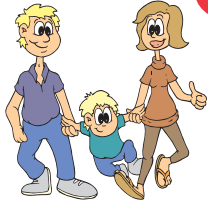


Come out and enjoy the

Jewish Community Picnic



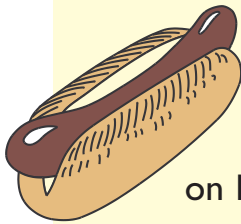
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2010

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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**Questions –
call 942-5553
or Cathy@jfgr.org
Rain or Shine**



Jewish Agency Brings 12 Jews from Kyrgyzstan, nearly 700 from Other Countries, to Israel

June 22, 2010 / 10 Tammuz 5770

TWELVE JEWS FROM KYRGYZSTAN, AMONG NEARLY 700 NEW IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT TO ISRAEL BY JEWISH AGENCY SINCE SUNDAY

Twelve Jews from Kyrgyzstan arrived in Israel Monday (June 21) in an operation by the Jewish Agency to rescue Jews from the country stricken by ethnic violence. The 12 new immigrants, all extended family members, were brought from Bishkek, the capital, where almost all of the 1,200 Jews in Kyrgyzstan live today. A Jewish Agency Hebrew ulpan and Sunday school continue to operate at the Jewish school in Bishkek and a summer camp will be opened soon.

At a special reception on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem Monday, the Jewish Agency Assembly welcomed the newcomers from Kyrgyzstan along with some of the nearly 700 new immigrants who arrived in Israel over the last two days on some 20 flights from all across the former Soviet Union, France and Belgium.

New Immigrants Alexander Vog, a French fencing champion, and Reinie Gemart, from Turkey, holding their



Israeli IDs at a Jewish Agency ceremony Monday on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem welcoming some of the nearly 700 new immigrants brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency over the last 2 days from

the former Soviet Union, France and Belgium. Vog, who considered making aliyah after participating in the Maccabiah games 5 years ago, hopes to represent Israel in fencing at the 2012 Olympics.



Three of the twelve new immigrants from Kyrgyzstan brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency Monday (June 21).

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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.

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

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.

The Jewish Federation supports our partners on the front lines who provide direct support. Together we strengthen them so they can care for those in need and inspire and engage Jews in our community, in Israel and around the world.

Working today in over 70 countries, the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)** acts on behalf of North America's Jewish communities and others worldwide —

- To rescue Jews in danger
- To provide relief to those in distress
- To narrow educational gaps for youth in Israel through partnerships between communities
- To revitalize overseas Jewish communities
- To help Israel overcome the social challenges of its most vulnerable citizens.

JDC also provides non-sectarian emergency relief and longterm development assistance worldwide. Since 1914, JDC has given global expression to the principle that all Jews are responsible for one another.

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL builds identity by connecting world Jewry with Israel. The world's largest global Jewish nonprofit, the Jewish Agency is recognized by the Government of Israel as having unique responsibilities —

- To facilitate immigration and bring Jews in distress to Israel
 - To bring young Jews to Israel on educational and career programs and create Israel-centered programming abroad
 - To narrow educational gaps for youth in Israel through partnerships between communities

A partnership of world Jewry with the people and State of Israel since 1929, the Jewish Agency works today to ensure the future of a connected, committed, global Jewish People with a strong Israel at its center.

Since 1880, **WORLD ORT** works in Israel and throughout the world for the advancement of the Jewish People through education and training for employment; to provide individuals worldwide with the skills and knowledge necessary to cope with the challenges of their environment; to foster economic self-sufficiency, mobility and a sense of identity through the use of state-of-the-art technology. World ORT works in partnership with The Jewish Federations of North America, the Federations, the Jewish Agency, JDC, the ENP and many other major Jewish organizations and educational institutions to deliver the best practical education for those who need it.



THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS:

Jewish Family Services
Jewish home for the aged
Jewish day schools
Synagogue programs
Hillel
Taglit-Birthright Israel
Jewish summer camps
Employment counseling and vocational training
Financial assistance with rent and utilities
Community kosher food banks
Counseling services
Scholarships for Jewish Day School students
Caring for the sick and hungry
Social services in Israel
Community building & social services in the Former Soviet Union
Haiti & Chile Earthquake Relief
Rescuing and protecting the vulnerable
Connecting our global Jewish family



SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

LUNCH BUNCH!

Monday, August 16th
at 11:30 a.m.

The Blue Water Grill

5180 Northland Drive
Grand Rapids, MI

Cost: \$8.00



RSVP by calling Federation – 942-5553
Transportation is available by calling
Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206

~ Save the Dates ~

October:

Lunch Bunch:

Monday, October 18th

Senior Social

Tuesday, October 19th, 10a

Flu Clinic at Temple Emmanuel

Sunday, October 24th

Annual Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey Luncheon



Wednesday, September 1
12 p.m.

at Ahavas Israel in the Social Hall

Cost: \$15.00

*Musical entertainment by Bill Marfink
and Shir Shalom Choir*

Please RSVP to Ann by Wednesday,
August 25th at 942-5553 ext 206
Transportation is available

Senior Social

Tuesday, August 24th

10 am to 12 pm

at Federation/ Ahavas Israel Meeting Room

Speaker & Topic: TBA

Please call Federation offices –
942-5553 to RSVP

Transportation is available

Seniors Holland Trip



SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

Seniors program on movement.

Special thanks to Karen Reifler for facilitating the program.



COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids invites you to become a member

2010-2011 Spectrum Series

(Watch for full program in the next issue of the Shofar)

Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Spectrum Series 2010 – 2011 Membership Form

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

- 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
Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1240

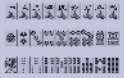
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YAD Mah Jongg

*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

August 13 August 27



For Info, contact Marni Vyn - 774-8644



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Pam Rush - School Director

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS celebrates 5 years

Opening Day – September 12th, 2010

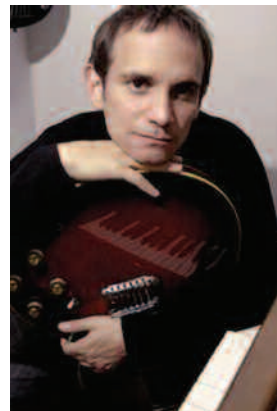
9:45 a.m. – Temple Emanuel

10:00 a.m. classes begin

Internationally renowned

Michael Ochs

11:30 a.m. concert with lunch to follow



<http://ochsongs.com/bio>

“Something for Everyone”

Join UJS throughout the year as we commemorate 5 wonderful years as a combined school. We have planned many classes and events throughout the year to celebrate.

- Classes for all ages (Pre-K through 12th)
- Sunday Hebrew program for K through 6th grade
- Wednesday Hebrew program 2nd through 7th grade
- “Gan Katan” (Little Garden) class for 2, 3 and young 4 year olds with parent(s)
- 9th/10th/11th/12th grade L’taken trip
- 11th/12th grade – Class and madrichim program
- Adult Education
- Special musical guest Mark Bloom www.markbloom.com will visit with classes throughout the entire year
- November Jewish Book month – Special author presentations all month
- December 5 – Special Hanukkah program
- February 6 – UJS Israeli restaurant
- May 1 - Yom Hashoah service featuring Aquinas College Chamber choir

Unaffiliated students accepted for 1 year. Classes offered for ages 2 years through 12th grade.

To enroll please go to the school web site: www.unitedjewishschool.org

contact: info@unitedjewishschool.org • 459-5976 x3

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

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

'What's Your #ish?' visit: whatsyourish.com

Being Jewish means something different to everyone. Whatever it means to you is your #ish. And sharing yours makes a difference. For every definition, a quarter goes towards the #ish fund. So Facebook it. Tweet it. Tag it with #ish. Visit whatsyourish.com.

