis.



ZOE P. MINTZ

Hometown: Munster
Graduating from: Indiana University
Degree: Atmospheric Sciences
What's next: Joining WNCTV in Greenville, NC, as the weekend meteorologist.



SIMON NIRENBERG

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Wilbur Wright MS
What's next: Munster High School



SADIE NOWAKOWSKI

Hometown: Schererville
Graduating from: Kindergarten at Forest Ridge Academy
What's next: First grade at Forest Ridge



MIA SCHWARTZ

Hometown: Mishawaka
Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Penn High School (valedictorian!)
What's next: University of Minnesota



JAKE SIMON

Congregation: Temple Israel-Miller
Graduating from: Valparaiso High School
What's next: Trade school, to be determined



HENRY SKLAR

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Purdue West Lafayette, with an interest in marketing and psychology
Favorite Quote: "Work smarter not harder."



ADAM SPECTOR

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: Valparaiso High School
What's next: Taking some college classes online, then finding a small school (with a large Jewish population) to study genetic engineering
Favorite Quote: "An action committed in anger is an action doomed to failure."



EMMA STRICKER

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, majoring in International Law & Institutions; after that, planning on law school



CALEB TRISTANO

Congregation: Temple Israel-Valpo
Graduating from: University of Illinois Chicago, cum laude (straight out of 6 years in the Navy)
Degree: BS in Chemical Engineering
What's next: Currently working as a legal assistant for wife Marly and looking for employment in the processing field, while also being a great stay-at-home dog dad!

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Special Section: Our 2020 Graduates (continued)



JAROD VAUGHN

Hometown: Orland Park, IL
Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Carl Sandburg HS
What's next: Moraine Valley Comm. College



JOE WEBSTER

Congregation: CBI
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: Indiana University, Kelley School of Business



SOFIA WINSKI

Congregation: Sinai Temple
Graduating from: Chesterton High School
What's next: Indiana University, majoring in Fashion Design and minoring in Business



LILY YALOWITZ

Congregation: Temple Beth-El
Graduating from: Munster High School
What's next: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Did we miss your graduate? Please email erica@federationonline.org with the details by June 22 for inclusion in our July/August issue.

Masa B'Yachad Religious School

Mazel Tov!! We Did It!

by LISA GIGLIO, School Board Chair

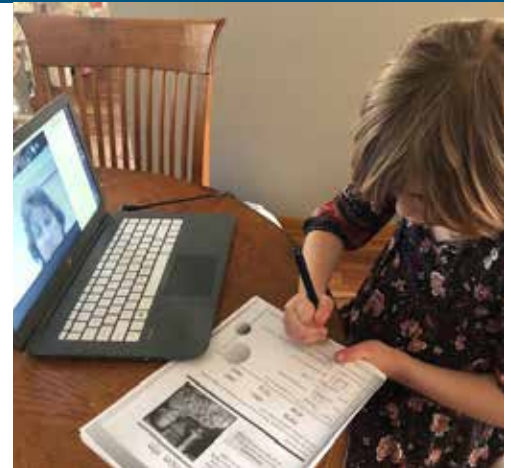
Mazel tov!! We completed our first year of the combined religious school and what began as separate schools united as one. Guided by Principal Mindy Miller and the amazing and dedicated volunteer committee—Jeremy Friedberg, Francie Gerson, Michael Gideon, Marilyn Hirsch, Jessie Jury, and Richard Marks—and with much assistance from Executive Director Aida Nozick and her wonderful staff: Erica Yakovetz and Jennifer Rodriguez, we ALL made this long dream come to fruition.

We also did this with a lot of help from Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth-El, their boards, CBI President Linda Shalen and TBE President Larry Gill, Rabbi Levin and Rabbi Zukrow. The parents who registered their children to be part of the inaugural school and provided us with support, suggestions, and their commitment to give their child(ren) a wonderful Jewish education.

We were extremely pleased how easily the students formed bonds

and families began to meet and welcome each other. School and services were equally divided between CBI and TBE and we shared our congregations together.

Principal Miller is incredible and needs to be given much credit. She is kind, knowledgeable, friendly, organized, and made working with her so easy! Now to the fabulous teachers and aides. The school could not have worked so well without each of you. You dedicated many hours to provide lessons that were engaging, educational, and fun. We know that there were changes made and yet these teachers never wavered from always putting the students first. When we went to e-learning, it worked, because of them. So a TODA RABA to: Nina Blumberg, Lester Blumberg, Shelley Gurevitz, Terri Hendrickson, Doris Kennedy, Cynthia Ostrovsky, Kristin Stern, Marsha Weiner, and Rabbi Zukrow, as well as aides Jacob Katz, Leah and Daniel Nozick, and Emma Stricker.



Nina Blumberg conducts a religious school lesson with Ellie Graves via Zoom.
Photo courtesy of Dana Graves.

One last thank you to Federation and the anonymous donor who provided us with tremendous seed money to begin this process. You realized the value of educating our children, especially here where we live. We are very grateful for your commitment and helping us to perpetuate Judaism in Northwest Indiana.

