

On behalf of Israel@60
and the 2008 Campaign
*Please join us for an evening
with Guest Speaker*

Dr. Yossi Olmert

Brother of Ehud Olmert

**Tuesday, October 28
7:30 pm**

Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan N.E.

Admission is free – Reception to follow

RSVP to 942-5553

Dr. Yossi Olmert is a well-known expert on the modern Middle East, Islamic militants, terrorism and the Palestinian issue. He received his Ph.D. from the prestigious London School of Economics and graduated from The Hebrew University Magna Cum Laude. Dr. Olmert taught in many well-known universities both in Israel and abroad, including Tel Aviv University, The Hebrew University, Cornell University, City College New York and York University in Toronto. He also lectures extensively on Middle-Eastern issues in hundreds of American colleges.



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please RSVP to 942-5553 by October 23**

FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN . . .

Shalom! Thank you for being an active and supportive member of the Jewish Community here in Grand Rapids. We are truly blessed to live in such a closely knit and generous community. In 2008 the Jewish Federation has funded social services for seniors, child care, kosher meals on wheels, Jewish Theater and Cultural Council, Jewish summer camp experiences – and much more. We couldn't have done this without you!

As you know, this year marks a major milestone: the 60th anniversary of the modern state of Israel. The lesson of Israel, that together we as Jews can build a vibrant community, is one which can be transported to any small town, village, or city. Even to Grand Rapids!

"And the Lord brought us out from Egypt with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, with great awe, and with signs and wonders. And He brought us to this place, and He gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground which you, O Lord, have given to me."

Deuteronomy 26:8-10

Recently, we read Parashah Ki Tavo. In this portion, we are told how to give charity – not only the act of giving, but the specific words of prayer we recite.

It is unusual that we are told exactly how to pray, yet there is great wisdom at work here. With these simple words (at left) we are reminded not only of our great fortune

at having been delivered, but of the requirement to give away a meaningful portion of our good fortune as well.

And in the accompanying Haftarah (at right) the prophet Isaiah foretells a future of great joy. The connection between these two passages is interesting. On the one hand we are commanded to fulfill the act of charity, and on the other we are told that we will be a light unto the nations.

And we are commanded to speak words which remind us that we too once lived as slaves in a far off place.

For me this is the meaning of Jewish existence; a notion of Tikkun Olam born out of the simple act of giving of ourselves. From this a simple question

comes to my mind. What is the best way to achieve this goal?

Just as a spring rain nurtures far more than a single rain drop, so too can our concerted efforts create far more lasting impact than the work of each of our hands alone. Simply look at the United Jewish School as an example of how much we can do when we work together as a community!

But there is far more work to be done. There is no more fitting way to celebrate Israel's 60th than to focus the same pioneering spirit on further developing our own community.

And when we build a better community, we build a better home for ourselves and our families. As we launch this year's annual campaign, we need your help. Please let us know which services and events you would like to see the Federation offer. Thank you!

Andrew Samrick,
Campaign 2008 Chairman



"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but upon thee the LORD will arise, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall walk at thy light, and kings at the brightness of thy rising."

Isaiah 60:1-3

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.

*The Board of Directors of
The Jewish Federation
of Grand Rapids
Wishes you
L'shanah Tovah!
**Have a Happy and
Healthy New Year.***

**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)

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<p></p>	<p>United Jewish Communities, on behalf of the federation system, is one of 38 members of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD). During a national disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) relies upon NVOAD to organize the non-medical needs of the displaced disaster victims, such as the provision of sheltering, feeding, and human services.</p> <p><i>Live Generously.™ It does a world of good.</i></p>

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .



A special thanks to Marla Tulett for the delicious food and to the Larry Broomberg Band for the great music!

Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Annual Rosh Hashanah Apples and Honey Luncheon



SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

*Help prepare the
Shofar mailing!*

Become a Mitzvah Specialist!

Calendar through 2008:

Wednesday,

November 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday,

December 9th, 10:30 a.m.

