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JCY campers enjoy the first day of camp on June 18. For more JCY news and photos, see p. 6!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hot Fun in the Summertime

by SEAN EGAN

Just a few weeks ago, my article for the last Illiana News heralded the much-awaited arrival of Spring and warm weather. I must have been incredibly optimistic, as it is now (as I write) early June and I am wearing a sweater to work. Nevertheless, it is indeed summer, as the upcoming activities at Federation can attest.

Our Federation continues to provide a wide array of programs. JCY summer camp is in full swing for our youth. Our emerging leaders group

(JewEL) are going whitewater rafting in South Bend on July 8, joining up with colleagues from the Federation of the St. Joseph Valley. Our Prime Timers are heading to St. Charles, IL on July 26 for a river cruise and lunch outing. And a few months from now, we will be sending a delegation to Israel on the Innovation and Culture mission trip.

Between our Federation and our member congregations, there is always something to do here in Northwest Indiana. Take advantage of the summer to get out and get involved.

P.S. Please don't forget our food pantry. Hunger, unfortunately, does not take a vacation. See page 20 for details. ☺

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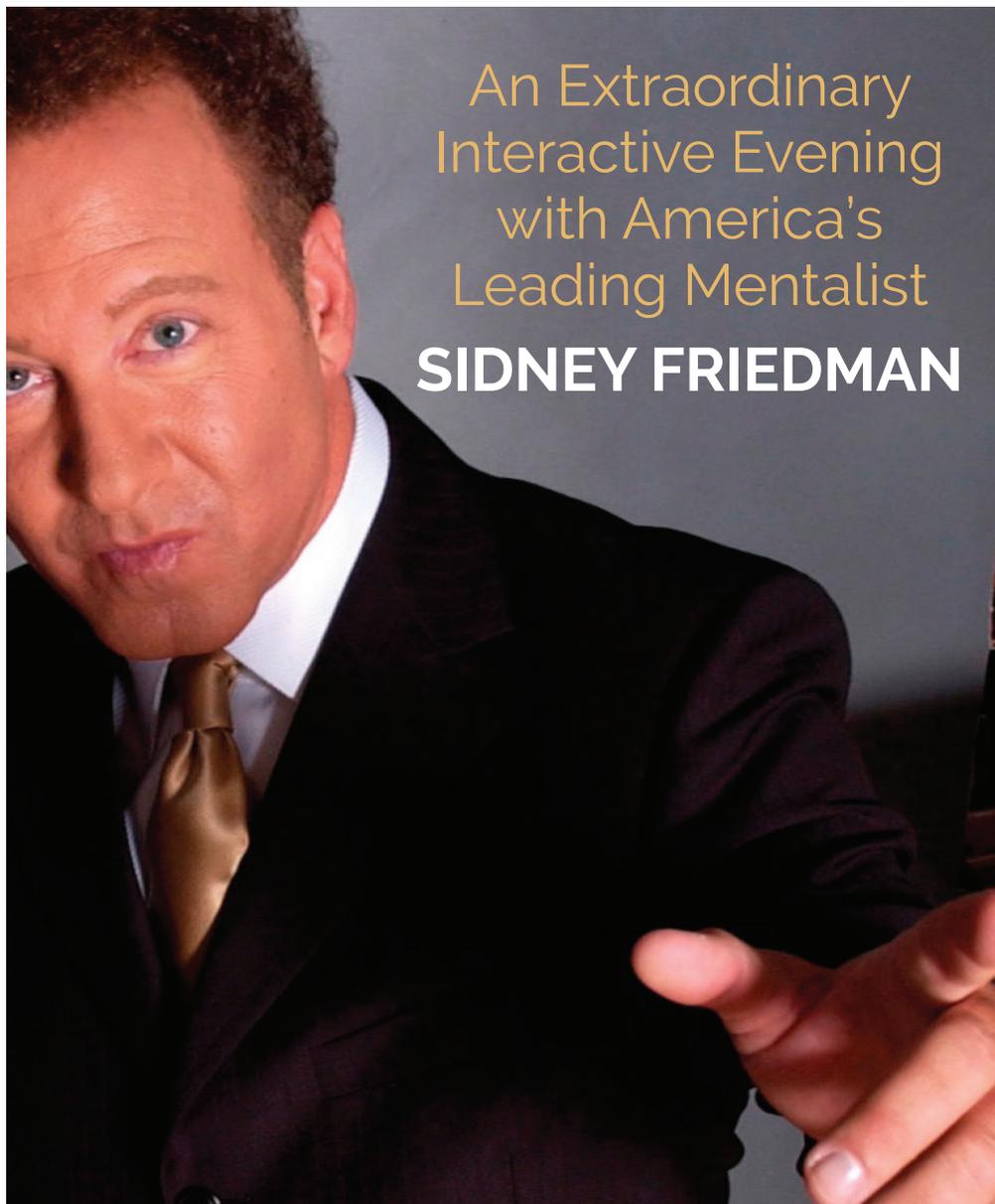
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2018 Annual Campaign Kick-Off



An Extraordinary
Interactive Evening
with America's
Leading Mentalist

SIDNEY FRIEDMAN

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

5:30pm cocktails • 6pm dinner

As featured on numerous TV shows, including the TODAY SHOW, THE VIEW, THE EARLY SHOW, and 20/20, the multi-faceted internationally acclaimed mega-mentalist Sidney Friedman is coming to the Federation! Sidney is one of the world's leading mentalists, mind power gurus and TV entertainers, known for his "Mind Power Show" of intuitive telepathic feats, and for his uncanny prognostication accuracy on TV news and talk shows.

Watch your mail for the official invitation!