We have already begun to plan for next year and will begin on Sunday, August 16, 2020 whether in an in-house or in-your-houses environment. We look forward to continuing on our JOURNEY TOGETHER. 🌟

Meet the Writer: Zahara Schara

The *Illiana News* recently caught up with Zahara to ask a few questions about her writing life.

IN: Give us the 30-second recap of your early life.

ZS: My parents were artists who raised my sister and I as unconventionally as possible. They favored experiences over traditional education. It was a very free range childhood, which comes with advantages and disadvantages. We moved around a lot, so it really stoked my sense of adventure. Although it was a difficult upbringing, it formed me into the woman I am today.

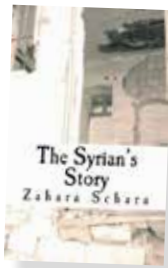
IN: How did you come to settle in Munster as an adult?

ZS: I really liked the area. Munster is home for now but I would say I am more “planted” than settled.

IN: You've self-published a handful of books, including *The Syrian's Story* that we read for Federation's book club last November. Tell us a little about your writing life.

ZS: I try to write every morning before work, but that does not always happen, and it's not always good. Either way I try to be kind to myself about it.

When I was a kid my family and I used to play a game, where a random photograph was used and we used to have to invent the backstory for the photo. During the Syrian conflict I saw a striking image on the cover of *National Geographic*—the image stuck with me, and I began to imagine the photograph's backstory.



If I am not writing I am an avid reader. I love great storytellers rather than great writers per se. Paulo Coelho and Anthony Bourdain are two of my favorites. The sense of freedom of Anthony Bourdain's writing inspires me to travel and be a better writer.

IN: What are you working on now?

ZS: Right now I am working on a collection of travel stories. I have had some interesting and amazing experiences while traveling, and everyone is always telling me I should write about traveling as a single woman. But writing about myself is more of a challenge than writing a novel will ever be! The parts we think are boring are the parts others tend to find most interesting. I love to travel to places single American women don't typically go, but my life has been richer for it and those are some of my most treasured experiences.

IN: When was your first trip to Israel and how did it come about?

ZS: My first trip was in 2009 with Birthright, I absolutely loved it and resolved to live in Israel. I did that two years later on a Kibbutz in the north. Since I returned [to the States] I am always looking for reasons to go back. Last year, Birthright had a photo contest that I won and I was able to spend a nice (but really hot) three weeks in Israel. This year, Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot had a photo contest for another free trip that I also won, so I will be going this year at some point. It is a trend I could get used to!



IN: Tell us about a particularly Jewish experience you've had while traveling.

ZS: I don't think I have had a particularly Jewish experience, but I always wear my gold Star of David necklace whether I am traveling or not, and it's a great conversation starter.

IN: Any other obsessions besides writing and travel?

ZS: I love cars, especially vintage cars and super cars. You'd never guess it but I am a total gearhead! I was meant to go to a Formula One race this spring while traveling, but it will have to wait until 2021 due to Covid.

IN: What's your favorite place to go in Northwest Indiana, when not under quarantine?

ZS: I am a huge fan of Centennial Park. My favorite way to spend a Sunday is to head to the park with a good book with the dog (and Starbucks) in tow. Or, more indulgently, an afternoon getting lost in the Michigan Ave Nordstroms. 🐾

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► **PURIM CELEBRATION:** On Monday, March 9, Masa B'Yachad Religious School students presented a wonderful play depicting the story of Purim, followed by the Megillah reading by Rabbi Levin, Ed Feldman, Michael Gideon, Lisa Giglio, and Jeff Hirsch, Purim songs, and a delicious dinner.



Please contact office@cbi-nwi.org for any Zoom event details or to join the CBI email announcements list.

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

We are hosting Kabbalat Shabbat services via Zoom every Friday at 6:00pm. Please check CBI's weekly emails for the Meeting ID and join us!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Our first CBI Shabbat Morning Service hosted over Zoom will be



DORE GOLD: Continuing our monthly class, "Contemporary Jewish Issues," we watched and discussed Ambassador Gold's 30-minute presentation of 3,000 years of Jewish history in Jerusalem, with the assistance of Israel's finest state-of-the-art multimedia technology.

on Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 am. We will send the Meeting ID in our weekly email.

Shabbat is coming and with it is an opportunity to come together as community, pray, sing, and find collective strength and hope. We would like to invite you to be with us.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM, JERUSALEM DAY SERVICE

Friday, May 22, 6:00pm: Join us for a Kabbalat Shabbat service via Zoom with special prayers for Jerusalem. Yom Yerushalayim is the commemoration of a 2000-year-old dream, made a reality: Jerusalem returned to our people.

