

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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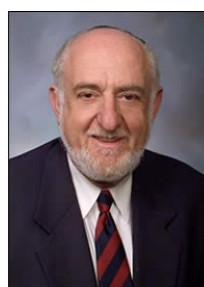
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## AVRAHAM INFELD

### “PASSION FOR A PEOPLE: UNIFIED, BUT NOT UNIFORM”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 7 p.m.

At Wyndham City Centre



Avraham Infeld

The Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom invite you to hear a message of particular relevance. Avraham Infeld, one of the most inspirational speakers in the Jewish world today will speak on “Passion For A People: Unified, But Not Uniform” on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the Wyndham City Centre (Formerly Downtown Hilton), 7:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to 217-787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org) by Friday, February 9.

Avraham Infeld, President Emeritus of Hillel, and the first International Director of Birthright, is one of the Jewish world's unique and compelling teachers and leaders. Based in Jerusalem and a tireless traveler to all parts of the globe, Avraham has dedicated his long and distinguished career to helping Jews find meaning and joy in their Jewish identities. His passion for Jewish life and Jewish community is contagious and has inspired tens of thousands to fulfill their Jewish potential.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/8/18—Chai Tea, 3-5 pm. RSVP by Monday, Feb. 12**

**2/13/18—Federation speaker Avraham Infeld, 7 p.m. RSVP by Monday, Feb. 12.**

**2/20/18—Chaverim Purim celebration, 10 am. RSVP by Friday, Feb. 16**

**2/28/18—Knosh & Knowledge, 9:30 am. RSVP by Friday, Feb. 23**

**3/6/18—NextGen “Hit the Bar with the Rabbis,” 6 pm. RSVP by Friday, March 2.**

**3/11/18—Short Order of Films, 2 pm. RSVP by Monday, Feb. 26.**

**4/14/18—Gala Winetasting, 6 pm.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barry Seidman

**“ALL OF THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY”**



Barry Seidman,  
Federation President

As I write this there are a few inches of new snow on the ground and it's a cold and windy day. By the time you receive this bulletin, we will be roughly half way through winter. It's easy to feel the wintertime blues. But then I consider yesterday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, and what we again have accomplished. Yesterday was our Federation's annual Super Sunday. It's the day every year that volunteers from our community take time out of their Sunday to call many members of our Federation. It is also the day that so many people from our community take time out from their day to talk with our volunteers who are making the calls. This year our Super Sunday efforts were quarterbacked by Susan Nightingale, with huge assists from our Campaign Co-Chairs, Rita Victor and Amber Sabin, and our Executive Director, Nancy Sage.

Of course, what many people think about when we mention Super Sunday is that it's an avenue for us to raise funds. That's certainly true. We do look to this event every year to get commitments that will help us continue all of the work our Federation does. Our local education and social programs, our outreach to members of our community and to Jewish people and communities around the world who need our assistance – all of this can only happen because of your generosity.

But raising funds is not all that Super Sunday is about. It is also about communication. As a small Federation, we do our best to reach out to community members to get their thoughts, their ideas, and even their criticisms. While we try to do this year round, on Super Sunday we are able to reach more people and have more conversations than at any other time. It's important for community members to know we are interested, and it's even more important for us to receive your input.

It's only natural that in a community of many, many individuals there are invariably differences of opinions on a variety of topics. But I think – and I hope – what we can all agree on is that what Federation does is vital. Federation helps us proclaim loudly and boldly that we are responsible for each other, whether that means in Springfield, IL or somewhere else. We are participants in the great effort to help others. It's really that simple.

I'm sure I repeat myself too often for some, but I truly believe this: What we accomplish as a very small Jewish Federation in Springfield, IL is astounding. It shows that we are a community made up of individuals who not only realize what our responsibility is, but embrace it. Thank you for all that you do.

**Chaverim**  
**PURIM CELEBRATION**  
 Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.

**Knosh & Knowledge**  
**Kidzeum of Health and Science**  
 Wednesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.  
 Schnuck's Community Room

Join your *Chaverim* friends to celebrate the Feast of Esther and the deliverance of the Jews from their enemies. We will reflect on the epic and harrowing story of Queen Esther and share some of our own Purim stories.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018, 10:00-11:00 am.**

Parking is available on the east side of the building where there is a ramp. If you need assistance when you arrive, call 787-7223 ext. 10. Please let us know if you need a ride.