R.S.V.P. to Liz at 942-5553, ext.

206 if you can participate

Thanks in advance!

JFGR Community Immunization Clinic

Sunday, November 2nd

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton

**Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines
available for \$30 and \$40,
respectively.**

Medicare can be billed for payment! Remember to bring your insurance cards!

Cash and personal checks accepted as well.

**Children ages 5+ are eligible
for vaccinations**

To schedule

**a vaccination, please
call Liz at 942-5553**

*Clinic services are provided by the Visiting
Nurse Association of Spectrum Health



Lunch Bunch and a Show!

We will carpool between the restaurant and Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, October 28th

11:00 a.m. Lunch Buffet at Naya Restaurant

1144 East Paris Ave. SE (just south of Cascade Rd.)

*Featuring wood fired pizza,
hot entrée choices, soups, and salads.*

1:00 p.m. Steppin' Out
*Featuring big band music, duets,
dancing, and more!*

Location: Forest Hills Fine Arts Center, 600 Forest Hills Ave. SE

\$15 per person includes lunch and the performance

RSVP to Liz at 942-5553



SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

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

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.



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.

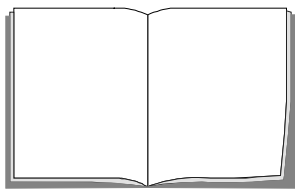
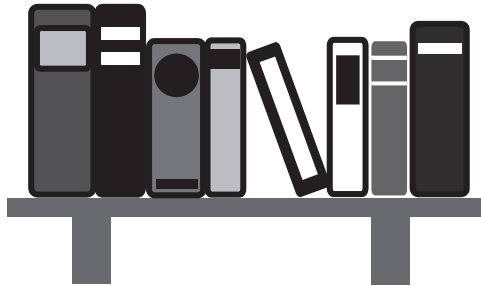
Please consider sponsoring a family or making a donation.

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.

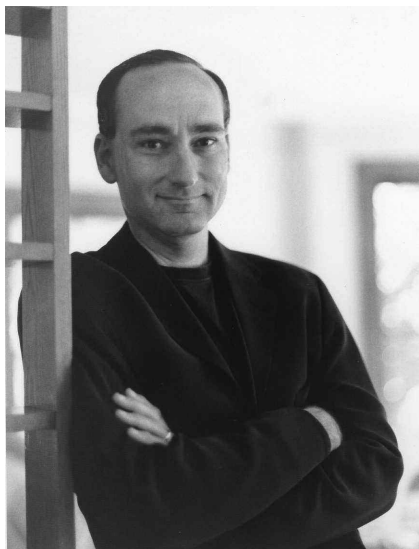
Liz can be reached at 942-5553, ext. 206 or liz@jfgr.org.

Please save this date!

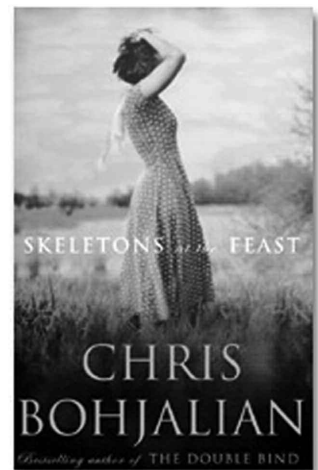


The 57th Annual Detroit Jewish Book Fair and Hadassah Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 Cost: \$30

**The Hadassah Luncheon
will feature critically acclaimed author of
Skeletons at the Feast,
Chris Bohjalian.**



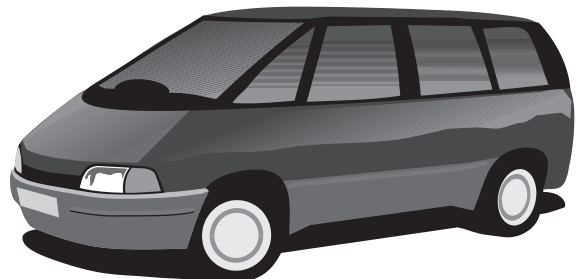
"This book is a great piece of historical fiction. Motivated by the lost memoir of a Prussian woman who fled west in 1945, the narrative exhumes the ruin of mind, body, and soul that goes with thousands of frantic expeditions. Situated in World War II, the story follows an assembly of German refugees, focusing on the journey of a young girl and her family."



