

A Community event
**ROCK AND
ROLLING
CHANUKAH**



**Sunday,
December 14
11 am – 1 pm
Kentwood Fun Spot
14 52nd Street SE**

*Join Beit Sefer B'yahad and the
entire Jewish community for
Roller skating, lunch,
sufganyot and a lot of fun!*



UJS students & teachers: free of charge

**All others: \$2.50 sack lunch, \$3.50 roller skating & rental,
maximum \$25.00 per family.**

For more information contact the Jewish Federation

942-5553

FROM THE P2K CHAIRMAN . . .



A few weeks ago I traveled to Israel with the Partnership 2000 steering committee. My traveling companions included 12 lay and staff people from Detroit. The Ann Arbor representative was unable to attend. Our agenda included meeting with our 13 Israeli committee partners and their staff to review the efficacy of the past year's programs and to discuss future programs. The remainder of our four day visit was spent moving around the region (Migdal HaEmek, Nazareth Illit and Jezreel Valley) meeting with individuals and organizations who either requested funding for new projects or continued funding for existing projects.

In a nutshell, Partnership 2000 develops and funds projects that support social, educational and entrepreneurial endeavors in Israel while at the same time providing Israeli and American volunteers with opportunities to form personal and lasting relationships. For example, Detroit has sponsored an after school program in an underserved school in Nazareth Elite for eight years. The school, populated with olim (new immigrants) mostly from the former Soviet Union, receives free day care for hard working immigrant families and extra English instruction. During our visit to the school it was announced by an extremely proud and grateful PTO president that the program had proven so critical to families that the Israeli government is taking over funding and using the model in other schools throughout Israel! A huge success made even more important by the close friendships formed through the years between both Israeli and American volunteers.

We visited other phenomenal projects including one called Mechina, a pre military preparatory program. High achieving Israeli students from all backgrounds are carefully selected to study and participate in projects that promote social understanding. It's tough work in some of the roughest communities in Israel. You may have heard about the unrest between Jews and Arabs recently in Acco. I met with Mechina

volunteers in Acco who were working to improve understanding between those exact neighborhoods. I will just add that these 18 year old kids volunteer for one year to Mechina in addition to their mandatory military service. This is an organization still looking for funding from a Partnership 2000 community.

Another project that Detroit is funding is a \$1,000,000 dollar account used to allocate seed money to entrepreneurs in the region. Loans were given to businesses ranging from organic chicken farmers to shoe store owners. Again, this is an enormously successful program in terms of stabilizing communities, job creation and building personal relationships.

We visited half a dozen other projects and a theme began to form in my mind. Detroit has developed a bridge to Israel. The amazing projects they have funded have provided measurable results for social good but I also noticed the warm and genuine personal relationships that have grown through shared goals and values. Every place we visited hugs and tears (and lots of food!) ensued while old friends caught up with one another. Many had hosted Israeli children at Camp Tamarack or American kids on youth missions, some had fought hard together for pet projects, all of us had shared meals together at our respective homes as Jewish friends. My take away from this trip was how strong the personal bonds have grown between the Israeli and American volunteers and those bonds have made both sides aware of just how much we need one another. Membership on the Partnership 2000 steering committee has been one of the most fulfilling experiences I've ever had as a volunteer. I invite anyone interested in participating in any way to contact the Grand Rapids Federation office.

We look forward to presenting new opportunities to walk across that bridge to Israel so we can all become partners in enriching our shared Jewish world

B'Shalom

Sharyl Titcher

OUR MISSION

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids supports cultural, social and financial needs of Jews locally, in the State of Israel, and around the world.

This mission is accomplished by providing services to the community and through fundraising and allocation efforts.



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Help Federation Go Green!!!

*We hope to save trees, save money and
send you our Shofar Newsletter . . . by e-mail.*

Please send us an e-mail to info@jfgr.org with your
name and e-mail address.

You will receive an electronic copy
of the Shofar soon . . .