SHAVUOT STUDY NIGHT

Thursday, May 28: CBI and TBE's joint Shavuot Study Night is a long-time tradition in NWI. Each year we alternate hosting the program; this year's program was to be hosted by TBE. However, this year we would like to take advantage of a great program

offered nationally. The Conservative movement and the Reform movement are each organizing a national Shavuot study night with many speakers and topics. Therefore, we would like to invite members of our Jewish community to participate in those programs. We will send the links to our members by email.

In addition, before that, we will post short video remarks by Rabbi Mordechai Levin, Rabbi Len Zukrow, and other local rabbis.

SHAVUOT SERVICE & YIZKOR

Saturday, May 30, 10:30am: Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt. On this day we also say Yizkor, the memorial service recited by those who have lost a close loved one. It is recited four times a year on Yom Kippur day, Shemini Atzeret, the eighth day of Pesach, and the second day of Shavuot. Please check CBI's weekly emails for the Zoom Meeting ID. 🕯



RABBI'S SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

Rabbi Griffel's classes by Zoom in May included two special guests:

- Pat & Pekka Sinervo joined us from Toronto, Canada, on May 1–2. They chanted Torah on Friday, May 1st, and on Saturday morning, May 2nd, they did a presentation on "Jewish Life and Practice in Canada's Reform Community". Pat (Ruby) Sinervo grew up in Michigan City and Sinai Temple; her husband, Pekka, is the President of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism in Canada.
- On May 16, the former Rabbi of Sinai Temple, Joseph Edelheit, joined the class by Zoom from Brazil, South America. The title of his presentation was "The Legacy of Rabbi Edelheit at Sinai Temple". His newly published book, titled *WHAT AM I MISSING: Questions about Being Human*, was also featured.

SOCIAL HOURS

Sinai Temple had four (4) Virtual Gatherings/Social Hours by Zoom every Tuesday in May, alternating between cocktail parties at 5pm and coffee klatches at 11am. We hope to have more of these gatherings in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social distancing will continue until we know for sure it is once again safe to meet in person. Links to all future Zoom sessions will be sent out on a weekly basis. Please email sinaitemple@sbcglobal.net for meeting information.

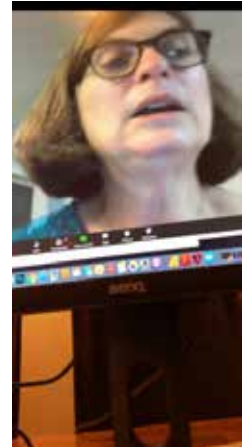
Weekly Virtual Shabbat Services will continue each Friday evening at 7:00pm, as long as we need to for social distancing. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel will conduct the service by Zoom twice a month; it will also be streamed on Facebook. Pre-recorded Shabbat Services will be streamed on Facebook on the alternate Friday nights.

Shabbat morning classes with Rabbi will be held on June 6 & 20 and July 11 & 18 at 10:00am. Whether by Zoom or in-person will depend on the Covid-19 situation.

A Shabbat Service and Pot Luck Dinner at Striebel Pond in Michigan City, is scheduled for Friday, July 17, at 6:00pm unless Social Distancing has not expired. 🌿



▲ APRIL 10 SHABBAT SERVICE: Sharon Goodman lighting the Shabbat candles; Patty McMullen conducting the service.



▲ APRIL 8 PASSOVER SEDER: The Marks family at home during the Sinai Temple Passover Seder by Zoom, with Rabbi Suzanne Griffel conducting the Seder.



▲ APRIL 24 SHABBAT SERVICE ON FACEBOOK: Carolyn Berkowitz lighting the Shabbat candles, Adina Sutlin conducting the service, Charlie Marks on guitar.



Upcoming Online Events Via Zoom

For all Zoom links and class materials, please RSVP to Temple Israel at templeisraelmiller@gmail.com.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays at 7:30pm: Come worship, learn, and see familiar faces. The Zoom event will open at 7pm so there is time to chat and get settled before service begins.

CHAI MITZVAH: MUSSAR

Saturday, May 30, 10:30am: Our Chai Mitzvah-Adult Education series will continue on Zoom on Saturday, May 30. The subject for this week is a continuation of the previous class about Wisdom. The class starts at 1:30pm; we will open the Zoom meeting at 1pm and you can drop in anytime. All are welcome!

LET'S DO LUNCH! AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT

Tuesdays at 12:00pm: How are you doing with social distancing? What's helping you get through? What are your concerns? Please join us for our weekly virtual get-together at lunchtime. It's a time to connect with each other and to share ideas, stories, worries, and inspirations.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL

PENNY HARVEST

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 27, from 2 - 4 pm

WHERE:

ARMAN'S RESTAURANT
5875 Melton Rd, Gary, IN 46403

Join Sisterhood at Arman's for this year's "Socially Distant" Penny Harvest! We'll be in the parking lot accepting financial donations of at least \$18 (change, bills, credit cards, and checks accepted). We'll be wearing masks and come to your car. Everyone who donates gets a FREE hot dog, fries, and a drink from Arman's, paid for by Sisterhood. This is a great way to help us fund Sisterhood's projects AND help one of our favorite local businesses!