**Transportation by van will depart from
Ahavas Israel at 9:15 a.m.!**

We expect to return no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Please RSVP to Liz at 942-5553, ext. 206
as soon as possible!**



2008 Women's Event

The Grand Rapids Lion of Judahs enjoyed a wonderful evening at the 2008-2009 campaign event.



Pictured from left to right are Jean Barkin, Judith Joseph, Sharyl Titche, Karen Padnos, Judy Subar, Susan Jackson, guest speaker, Peg Finkelstein, Susan Samrick, Marilyn Leven





Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

The holidays are over and you would think that all the excitement has died down. Not at UJS. Every week there seems to be more enthusiasm than the last. During the month of September we had our annual "Blessing of the Pets". There were lots of dogs, cats and even a fish named "Bubbles". The Pre-K thru 3rd grade took a special trip to the Chabad House for the Shofar Factory. 4th and 5th grade harvested corn stalks and veggies for the Ahavas and Temple sukkahs. The 10th grade along with a few students from 11th and 12th made a visit to the Islamic Center to enhance their World Religions class. So much has happened it is hard to keep track. All I can say is that religious school is the place to be on Sunday mornings.

We have school open houses once a month for those who 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.

We are looking forward to a visit from Puppeteer Marilyn Price, who will be our guest presenter for Jewish Book Month.

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

Website www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS Calendar

October 15	No Midweek – Sukkot
October 22	No Midweek – Simchat Torah
October 26	UJS Open House
November 9	Author visit: Marilyn Price – Puppeteer
November 16	Mishpachapalooza – Class for Pre-K thru 6th and parents at VanAndel Museum
November 23	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving
November 26	No Midweek – Thanksgiving
November 20	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

The **Jewish Cultural Council**
invites you to attend...
A Mind Power Show

Featuring:

SIDNEY FRIEDMAN

mystifier / intuitive / psychic / author

As seen on ABC-TV's *The View* and CBS *Morning News*!

Dessert reception will follow the event.

Saturday, October 18th • 8:00 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan NE



For free child care sponsored by JFGR, please RSVP by October 15th.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, and \$5 for students.

For more information call the Jewish Federation at 942-5553

After your MIND IS READ by Sidney Friedman

At Ahavas Israel (2727 Michigan) on October 18th

Let's Schmooze...

THE MELTING POT at the Celebration Plaza

2090 Celebration Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids

All you can eat CHOCOLATE FONDUE

will start at 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$ 7.00 per person

(drinks and the Mind Power Show admission not included)

RSVP by October 14th to Ally 942-5553 ext.208

or ally@jfgr.org



COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 2008-2009 Spectrum Series

**SIDNEY FRIEDMAN'S
MIND POWER SHOW**
Saturday, October 18, 2008
8:00 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Israel
2727 Michigan NE

As seen on ABC's *The View*, the *CBS Morning News*, and numerous other talk shows and news programs, the mystifying, intuitive, psychic and author, Sidney Friedman is coming to Grand Rapids!

Sidney has been captivating audiences for over seventeen years with his gifts of intuition and perception. His best-selling book, "*Your Mind Knows More Than You Do: The Subconscious Secrets of Success*", reached #8 on Amazon.com.

Be prepared to experience up close and in person, something fun, uplifting, unique and truly amazing!

Dessert reception to follow.



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 networks.

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.



THE COMEDY OF JOEL CHASNOFF Sunday, March 1, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton



Back by Popular Demand...