New! SHOFAR ONLINE

Visit us at www.jfgr.org
click at Shofar newsletter (front page)

FACT of the week

United Jewish Communities

With UJC/Federation support, JAFI's Net@ program is training thousands of low-income high school students in Israel to design, build and maintain computer networks, while working with teams and developing community leadership. Graduates of the four-year program become certified computer network technicians with credentials as network managers and operators.

Live Generously.™ It does a world of good.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us at
Sayfees!



Thursday,
December 4th
11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$7.00

3555 Lake Eastbrook Dr.
RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206
Please indicate if you need a ride.

SAVE THE DATE!

Chanukah Luncheon

Wednesday, December 17th
at 12:00 p.m.
*Featuring latkes, laughs and
storytelling!*

Lunch Location & Details
to follow in the next Shofar!

Cost: \$8.00

RSVP to Liz at 942-5553, ext. 206

Sunday, January 11th
*Lunch at Maggiamos
and*

*The Jewish Theatre
performance of
Women's Minyan*

*We will travel by taxi between Matti-
amos and the Civic Theatre.

*Time for Lunch and the Performance
will be announced next month.*

Cost: \$7.00 for Lunch,
\$8.00 for a Theatre Ticket

RSVP to Liz at 942-5553, ext. 206

*Let us know if you need free transportation!

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday,
January 29th

11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$7.00



The Spinnaker
Restaurant
within the Hilton Hotel
4747 28th Street S.E.
(28th St. and Patterson Ave.)

RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206

*Let us know if you need free transportation!

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

In the unthinkable event of your hospitalization or death... Would a loved one be able to locate the following?

- Insurance documents, including health insurance policies
- Social security number
- Wishes regarding extraordinary medical measures
- Important documents, including birth certificate, power of attorney, physician's directive, vehicle title
- Names and phone numbers of relatives and friends
- A current Will/Living Trust
- Estate executor, attorney, accountant or financial planner
- Outstanding loans or debt owed
- Income sources
- Bank/investment accounts, valuable asset information
- Safety deposit box location and key
- Wishes regarding funeral arrangements

Please contact Liz if you need assistance preparing for any of the above, regardless of your financial resources to pay attorney fees.

*This list was developed in collaboration with Chad Zagel of Edward Jones.

It is important to...

REVIEW YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE EVERY YEAR.

Between November 15 and December 31, changes can be made to your Medicare coverage for 2009.

Most people need assistance when choosing the best coverage for them. Don't enroll in a Medicare plan based upon what your friend tells you is "the best"!

The best coverage is that which is chosen based upon the following:

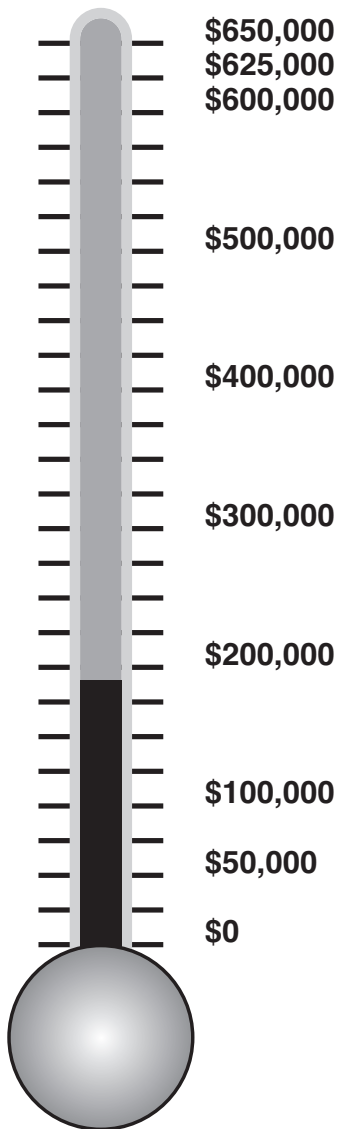
- **Your medical history and current health concerns**
- **Prescribed medications**
- **Anticipated needs for hospitalization or skilled nursing care (rehabilitation)**

***Senior Neighbors* is an organization that can help you
choose the most appropriate plan for 2009.**

Consultation with *Senior Neighbors* can be provided by phone at 233-0295.