3rd Annual Grillin' & Chillin'

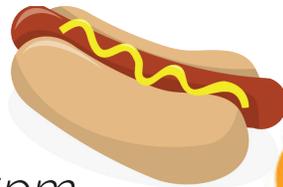
Community BBQ

Sunday, August 5, 2018

(Rain or Shine)

3pm-6pm

**Dinner will be served at 5pm*



**DJ! LAWN GAMES!
BOUNCE HOUSE!**



MENU: hot dogs, hamburgers, Israeli salad, coleslaw, chips, beer and wine

**veggie burgers available upon request*



COST: One bag of nonperishable items for the food pantry

RSVP by August 1

to (219) 301-0960 or online

at federationonline.org/upcoming-events

The Road Less Traveled (By American Jewish Boys)

by DAVID HURWICH

I was 15 when I first envisioned myself in the US military. First, I thought that I would join the Army, rather than the Marine Corps, because I didn't think that I possessed the endurance, strength, and physical or mental toughness to be a Marine. Soon after, I decided that the degree of difficulty presented by the Marines was an indicator that they were the best of the best, and if I was going to join any branch, it should be the Marine Corps. At the age of 19, I officially enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve for six years as a member of 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, and another two years where I could be brought back to that unit, if necessary. Although the reserves gave me the opportunity to continue my education and complete my bachelor's degree, the reason I joined the reserves was because I would have



the job of Rifleman guaranteed, as long as I could successfully complete the required training.

Maybe teenage rebelliousness was to blame for the way I doubled down on my convictions when those who knew me best didn't believe I would follow through. I tried to be sympathetic to the shock of my Jewish community because, admittedly, not many enlisted Marines have recently come from Congregation Beth Israel in Munster, IN. Typically, Jews flock to other Jews, whether it leads to a particular summer camp or Big Ten college. In my time as an enlisted Marine, I've met one half-Jewish Navy Corpsman. Also, a close friend of mine, and former co-counselor at Camp Ramah, enlisted approximately two years after I did.

In the military, we don't use our names over the radio. Instead, we use callsigns. A callsign is a designated name, for radio purposes, that everyone on the net should know in order to identify each person talking. My given callsign was Bear Jew, named after the Quentin Tarantino character who famously beat Nazis with a baseball bat in the film *Inglourious Basterds*. During deployment, I often found myself surrounded by Afghans when I would have to begin radio transmissions by openly saying, "Tripoli, Tripoli, this is Bear Jew..." Initially, I didn't feel completely comfortable openly acknowledging myself as a Jew in front of Afghans, especially those named after some of Israel's most notorious enemies, but that uneasiness quickly subsided. I became close friends with our Afghan interpreter,



who I figured had learned that I was Jewish as a result of spending vast amounts of time around my platoonmates. When we had only a few more missions left together, I asked him how Afghans typically feel about Jews. His answer was as surprising as it was telling of life in Afghanistan. This intelligent 22-year-old wasn't certain he knew what a Jew was, and he told me that most people cannot hate Jews because they've never met one. He was also not confident when I asked him if he knew what Israel was. I wondered if he would be more familiar if I referred to it as Palestine, but he was not. In nearly 7 months in Helmand Province, I met only one Afghan who had ever set foot outside of Afghanistan.

This was one of the many indicators of the devastating poverty and lack of education in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, most men join the army, but predominantly do so because there are so few jobs elsewhere. As a security escort, I accompanied an American contractor who was teaching road clearing classes to Afghan National Army engineers. During classes, the contractor would stand at the front of a room with an

interpreter, and after everything the contractor said, the interpreter would translate into either Dari or Pashto. After the interpreter would finish his phrase, the Afghan soldiers would repeatedly echo the interpreter at the top of their lungs. When the class was over, the contractor told me that the reason the soldiers scream the information repeatedly is so that they're more likely to remember it. The vast majority were unable to read or write well enough to take notes.

I don't believe my time in Afghanistan was made more difficult by the fact that I was the only Jew in my unit. Being Jewish did, however, have many significant advantages. I was reminded of who my best friends were when they sat with me in the smoke pit for 45 minutes of their free time, waiting with me for my Chanukah candles to burn out on all eight nights. I was reminded that I was part of a true team when an angry mob of bloodthirsty Marines formed behind me after an Afghan soldier graffitied anti-Semitic statements on a barrier wall. I was reminded that brotherhood trumps all when a fellow Marine who loves nothing more than testing the thickness of my skin with appalling Jewish jokes was chomping at the bit to get a piece of a stranger that he believed (incorrectly) had offended me out of ignorance.

Choosing this path gave me a window into a world that most of my Jewish friends don't ever see. I never felt discriminated against for being Jewish. The only thing that ever mattered is what I was able to contribute to the team, and that I respected my fellow Marines. I've met countless amazing people that I never would have crossed paths with anywhere else. We come from different places, backgrounds, races, and religions, yet we're all part of the same family. 🌍

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

For less than the cost of one packet of cards and postage, you can send a New Year's greeting to over 900 member households... in the August 2018/ High Holiday 5779 issue of the Illiana News. Estimated in-home date is Tuesday, September 4. Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday, September 9.

Complete the form below and return it to the Federation office by Friday, August 10. You can also submit your greeting online at **federationonline.org/greetings** until Monday, August 13. 🌍

today the world is born
היום הרת עולם



Your Name Here

\$10
LEVEL

the great shofar is sounded
ובשוֹפָר גָּדוֹל יִתְקַע



Your Name Here

\$18
LEVEL

renew for us a good year
יִתְחַדֵּשׁ עֲלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה



Your Name Here

\$36
LEVEL

a good and sweet year
שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּפְתוּקָה



Your Name Here

\$54
LEVEL

may you be inscribed for good
כְּתִיבָה וּחְתִיבָה טוֹבָה



Your Name Here

\$72
LEVEL

Rosh Hashanah Greetings 5779

CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL

- World (Green) \$10
- Shofar (Blue) \$18
- Apple (Orange) \$36
- Honey (Gold) \$54
- Pomegranate (Red) \$72