On Friday, May 29, during Friday Night Shabbat Service, we'll hold up signs with each donated amount to see if anyone wants to match.

We hope to see you there, but if you can't make it please contact templeisraelmiller@gmail.com or 219-938-5232 and we can arrange a time to pick up your donation from you.

My View Onto Montgomery Street

by MARK SPERLING, Ed.D.

No doubt, this has been the most unusual April and Passover that any of us can remember. I had a sense that when the virus started moving eastward towards Indiana, we were in for a rough time, not realizing of course that it would include

Governors ordering people to shelter in their homes, that many businesses would close and that we would become a virtual Temple. However, many have stood up and watched out for our Temple Membership. Robin Rich and Elaine Spicer

recruited members to become part of our "Caring Community". These members regularly check on other members to ensure that they are well, have plenty of food, and can refer them to the Federation for assistance if needed.

Passover celebrated virtually in many of our homes with Jonathan Radnor graciously leading the service

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▲ With the easing of restrictions in the state of Indiana, we have decided that the holiday of Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, is the perfect time to have our first official post-quarantine Chabad event.

ONLINE EVENTS

Weekly Torah Discussion with Rabbi Zalmanov

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Women's Class with Chanie Zalmanov

Tuesdays at 11:00am
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JUDY KATZ

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efforts in staying in touch and providing continued care and learning via the internet for their students. And, thanks to our caring parents who continue to trust K'Ton Ton to help their children.

Thank you to the rabbis and congregational presidents who met with Aida and me in a recent Zoom meeting. They were all able to share and talk about the needs they are experiencing with their members and how Federation and the congregations can collaborate to help all of our community members.

I would also like to thank Carol Culberg, our Education Chairperson, who is continuing to lead our book club and has helped secure other programs such as a Zoom lecture by Dan Feferman in which he discussed Israeli politics. Approximately 40 community members joined together to listen to Dan. If you have any ideas for future lectures and presentations, please call the Federation office at 219-301-0960 or call me directly at 219-776-0147.

My list of thank yous could go on and on; please know how much I appreciate all of you and what you're doing to help all of us at this unprecedented time in our lives. Our Federation's theme this year is so appropriate: We are Stronger Together! 🌍

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SHABBAT SERVICES ON FACEBOOK: ▲ Terri Hendrickson and Kristin Stern led Shabbat services on May 1. ▼ The Evans family and Rabbi Zukrow led Family Worship along with Mrs. Hendrickson on May 8.



SUSAN TEPPERMAN • CONTINUED FROM P. 1

There are those of us who would prefer to shelter in place but must earn a living. There are those that are in need of society re-opening sooner rather than later and there are those that must remain sheltered. Be respectful of all. Wear masks and gloves around others. Be kind.

2. Respect that there may be shortages as supply chains open up. Purchase and use what you need; leave the rest for others. Share.

3. If you have health concerns unrelated to Covid, don't neglect them! Please take care of yourselves and see or call your physicians as you should. Health professionals are concerned that people are avoiding seeking treatment for conditions that need attention as they try to shelter in place and avoid hospitals and doctors offices. Please discuss your concerns with healthcare professionals before avoiding what could be necessary treatment.

4. Reflect on the "silver linings" of this pandemic. Since I've

experienced COVID-19, I feel truly grateful for simple human contact, for a smile or for a beautiful day. I have a deeper appreciation for the smaller joys that bring deeper meaning. I've noticed that families keep in closer contact through group emails or texts as well as with zoom. We talk more. We are less busy and have time to reflect. There is less pressure to achieve, to make plans, to keep up. We have nowhere to go! It's nice to sleep late on weekends and not feel guilty. I've noticed people slowing down and appreciating the lack of keeping a frenzied pace.

5. Don't feel bad if you haven't used all of this extra time to do everything you'd always put off. I always thought I'd have the most perfectly clean house if I only had the time. Turns out that wasn't the problem! If you haven't organized all of your closets or photos, written/read that book you'd planned or merely swept your garage; don't stress. You are not alone. It's OK to "just be". Not every

day is productive and inspired. Even G-d took time to rest. It turns out that pandemics are debilitating. Give yourself permission to have a mediocre day. It's OK to be not OK.

6. If you live alone, remember that you are part of a larger community. We are here. The Jewish people have many many personalities but we're told... one heart. What effects one of us, effects us all. G-d created heaven and earth, darkness and light. He created all of the animals and creatures; many many creatures, but the world was created for only one person. A singular person is as important and valued as multiple people. You are enough. Although you may feel lonely, you are not alone. We look out for one another in this community.

7. If you have a need for financial assistance or for someone to talk to, please contact me at the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana at 219-301-0960. All calls are strictly confidential. 🕯️

MARK SPERLING • CONTINUED FROM P. 23

and Liz Rice as our Passover hostess. Many members clicked on Zoom to be part of the service.