Joel Chasnoff brings creativity and imagination to comedy and an innovative look at the funnier aspects of Jewish life. Joel's stand-up comedy act focuses on what being Jewish in America means--such experiences as the Bar Mitzvah, tours of the Holy Land, and Yom Kippur services as well as Israeli humor through his service in the IDF. At the heart of Joel's act is a deep love for Judaism, a love that is communicated in every performance. In addition to performing comedy, Joel Chasnoff conducts seminars on Jewish Humor.

Dessert reception to follow.

ISRAELI FUSION CUISINE – COOKING DEMONSTRATION AND TASTING

By Chef Avi Sekerel

Sunday, March 29, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton



Avi is one of the leading chefs in Israel, specializing in Israeli and Italian cuisines. He is Chef and owner of well known restaurants, including "*Belini*" in Tel-Aviv, "*Tapas-Bar*" and "*Saquella Cafe*" in Florida. He is a Sommelier and had his training both in creating wine and wine tasting in Switzerland.

Chef Avi had his own show on Israeli TV. He wrote and published the famous *Gourmet and Not Fattening* cookbook.

Don't miss out on this fabulous chance to enhance your palate.

Free Child Care available for all events
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
Advanced Reservation required

Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Spectrum Series 2008 – 2009 Membership Form

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2008 – 2009**

I/We would like to be an Underwriter – \$500 and up

I/We would like to be a Patron – \$250 – \$499

I/We would like to be a Sponsor – \$125 – \$249

I/We would like a Family membership – \$75

I would like a Single membership – \$50

I would like to be a Cultural Council Volunteer, please contact me

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Enclosed is my Check for \$ _____

Payable to **The Jewish Cultural Council**

Please mail this form with your check to:

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids

4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

One God, Three Scriptures: Judaism, Christianity, & Islam

A day-long conference featuring

Dr. David Nirenberg, University of Chicago

Professor of Medieval History and Social Thought at the University of Chicago

Thursday, October 16, 2008

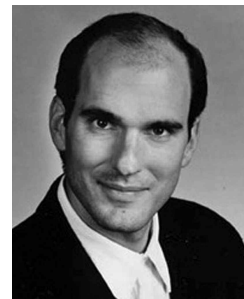
Wege Center, Wege Ballroom, Aquinas College

1607 Robinson Road, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The public is cordially invited to all events. Admission is free.

Additional information is available at 616-331-5702

Conference Registration Deadline is Saturday, October 11, 2008



ANNOUNCING THE 2009 SEASON

WOMEN'S MINYAN

by Naomi Ragen

January 7 – 18

LAUGHTER on the 23RD FLOOR

by Neil Simon

April 18 – 26

ESTHER, THE MUSICAL

by Lori Jacobs

June 18 – 28

Season Tickets NOW on sale.

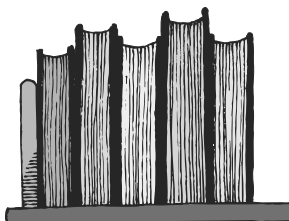
*Early Bird Special through
September 26, 2008*

Support your Jewish Theatre!

Season Brochures and Ticket forms
available online at www.jtgr.org
or call 616.234-3595

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

Meetings:



October 15th, 7:15 p.m.

Edith Packard's home
16663 Oakleigh Woods NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
453-6011

Book: "A Woman in Jerusalem"
by A. B. Yehoshua

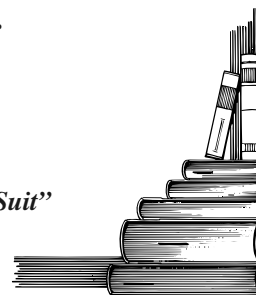
Facilitator: Sylvia Krossoff

Please call Edith for directions and reservations.

December 10th, 7:15 p.m.

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

Book: "The Man in the Sharkskin Suit"
by Lucette Lagnado
Facilitator: Sue Remes



RSVP is imperative for hostess to set-up.

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

Sue Remes – 949-3505

Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

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.



We're Back . . . **Jewish Federation Playgroup**



We Meet Every Friday 10-11

a.m.

