

*The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation
Invites the entire West Michigan community*

Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan



*Free Show for All Ages
July 27 – 7:30 p.m.*

Congregation Ahavas Israel,

2727 Michigan Street, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI

Please come out and enjoy this troop's positive energy, aimed at strengthening the relationship between the US and Israel and promoting tolerance and respect among people of all faiths; a great opportunity for cultural exchange.

www.israelscouts.org • For More Information, call The Jewish Federation at 942-5553

This program has been made possible through the generous donations of the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation and private donors

June 25th marks four years since Hamas kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit.

We pray for his safe release home.

On June 25, 2006, Hamas terrorists tunneled into Israeli territory, kidnapping 19-year-old Gilad Shalit and killing two Israeli soldiers. Since that day, Gilad has been held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip and has not been allowed visits by any humanitarian organizations.



**Federation is now on Facebook –
Become a Fan of
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**

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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***Ready to go to
New Orleans?***
New Orleans will host both the 2010 General Assembly (GA) and International Lion of Judah Conference (ILOJC). The GA is slated for Nov. 7-9 and the ILOJC is slated for Nov. 8-10.



Thank you to the Federation Board of Directors

It is with great pride that we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the volunteer board members of the Jewish Federation, who work to improve the quality of life for our local Jewish community, as well as assisting with the welfare of Jews around the world and in Israel. It is through their dedication and commitment, that we can continue to offer wonderful programs and services that benefit us all.

We salute the following board members who are rotating off the board:

David Reifler
Larry Selig

And we welcome new board member:

Marisa Krishef

We welcome our 2010-2011 Board:

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The Jewish Federations of North America Launches 'What's Your #ish?'

Online Brand Awareness Campaign Uses Humor to Encourage Young Jews to Share What Being Jewish Means to Them.

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids has launched "What's Your #ish?", an integrated online campaign that encourages young Jews of all stripes to share what being Jewish means to them – their #ish - while raising awareness of the work of Jewish Federations.

The innovative project, launched in partnership with The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), went online today with a series of humorous rich media ads, promotional videos on YouTube, and pages on social networking sites Facebook and Twitter, all intended to generate conversation on – and traffic to – the campaign's dedicated Web site – whatsyourish.com.

On whatsyourish.com, the interactive nature and impact of the project comes to life. Readers are invited to post their ideas of what being Jewish means to them in three places – on the Web site, Facebook and Twitter – and to tag their #ish with the hash-tag symbol (#ish.) By using this tag, individual entries will be aggregated, contributing to the ongoing conversation at whatsyourish.com. Guest celebrities will also be sharing what being Jewish means to them via videos throughout the campaign.

For every #ish response, JFNA will credit 25 cents to a \$50,000 #ish Fund for charity. The fund will cover the core thematic needs supported by the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign, including poverty, elder care, Jewish identity, Israel solidarity and more.

While highlighting the fact that being Jewish means different things to different people, the Web site also helps participants learn what being Jewish means to the work of Jewish Federations. To that end, participants are being invited to vote on how they would allocate the #ish Fund.

"The #ish campaign is a fun, innovative way for younger Jews to learn about the life-saving work of the Jewish Federation," said Jeff Slotnick, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

Along with The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, dozens of other Jewish Federations and partner organizations are actively participating in this initiative. The Jewish Federation movement collectively represents one of the top 10 charities on the continent.

"What's Your #ish? really allows younger Jews to express themselves in a creative way while learning about their local Jewish Federation," said Adam Smolyar, Senior Vice President for Strategic Marketing and Communications at JFNA. "It's a campaign that promotes an authentic conversation by using online tools this group already uses."



SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

LUNCH BUNCH

Road Trip!!