*Feel free to contact Liz Scheibe, Director of Social Services at JFGR, if you have additional questions or concerns. Liz can be reached at 942-5553.

CAMPAIGN NEWS . . .



Shalom! I wanted to quickly recognize and thank all the members of our community for participating in this year's Campaign Kickoff, featuring noted scholar Yossi Olmert. Almost 100 people participated in an informative and lively discussion, and we raised more than \$62,000 in a single evening! So thank you for those who joined in – this is your community, and we want to make sure that the Federation continues to provide programming and services that are meaningful to you.

Service to each other is at the heart of our mission, both as a Federation and more importantly as Jews. Gimelut Hasidim, acts of loving kindness, are a special category of the Mitzvah of Tzedakah.

What is interesting about these acts is that they can be given as time or money, can be given to the rich as well as the poor, and can be given to the dead as well as the living.

Rabbi Simlai, a Talmudic sage who lived in Israel in the 3rd century CE, pointed out that the Torah begins (“G-d made clothing of skins for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them” – Genesis 3:20) and ends (“And He buried Moses there in the valley” – Deuteronomy 34:6) with Gimelut Hasidim, acts of loving kindness. So in this way, when we give of ourselves to provide service for others, we emulate the Divine.

Your Jewish Federation works in concert with all of the congregations here in West Michigan to complete acts of Gimelut Hasidim each and every day. From child care to senior programming, hot kosher meals on wheels to the Hebrew Free Loan program, your Tzedakah fulfills acts of loving kindness which make life better for people here in our community, and in Jewish communities throughout the world.

This year we'll be continuing a program of special outreach during Chanukah. Your special gift here – a gift of clothing or food or a toy for a child – will help ensure that our community brings light to a family in need during the coldest, darkest time of the year.

I leave you with a single hope – that as we celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary, we can continue to keep focused on building a vibrant and welcoming Jewish community here at home. Thank you, and L'hitraot.

Andrew Samrick, Campaign 2008 Chairman



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2008

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 www.jfgr.org

Live Generously.

Name _____

Address _____

Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THE SUM OF: \$ _____

 Donor's Signature

Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please charge my: Mastercard Visa

 Card Number

 Exp. Date

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .

Shalom Baby!!!

This is a new program to welcome our youngest members to the community.



If you or someone you know is pregnant or recently had a baby, please contact Ally at 942-5553 ext 208.

We would like to extend a warm Shalom to your new addition.



Gobble Gobble,



Let's get together after work for drinks and free appetizers!

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

**In Olive's
new party room
6:30 pm-whenver**



RSVP-Ally at 942-5553 ext 208 or ally@jfgr.org

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

2008 CHANUKAH STAMP

The 2008 Chanukah stamp should now be available at all local post offices. It is the same dreidel design as last year. If the 2008 Chanukah stamp is not available at your post office and they tell you “We never got them” or “We ran out and can’t get any more” – any reason they give you for not having the Chanukah stamp, please let me know which post office by town name and Zip Code. It is very important. Please send the information to: hanukkah@direcpath.tv.

When you buy Chanukah stamps, don’t just buy enough for your Chanukah cards. Buy 100 or more and use them on all your mail through the holiday season and beyond. I buy 200 and use them on all my mail for the entire year.

The United States Postal service claims “A lack of demand” as the reason for not issuing a new Chanukah stamp (design) every year. This is the 5th year of the dreidel design.

I have recently received word that the 2009 Chanukah stamp will have a new design. This time it only took five (5) years to change the design. The menorah design was repeated for eight (8) years.

Thank you,
Ronald Scheiman

The Quest for Annual Hanukkah Stamps
www.hanukkahstampquest.com



**The Jewish Cultural Council
invites you to attend...**

ISRAEL CURRENT AFFAIRS - UPDATE

By Gil Tamary

Saturday, January 24, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan N.E.

Gil Tamary is a TV icon in Israel. Every Israeli recognizes him as one of the most reliable journalists in the business. For the last 8 years Gil has been the Washington Reporter and Washington Bureau Chief for the leading Israeli TV network.

Mr. Tamary has been covering a wide range of Middle East issues from U.S. and Israeli perspectives.