Temple Emanuel, 1715 E. Fulton

Great place for parents to meet and kids to play in a Jewish environment.

Join us for challah and Jewish crafts

Free program, all ages welcome.



Do not hesitate to contact Ally with questions –
942-5553 ext.208
or ally@jfgr.org

Family Fun Day at Craig's Cruisers

5724 Clyde Park SW

Sunday November 9th, 2008

1:00 p.m., after Sunday School

\$13.00 per person, 3 and under free,
\$45 maximum for families



Price includes games and rides with pizza, pasta, salad, dessert buffet and soda

RSVP by Wednesday, November 2nd to Ally,
942-5553 ext 208 or ally@jfgr.org



To make a donation to help the Georgia relief efforts, please go to www.ujc.org

Special Update: Summer Camps for Georgian Youth

The Jewish Agency mobilized quickly to rescue children and youth from war-stricken Georgia and provide them with an alternative experience in Israel.

September 23, 2008 / 23 Elul 5768



Georgia - this past summer



Israel - this week

40 children and youth enjoyed a week long summer camp filled with the recreation and fun that every youngster needs and deserves. The camps were made possible thanks to the assistance of the UIA of the UJC. The participants will be returning home this evening, September 23rd.

Coverage of the Jewish Agency's large-scale campaign was recently featured in Israel's leading weekly news show, Mabat (meaning outlook), on Channel 1, including an interview with Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Zeev Bielski.

Comments? You write them, we'll read them. Email us at ask@jewishagency.org.

The Jewish Agency is funded primarily by Keren Hayesod, United Jewish Communities and major Jewish federations in North America and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL AND YOU

Partnering with purpose, all over the world.

Hurricane Relief Effort

UJC LAUNCHES HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT: September 15, 2008. United Jewish Communities/the Federations of North America launched a non-sectarian relief effort for victims of Hurricane Ike and other storms along the Gulf Coasts of Louisiana and Texas. The funds will also help support victims of Hurricane Gustav, which struck the Gulf Coast recently, and could be used to help victims of other storms should they strike the area.

UJC has opened a mailbox to accept donations for the hurricane relief, 100 percent of which will help support both

the Jewish and general communities. To donate on-line, go to: <http://www.jfgr.org>. To donate by check, please make your check payable to UJC Hurricane Relief Fund and clearly mark UJC Hurricane Relief Fund on the bottom of the check.

The check should be sent to:
United Jewish Communities,
P.O. Box 30, Old Chelsea Station,
New York, NY 10113,
Attention: UJC Hurricane Relief Fund.

Temple Emanuel cordially invites the members of the Grand Rapids Jewish Community to join us for a great night of comedy at Temple, on Saturday evening October 25, at 7:30 PM. We are very excited to welcome Larry Tish and Ron Jones, in their two man show, "The Black Jewish Dialogues" to town.

Larry and Ron take their audience on a hysterical and poignant ride as they discuss their experiences as minorities, their histories, their similarities and their differences...and why there has been a growing rift between Blacks and Jews since the early 70's.

Following their show, Larry & Ron would like to lead a "community conversation" with all those in attendance.

There is no charge for this program. It has been generously underwritten by the Tom & Mickie Fox Family Endowment Fund.

We believe we are going to fill all of our seats for this evening. We are therefore printing tickets for the event. Please stop by the Temple to pick one up, or call the Temple office to reserve one.

Following the program please join us for coffee & dessert in the Rabbi Albert M. & Dr. Shirley Kane Lewis Social Room.

Rabbi Schadick had the chance to see Larry and Ron's show in Sudbury, MA. in early June. This is what the Jewish Advocate, Boston's weekly Jewish newspaper, had to say about the show on June 13, 2008.

Have you heard the joke about a Black and a Jew who walked into a synagogue? Larry Jay Tish and Ron Jones, co-creators of the Black Jew Dialogues, have. Tish and Jones are the sole marketers, producers, and stars of the show that has been mending a divide between the two communities for two years.