The Mission –

**Create a mini vacation
to the Lakeshore!**

*Relax and enjoy a soup,
sandwich or salad at*

Boatwerks

Waterfront Restaurant –

a classic vintage motorboat themed
restaurant with a view of Lake Macatawa
at 216 Van Raalte Ave
Holland, MI 49423

*Then we will enjoy some free time
shopping in downtown Holland or
strolling through Kollen Park.*

Details:

Thursday, July 15

Cost: \$12

Carpooling from Ahavas Israel 10:30a

Lunch: 11:30a to approximately 1:00p

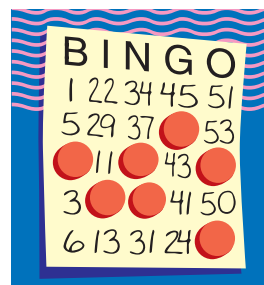
Free Time from 1:00p to 3:00p

We plan to be back in Grand Rapids by 4p

Please RSVP by July 13

Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206

Calling all BINGO Players!



**Play and win
actual groceries!**

Enjoy a social activity
at Sunrise
Assisted Living Center.

What: “Grocery Bingo”

When: Monday, July 19th 2010

**Where: Sunrise Assisted Living
of Cascade**

3041 Charlevoix Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Time: 2:30 to 4:00p

There are a few Jewish residents at this center who will join us and would appreciate some interaction with other members of the Jewish community. Come out and have a good time....and do a mitzvah.

**Please call Ann
at 942-5553 to RSVP**
Transportation Provided

Seniors – Don't miss: *Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan Show!*

Who: This Friendship Caravan consists of 5 male and 5 female 17-year-old Tzofim (Israel Scouts), who crisscross North America each summer as emissaries, sharing their lives in Israel through song, dance and story. Participants are chosen after undergoing an extensive auditioning and interviewing process, ensuring that above all, they are true representatives of Israeli culture and spirit.

Where: Ahavas Israel • **When:** Tuesday July 27th, 7:30pm • **Cost:** Free
Need a ride? Please Call Ann at 942-5553 ext 206

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .

YAD Mah Jongg

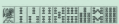
*The fun and
games
continue . . .*



For info on dates and locations,
please contact Michele Young at

828-4806

or youngml@comcast.net



YAD Summer Playgroup

Friday Mornings
10 a.m.

Manhattan Park

Near Cascade Road & East Beltline

July 16

August 13

July 30

August 27

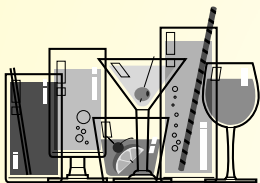
For Info, contact Marni Vyn - 774-8644



Happiness - Torah on Tap II

Back by popular demand...Rabbi Leiby Burnham

Rabbi Burnham lectures extensively throughout the US and Canada, combining his social work background with his rabbinical training to create programs that are stimulating, socially relevant and highly inspiring!



Torah on Tap II
Wednesday, July 14 - 7:00pm



No cost to attend!

Graydon's Crossing Derby Station - Grand Rapids, MI

2237 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

FREE APPETIZERS!

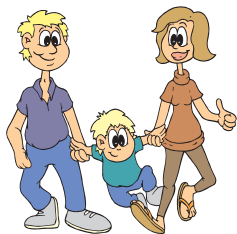
Happiness. It is the world's most coveted and mysterious commodity. We all want it, but just how we get it, has been the topic of debate for thousands of years. Please join us for an interactive program that will challenge you to create your own vision of happiness through a fun, thought provoking group exercise, which will be followed by a discussion of some of the Jewish perspectives on the where the Road to Happiness lies, and how important it is to get 'On the Road Again'!

Sponsored through a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation

All welcome - RSVP to jeff@jfg.org

Come out and enjoy the

Jewish Community Picnic



SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2010

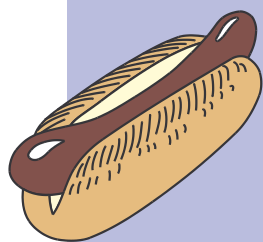
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

CASCADE PARK,

LOWER PAVILION

3810 Thornapple River Drive

on Nick Kik Dr., between Thornhills & 36th St.