YOUR NAME

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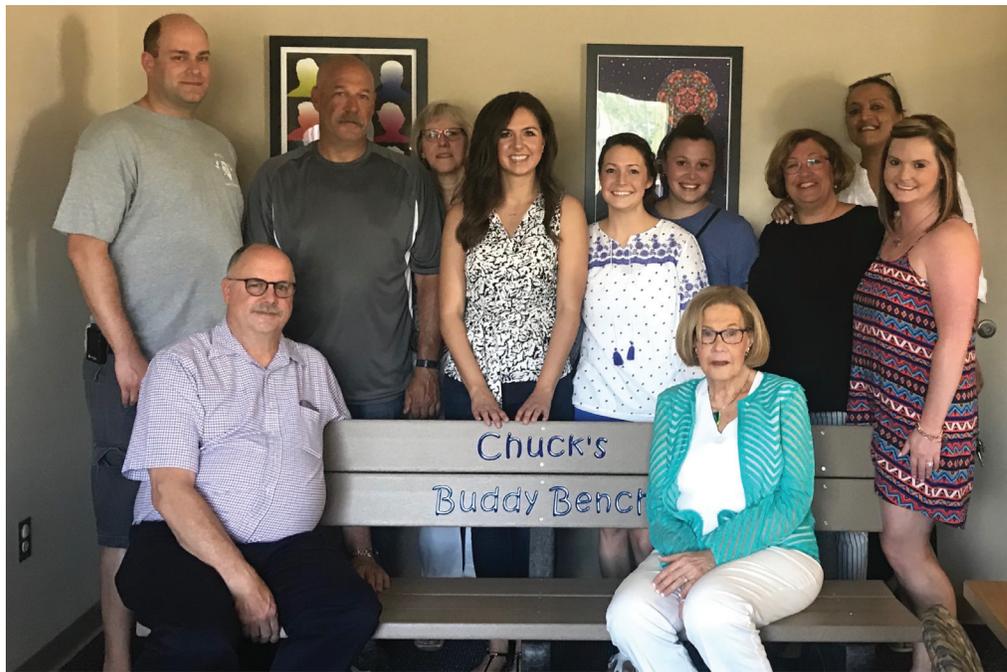
Return this form by August 10
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585 Progress Avenue
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or submit your greeting online at
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Remembering Chuck Elias

by RACHEL SIEFFERT, JCY Camp Director



JCY/Federation staff and members of the Elias family with "Chuck's Buddy Bench".

Anyone who knew Chuck Elias knew two things about him. First, they knew that he had an uncanny ability to provide a witty one-liner for just about everything. He made people laugh everywhere he went. Second, anyone who spent even a few moments with our Chuckles knew that he had a very deep and undying love for JCY, the summer camp where he volunteered his time for the past fourteen years.

For the first several years of JCY's existence, Chuck served as the camp's Sports Director, and he loved every minute of it. Rain or shine, he was outside with the Sports Campers every afternoon running baseball, soccer, and basketball drills with them. He worked hard, and he made hard work fun. At the end of every summer, he put together his own awards section of the JCY Final Show, and he presented each Sports Camper with their own trophy. He

always made sure everyone felt special.

In more recent years, Chuck truly evolved into JCY's ray of sunshine. He arrived at precisely 8 am every morning to make sure he didn't miss the daily staff meeting with the JCY counselors. He was always ready to open car doors and greet campers with a smile as they boarded the bus. He knew every child's name, and he could tell you a crazy story about each and every one of them. There wasn't a JCY camper or counselor who didn't adore Chuck.

One of the highlights of every JCY summer was Chuck's birthday, where he would bring his wife, Helene, to camp for a day of birthday festivities. Everyone made him cards, and there was always birthday cake and ice cream to honor JCY's MVP. He would talk about his special day for weeks, and he would spend hours poring over his cards at home with

his family. He received an immeasurable amount of joy from the time he spent at JCY, and JCY gained the same from him.

As a way to honor Chuck's JCY legacy, JCY had a Buddy Bench custom-made for the camp grounds and revealed it to his family on Sunday, May 27. The purpose of the Buddy Bench is for children who are feeling lonely to sit on the bench so that others may know they are in need of a friend. In addition, The Chuck Elias JCY Scholarship Fund was set up with donations in his honor. The fund is used to provide scholarships for JCY Summer Camp for both Jewish and non-Jewish families. Please consider making a donation in Chuck's honor or choosing to donate to the Chuck Elias JCY Scholarship Fund when sending tribute cards.

While we are deeply saddened by the loss of our Chuck, we are so very thankful to have spent so many summers in his company. He was truly the heart and soul of JCY, and camp will not be the same without him. ☹️



JCY campers enjoy the first week of camp!





It has been another great year at K'Ton Ton!

We wrapped up another great year at K'Ton Ton with a spectacular Spring Program and Graduation. With nearly 200 family members in attendance, our Me, Two, Preschool, and Pre-Kindergarten kids all stole the show. Our twenty-one graduates sang "Good-Bye" to their friends and head off, ready to take kindergarten by storm! Our official end of the year was a fantastic Family Picnic at Community Park.

Summer camp is underway and we have a new program this year—Playgroup Summer Camp! Our Playgroup will be taking part in the summer fun at K'Ton Ton this year on Mondays. Playgroup is open to children walking through 4 years old, with a parent or caregiver. Please contact Erin at the Federation if you're interested in joining us! ☺



Limited spaces remain for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Erin to learn more: (219) 301-0961.

Advertise with Us!

Could your business or organization use a boost?

Would you like to support the Federation at the same time?

Illiana News, the Jewish community newsletter of Northwest Indiana, is published 7-8 times per year with an audience reach of over 900 households.

All ads are published in FULL COLOR. We offer size options for every budget, with one-time placements or multi-issue (discounted) packages.

Size	Dimensions (approx)	Single Issue Rate
Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$36
1/6 Page	2.5" x 5" Vertical	\$45
1/4 Page	5" x 4" Horizontal	\$54
1/3 Page	2.5" x 10" Vertical	\$72
1/2 Page	8" x 5" Horizontal	\$100
Full Page	8" x 10" Vertical	\$180
Back Cover	8" x 6.5" Horizontal	\$180

Three Issues: 15% Discount
Full Year: 25% Discount

Camera-ready graphics may be supplied as PDF or JPEG.

Don't have an ad prepared? Send your text and logo and let our professional designer create something for you!

To reserve your ad space for the next issue, contact Jennifer Rodriguez at (219) 301-0960 or jennifer@federationonline.org.

Deadline for the High Holiday issue is August 10!

JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders)



Whitewater Rafting Trip! Sunday, July 8

Time: Carpools depart Federation 9:30am
Return approx. 4:30pm

Where: East Race Waterway
126 South Niles Ave.,
South Bend, IN 46617

We'll be meeting up with other young adults from the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley!

Cost: Each person can choose how many rides to go on:
1 ride-\$6
2 rides-\$10
3 rides-\$15



Rubber soled shoes with heel strap are required. Flip flops and sharp jewelry/objects are not allowed.

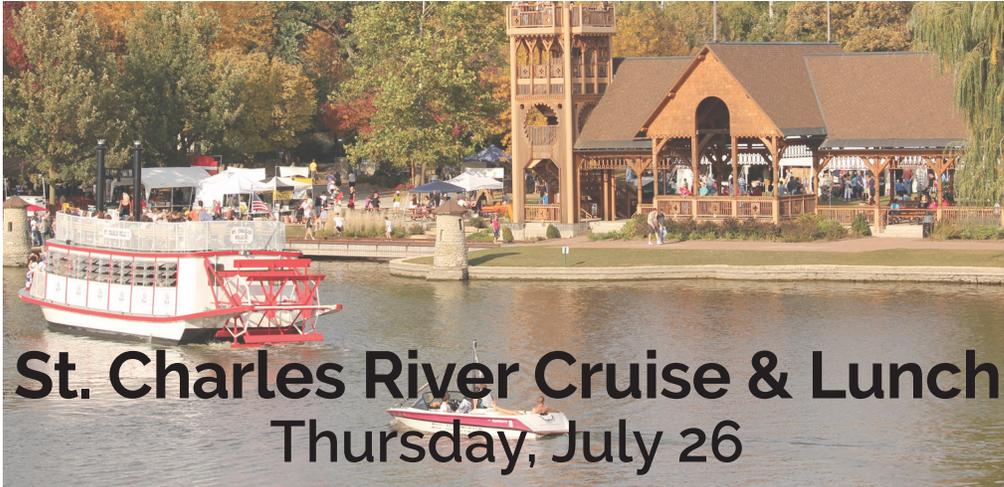
Lunch: Will be provided from Midwest Kosher Deli in South Bend
(let Rachel know if you have any special dietary needs)

RSVP by July 1 to Rachel Saller:
(219) 301-0960 or rachel@federationonline.org
or online at federationonline.org/upcoming-events



JewEL had a great time playing Bingo at Bridges Scoreboard Restaurant in Griffith on Thursday evening, May 31. We even had two winners! Congratulations to Melinda Fried and Jordy Novak!

Don't miss out on upcoming events...
JOIN OUR GROUP ON FACEBOOK!
Search for JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders)-Jewish Federation of NWI



St. Charles River Cruise & Lunch Thursday, July 26

Time: Bus leaves Federation promptly at 9:00am and will return around 3:00pm

Cost: Members: \$55 | Non-members: \$65

Price includes lunch, cruise, and coach bus
(Menu: Southern pan-fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, pickles, olives, and dessert)

There should be time before the cruise to look at the shops in downtown St. Charles.

RSVP to Rachel Saller (219) 301-0960 by July 11

Your payment is your reservation!

Please make checks payable to Prime Timers and send to Rachel Saller at the Jewish Federation.



Thursday, June 21 was our Chinatown trip and Dumpling Making Course. We learned how to make chicken and vegetable dumplings and had a delicious lunch!

LUNCH AT THE CHOCOLATE SANCTUARY RESTAURANT &

Tempel Lipizzans Show & Tour

Wednesday, August 15

Time: Bus leaves Federation promptly at 9:00am and will return around 5:00pm

Cost: Members: \$60 | Non-members: \$75

Price includes lunch (salad, choice of entrée, and dessert), show, and coach bus

RSVP to Rachel Saller (219) 301-0960 by August 6

Your payment is your reservation!

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PARTNERSHIP2GETHER & THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF LOUISVILLE PRESENT:

Bike2Gether: Bikes & Bourbon—Louisville October 5-8, 2018



Register Now & Save!

Early Bird Rider Fee until July 15:
\$550 (\$600 after)

**Early Bird Non-Rider Fee until
July 15: \$100 (\$115 after)**

Bike2Gether: Bikes & Bourbon is a 4-day, fully supported bicycle tour of Kentucky's signature landmarks, bourbon distilleries, beautiful backroads, and thoroughbred horse farms. Join us from October 5-8, 2018, as riders from Israel, Budapest, and around the U.S. explore new friendships, quiet country roads, quaint communities, and local distilleries nestled amongst the rolling bluegrass hills.

In honor of Israel's birthday, each day will feature a 70-mile ride, as well as shorter rides, combined with distillery stops. As a Partnership2Gether (P2G) program, riders and non-riders will have a unique Kentucky experience while strengthening connections between the Western Galilee, Budapest and U.S. Central Area Consortium P2G cities—a fun way to engage with Partnership!

Past participants in P2G Israel bike trips have called their experience transformative—inspiring their ongoing and increased Partnership participation and friendships with their Israeli and U.S. peers. Whether it is a love of cycling, a passion for Kentucky's unique spirits, or a desire for personal connections among our Partnership community, this trip is for you.

With their unrivaled enthusiasm and joy of bicycle touring, The Jewish Federation of Louisville has partnered with Louisville Bicycle Tours. Louisville Bicycle Tours combines experience in international bike touring logistics with local knowledge of Kentucky geography. With this combined experience, you will have a fantastic bicycle tour you will be talking about for years to come.



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REGISTER TODAY

1, 2 & 3 day options available—visit
the registration page for more info.
jewishlouisville.org/bikes-bourbon

For more information, contact
Amy Fouts, Bikes & Bourbon Coordinator,
grants@jewishlouisville.org or 502-238-2757

ITINERARY (subject to change)

Friday, October 5—Kickoff Breakfast at The J, Ride: in Bardstown, Dinner: Home-Hosted Shabbat Dinners

Saturday, October 6—Ride: Frankfort, Dinner: Catered Event

Sunday, October 7—Ride: Louisville Community2Gether, Dinner: BBQ, Bluegrass, Bonfire & Bourbon

Monday, October 8—Ride: Lexington, Finale Celebration

Optional social activities and tours will be added, some with fees like a distillery tour and museum visit.