We wanted to write a show about coming together," Tish told the Advocate. "Our hope is that the show will be used as a catalyst to reunite out cultures. The black and Jewish communities share a history of pain, oppression, pride and a deep commitment to civil rights and justice. However, in the past several decades our communities have slowly drifted apart."

Tish, a veteran comedian, actor and writer teamed up with Jones, a former educator to use humor to show the stupidity surrounding prejudice," according to Tish. Since the show premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland in August 2006, it has debuted in London, and many high schools, synagogues, and theaters throughout the U.S.

"In comedy it takes time for certain horrible things to become funny," explained Tish. "Racism and hatred is not funny, but neither is divorce and there is a lot of humor about that. We expose the stupidity of our anger in that light."

Jones added that humor makes people feel more comfortable discussing painful issues. "There is nothing inherently funny about racism," he said, "but when you add comedy to it, people are more willing to deal with it. People are often afraid to open up to these issues because they are terrified of offending others. This performance shows that everyone is dirty, that everyone is somehow to blame. If you are going to be honest about who your people are in America, you've got to look at all of your history: the good, the bad, and the ugly."

Tish explained the show combines fast-paced sketches, improvisations, and multi media, along with outrageous costumes to find humor in everything from the Jewish involvement in the Dutch slave trade to two rednecks on a joyride of hate to octogenarian grandmothers singing and dancing about soul and Jewish comfort food.

For more information please check out their website at www.theblackjewdialogues.com.

Happenings at Ahavas Israel

NEW! Weekly Hasidic/Kabbalistic Torah study group, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Ahavas Israel library, beginning Monday, October 27

Free Lecture, Biblical Archeology, Dr. Benjamin Dolinka - Monday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

"The Cave of the Letters: A View of Jewish Life during the Bar Kokhba Revolt in the Early Second Century CE." Benjamin Dolinka has recently returned to Michigan after spending 2 years as Program Coordinator at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. He received his Ph.D. in Archaeology at the University of Liverpool in England and an M.A. in Ancient History from North Carolina State University.

Monthly Shabbat Speaker Series -- November 1 - Joel Marcovitch, Assistant Director, University of Michigan Hillel, "Doing Jewish. A modern day approach to being Jewish on Campus."

Hebrew Reading and Comprehension - Beginning and Advanced Beginning - Monday evenings, beginning November 3

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

The Mussar movement is a 19th century ethical, educational, and cultural movement that led to the creation of a collection of contemplative practices and exercises to help us overcome the inner obstacles that hinder our relationship to God and keep us from living up to our potential.

2008 Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies

This year's lecturer is Mauro Perani, a professor of Jewish studies from the University of Bologna and the current president of the European Association of Jewish Studies.

21st Annual Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies

"The Cultural Significance of Italian Jews"

Sunday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

Temple Emanuel, 1715 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids

RSVP – 459-5976



The Jews of Italy have played a central role in the history of Judaism throughout Europe - a role that continues in present times. Professor Mauro Perani illustrates the unique characteristics of Italian Judaism and its role in the transmission of Judaism from the Near East to Europe. Perani offers highlights of a 2,000-year history spanning the entire peninsula.

Mauro Perani teaches Hebrew and Jewish studies at the University of Bologna, where he is director of the "Italian Ghenizà Project" and has rediscovered thousands of medieval Hebrew manuscript fragments in Italian libraries where they were reused as bookbinding in the 16th and 17th centuries. He is currently president of the European Association of Jewish Studies and has played a leadership role in numerous international academic organizations.

While at the University of Michigan he is teaching an undergraduate course on Italian Jewish History and a graduate course on the history of the Hebrew handwritten book.