**HOT DOG LUNCH, (Veggies, too)
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!!**

**Volleyball
and Softball
Available
(Bring your glove)**

\$3.00 per person (advanced registration)/

\$12.00 per family

RSVP by July 29th

to 942-5553

or to Cathy@jfgr.org

Rain or Shine

Call if you need transportation — 942-5553 ext 206



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General Campaign

\$25,000 and Over

Don Herman
Padnos Foundation
Jerome Subar

\$10,000 - \$24,999

David Hecht
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Sam Kravitz
David Samrick

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Mort Finkelstein
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Julian Joseph
Andrew Samrick
Claude Titche

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Tom Fox
Henry Pestka
TDS Metrocom
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Jeff Rush
Allen Russell
Leo Schlesinger
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Richard Stevens
Wayne Titche

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Michael Halprin
Sidney Hochberg
Keith Javery
Jozef Kaneti
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Bart & Kathy Steindler
Chad Zigel

\$250 - \$499

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Charles Shapiro
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\$10,000 and Over
Ruby Lion of Judah
Peg Finkelstein
Marilyn Leven

\$5,000 - \$9,999
Lion of Judah
Jean Barkin
Bluma Herman
Judith Joseph

Eileen Newman
Karen Padnos
Peg Padnos
Susan Samrick
Judy Subar
Lanny Thodey
Sharyl Titche

\$1,800 - \$4,999

Pomegranate

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Machelle Hammond
Dafna Kaufman
Myrna Kirschner
Karen Reifler
Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick
Anita Silverstein
Flory Silverstein
Diane Titche
Marilyn Titche

\$1,000 - \$1,799

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Louise Finkelstein
Phyllis Gendler
Stephanie Hurwitz
Roberta Jacobson
Lois Kahn
Sylvia Krissoff
Sandra Last
Jan Lewis
Deborah Mankoff
Carol Presant
Pam Rush
Maxine Shapiro
Helayne Sherman
Sheryl Siegel
Mary Stevens

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Kathi Barkan
Malka Berman
Sally Blum
Joseph Cohen (in memory of
his wife Harriet Cohen)
Sari Cohen
Mickie Fox
Doris Griffith
Diane Hammerman
Barbara Kravitz
Beverly Manes
Nancy Olender
Barbara Rapaport
Edith Rashewsky
Kris Siegel

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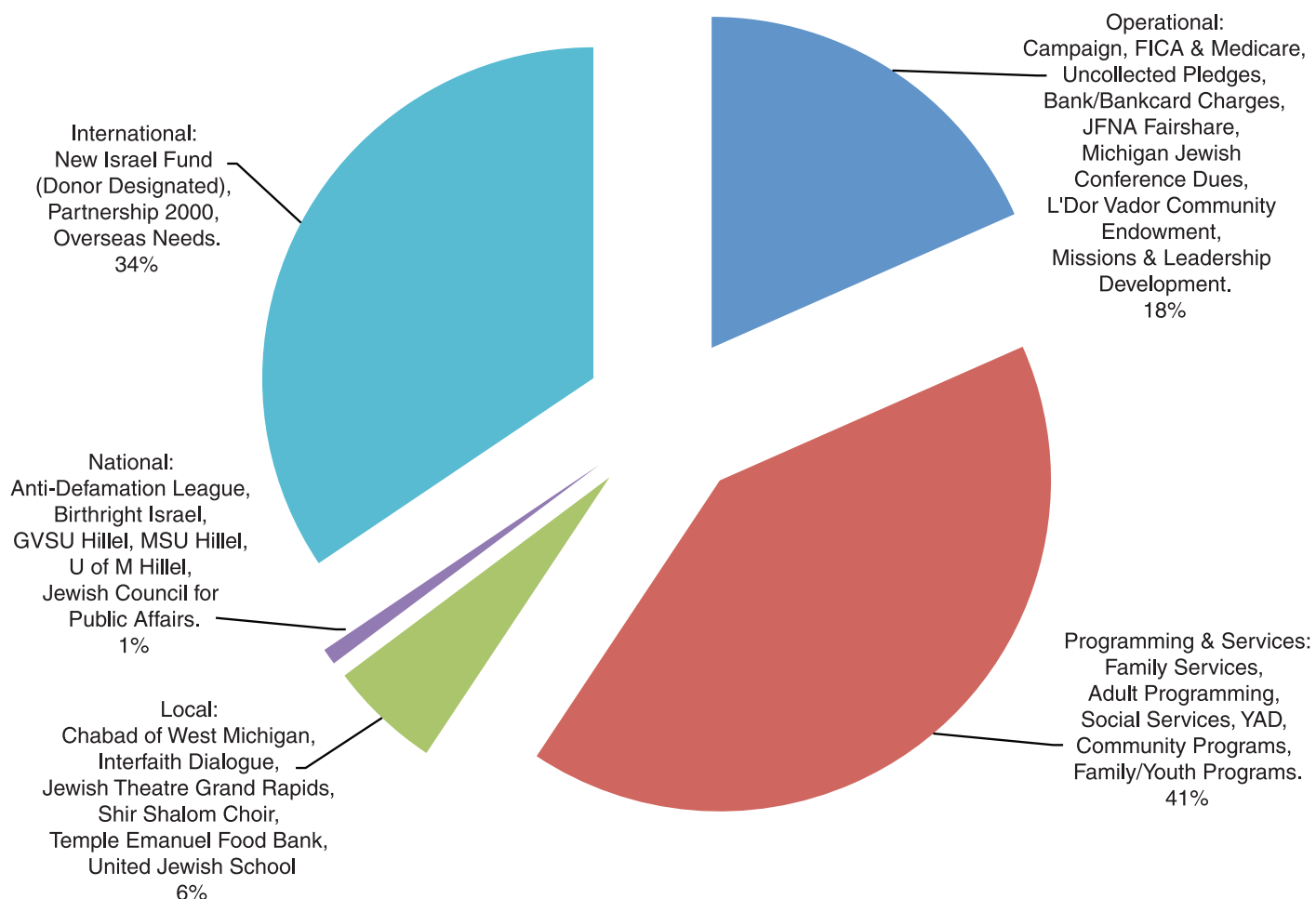
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JEWISH FEDERATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT ...