The Jewish Federations OF NORTH AMERICA

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



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.

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 by Neil Simon


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Season Pass Info
616.234.3595
www.jtgr.org



Grand Rapids campers recently enjoyed a weekend at Camp Tamarack.

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: Bluma 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

A Patient Advocate Designation...

allows you to select a Patient Advocate who can have access to your medical records and represent your wishes for medical care in case you are too sick to do so.

*Please note that spouses do not automatically become one another's Patient Advocate.

To receive a FREE Patient Advocate Designation, please contact Ann Berman, Director of Social Services, at 942-5553.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Sanctuary Shabbat speakers

August 7 – Guy and Theresa De Jager, "Choosing Judaism: Choosing Ahavas Israel." Some of us our born Jewish. Others choose to become Jewish. For everyone, LIVING their Judaism is a choice. Guy and Theresa DeJager will share their thoughts about their journey to Judaism, and what Ahavas Israel means to them.

Family Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat

The next Pre-Shabbat Family Happy Hours (music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres; and snacks and drinks for the kids) will be July 30 and August 27 at 7:00 p.m., followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45 p.m.

Make Torah study a part of your life.

Drop in and check out one of our two weekly study groups:

Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00p.m. –

Torah Study at Schuler Books and Music, 28th St.
(either in the back of the store or in the café)

Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. –

Jewish Mysticism/Zohar study group
in the Ahavas Israel library

Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel is Taking a Trip to the Big Apple In October.

We are off to see many Jewish sites of interest in New York city this fall. If anyone from the greater Grand Rapids Jewish community is interested in joining us we would love to have them join us.

Pack your bags and travel with us for a great weekend, from Thursday, October 14 through Sunday, October 17. This is the perfect time to be in Manhattan.

Highlights include a walking tour of the Lower East Side, a visit to the Eldridge Street Synagogue, the Tenement Museum, Katz's Delicatessen, Noah's Ark Kosher Delicatessen, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, the Jewish Museum, Liberty Island and Ellis Island, a walking tour of Jewish Harlem, and Shabbat Services.

Lots of free time to enjoy the restaurants, the shopping and theatre, and the nightlife that make New York City so enticing.

We are staying at the recently opened Distrikt Hotel, 342 W40th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenue. This 155 room boutique hotel offers 4 star amenities and a great location close to everything the city has to offer.

The cost of the trip is \$925 per person, double occupancy. This price includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations, Shabbat dinner, some transportation, and the cost of all museum entries and walking tour fees.

The deadline to sign up for the trip is August 1. A \$300 deposit is required.

Interested in learning more about the trip? Please call Rabbi Schadick at 459-5976 for more details.

Chabad House

Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten

Gan Yiladim is a Jewish preschool where we offer a stimulating and warm environment. Our children learn the "specialness" of being Jewish.

Through stories and discussions, the precious legacy of their uniqueness as Jews is transmitted.

Gan Yiladim School takes the best of both worlds – secular and Judaic - and blends them into a program that is at once rich, fulfilling, and stimulating.

Registration is now open for the fall of 2010

For children ages 2 – 6

For more information about our program, please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770



The Chabad House of Western Michigan

Invites you to

A cooking Demonstration in honor of Rosh Hashana

Ladies come join us as we sample Rosh Hashana recipes from around the world you will have a chance to taste these delicious dishes and go home with great new recipes

Wednesday, Sept. 1st. at 7:30pm

Cost \$10.00

at the home of **Chani Liberow**

2277 E Fulton St, Grand Rapids, MI. 49503

Looking forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by August 29th: Chani at 616-634-2732

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 Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

To Linda Albert in memory of Jim Albert
From Julian and Judith Joseph

The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of Louis Weiner in honor of what would have been his 100th Birthday
From Toby Dolinka



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Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

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Next Issue's Information Deadline: August 11, 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!**