**THE CHABAD HOUSE OF WESTERN
MICHIGAN INVITES YOU**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
AT 5:45 P.M.**

**SUCCOS CELEBRATION, CARNIVAL, DINNER,
LIVE MUSIC AND MORE!**

**Chabad House of Western Michigan
2615 Michigan St., Grand Rapids, MI 49506
RSVP – 957-0770**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
AT 8:00 P.M.**

**JOIN US FOR SIMCHAS TORAH AT THE CHABAD
HOUSE. YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE DOSAGE OF
JEWISH PRIDE AND JOY THAT WILL LAST YOU
THE REST OF THE YEAR. HOT DELICIOUS BUFFET
DINNER WILL BE SERVED!**

**Open to entire Jewish community regardless of
background or affiliation.**

On the second Tuesday of every month, families depend on food donations

from the
**Food Bank
at Temple Emanuel**

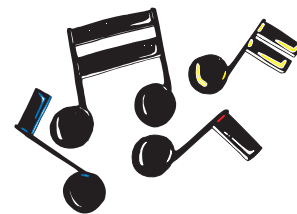
Currently we do not have enough food for these families.

Please take immediate advantage of this opportunity to do a mitzvah!

Drop off food donations between 10 & 2 at Temple Emanuel (tuna, mac & cheese, soup, fruit, veggies, peanut butter, cereal, etc.)

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).

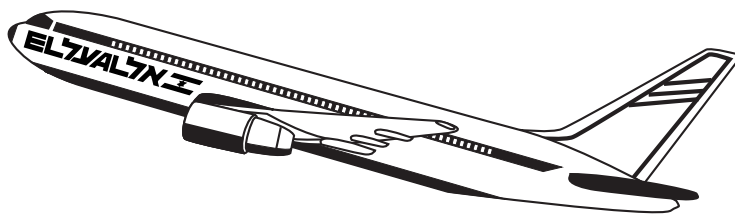


Grand Rapids goes to Israel December 21-29, 2009

Departing Sunday, December 20, 2009

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

We will be holding an informational meeting this fall. 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.



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 15 for Endowment Form

לדור ודור
L'Dor Vador
From Generation to Generation

The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To Liz Scheibe in honor of her engagement to Andrew Samrick
From Marilyn Kleiman

To Lillian Klein in honor of her Special Birthday
From Marilyn Kleiman

To Harry Kuten in honor of his Birthday
From Margit Sarne

To Mr. and Mrs. David Kagen in honor of their grandchild
From Margit Sarne

The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

In honor of Carrie Rosen
From Lillian Klein

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.

If

YOU HAVE THE WILL...
WE HAVE THE CAUSE

Protect the people you love. Create a lasting partnership with the Jewish community. Your will makes it possible. Leaving a bequest to the Jewish community enables you to create a permanent legacy that can help Jews in need forever. Learn how you can help preserve the Jewish community – for years to come.

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation From: Name _____
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Send your donation to:
The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
 4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Reservation Form

NAME: _____ **PHONE** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

# Attending Program	Date	Cost	Total
_____ Sidney Friedman - Mind Power Show	October 18 th	\$10.00	_____
_____ Let's Schmooze at the Melting Pot	October 18 th	\$ 7.00	_____
_____ Lunch and a Show	October 28 th	\$15.00	_____
_____ Book Fair and Hadassah Luncheon	November 11 th	\$30.00	_____
_____ Lunch Bunch	December 4 th	\$ 7.00	_____
_____ Chanukah Lunch	December 15 th	\$ 8.00	_____

Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form and your check made out to the **Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids** to:
 4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

Save these dates!

Tuesday, October 28
2008 Community Campaign Event
Guest Speaker – Dr. Yossi Olmert

October

Saturday, October 18, 8:00 p.m. Sidney Friedman’s Mind Power Show
9:30 p.m. YAD Party at Melting Pot
Tuesday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch and Show
7:30 p.m. Community Campaign Event - Yossi Olmert

November

Sunday, November 2 Community Immunization Clinic
Sunday, November 9, 1:00 p.m. Family Fun Day at Craig’s Cruisers
Tuesday, November 11, 9:15 a.m. Detroit Jewish Book Fair
Wednesday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. Mitzvah Specialists

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