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED		
Men's Special Gifts	\$287,947.00	
Men's General	\$32,353.00	
Women's Division	\$151,046.00	
Total-Regular Campaign		\$471,346.00
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$20,000.00	
Matching Grant - Berkowitz	\$5,363.00	
Use of Leadership & Mission Fund	\$8,445.07	
Interest	\$2,615.00	
Car loan repayment	\$1,250.00	
Available for re-allocation	\$5,000.00	
General Endowment Fund	\$16,549.70	
Art Fund	\$8,256.17	
Weiner Fund	\$2,225.72	
Women of Valor	\$1,273.94	
Donor Designated Funds	\$27,000.00	
Subtotal Additional Income		\$97,978.60
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION		\$569,324.60
LOCAL		
JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
Campaign	\$36,384.00	
Family Services /Adult Programming/Social Serv	\$101,067.00	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$132,060.00	
FICA & MEDICARE	\$14,000.00	
Uncollected Pledges	\$15,500.00	
Bank and bankcard charges	\$2,500.00	
Subtotal Operational Expenses		\$301,511.00
Missions & Leadership Development	\$3,380.00	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$12,000.00	
Subtotal		\$15,380.00
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS		
United Jewish Schools	\$18,000.00	
Chabad of West Michigan	\$2,584.56	
Interfaith Dialogue	\$2,200.00	
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$3,132.80	
Shir Shalom Choir	\$2,897.84	
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,200.00	
Subtotal Local Allocations		\$31,015.20
TOTAL LOCAL ALLOCATIONS		\$347,906.20
DUES PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION		
UJC Fair Share	\$19,684.00	
Michigan Jewish Conference Dues	\$1,200.00	
TOTAL DUES		\$20,884.00
NATIONAL		
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$250.00	
Birthright Israel	\$1,500.00	
Hillel GVSU	\$350.00	
Hillel GVSU (Donor Designated)	\$2,000.00	
Hillel - MSU	\$180.00	
Hillel - U of M	\$180.00	
Jewish Council For Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$36.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$4,496.00
INTERNATIONAL		
New Israel Fund (Donor Designated)	\$25,000.00	
Partnership 2000	\$5,000.00	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$166,038.40	
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$196,038.40
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		\$569,324.60

JEWISH FEDERATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT ...