Speaking of services, our Friday night Sisterhood service coordinated by Lisa Giglio brought 30 members and guests to Zoom to celebrate the great work of the Sisterhood, led by President Kelly Farkas. Several members of the Sisterhood took part in this wonderful Shabbat service. Many thanks to all of our Shabbat Service leaders, who have made our virtual services something great to behold, with an increasing number of members attending each week. It's been wonderful to see so many family members make appearances during the service adding to it.

Every Tuesday, Rabbi Damsky hosts a Let's Do Lunch with any Temple member who would like to join the zoom conversation at Noon. The zoom address appears in the Monday email blast that Amy Clites, our virtual Assistant sends out. Amy ensures that all of us receive timely information on Mondays and Thursdays every week while we are home-bound. It is one of the threads that keeps our Temple strong during difficult times.

Our Board has continued to collaborate throughout this time with committee and board meetings getting ready for our return to the physical Temple, whenever that occurs. I am grateful for all of these as we face

challenges that we have not had to face since the World Wars.

I'd like to share with you this Hamsa prayer for good health as Spring moves in and the sun shines on all of us. "Oh Compassionate God: Guide me along the path towards good health that I may experience the benefits of strength and vigor in mind, body and spirit. Protect me from sickness, pain and suffering in times of distress or illness, may your compassionate presence heal my body, calm my mind and restore my well-being. Oh Benevolent God, Grant me good health and a long life." 🕯️

VERA BARTON

ATLANTA, GA—It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Temple Israel (Miller) member Vera Barton. The earth lost a very strong force May 8, 2020, just 4 days before her 96th birthday. Always a proud person until she left us, she used her wits and intelligence to navigate her life. She was born in Hungary on May 12, 1924 and survived the Holocaust after losing almost her entire family. Coming to America on her own, she marveled in later years about the emotions of passing the Statue of Liberty, and the love for the freedoms that the American flag represents. She became a student at Indiana University and was reunited with her sister Susan, to continue their lives in the U.S. Experiencing a long and wonderful life, she traveled the world and enjoyed cooking, bridge, opera, and needlepoint and was active in the Jewish communities wherever she lived. Always an avid reader, that consumed her until her vision failed.

When it was time for her life to slow down, she did that in Atlanta with the aid of her children. She was predeceased by husband, Dr. Reginald Barton, sister, and sadly missed son-in-law, Dr. Todd Ostrow. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her influence and teachings will live on through her children, Dr. Linda Isaacson (Larry), Dr. Judy Ostrow, Dr. James Wolf (Dorothy), grandchildren, Dr. Jared Isaacson (Becca), Dr. Stephanie Isaacson (Jonathan), Alexander Ostrow, Mitchell Ostrow, Shira Wolf, Dr. Ben Wolf, Josh Wolf (Sarah), and great-grandchildren, Colby, Annabelle, Alina, and Skyler.

A private ceremony was held May 15. In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to Temple Israel or to the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.

SAMUEL E. BATT

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL—Samuel E. Batt, past member of Sinai Temple, died on March 19, 2020, at age 99. He moved to Florida about 18 years ago after living for years in New Buffalo, Michigan. Sam ran the iconic Mama Batt's Restaurant in Chicago, continuing a family tradition of offering Jewish specialties. Sam was an avid golfer, and enjoyed golf in retirement. He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Pearl Batt, son Ira (Beth) Batt, daughter Sandra (Terry) Sterling, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LIGIA BILLEB



CLEARWATER BEACH, FL—Ligia Billeb, formerly of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2020. Ligia was born in northern Brazil. She was a city of Toledo Public Schools teacher, teaching foreign languages; Spanish, French and German to the children of Toledo for 30 years. She was the director of the International Children's Choir in the 1970's and taught many children in Toledo to play guitar, piano and to sing and live life in harmony.

She is survived by her husband, Hans Billeb; daughter, Luci (Gene) Pinkus; son, Andre (Christine) Simenauer; and grandchildren: Emily Simenauer, Josh Pinkus, Eli Simenauer, Jason Pinkus and Eva Simenauer. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. Private funeral services were held.

MICHAEL BLOCK



MUNSTER—Michael Burton Block, age 74, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Beloved husband of Bari (nee Shapiro). Loving father of Jamie (Steven) Mayer and Lori Rose. Cherished Papa of Talia, Maxwell, and Elliana Mayer. Devoted son of the late Henry and Pearl Block. Dear brother of the late Sandra Block Strick.

A private graveside service was held Thursday, April 16, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Israel.

JAMES A. ENGLANDER



MILWAUKEE, WI—James Englander, DDS, father of Sinai Temple member Janice (Jeff) Katz, passed away on April 14, 2020, at age 90 after a long battle with Parkinson's.

Jim will be greatly missed by his wife, Carole. He had four beautiful daughters: Caryn, Janice, Linda and the late Wendy; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service to honor Jim's memory will be held at a later date.

EDDIE GREEN



WEST PALM BEACH, FL—Eddie Green, 100, formerly of Munster and Gary, IN, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2020. In his youth in Gary, Eddie was a band captain, baton twirler, and clarinet player, leading his marching band in parades and events, to the pride of his siblings Sylvia, Phil and Richard.