RSVP by Friday, February 16, to David Miller, 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

**Kidzeum of Health and Science**

Knosh & Knowledge presents "Kidzeum of Health and Science—HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital," with Rachel Thomson, President and Community Volunteer, on **Wednesday, February 28, 9:30 a.m., 2018, at Schnuck's Community Room, 2801 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704.**



Coffee is available in the Schnucks Deli.

RSVP by Friday, February 23, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

**10th ANNUAL CHAI TEA HONORING CHEF ANITA MYERS**

The Annual Chai Tea, a Senior and Social Service fundraiser, will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2018, 3– 5 pm.**, at Temple B'rith Sholom, located at 1004 S. Fourth Street, Springfield, IL. Cost is \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$20 per person. Children under 10 are \$12 per person.



Chef Anita Myers will be honored at the 10th Annual Chai Tea.

Activities in this year's event include the tea service, a fundraising raffle, and the parade of hats. If you are interested in attending this year's event, please RSVP by Monday, February 12, to 787-7223 ext. 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org).

Guest chefs for this year's event include Patrick Groth (incredibly Delicious), Michael Higgins (Maldaner's), Chip Kennedy (5 Flavors Catering), Joseph Martin (Sangamo Club) and Ozma Rahman.

This event is sponsored by **Bank of Springfield**, Michael K. Armour, CPA, CFP; Teavana; Signature Event Rentals; Fifth Street Flower Shop; Flowers by Mary Lou; True Colors Floral; and It's a Wrap.

# FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:30 pm TI Bd. Mtg.	2 5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service	3 9 am TI Service
4 9:30 am Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 5 pm B'nai B'rith Super Bowl Party	5 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI 6:15 pm Hadassah Book Club	6	7 4:45 pm Hebrew 7:30 pm Fed. Bd Mtg	8 7 pm Joint Temple Adult Ed Jewish Ethics @ TI	9 5:30 pm TBS Service 6 pm TI Service	10 9 am TI Service TBS Trivia Night
11 9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 4pm TBS Exec. Bd Mtg	12 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI Lincoln's Birthday	13 1 pm TI S'Hd Book Club 7 pm Avraham Infeld @ Wyndham City Centre	14 4:45 pm Hebrew 7 pm Hadassah Bd Mtg Valentine's Day	15	16 TI S'Hd Lunch Mtg 5:45 pm Joint Service & Dinner @ TBS	17 9 am Joint Service @ TBS
18 No Hebrew No Religious School 3-5 pm Fed. Chai Tea @ TBS	19 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI President's Day	20 10 am Chaverim 6:30 pm SBJE Bd Mtg	21 4:45 pm Hebrew 6 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg	22	23 5:45 pm Joint Service @ TI	24 9 am Joint Service @ TI
25 9:30 Hebrew 10:15 am Religious School 11:30 am TBS S'H Brunch	26 12 pm TBS/TI Adult Ed Talmud @ TI	27 5:45 pm TBS Bd Mtg 7:30 pm Fed Exec Bd Mtg	28 9:30 am Knosh & Knowledge No Hebrew TI Purim Spiel & Dinner			

## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Although our country is often characterized as “a nation of immigrants,” we are faced with many issues surrounding immigration and immigrants. These include extension of Temporary Protected Status visas, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), immigration quotas and preferences (including refugee quotas), immigration bans, and immigration preferences and policies (including family preferences or so called “chain migration”).

So, after thoughtful discussion over several months, on December 18, 2017, the Springfield Jewish Community Relations Council adopted the following policy statement:

“The Jewish experience has been one of immigration and being immigrants. Sometimes we have immigrated for better opportunities for ourselves and our families and other times it has been to escape persecution and prejudice. Immigrants seeking to come to the United States today are motivated largely by the same reasons as our ancestors.

Immigrants coming to our country in the past, including our Jewish ancestors, have made substantial contributions to the diversity and economic, social and cultural wellbeing of the United States. We believe that new immigrants seeking to come here now and in the future will make similar contributions to our country.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Springfield, Illinois, therefore supports welcoming new immigrants from around the world into our country and to our Springfield community and making them feel accepted. We have a commitment to doing what we can to integrate them into our community as others did for our forefathers and mothers.”