Currently, Mr. Tamary is also the International Editor of Forbes - Israel magazine.

Mr. Tamary has a M.B.A degree from Tel Aviv University and a bachelor's degree with a distinction in Economy and Management from Tel Aviv University.

Dessert reception to follow.

Advance Tickets: \$10 / At the Door: \$12 – RSVP to Sari at 942-5553 or sari@jfg.org

***Dr. Yossi Olmert's visit
on October 28
was enjoyed by many***



COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

Everyone enjoyed A Mind Power Show *Featuring:* **SIDNEY FRIEDMAN**





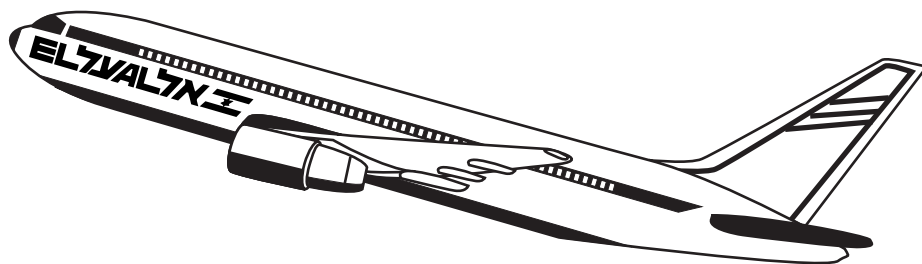
Grand Rapids goes to Israel

December 21-29, 2009

Departing Sunday, December 20, 2009

We are beginning to plan a community mission to Israel during the December school vacation of 2009.

On our last community mission in December 2005 we filled two buses. We would love to do that again! If you have any interest in this trip please contact Jeff Slotnick at the Federation office, 942-5553. Special pricing may be available for those who have celebrated a b'nai mitzvah since the last community mission.



Happy Chanukah!

*Support our annual
Adopt-a-Family Program!*

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids *confidentially* matches anonymous donors with families in need of generosity and kindness.

*Please consider sponsoring a family
or making a donation.*

In addition, we need to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support.

**Please call or email our
Director of Social Services
to make a donation
or suggest a family for adoption.**

Liz can be reached at 942-5553, ext. 206 or
liz@jfgr.org.

On the second Tuesday of every month,
families depend on food donations from the
Food Bank at Temple Emanuel

We always need more food donations to serve these families.

Drop off food donations between 10am - 2pm Monday through Friday
at Temple Emanuel

Suggested items: (canned tuna, mac & cheese, soup, fruit, veggies,
peanut butter, cereal, etc.)

**Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids
presents**



**January 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17
at 8 p.m.**

January 11, 18 at 3 p.m.

GRCC Spectrum 2nd Floor
Black Box Theater at
160 Fountain St. NE

**Call 616-234-3946
to reserve your seats.**

Based on a true story, this brilliant and powerful drama chronicles Hannah, a Haredi (ultra-orthodox) woman – wife of a rabbi, and mother of 12 – who leaves her abusive husband. Punished by a decision of a court of orthodox men in her community, she is never allowed to see her children again. Even her one remaining friend is vilified and abused. Desperate to regain access to her children, she convinces a reluctant group of fearful women to form a women's court and render their own judgment.

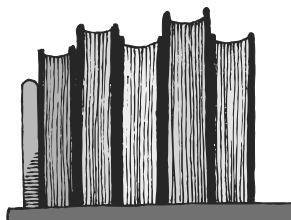
HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

Thank you to Enid Packard for opening her home to our Book Group on October 15th. Our read of the evening was “A Woman in Jerusalem” by A. B. Yehoshua. Cudos go to Sylvia Krissoff, the facilitator, for a job well done.

Meetings:

December 10, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

Flory Silverstein's home
2930 Bonnell SE
East Grand Rapids
949-5766



Book: *“The Man in the Sharkskin Suit”*
by **Lucette Lagnado**
Facilitator: Sue Remes

February 11, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

Book: *“Away”*
by **Amy Bloom**
Place and Facilitator to be announced



**Books are available at Schuler's Book Store
on 28th Street.**

**Sue Remes – 949-3505
Flory Silverstein – 949-5766**

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

October 5th, was a crisp autumn day, perfect for a trip to Orchard Hill Farm. Over 45 people were treated to hayrides, pumpkin picking, a petting zoo, cider and donuts. What a great way to ring in the fall season!