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His energy and good humor won him many friends throughout his life.

In 1947, Eddie met and married his bride Lillian Moskovitz. From the beginning, Eddie and Lillian expanded their immediate family to include Lillian's younger siblings Don and Eva, whom he treated like his own children, and mother Rose Moskovitz. Their family expanded again with the birth of Linda and Robert. Eddie and Lillian's marriage of 62 years was an inspiration to many, filled with respect, devotion and affection. Eddie was a true mensch who loved helping people and worked on many philanthropic projects.

Eddie and Lillian started working in the grocery business side by side. From humble beginnings, they thrived in their work. Eddie and his partners Abe Roth, Sheldon Block, Nate Zweig and David Weiss found great satisfaction growing the grocery business including Buy Low Supermarkets and Parkview to sixteen stores.

Eddie was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lillian, son Robert, brothers Richard and Phil, brother-in-law Cy Kolten, sister-in-law Dolores, and niece Nancy Feldman.

Eddie is survived by his cherished family: daughter, Linda (Ken) Brown; sister, Sylvia Sherman; grandchildren: Laura (Daniel) Crystal, Jeremiah (Kathy) Brown, Solomon Brown; great-grandchildren: Aliza, Jordan, Ben, Leah, Audrey, and Alex; brother-in-law, Don (Iris) Moskovitz, and sister-in-law, Eva Kolten; devoted longtime caregiver, Pat Honeycutt; and nieces and nephews: Michele (Scott) Labow, Michael (Wendy) Moskovitz, Carol (Elliott) Segal, Eddie Feldman, Chuck (Honie) Green, Len (Ileene) Green, Vicky Tritsch Buka, Matt (Jenifer) Segal, Bobby (Rachel) Segal,

Jake and Abby Labow, Owen and Lucas Moskovitz, Joshua Feldman.

Eddie joyfully celebrated his 100th birthday with family and other loved ones in February.

For those who wish to honor his memory, memorial contributions may be sent to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana or the charity of your choice.

LADONA LICHTMAN

NASHVILLE, TN—LaDona Lichtman was born on March 20, 1927 and passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at the age of 93. LaDona and her husband David, of blessed memory, were longtime members of Sinai Temple.

She is survived by her son, Stephen (Susan) Lichtman and their three children, and her daughter Sheri Pyle and her family.

ESTHER MANDEL



MUNSTER—CBI's oldest member, Esther Mandel, passed away on March 29, 2020 at age 100. She was born on September 12, 1919. Beloved mother of Linda (Jonathan) Shalen, grandmother of Jacob and Joshua. She was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband of 57 years, David.

A private graveside service was held Tuesday, March 31, at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond.

RABBI RAPHAEL OSTROVSKY



MUNSTER—Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky, 82, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Israel, passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Cynthia Ostrovsky; his son, Joel (Julie)

Ostrovsky, his daughters, Barbara Ostrovsky and Cara Klausner; grandchildren, Mitchell, Sammi, Noa, Ari, Talia, Max, Elliana, Mason and Nathan; sisters, Diane (late Joel) Simon and Judy (Louis) Morris; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cantor Akiva and Helen Ostrovsky.

Rabbi Ostrovsky was born in Jerusalem in 1938 and was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where his father served as Cantor for 36 years. He received a Master's Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1962, and was ordained as a rabbi in 1965. For 11 years, he served two major congregations in New York. In 1976, he became the rabbi of CBI, where he served for 32 years. In June of 1983 he did his doctoral studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary where he received his Doctorate of Ministry.

A private graveside service was held Tuesday, May 5, at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond. In lieu of flowers, contributions to CBI or to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana in his memory would be appreciated.

JOAN PLUSSE

ORLAND PARK, IL—Joan P. Plusser (nee Seeman), age 84, passed away on February 6, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Preston "Pep." Loving mother of Robin (Mike) Bruce, Mark (Loretta) Plusser and Randi Weinstein. Proud grandmother of Stephanie (Josh) Moore, Evan (fiancé Ashley) Bruce, Alex Weinstein and Joshua (Jazmin) Willett. Adored great-grandmother of Kataleyna and Isabella Willett, and Tessa Moore.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 10, at Temple Anshe Sholom in Olympia Fields. Interment followed

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at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Temple Anshe Sholom (templeanshesholom.org) or St. Jude's Children's Research Fund.

JONATHAN RADBEL



MUNSTER—Jonathan Lance Radbel, 39, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020. He is survived by his mother and stepfather: Barbara Radbel-Myers and Palmer E. Myers; daughter: Cassidy Rose Radbel; brother: David Radbel; stepbrother: Ross Myers; grandmothers: Louise Toczyl and Joyce Radbel; uncles: William (Lynn) Toczyl and Michael (Paula) Radbel; aunt: Diane (Tim) Hudacin; numerous cousins; great-uncle Johnny (Joan) Filipkowski; special friend: Christine Eggleston; and lifelong friend: Dan Samardzic. John was preceded in death by his father: Neal R. Radbel; and grandfathers: Bertram Radbel and William Toczyl.