To be sure, issues regarding immigration are complex. However, as our country tackles immigration reform, let us advocate that we do so with compassion and human decency. Let us not be fearful of those who may not look like us, but instead let us recognize the value that immigrants bring to our country and our communities and let us afford to those seeking a better life in America, the same welcome and protections that we received.

Betsy Salus, *Chair*



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# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2018

## ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

### Sustaining Jewish Life in the Former Soviet Union

The Holocaust. Communism. Ongoing conflict. Being Jewish in the former Soviet Union (FSU) isn't easy. That's why we're on the ground.

JDC served 120,000+ elderly Jews and 19,620 Jewish children and families at 133 Hesed social welfare centers in 2016. In Ukraine, JDC has aided 4,300 Jews in the the conflict zone and 2,000 internally displaced people.

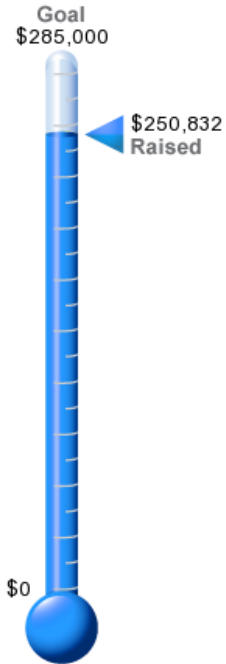
The Jewish Agency for Israel's camps drew 8,400+ children from FSU last summer. The Emergency Assistance Fund gave \$268,000+ for Jewish institutional security in Russia, Belarus, Latvia and Estonia in 2016.

World ORT operates 16 Jewish day schools in the FSU for 7,000+ students.

The Israel Trauma Coalition, with European governmental agencies, established a trauma-focused training center, clinic and hotline in Ukraine.



### 2018 FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



**WE'RE ALMOST THERE!**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!**

**I want to help Federation change lives in our community and around the world. Here's my gift to support the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois' 2018 Annual Campaign.**



**Jewish Federation**  
OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.  
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

### 2018 Annual Campaign

I hereby pledge to support the Annual Campaign with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay my pledge by December 31, 2018.

- Monthly     Quarterly     Semi-Annually     Annually
- by Check     Visa or MasterCard or online at [www.shalomspringfield.org](http://www.shalomspringfield.org)

Gift 1 year ago	Gift 2 years ago	Gift 3 years ago
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\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in helping to strengthen the future of our Jewish community through legacy giving.

Your gift will be published in our Annual Report

#### Joshua Society

- \$10,000 +

#### President's Circle

- \$7,500 - \$9,999
- \$3,600 - \$7,499

#### Pacesetters

- \$2,800 - \$3,599
- \$2,000 - \$2,799
- \$1,200 - \$1,999

#### Friends

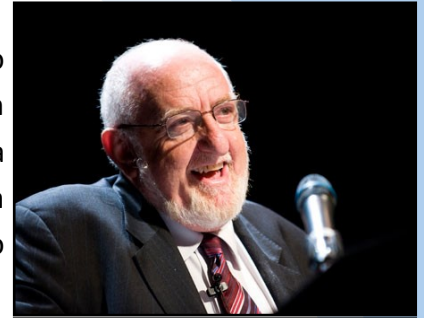
- \$750-\$1,199
- \$500-\$749
- \$175-\$499
- Up to \$174



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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

## AVRAHAM INFELD—Continued from page 1

Avraham’s vision of Jewish life is one in which every Jew is empowered to find his or her own mode of Jewish expression and in which Jewish community is heterogeneous and multi-faceted. Currently engaged in a variety of projects focused on Jewish Peoplehood and Tikkun Olam, Avraham is passionate about being part of the Jewish People and committed to helping Jews play a role in making the world a better place for everyone



Avraham Infeld

## GALA WINE TASTING SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

### Save the Date



### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Wine Tasting**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018, 6pm—9pm**

at

***Maldaner’s Restaurant***

Featuring a wide selection of wines from

***The Corkscrew Wine Emporium,***

accompanied by gourmet hors d’oeuvres.

*This fundraiser benefits programs of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL*

### THANK YOU TO OUR JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

**CHAVERIM VOLUNTEERS:** Rabbi Datz, Arden Lang, special guest speaker Jim Lewis, Len Lieberman, Rabbi Marks, Anne Morgan, Linda Morrison and Barb Rabin.