Feeding the farm's new baby goat.



Getting ready for a hayride to go pick pumpkins



"Wow! Look at the pumpkins we can pick!"

Sing!
Sing!
Sing!



The Shir Shalom Chorus is gearing up for our 23rd season of making music in and around Grand Rapids!

In addition to our regularly scheduled appearances in town, we are presenting an important performance next spring in Muskegon by special request. We always have room for new singers, but are in special need, at this time, for more tenors and basses.

Aside from entertaining our varied audiences, we enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow singers when we meet to practice each Tuesday evening at Temple Emanuel. If you are a singer with a voice to share, we would love to have you join us.

For more information, or to accept our invitation to sing, please call Sue Douglas (245-7641), Barbara Robinson (949-4986), or Toby Dolinka (949-6528).



Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

November is Jewish Book month at UJS. We have different events throughout the month. Puppeteer, Marilyn Price, came to visit with the early education classes. Thanks so much to Kris Siegel, our school librarian, for spearheading this project.

A special "todah" to Jan Fonger for her expertise in the kitchen. On October 26, Jan along with the 8th grade, made Eastern European delicacies for all to enjoy. The students really enjoyed it.

"Rock and Rolling Chanukah"

December 14

If you thought last year's
"Chanukah Bowling Ball"

was fun, then you don't want to miss the
"Rock and Rolling Chanukah"!!

More info to come.



We have school open houses once a month for those that like to hang out during Sunday school. Come enjoy a "good" cup of coffee and a nosh. Kibbitz with friends, surf the internet (the building is wireless) or just watch and relax.

UJS Contributions:

In honor:

Eden Belle Ruderman (granddaughter of Susan and David Samrick)

By Mary and Steve Schwartz

Please take the time to remember the school in your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple "thank you".

pam@templemanuelgr.org 459-5976 x3

www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS Calendar

November 16	Mishpachapalooza – Class for Pre-K thru 7th and parents at VanAndel Museum
November 23	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving
November 26	No Midweek – Thanksgiving
November 30	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving
December 7	Parent Conferences
December 14	Rock and Rolling Chanukah

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

What's Happening at Congregation Ahavas Israel?

Courses and Study Groups

Hebrew Reading and Comprehension Courses - evenings, beginning November 3

Mussar study group, Monday evenings beginning November 3, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Reading Group - The Great Philosophers - "The Lives and Ideas of History's Greatest Thinkers", by Stephen Law, Mondays, 7:00 - 8:10 p.m., beginning November 3, 2008

Parashat Hashavuah - Haftarah (prophets) - Thursdays, Schuler Books and Music, 28th St.

Weekly Hasidic/Kabbalistic Torah study group, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Ahavas Israel library

Yishuv Hada'at -- Settling the Mind: Jewish Contemplative Prayer and Yoga

Six Thursday evenings from November to April: Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19, April 30, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Connect the mind, the body, and the spiritual self using Yoga and Hasidic text study.

Judaism's Multi-Cultural Reach

Capers Funnye Jr. is one of Judaism's few African-American Rabbis and, as part of a multi-cultural, spiritual exchange program, he is coming to Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 6 - 7, 2008.



Ahavas Israel and the Revolution Christian Ministries are hosting Rabbi Funnye for worship services to demonstrate that through faith we can embrace what is common between all people under God.

Please join us on Saturday, December 6, 2008 for Shabbat services at Ahavas Israel and then December 7, 2008 for inter-faith worship at Revolution Christian Ministries at 5301 28th Street Court [Cascade Commons Building], Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Food and drink follow each service.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 24, 2008 • 7:00 pm



The Cathedral of St. Andrew
located at: 301 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids
One block east of Division Ave., south of Cherry St.
(616) 456.1454

*We come together to give thanks and praise for the blessings we have received.
Prayers, sacred readings, music and a message will be woven together in
an offering of gratitude from many faith traditions.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To respond to the needs in our community, a free-will offering will be taken for **ACCESS (All County Churches Emergency Support System)** and **Kid's Food Basket (public school meal program)**.