Jon was an Ironworker with Union Local 1. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. Jon loved the outdoors, fishing, snow skiing, and wake boating on Shafer Lake. He also enjoyed jet skiing and boating with his family, who will miss him with all their heart, all their soul, and all their might. He was a handyman of many skills, and he will be sorely missed.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, 2020 at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing, IL. Interment followed in Elmwood Cemetery in Hammond. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his daughter Cassidy Rose's education fund, in care of Barbara Radbel-Myers.

RICHARD S. RHODES



LINCOLNWOOD, IL—Richard S. "Dick" Rhodes, 89, a past member of Sinai Temple, passed away quietly at his home on Sunday, May 10, 2020.

Richard was born March 22, 1931, to Harry and Sarah Rhodes in Chicago, Illinois. At age 11 he and his family moved to Michigan City, Indiana. He had an older brother, Sydney, and a younger sister, Deanna. He graduated from Isaac C. Elston High School in Michigan City in 1947. He attended Indiana University and received his B.S. degree in Business in 1950. He then enrolled at the Indiana University School of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the Indiana Law Journal. He graduated, Order of the Coif, with a LL.B. degree in 1953. In June 1952 he married Judith Mayer.

After graduation, he served in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. In 1956 he moved to Washington, DC, to work in the General Counsel's office of the Federal Communications Commission. His career in government service lasted only five months, however, as he was selected to serve as a clerk to Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Sherman Minton. When Minton retired, Richard clerked for Justice William J. Brennan. He and the family then moved to Park Forest, IL. He would spend more than 30 years working for the Chicago firm of Chadwell, Keck, Kayser, Ruggles & McLaren. He ultimately became a partner, specializing in antitrust law. Richard served as Chairman of the Chicago Bar Association's antitrust committee, as President of the IU Alumni Club of Chicago, and was an active member of the Law School's

Board of Visitors for many years. Just when many retire, he switched focus and began a second legal career specializing in alternative dispute resolution: arbitration under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association and mediation for the Center for Conflict Resolution.

Richard was a leader in the Chicago Jewish community for many years. He was synagogue president at 2 synagogues, co-founded the Community Foundation for Jewish Education in 1993, and was President of the Jewish Council for Urban Affairs from 2000 until 2003. In 1965, the family moved to Wilmette, IL, where he lived until December 2018, when Alzheimer's forced him to move to a memory care unit in Lincolnwood.

He is survived by wife Judith, and sons Stephen (Sophie), Harry (Helene), David (Rhonda) and son-in-law Ronald (Jamie), 9 grandchildren (Benjamin, Julia, Henry, Elisheva, Alex, Liat, Dov, Avigal, and Eran), and 8 great-grandchildren. His daughter Mary Ann preceded him in death.

Richard was buried in Michigan City, Indiana. Memorial donations may be made to Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, Evanston, IL (bethemet.org); Alzheimer's Association (act.alz.org); or any other charity of your choice.

MYRA ROSENBLOOM

BUFFALO GROVE, IL—Myra "Bubbie" Rosenbloom, age 95, passed away in March 2020. Loving wife of the late Jack Rosenbloom. Devoted daughter of the late Jack and Rose Levinson. Cherished mother of Stanley (Lauri) Rosenbloom, the late Harold Rosenbloom and the late Idelle (Irwin) Kerzner. Proud grandmother of Rebecca (Phil Andreoli)

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Rosenbloom Andreoli, Steven (Hanning Zhang) Rosenbloom, Alan (Brittany) Rosenbloom, Adam (Mara) Rosenbloom, Melissa Kerzner, Shellie Kerzner and Jared (Emily) Kerzner. Treasured great grandmother of Kira Idele Rosenbloom, Jake Andreoli and Ayla Rosenbloom. Dear sister of the late Jules Levinson.

Former owner and operator of Turner Kosher Caterers, Inc. in Chicago with her husband Jack. Most recently, Myra was a political activist for hospital care relating to the addition of hospitalists to the staff hospitals. She was a former resident of Park Plaza and more recently Birchwood Plaza and participated and was active in many charitable causes including the DAV, Hebrew Theological College, Hadassah and B'nai Brith Youth Organization.

A private graveside service was held Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

MARGARET SCHILLER



DYER—Margaret (Maggie) Schiller was born in 1946 in a displaced persons camp in Germany to two Holocaust survivors,

Helen and Gene Berger. She was a smart, beautiful, vivacious woman. After earning her teaching degree at IU, she, together with her husband, moved to Maryland where she taught French and Spanish for a few years. Sadly, as she grew older, she struggled with mental and physical illness, which significantly constrained her ability to cope with the outside world. Nonetheless, she maintained her intellectual curiosity, her sharp memory and her sense of humor until the end. She will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her sister, Rosalie Berger (Don) Levinson, and

her brother, Lenny Berger; predeceased by her sister, Debby Berger. A private graveside service was held Friday, April 10, 2020, at Temple Israel Cemetery in Portage.