WHAT YOU GET

- 4 days of organized rides on a scenic course
- Daily distance options from 25-70 miles
- Support vehicles offering SAG & well-stocked support stops
- Electronic route sheets & maps
- Access to RidewithGPS features
- Cycling jersey
- Unique distillery experiences
- Bourbon bottle sherpa services
- 3 dinners

Additional bike rental fee of \$50-\$80/ per day based on available brand and desired model.



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FOR ISRAEL 77 א"ר

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Community Calendar: July-August 2018 / Tamuz-Av-Elul 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	שבת
JUL 1 18 Tamuz	2 19 Tamuz	3 20 Tamuz	4 21 Tamuz	5 22 Tamuz	6 23 Tamuz	7 24 Tamuz
Fast of Tamuz	JCY CAMP		Independence Day	JCY CAMP		9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class			6-8pm First Fridays	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
		5pm Fireworks Parking/Tailgate at Temple (9:15pm Fireworks)			7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	
JUL 8 25 Tamuz	9 26 Tamuz	10 27 Tamuz	11 28 Tamuz	12 29 Tamuz	13 1 Av	14 2 Av
9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club/Breakfast	JCY CAMP					9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
9:30am-4:30pm JewEL Whitewater Rafting	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		Rosh Chodesh Av	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
10-11am Torah Studies					7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	
10am-5pm Holocaust Museum Field Trip						
JUL 15 3 Av	16 4 Av	17 5 Av	18 6 Av	19 7 Av	20 8 Av	21 9 Av
10-11am Torah Studies	JCY CAMP					9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
10:30am-12:30pm Torah Scribe Presentation	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
		7:30-9:30pm Board Meeting				12pm Summer Bash
						8:30pm Eicha
JUL 22 10 Av	23 11 Av	24 12 Av	25 13 Av	26 14 Av	27 15 Av	28 16 Av
FAST OF TISHA B'AV	JCY CAMP					9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	9am-3pm Prime Timers: St. Charles Lunch Cruise	7:30pm-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
			7-9pm Board Meeting			6-9pm Annual BBQ
JUL 29 17 Av	30 18 Av	31 19 Av	AUG 1 20 Av	2 21 Av	3 22 Av	4 23 Av
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						6-9pm Whiting Symphony
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10-11am Torah Studies	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		Illiana News: High Holiday Issue Deadline!	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
3-6pm Community BBQ		6-9pm Social Action & Temple Board Mtg			7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
						10-11am Shabbat Worship (Simon Nirenberg Bar Mitzvah)
AUG 12 1 Elul	13 2 Elul	14 3 Elul	15 4 Elul	16 5 Elul	17 6 Elul	18 7 Elul
Rosh Chodesh Elul	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	9am-5pm Prime Timers Trip: Tempel Lippizans		6-9pm Shabbat Services & Dinner	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
9am "Second Sunday" Tefillin Club/Breakfast			12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services
10-11am Torah Studies			7:30-9:30pm Board Meeting			6-9pm Whiting Symphony
11am-12pm Great Jewish Minds						
AUG 19 8 Elul	20 9 Elul	21 10 Elul	22 11 Elul	23 12 Elul	24 13 Elul	25 14 Elul
10am Hebrew School Registration	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club	10-11am Women's Class	12-2pm Adult Friendship Club		7:30-9:30pm Shabbat Services	9:30am-12:30pm Shabbat Services
10am-2pm TBE Registration/Picnic			7-9pm Board Meeting			9:45am-12:45pm Shabbat Services

Jewish Holiday Civil Holiday Federation Shlichim Chabad Hadassah Cong. Beth Israel Temple Beth-El Temple Israel-Miller Temple Israel-Valpo

The Rebbe Lives On

by **RABBI ELIEZER ZALMANOV**

Several years ago I was asked to join a review committee for a private foundation that supplies seed money for new Chabad emissaries just starting out. The young rabbis submit applications, and our job is to review the applications each quarter to ensure that the applicants meet the criteria for the grant's objectives, so that the foundation's generosity will indeed enable this new Chabad center to get off the ground.

Over the years, grants have been provided to establish Chabad in many cities throughout the United States and Canada, and remote cities on all five continents.

In addition to all these applicants sharing the same vision of bringing Judaism to every single Jew around the world, a unique similarity they also have is that they are all too young to have ever met the Rebbe. In fact, this last quarter a few of the young rabbis and their wives were born after the Rebbe's passing in 1994.

So much has been written and said about Chabad's tremendous growth over the last two decades despite the apparent physical

absence of a leader; how the Rebbe lives on through the work of his emissaries around the world. How it is testament to the Rebbe's incredible leadership, inspiring a generation of young people to sacrifice their personal wellbeing to focus on building the world's Jewish communities.

But until recently, most Chabad emissaries had at least some memories of the Rebbe; even if they were young at the time of the Rebbe's passing, they still recall the Rebbe's demand that his followers disperse throughout the globe to reach every single Jew. I was almost 15 that night in June 1994, when we received the devastating news of the Rebbe's passing—not old enough to be familiar with every talk the Rebbe gave, but certainly aware of what the Rebbe expected of us. And even for those a bit younger than me, the feeling was still the same.

Which is why, when I interview these young emissaries with no memories of the Rebbe, yet they live their lives as though the Rebbe personally instructed them to open a Chabad House in Iceland or Iowa or Ghana, I cannot help but remind

Shabbat services at Chabad are held on Saturday morning, starting at 10:00 AM, always followed by a full kiddush lunch.

myself that the innate connection we have with the Rebbe will not only never diminish, but will continue to grow and shine. It motivates me to stay true to my own 'shlichut,' my mission to keep the spark of Judaism alive in our community.