***Shalom Springfield* is generously underwritten with support from the following community partners:**

**Bank of Springfield, [www.bankofspringfield.com](http://www.bankofspringfield.com) (217) 529-5555**

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# EDUCATION & CULTURE

## A "Short Order" of Jewish Films

To promote this year's 5th Annual Jewish Film Series, scheduled for the month of June, the Education and Culture Committee will host its first ever "Short Order of Jewish Short Films" on **Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. at Finley's Tap House.**

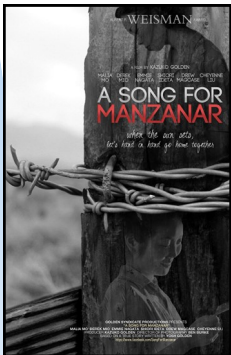
There are many exceptional Jewish films that we are unable to consider for the series—simply because they are not standard, feature-length works. One in particular, "I Have A Message for You" (2017), directed by Matan Rochlitz, records the poignant story of Holocaust survivor, Klara, who receives an unexpected message from her father decades after she escapes from a train bound for Auschwitz. Another is "A Song for Manzanar" (2015), directed by Springfield native, Kazuko Golden, which recounts a harrowing chapter in the life of Kazuko's grandmother, Sachie, when she was held in Manzanar Japanese Internment Camp. Also showing at this event are "The Tailor" (2010), "Pizza Bagel" (2012), and "A Night at the Garden" (2017).

**Sunday, March 11, 2018, Program begins at 2 pm**

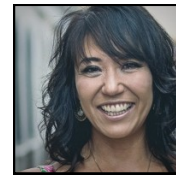
**Finley's Tap House, 3236 Ginger Creek Drive, Springfield, IL**

**Please RSVP by Monday, Feb 26 to 787-7223 x 18 or [rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

Finley's Tap serves lunch and dinner. Please feel free to patronize them before or after the film program.



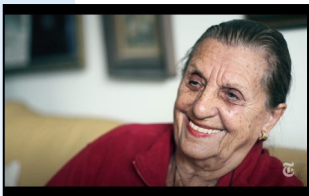
Featuring *A Song for Manzanar* (2015), dir. by Springfield native, Kazuko Golden. Set in 1945, the film recounts a harrowing chapter in the life of Kazuko's grandmother, Sachie, when she was held in Manzanar Japanese American Internment Camp. Kazuko's mother, Yosh Golden, will introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.



Kazuko Golden



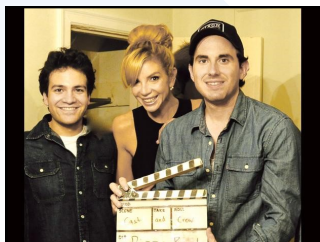
Yosh Golden



*I Have a Message for You* (2017), dir. Matan Rochlitz, records the poignant story of Holocaust survivor, Klara.



*The Tailor* (2010), dir. by Gordon Grinberg, a comedy based on a classic joke about 2 nuns and 2 Jews.



*Pizza Bagel* (2012), comedy dir. by Joe Mari, pokes fun at the typical tale of young love caught between traditions.



*A Night at the Garden* (2017), dir. by Marshall Curry, replays newsreel footage from 1939 of a German American Bund rally.

## NEXTGEN

# HIT THE BAR With the Rabbis

**NEXTGEN invites you to  
HIT THE BAR WITH THE RABBIS**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**6-8 p.m.**

**Finley's Tap House**

**3236 Ginger Creek Dr.**

**Springfield, IL**

**RSVP by Friday, March 2 to 787-7223 ext. 18 or  
[rsvp@shalomspringfield.org](mailto:rsvp@shalomspringfield.org)**

## LIFE & LEGACY™

### LIFE & LEGACY GIFTS

With great appreciation, we have recently received letters of intent for a Legacy gift from the following:

- Anonymous (5)
- Nancy Chesley
- Pat Chesley
- David Radwine

We are pleased to be participants in the LIFE & LEGACY™ program sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The purpose of the LIFE & LEGACY program is to encourage Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their culture. We are grateful for these new commitments and for those who have indicated their intent to leave a Legacy gift in the past.

### LIFE & LEGACY

#### ASSURING JEWISH TOMORROWS

Please remember the Jewish Federation in your will, estate plan or by beneficiary designation.