Co-sponsored by:

All Souls Community Church (Unitarian Universalist) • Baha'i Community • Bethlehem Lutheran • Church Cathedral of St. Andrew • Center for Inquiry – MI • Congregation Ahavas Israel • First United Methodist Church • Grand Rapids Friends Meeting • Grand Rapids Meditation Circle of Self Realization Fellowship • Interfaith Dialogue Association • Islamic Mosque and Religious Institute • Mother's Trust, Mother's Place/Lakeshore Interfaith Institute • Sacred Space • St. James Catholic Church • St. Mary Catholic Church • Westminster Presbyterian Church

The American Jewish
Joint Distribution
Committee



Economic Opportunity for Struggling Young Adults



Inas, a single mother from Yaffa, had never held a steady job and could not support her daughter. She was referred to STRIVE, a multiphase program that helps chronically jobless young adults overcome the employment barriers they face.

"At the beginning of the course, I was afraid and didn't know how I would sit in a classroom all day," confesses Inas. "But the people were so amazing that by the second week I was waking up early with so much energy and excitement."

Today Inas is proudly employed and feels she is a new mother to her little girl. "I have gone from cleaning homes to knowing that I have all of the options in the world for myself and my daughter," she says.

Originally developed in East Harlem, New York, STRIVE utilizes a tough-love approach to helping hard-to-employ populations find and maintain a career. Participants learn soft skills like time management and hard skills such as computer proficiency. They also receive one-on-one coaching to build a personalized career program, including the relevant vocational or professional training. Working with a bank of employers, STRIVE accompanies its clients through job placement and career advancement to encourage them to commit to working as a way of life.

Helping Israel's Elderly Age in Place

When Tzvia's husband collapsed to the floor of their home and she could not lift him, she hit the emergency button on their intercom system. Gabriel, the coordinator of the Supportive Community for the Elderly in Nes Ziona, arrived immediately and summoned the appropriate assistance.

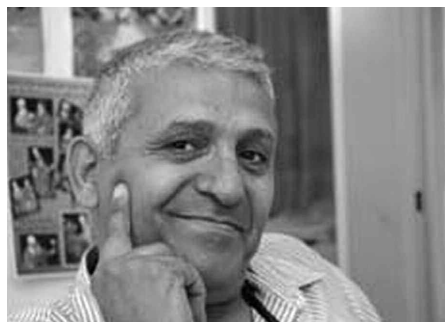
"He came to me like an angel, as Gabriel did in the Tanakh," Tzvia says. "He lets us always feel safe."

The couple, who made aliyah from Iraq, appreciates how much living at home furthers their family life. "The best gift is having our grandchildren in our house each week to celebrate Shabbat."

Pioneered by JDC-ESHEL, the Supportive Community network enables aging Israelis like Tzvia to remain in their homes, rather than in institutions, by providing them a continuum of services that respond

to their daily concerns. A call button connects each household to an emergency response center for medical needs; a community coordinator maintains consistent contact with the residents and does small repairs; and volunteers assist with social programs, home visits, and errands.

Currently, Israel's seniors may age in place through some 200 Supportive Communities, expected to reach



300 communities by the end of 2010.



Multinational Israeli Companies Partner to Help Bring Children to Safety

August 2, 2006 / 8 Av 5766



When the Jewish Agency for Israel put out the call within the first days of the crisis to establish emergency sleep away camps for children in the north, the Israeli business community stepped forward. According to Ofra Palmer-Granot, Teva pharmaceutical's community relations coordinator, "the Jewish Agency was the first to assess the immediate and urgent need to move the children and come up with the right way to do it."

Since then the "putting the children in the center" red heart has appeared in newspapers throughout Israel. "As emergency needs increase, more and more companies are approaching us to become partners with the global Jewish campaigns to help move Israel's children out of the line of fire," says Amos Elad of the Jewish Agency.