And of course, it goes beyond just those that consider themselves Chabad; especially this month, when upwards of 50,000 people are expected to visit the Rebbe's gravesite for his yahrtzeit, many having little or no obvious connection to Chabad. Because the Rebbe reached everyone—we just need to be open to that connection. And when the Rebbe reached a person, he usually expected that person to in turn reach out to someone else, keeping Judaism alive one step and one person at a time.

Until, as the Rebbe emphasized countless times, we achieve the ultimate goal of making the world a better and kinder place for all of mankind, which will become a reality with the coming Moshiach, may happen in our times. ☺



The group photo at the annual conference of Chabad emissaries from around the world.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood organized a wonderful closing dinner, as another season comes to an end. The Wolfgang vocal musical group from Hobart High School entertained us. The group's repertoire focuses on popular music from the 1930s through 1960s and have performed with the NWI Symphony, ABC Morning News, and the Chicago White Sox. People enjoyed the program, the delicious dinner and camaraderie.

Sisterhood also organized a successful Garage Sale on June 28 with artwork, books, children's toys, collectibles, costume jewelry, decorative items, dinnerware, kitchen items, old records, purses, and other rare finds. Proceeds will support Sisterhood's work in the coming year.

TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Saturday, July 21, 9:00pm; Sunday, July 22, 9:00 am: Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, commemorates the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of Jewish independence in the land of Israel. A day of fasting and national mourning, Tisha B'Av has also become a time to recognize other catastrophic events in the life of the Jewish people.



The Wolfgang vocal musical group from Hobart High School entertained CBI's Sisterhood at the 2017-18 Closing Dinner on Wednesday, June 20.

GREAT JEWISH MINDS: RABBI ABRAHAM J. HESCHEL

Sunday, August 12,

11am–12pm: Join

us for a video interview by Carl Stern as he interviews Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the leading Jewish theologians and Jewish philosophers of the 20th century. The interview took place a couple of weeks before Heschel's death.

In a wide-ranging discussion, Rabbi Heschel talks about free will, wonder, discipline, meaning, prayer, the prophets, messianic redemption, God, loneliness, and the "celebration of life." Heschel, a professor of Jewish mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, authored a number of widely read books on Jewish philosophy and was active in the civil rights movement.

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER

Friday, August 17, 6:00 pm: Come enjoy the beautiful music in our service and then eat a delicious dinner! RSVP to the office (219-922-0101) no later than Tuesday, August 14.



HEBREW SCHOOL 2018–19

Registration: Sunday, August 19

First day of classes: Sunday, August 26 at 9:30 am

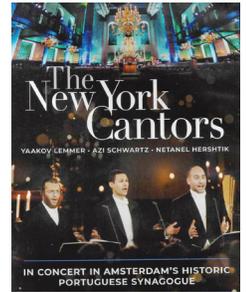
SELICHOT PROGRAM/SERVICE

Saturday, September 1, 8:00 pm:

Selichot is a series of penitential prayers that are designed to prepare the worshiper for the High Holy Days. A cycle of prayers, hymns and reflections are recited that employ Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur themes and music in an effort to aid our preparation for the holy days ahead.

Before the service, we will watch "The New York Cantors," Yaakov Lemmer, Azi Schwartz, and Netanel Hershtik. These three cantors, all rising stars

in the American Jewish music scene, come together in Amsterdam's revered 17th century Portuguese Synagogue for this moving concert of Jewish sacred and secular music.



HEBREW CALENDAR 5779

Looking for a Hebrew Calendar for 2018-2019? Visit cbi-nwi.org/worship/holidays to download CBI's printable Hebrew calendar.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Monday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Saturday, July 21, 9:00pm (*Eicha*)

Sunday, July 22 at 9:00 am



▲ ▼ Honoring Ed Frank for innumerable contributions to the temple & local community.



◀ ▼ Assisting the local community with cleaning & planting a downtown garden.



WEEKLY FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

All are welcome to join us in prayer. Every Friday evening we conduct services welcoming Shabbat. Sinai Temple has been known as the “musical congregation” with 2 guitars and much singing. Rabbi Suzanne Griffel leads services twice a month, with lay-led services the alternative weeks. Friday evening services start at 7:00 pm, followed by a social Oneg of wine, challah and home-baked treats.

SATURDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Rabbi Suzanne Griffel’s 9:30 Saturday Study Group sessions address a wide variety of religious topics. Attendees contribute to the study selections as we investigate areas of interest to all. Enjoy informal religious exploration with other curious adults. All are welcome.

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, July 8: Annual Temple Membership Meeting to review the current year’s events, share the coming year’s goals and welcome new board members.

Friday, July 20, 6:00pm: Annual “Sunset Shabbat at Streibel Pond” with 6:00pm pot luck, guitars, singing & all during Shabbat services.

Saturday, July 21: The Rabbi’s Saturday Study Group will review and discuss materials dealing with Tisha B’Av.

AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, August 5, 11:00am: 7th Annual Pet Prayer Service

Sunday, August 5 (afternoon): All-Temple Picnic—time & location to be determined.

Friday, August 10: Annual Temple Golf Outing & Luncheon, open to the community.

Friday, August 17: Rabbi Griffel leads “Bimah Workshop” for aspiring individuals interested in leading religious services.



▲ ► Celebrating Shavuot





The View from Montgomery Street and Beyond

by DR. MARK SPERLING

Over the past month, President Robin Rich has turned over the reins of leadership while she travels to Minnesota to assist her family with caring for her seriously ill mother. We wish her mother Refuah Shlema. I will serve as acting President while Robin will continue to coordinate our excellent Adult Education program with Rabbi Robin Damsky, along with other duties.

I am very pleased to report to the community that we have re-started a Hebrew School program at Temple. We have three young people who are part of this first cohort. In addition to myself who will coordinate the program, Rabbi Damsky, Lisa Giglio, Michael Greenwald (and the musicians), and Robin Rich will also be involved in providing Jewish History, Culture, Music and eventually Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies to the students,

while I will be teaching them Hebrew language and prayers on a regular basis. The students along with their parents will be attending at least one Shabbat service each month and some of our special programs.