IONA M. SHIPMAN



CHESTERTON—Iona Shipman, age 93, formerly of Valparaiso, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Iona is survived by her six children: Ellen (William) Findley, Larry Shipman, Linda Martin, Emily (Robert) Hynes, Dianna (Richard) Whitman, Darlene Cornelius; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Eugene.

MICHAEL "MICKEY" SPARBER

CHULA VISTA, CA—It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of long-time CBI member and Federation board member Michael Sparber on May 18, 2020. A private graveside service was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, at Kneseth Israel Cemetery in Hammond. *Please see p. 8 of this issue for a tribute by Dr. Gus Galante.*

PAUL WEISS



CHESTERTON—Paul Weiss, 91, formerly of Valparaiso, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Residences at Coffee

Creek in Chesterton. He was born in Gary on March 20, 1929, to Herman and Anna (Gross) Weiss who both preceded him in death. On September 24, 1950, Paul married Nancy Sauer who survives him. They were married 69 years and had a wonderful and loving relationship. He was preceded in death by his brother, Morris, and is survived by

his sisters, Edie Shanken and Judy Bard Williams. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois and worked in this field prior to owning and running Save More Foods in Gary and Hobart in partnership with his father and his brother.

Paul is survived by his children, Linda (Robert) Weiss-Malik of Texas, Gale (Danny) Schultz, and Larry (Margie) Weiss of Nevada along with six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Paul was a wonderful father who was kind and generous to everyone. He had the philosophy that his children's spouses were not in-laws but were also his children. He had a great sense of humor and was often described as a "character". Paul was an avid pilot and flew his own airplane for many years.

A graveside funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 21 at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso. In lieu of flowers, the family will appreciate donations to Temple Israel of Valparaiso.

DEBBIE WOLINSKY



INDIANAPOLIS—Debra S. Wolinsky, 66, of Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020. Born on April 22, 1954 in Ithaca, NY,

Debbie graduated from West Lafayette High School in 1972, earned a B.S. from Indiana University in Education in 1976 and a M.S. from Butler University in 1978.

Throughout her lifetime, Debbie established herself as a true champion of underserved youth and causes that impact communities. She served Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) as an award-winning teacher for

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more than 40 years teaching mathematics and special education. A portion of her career was spent at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis teaching children who were hospitalized for long term care. She was instrumental in the development of numerous fundraising programs to support a wide range of charitable interests.

One of Debbie's greatest joys was her engagement as founding Key Club advisor at Broad Ripple High School. There, she started a volunteer program from scratch, building one of the most dynamic groups in metropolitan school history, receiving global acclaim.

Debbie orchestrated the Bracelets for the Cure which generated over \$250,000 for Indiana University to begin the Breast Cancer Tissue Bank, now the Komen Tissue Bank. The Tissue Bank was the first of its kind in the world and contributed significantly to research in the prevention, treatment and cure of breast cancer.

Under her mentorship, students learned the value of giving of their

time, treasures and talents to make their communities a better place in which to live. For her efforts, Debbie earned a Daily Point of Light honor for her work in supporting the Broad Ripple High School Key Club and then she received the Key of Honor award from Key Club International for her numerous contributions to the organization. She was a beloved daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Debbie is preceded in death by her niece Brittney Wolinsky. Surviving along with her parents Sheila and Joseph Wolinsky, West Lafayette, IN are her siblings Kharry Wolinsky, Arlington, VA; Becca Galante (Gus), Munster, IN; Michael Wolinsky, Indianapolis, IN; Julie Wolinsky (Homi Arabshahi), Arlington, VA; and six nephews and nieces; Alex Galante, Sara Galante, Eric Galante, Garon Wolinsky, Danny Arabshahi and Andy Arabshahi.

Due to restrictions, a private graveside service was held Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Sons of Abraham Cemetery in Lafayette, IN.

Donations to honor Debbie's memory may be made to The Village of Merici, a community for adults with developmental disabilities in Indianapolis (villageofmerici.org), or to Indy Reads, a nonprofit that builds literacy and job readiness to individuals to empower them to reach their full potential (indyreads.org).

SUSAN ZUKROW-MACKEVICH

WILMETTE, IL—Susan Ann Zukrow-Mackevich. Beloved wife of Jeffrey Mackevich. Loving mother of Rani Mackevich, Stephanie (Collin Love) Mackevich and Carolyn Mackevich. Devoted daughter of the late Edward and Nita Zukrow. Dear sister of Rabbi Leonard (Karen) Zukrow and Alan Zukrow. Fond aunt of Rachel (Jonah Schein) Zukrow and Michael (Isabel Parilis) Zukrow.

A private graveside service was held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Shalom Cemetery in Arlington Heights. Memorials to The Union of Reform Judaism (URJ); www.urj.org would be appreciated. 🕯️

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