We gratefully acknowledge our L'dor Vador Funds, totaling nearly \$3 Million

- **The Woman of Valor Fund** - 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.

- **The Leven Family Fund** - To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

Special Thanks to Karen Padnos and Susan Samrick for hosting the Lion of Judah Dinner at Karen's home



Left to Right: Esther Padnos, Marilyn Titche



Left to Right: Peg Finkelstein, Barbara Kravitz, Anita Silverstein, Judy Joseph



Left to Right: Peg Finkelstein, Judy Joseph, Jean Barkin, Marilyn Leven, Judy Subar, Susan Samrick, Lanny Thodey, Sharyl Titche, Karen Padnos



Left to Right: Anita Silverstein, Stephanie Hurwitz, Flory Silverstein, Marilyn Titche, Karen Reifler



Left to Right: Jan Lewis, Carol Present, Sheryl Siegel



Left to Right: Judy Subar, Pam Rush

Grand Rapids Camper Weekend at Tamarack

(A Jewish overnight camp located near Detroit)

Cost - \$50 per camper all included*

*Made possible by a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation

Pilot program is for boys 11 – 13 year olds.

Weekend of July 9-11, 2010

Are you interested?????

Campers participate in a wonderful variety of programming on our 1,500-forested acres and two private wooded lakes. Campers enjoy our four athletic fields, three incredible horseback riding trails and innumerable hiking trails through our expanse of land. We also have a beautiful and secluded forest area for our cookouts and sleepovers. For our older campers we also have an exciting high ropes challenge course. Through programming, campers learn vital teambuilding skills. We also have various initiatives and low ropes programs for all of our campers to challenge themselves and to build a cohesive group dynamic.

Dear Parents:

Our community in Grand Rapids is trying to determine how much interest there would be in having your children attending Camp Tamarack for a weekend camp experience.

This pilot program initiated by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids offers an opportunity to get a taste of overnight Jewish camp, and share camp activities with Jewish campers from all over Michigan, as well as a large group of Israeli campers.

**Please indicate your interest in the:
Grand Rapids Camper Weekend at Tamarack**

By emailing or calling Jeff Slotnick, at jeff@jfgr.org or 942-5553

Proposed Schedule:

Arrive at camp by 11:00 on Friday
Depart camp by 7:30pm on Sunday

Friday

8:15 Depart Grand Rapids for Tamarack
11:00 Arrive
11:30 Activities
1:00 Lunch
2:00 Activities
6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat
6:45 Dinner
7:30 Songs
8:30 Oneg Shabbat

Saturday

1:00 Lunch
2:00 Activities
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Evening Program
10:00 Havdallah

Sunday

9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Activities – horseback riding, water skiing, crafts, archery, multi media etc.
1:00 Lunch
2:45 Activities
4:00 Activities
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Departure back to Grand Rapids
9:30 Arrive back in Grand Rapids

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Some senior citizens in our community no longer drive their cars. They struggle to get their groceries and run necessary errands.

This difficulty is a profound source of stress for some of these individuals.

If you might be willing to take a senior shopping once a month or more, please let us know!

Chances are that you already know the person who needs your help!

We are certain the experience will be fulfilling for both parties!

**For more information or to volunteer your time,
please call Ann at the Federation – 942-5553**

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

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

**or mail checks payable to Temple Emanuel and
specify the donation is for the Food Bank.**

Temple's Address:
1715 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

JEFF KAGAN BRINGS HIS ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENTAL MUSIC FOR KIDS TO GRAND RAPIDS

THURSDAY, JULY 29 – 2 SHOWS

Wyoming Public Library
3350 Michael Avenue S.W.

10:30 a.m.

Free 1-hour concert

Collins Park

Lakeside Drive next to Reeds Lake,
East Grand Rapids

2:00 p.m.

Free 1-hour concert

BOULDER, CO – Noted educator, musician and environmentalist Jeff Kagan returns to his Grand Rapids home to perform two free interactive “kindie rock” music concerts.

Jeff, a Boulder, CO resident, is the son of Dave and Bev Kagan, Temple Emanuel members and residents of East Grand Rapids where Jeff also grew up. Jeff’s grandmother is Malca Muskin, a longtime Ahavas Israel member and founder of the Shir Shalom choir.