During the past few weeks, we were involved with the world of Social Services in hosting the movie “Resilience” and panel discussion which followed. We were pleased to see the excellent turnout for this program, organized by congregant Elaine Spicer—who worked with many foster children who have been traumatized by the system, the families that they have been placed with, or the initial reasons that they were in foster care placement—along with congregant Ruth Needleman. Further programming in this area will be forthcoming.

We were also quite pleased to take part in the collaborative learning on Shavuot at Temple Beth-El where Rabbi Damsky provided a very inspiring seminar to those in attendance.

Of note are two most interesting activities that members and potential members will be participating in. On July 8th, many will be traveling to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. We also extend a community-wide invitation to the rededication of one of our Torahs on Sunday, July 15th. Scribe Yochanan Nathan will work with those in attendance to complete the Torah by inserting the last 100 letters. Donations are quite welcome for this honor.

We are always happy to welcome any and all to our Friday night services at 7:30pm. ☺



Torah Celebration Sunday, July 15 10:30am–12:30pm

Want to assist with the final scribing of one of our Torahs?

Just as we need to sometimes repair ourselves, so do our Torahs. Scribe Yochanan Nathan will be on hand to demonstrate and assist us. Rabbi Damsky will also be present to help us celebrate.

Lunch served after we complete our work!

If you are interested in participating, please call the office at 219-938-5232 to reserve your place for this rare opportunity.



A Silver Lining

by **RABBI LEONARD ZUKROW**

I am sure you heard this one: “A Memo from the Temple Office—Start Worrying” and in small print “Memo to follow.” Or the story of the two Jews who meet regularly on a park bench to talk. The first one says, “Oy.” The second one says, “Oy.” Then they both get up and looking at each other say, “It’s always nice to have a good talk!”

Worry—OY! In many ways, these two words speak to the Jewish condition. We worry and we cry *Oy* or *Gevalt*. It is our nature. And yet, while it is Jewish to worry and complain, we always seem when pressed to find hope, the silver lining in the grey cloud.

Last month during our observance of Shavuot, two young women, Lilah Kreis and Riley Knestrict, became Confirmands—recognizing their

completing of formal Jewish studies in our Temple Beth El religious school. In preparation for their service, they were asked to write two essays: the first, on the topic of “What does it mean to be Jewish today” and the second, “How do I make a difference in the world.”

Their responses remove our cause for worry, and rather than “OY” we say “Wow!”

Lilah wrote, “When I was little, I remember it was always a struggle to get me and my brothers on time for Temple or just trying to get us all in the car without having a humongous fit about it...because of this I stopped coming in the first place. (Later) I remember actively begging my parents to let me join back to Temple again... I’m glad it happened. The whole reason I did confirmation was because I wanted a better connection to this community... I love being Jewish (because) without being Jewish I would have never had so many fun times and memories as I do now.”

Riley shared, “To me being Jewish and attending Temple Beth El has given me and other kids a place to be Jewish. This year especially, I feel that I have grown closer to God and with my Jewish self. I have learned and (now) understand how important it is for us to be Jewish and to express ourselves no matter what others will say. Being a Jew, I am someone who takes things that I learned in my Jewish education and applies this to real life.”

Clearly for these young women, being Jewish IS important and being Jewish IS valuable—and being Jewish IS a challenge when you are a minority. Temple and the Temple community provide a foundation and a place that fosters Jewish identity



Lilah Kreis



Riley Knestrict

and opportunities to express that identity through “doing Jewish.”

In their second essays, Lilah and Riley speak to “doing Jewish” responding to “how they will make a difference in the world.” Riley noted that “all the small good deeds we do here at Temple Beth El do make a difference in the world. One of my favorite parts of Sunday School are the field trips we do to help others in need; for example, Maot Chitim where we go and deliver food to Jews (in need). Although we don’t deliver to tons of people, just that little deed does make a difference.”

Lilah shared that, “I do charity work when asked and I strive to help people who are in need, but I feel that if I am going to be in this world, I need to make every effort I can to make a positive change. I will use my voice and freedom to give others voices and freedom, and I will fight to give people an education they deserve.”

It’s easy to cry *gevalt*, *oy* and worry. However, if we try, if we seek sources that bring us hope, we find them in our young people. As the prophet Joel says, “the old shall dream dreams, and the youth shall seek visions.” Indeed, this IS our hope for the future, one that we can secure with such faith and hope. It takes the wisdom of the elders and the young people’s energy—in concert, old and young together, Jewish life will flourish. ☺

UPCOMING EVENTS

Erev Shabbat Services every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30pm, except the first Friday of the month, when services begin at 6:00pm, with a “PrOneg” (pre-service Oneg) at 5:30pm.

Tuesday, July 3: Temple Beth El Sisterhood invites YOU to watch the fireworks from our parking lot with perfect view of the park. Cost \$5 per car.

Saturday, August 11: Bar Mitzvah of Simon Nierenberg

Sunday, August 26: Maot Chitim Rosh Hashanah Food Box delivery

Saturday, September 1: Slichot—social time, program and service



For Hadassah's June 5 closing luncheon, we enjoyed a wonderful meal together at Toast and Jam and then played bingo.

Although we have no scheduled Meetings for the summer, we are always accepting donations for tree certificates and other tribute cards.

Simchas

Please send any Simchas you would like included in the next issue to Erica Yakovetz, (617) 888-2908 or erica@federationonline.org by August 10. Text and photos must be provided in accordance with all Illiana News Policies and Procedures.

MAZEL TOV...

To **Reuben & Sharon Blumberg** as their daughter Ilene gave birth to twins: Jean Rae and Elias Gram in Austin, Texas.



To **Julia Feldman**, who was elected president of her USY region which includes Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC and North Carolina. *Proud Parents: Karen & Ira Feldman; Proud Grandparents: Lou & Marlene Kaplan*

To **Rick & Laurie Young** on the birth of their grandson Miles.

To our graduates!