# SAGE NOTES

By Nancy Sage, Executive Director

## “I AM PROUD OF WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO”



Nancy Sage  
Federation Executive  
Director

Because the Jewish population in Sangamon, Macon, and Morgan counties is estimated at 950 persons, we are considered a small Federation. However, by being part of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), we enjoy opportunities that benefit the greater Springfield Jewish community, and that enable us to assist Jews in need throughout the world and to provide crisis response and relief in areas struck by natural disasters.

JFNA’s partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) makes possible our participation in the LIFE & LEGACY™ and PJ Library. HGF offers these programs to Federations across the country with the goals of strengthening Jewish community, spreading Jewish knowledge, and ensuring the Jewish future. In 2016, HGF extended LIFE & LEGACY their two-year incentive grant program to encourage a culture of legacy giving, to small Federations. We recognized the program’s potential for Federation as well as for Temple B’rith Sholom, and Temple Israel. We applied and were one of only eight small Federations who received a grant.

To earn the \$5,000 per year incentive, a participating organization must receive within that year, eighteen letters of intent to leave a legacy gift. A legacy gift is a bequest in a will, a percentage of an IRA, an insurance policy, or a qualifying contribution to an endowment fund. In the first year, Temple B’rith Sholom, Temple Israel and Federation each achieved the incentive grant of \$5,000. As we approach the end of year two, Federation still needs one more legacy gift by February 28<sup>th</sup> to achieve this year’s goal. If you would like to discuss this, have plans to leave a legacy gift, or have made plans to leave a legacy gift, please let me know.

HGF’s PJ Library program sends Jewish themed free books to children ages 6 months to 8 years old within our community. PJ Library welcomes all Jewish families, whatever their background, knowledge, their family make-up, or level of observance. The program, a partnership with HGF, is underwritten by Federation and the Neal J. Feldman Fund.

JFNA participates in overseas partnerships with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), and World ORT. Through these organizations, we save lives and change lives across the world. JFNA has been on the ground in times of crisis and has dispatched emergency response teams to work with local relief teams and to provide financial resources for basic needs.

I am proud of what our small Federation accomplishes here in Springfield and the services and programs we provide; and, I am proud of what we are able to do through our participation in JFNA and its networks of partnerships. Your support makes it all happen. Thank you!



*The mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.*

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## B'NAI B'RITH SUPER BOWL CHILLI PARTY

FEBRUARY 4

5 pm

TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM

Chilli provided by B'nai B'rith,  
please bring something to share.



## MAZEL TOV

Howard Hammel, on his retirement from IBM.

## RABBI MARKS'



SATURDAY, APRIL 21

TEMPLE ISRAEL

DANCING & MUSIC BY THE  
MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND

Details to follow

### *Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Cruise News*

***We are going International!***



Travel with your friends on  
a fabulous European  
cruise!

***11-night Spain, France & Italy Cruise aboard the  
Celebrity Constellation***

***October 19, 2018 – October 30, 2018***

This promises to be a wonderful experience for all.

Fun and fundraising at the same time!

For additional information, please contact:

Howard & Lori Hammel at 217-741-6656

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**HADASSAH DONOR**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

**Island Bay Yacht Club**





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## LEGACY FUND GIFTS

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***In Memory of:***

**Eugene Chodash**, from Diana & Lanny Odin

**Eugene Chodash**, from Bill Kessler

**Eugene Chodash**, from Pat & Nancy Chesley

**Eugene Chodash**, from the Kitterman & Weil families

**Eugene Chodash**, from Howard & Lori Hammel

**Eugene Chodash**, from Stephen & Lisa Stone

### *Joni A. Wolfson Fund*

***In Memory of:***

**Frances Weiss**, from Rita Victor

**Eugene Chodash**, from Rita Victor

**Sid Goldman**, from Rita Victor

### *Jim & Edith Myers Adult Education Fund*

***In Memory of:***

**Ehud Bartov**, from Harry & Deborah Berman

### *Stephen & Lisa Stone Philanthropic Fund*

***In Honor of:***

**Lisa Stone**, 2017 Springfield First Citizen Award, from Carol Herzog

### *Hexter Fund*

***In Memory of:***

**Frances Weiss**, from Pat & Nancy Chesley

***In Honor of:***

**Susan Nightingale**, on her marriage to Nyle Robinson, from Ted & Pam LeBlang

## CONDOLENCES

*Condolences to the families and friends of  
Sidney Goldman*

*&*

*Ehud Bartov, brother of Leika Myers*