2009 Reeds Lake concert – Jeff Kagan and Paige Doughty

Something beautiful is growing around here thanks to our loyal advertisers and a great team effort.

We are currently working on the 2011-12 edition of the Jewish Community Roster. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated to insure the success of this biennial directory published since 1965.

Call: Eileen 949-6444
Janice 676-8141



HADASSAH BOOK CLUB



Thank you to Diane Broomberg for her hospitality and opening her home at our last gathering in June!

Mark the following dates on your calendars for our gatherings in the future!

Date: August 18, 2010, 7:15 pm

at Sylvia Krissoff’s home

Phone # to RSVP: 245-7530 • 1916 San Lu Rae, S.E.

Book to read: **My Father’s Paradise**

by Areil Sabar

Facilitator: Blume Herman

Date: October 13, 2010, 7:15 pm

at Karen Haight’s home

Phone # to RSVP: 454-9910 • 130 Maryland, N.E.

Book to read: **All Other Nights**

by Dara Horn

Facilitator: Flory Silverstein

Books to be purchased at Schulers Books at the 28th Street store!

Until we meet again . . .

have a wonderful summer!

We are as always . . . Your Loyal Book Ends

Sue Remes – 949-3505

Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker

July 3 - Annaflora Somers, "Why Are Jews so Funny"

Annaflora Somers is 23 years old. She was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She attended Hebrew school at Ahavas Israel where she was voted most likely to become a Caribbean rum smuggler. Annaflora began performing stand-up comedy while she was staying in Los Angeles. She performs in clubs around Michigan. Her interests include fashion, high-performance sports cars and reading about serial killers.

Learner's Minyan

Shabbat morning, July 17 -- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Increase your comfort, participation in, and appreciation of our services. Rabbi Krishef will unlock the secrets to understanding the Shabbat morning service!

Family Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat

The religious Life committee is hosting Pre-Shabbat Family Happy Hours (music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres; and snacks and drinks for the kids) on the last Shabbat of each month -- July 30 and August 27 at 7:00 p.m., followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45 p.m.

Tisha B'Av

Tisha b'Av -- A day of Lamentations, mourning, and fasting for the destruction of the Temple and subsequent exiles of the Jewish people. Join us on:

Monday night, July 19, at 9:15 p.m., for Ma'ariv and the reading of the Biblical book of Eikha (Lamentations);

Tuesday morning, July 20, 7:00 a.m., for morning minyan with special inclusions for Tisha B'Av. (Fast ends -- 9:18 p.m.)

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



Shir Shalom Choir



Shir Shalom Choir is looking for new voices for the 2010-11 year. We meet Tuesday evenings @ 7:30 at Temple Emanuel beginning in September and going to June. During the year we present 4 or 5 separate concerts, but basically we get together because we love Jewish music and find a regular dose of it keeps us happy. Call either Toby Dolinka 949-6548 or Barbara Robinson 949-4986 for information or questions.

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.

- **The Leven Family Fund** - To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

In honor of Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein on the occasion of her recent ordination

From Susette Tauber

To Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacobson in memory of Mildred Schneider

From Norm and Marilyn Leven



THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE?
PUT IT IN WRITING!

No matter where or when in the future, you can be there to provide for 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 – for years to come.

The Jewish Federation **Live Generously**
www.yourcommunity.org

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

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Next Issue's Information Deadline: July 14, 2010

SENIORS!

Do you have out of town family that would appreciate learning more about social services available from Ann Berman through Federation? Ann has written a letter which explains our services. We can forward the letter to you, and you can send it to your out of town family.

An excerpt from this letter states: " If your elderly parent or family member is suddenly ill or hospitalized, and you live either out of state or at least a few hours away and cannot be with them. I can meet them either at their home or in the hospital and act as a patient advocate until you can arrive. Or, I can help you find resources for home health care, give an independent recommendation for a rehabilitation facility or Assisted Living home....."

**Please call Ann at JFGR at 942-5553 or stop by the office
to request these letters!**