- Noa Appelsies: High School. *Proud Grandmother: Eadie Appelsies*
- Emily Bochnowski: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering. *Proud Parents: Susan & Paul Bochnowski*

- Ben Goldenberg: Indiana University School of Medicine. *Proud Parents: Hope & Eric Goldenberg*
- Harry Goldenberg: Indiana University/Bloomington. *Proud Parents: Hope & Eric Goldenberg*
- Elly Gross: Lake Central HS; in the fall, she will attend Colorado State. *Proud Parents: Nancy & David Gross*
- Samantha Gross: Boston University. *Proud Parents: Nancy & David Gross*
- Matthew Levin: Munster HS; will attend the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. *Proud Parents: Heather & Tom Levin*
- Ethan Levy: Munster HS; in the fall, he will attend Indiana University/Bloomington where he will be majoring in International Studies. *Proud Parents: Elyse & Howard Levy*
- Hannah Levy: Munster HS; in the fall, she will attend Purdue University/West Lafayette, where she has been admitted into the nursing program. *Proud Parents: Elyse & Howard Levy*
- Molly Liss: Indiana University. She is starting an internship in dietetics. *Proud Parents: Nancy & Bryan Liss; Proud Grandparents: Lou & Marlene Kaplan*

- Collin Richter: University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Chemical Engineering. *Proud Parents: Brenda & Neal Richter*
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- Zachary Tritsch: Indiana University School of Medicine. *Proud Parents: Jonathan Buka & Vicky Tritsch-Buka*
- Sarah Webster: University of Wisconsin/Madison where she majored in biochemistry with certificates in Stem Cell Sciences and German. She has accepted a position as a research specialist in the Thomson Lab at the Morgridge Institute for Research in Madison, focusing on the use of stem cells for treatment of disease. *Proud Parents: Nancy & Don Webster*

SYLVIA ASHER

SKOKIE, IL—Sylvia Asher, age 89, formerly of Calumet City and Schererville, IN. Beloved wife for 57 years of Marvin Asher. Loving mother of Raymond (Elaine Jericho Asher). Loving grandma of Avi and Yoni Asher. Dear sister of Esther nee Ramnick and the late David Mandel. Sister-in-law of Faye (the late Isaac) Ramnick and Rae Asher. Daughter of the late Sam and Stella Ramanick. Sylvia was a dedicated nurse for 40 years. Graveside service held May 23 at Oakridge Jewish Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Little Heroes Pediatric Research Foundation, Chicago.

IRVING K. FELDMAN

MUNSTER, IN—Irving K. Feldman, 96, of Munster, formerly of East Chicago, passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2018. He is survived by his sons, Edward of Munster and Dr. Jerry (Git) Feldman of West Bloomfield, MI; grandsons, Jake, Mark and Josh; and many other loving family members. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Pauline; his siblings, Anne Kodicek and Harry Feldman; and daughter-in-law Nancy Feldman. He was the devoted son of Jacob and Mollie Feldman. Funeral services held May 7 at Congregation Beth Israel of Munster, with Rabbi Mordechai Levin and Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky officiating. Interment at Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park, IL.

Irving was a graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School and served with the U.S. Navy as Quartermaster during World War II. He was the owner of Midway Supply, Star Hardware and Harbor Home in East Chicago. Irving was a member of Beth Shalom Congregation in East Chicago, Congregation Beth Israel

in Munster, Adult Friendship Club of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, B'nai B'rith, Highland Elks Lodge #981 and American Legion Allied Post 369. Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Israel, Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana or Hospice of the Calumet Area.

DOLORES SELMA GREEN

MUNSTER, IN—Dolores Selma Green, age 87, of Munster, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on May 17, 2018. She is survived by her children, Chuck (Honie) Green, Len (Ileene) Green, Vicky (Dr. Jonathan Buka) Tritsch Buka; grandchildren, Jenna (Kevin) Tritsch-Hayes, Dr. Zachary Tritsch, Sara Green, Alissa Green, Erica Tritsch, and Max Buka. Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Green; parents, Louis and Etta Farr; and son-in-law, Dr. Jeffrey Tritsch. Funeral services held May 18 at Kish Funeral Home in Munster, with Rabbi Mordechai Levin and Rabbi Raphael Ostrovsky co-officiating. Interment at Beth El Cemetery, Portage, IN.

Dolores, also affectionately known as Grammy Green, was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She loved life and was caring and compassionate to all who knew her, especially when it involved her children and grandchildren. Dolores was a lifelong member of Temple Beth El, Gary, IN and a member of Congregation Beth Israel, Munster, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Beth Israel or the Adult Friendship Club at the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

DAVID M. MILLER

DYER, IN—David M. Miller, age 70, passed away surrounded by his

family on Monday, May 28, 2018. He was born on September 23, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to Leo and Ruth (Cantor) Miller. He had a passion for everything sports and radio. David is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Penny; two children, Joshua (Ashley) Miller of South Bend, IN, and Courtney (Matt) Oney of Brownsburg, IN; and his brother, Gene Miller of Munster. He had 4 grandchildren, Rayne, Adelle and Vera Miller, and Benjamin Oney. Funeral services held May 29 at Burns-Kish Funeral Home in Munster. Interment at Beth El Portage Cemetery in Portage, IN.

SYLVIA SILVERMAN

HAMMOND, IN—Sylvia Silverman, age 96, of Hammond, passed away on May 29, 2018. She is survived by her sons: Larry and Bruce Silverman; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry and her son Ronald Silverman. Graveside service held May 30 at Kneseth Israel Cemetery, Hammond. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any charity in her loving memory.

SYDELL G. (BLUMBERG) ZEMEL

NORRIDGE, IL—Sydell G. Zemel nee Blumberg, 96, beloved wife of the late Ben; loving mother of Paul (Lois) and Henry (Therese) Zemel; devoted grandmother of Sarabeth (Jonathan) Shaw, Patrick Zemel, Abigail Zemel and Cassandra (William) Kirby; great grandmother of Tripp, Ben and Beatrice. Graveside service held at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hadassah or ORT. ☺

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The Food Pantry at the Jewish Federation is accessible to everyone in the community that is in need. Hours of operation are every Thursday from 1pm-3pm with no appointment needed.

Our Federation Food Pantry is always in need of donations. The items needed most this month are: dry pasta, pasta sauce, and canned tuna. Monetary donations are also always appreciated and can be made online at federationonline.org/donate.