Ma'ariv, one of Israel's major media outlets, is providing pro bono publicity. SuperSol, Israel's leading supermarket chain together with food manufacturing giant, Osem, are providing the thousands of children in summer camps with their favorite snacks and helping fund the meal service. Household names like Mc-

Donald's Israel, UPS, Bank Leumi, Paz and Nike-Israel are donating goods and services, underwriting excursions and other entertainment.

In little more than two weeks, this extraordinary coalition bringing together donors from across the Jewish world in direct partnership with their Israeli counterparts has successfully moved over 17,000 Jewish, Arab-Israeli and Druze children to safety in one of 29 emergency summer camps throughout central Israel. Absorption centers, youth aliyah villages and boarding schools have been transformed into summer camps staffed by professionals and volunteers from every part of Israeli society. As Yaron Dor, vice president of marketing at SuperSol, puts it, "We feel this is one of the highest priorities and the impact is simply remarkable."

Photo Credit: Shlomi Ben Ami.



Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowments

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$5 or more to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in honor or in memory of members of our community. We then will acknowledge that donation with a card to that individual or family. This is a wonderful way to send your good wishes and be able to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah.

Please be sure to indicate what the occasion is and who is to receive the card. Please specify which of the following funds you would like your donation to be credited to:

- **The Woman of Valor Fund** - (\$10 minimum contribution). To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally, or nationally.
- **The Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund** - To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.
- **The Julian and Judith Joseph Fund** - To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.
- **The David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund** - To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.
- **The Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund** - To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.
- **The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund** - To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.
- **The Jerry and Judy Subar Fund** - To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

See page 19 for Endowment Form

לדור ודור
L'Dor Vador
From Generation to Generation

The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Julian and Judith Joseph
From Eleanor Rush Kleiman

In honor of Donald Herman on his Special Birthday
From Julian and Judith Joseph

To Myrna Kirschner in honor of the birth of her new grandson
From Julian and Judith Joseph

The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of our son, Nikolay Rapeyko
From Lidiya and Vilen Rapeyko

The David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

In honor of Barbara Freed for her help at the Apples & Honey Luncheon
From Liz Scheibe

In honor of Rhonda Reider for her help at the Apples & Honey Luncheon
From Liz Scheibe

SELLING STOCK?

If you are selling stock to pay your pledge to the Federation, please notify our bookkeeper, Amy Noyes at 942-5553, ext. 203, to advise her of your transaction. This will aid us in making sure YOUR stock transaction is credited to YOUR pledge.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM

Does your employer have a Matching Gifts program?

Many employers will match your donation through their Matching Gifts program. Please check with your HR department to find out how to double the amount of your generous gift to the Jewish Federation.

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation From: Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip _____

In Honor Of: Name _____

In Memory Of: Name _____

Send Card To: Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip _____

Fund (please pick from list): _____

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# Attending Program	Date	Cost	Total
_____ Lunch Bunch	December 4 th	\$ 7.00	_____
_____ Rock & Rolling Chanukah Party	December 14 th	\$ 2.50 lunch	_____
		\$ 3.50 skating	_____
		\$25.00 family	_____
_____ Chanukah Lunch	December 17 th	\$ 8.00	_____
_____ Lunch & Jewish Theatre	January 11 th	\$ 7.00 Lunch	_____
		\$ 8.00 Theatre	_____
_____ Lunch Bunch	January 29 th	\$ 7.00	_____
		Total Enclosed	_____

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November

Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm YAD party at Olives

December

Thursday, December 4, 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Sayfees

Tuesday, December 9, 10:30am Mitzvah Specialists

Sunday, December 14, 11:00 – 1:00pm Chanukah Rock and Roller Skating

Wednesday, December 17, 12:00pm Seniors' Chanukah Luncheon at
Temple Emanuel

January

Sunday, January 11 Seniors' Lunch and Jewish Theatre

Tuesday, January 13, 10:30am Mitzvah Specialists

Saturday, January 24, 7:30pm Cultural Council Event

Thursday, January 29, 11:30am Lunch Bunch at The Spinnaker

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