

**11th Annual**

**JEWISH  
FILM FESTIVAL  
OF GRAND RAPIDS**

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK . . .



L'Dor V'Dor – from generation to generation. What a wonderful feeling. This past week we celebrated the bar mitzvah of our son, Nathan. With so many friends and family in attendance, it was truly a special occasion. What really brought our past generations into the forefront was that Nate

chose to have his bar mitzvah wearing the tallit of his great, great grandfather, Elixander Hurwitz. This 116 year old tallit brought together the lives of two members of a family: one who left Mogilev, Russia as a young man in the early 1900's and a young man in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Nate really understood the importance of remembering where he came from and taking time to recognize the significance.

Remembering one's roots is so vital in maintaining a strong family and community. At the same time, preparing for the future generations of a community is equally important. We are fortunate to have such an opportunity here in Grand Rapids. L'Dor V'Dor is the name of the Endow-

ment Fund of the Jewish Community of Grand Rapids. Through this fund, current and future generations are able to enjoy benefits that include:

- Strengthening our commitment to our youth.
- Enhancing religious, spiritual and cultural opportunities at our affiliated organizations.
- Expanding emergency services to those in need.
- Providing additional support to our aging population.
- Further leadership training and opportunities with our Jewish Community.
- Foster community-wide family services and activities
- Promote Jewish cultural opportunities.

Know that the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is committed to the long term health of the Jewish community for this generation and the next.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Dan Hurwitz**

### 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.*

## CULTURAL COUNCIL



### THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GRAND RAPIDS 2008-2009 SPECTRUM SERIES

**MIND POWER SHOW**  
*With Sidney Friedman*

**ISRAEL CURRENT AFFAIRS**  
*by Gil Tamari*

**THE COMEDY OF**  
*Joel Chasnoff*

**ISRAEL FUSION CUISINE**  
*by Chef Avi Sekerel*

*Many thanks to the donors, volunteers and especially the fabulous audience for their continued support and contributions to the series' success.*

***See you at the 2009-2010 Series!***

**If you are interested in becoming a Cultural Council committee member and working on the program selection, please contact Sari at [sari@jfgr.org](mailto:sari@jfgr.org) or call 942-5553**

# FEDERATION NEWS . . .

The Jewish Federation  
will be holding the  
Annual Meeting  
on Wednesday,  
June 10, 2009,  
at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Federation Office  
4127 Embassy Drive, S.E.

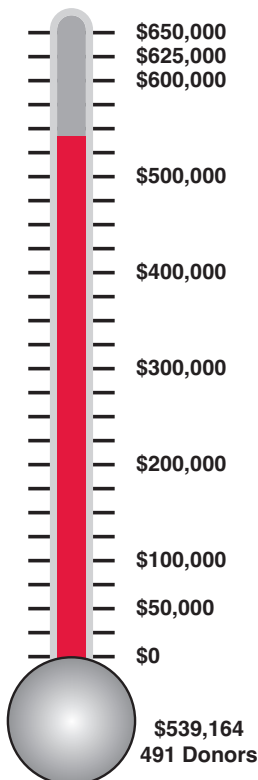
## Send us an E-mail

The Jewish Federation needs your e-mail address for future communications that will allow us to send timely emails to our community members regarding upcoming programs and events.

By opting to receive the Shofar newsletter electronically, you will save the Federation \$25.00.

Please call or email cathy with your e-mail address – [cathy@jfgr.org](mailto:cathy@jfgr.org) or 942-5553

# CAMPAIGN NEWS . . .



The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the 2008 campaign volunteers, and to Andrew Samrick, for his campaign leadership.

Each of our solicitors worked diligently to make sure that the needs of Jewish people were met... in our local community, and around the world. They performed the mitzvot of Tzedakah and Tikkun olam, repairing and improving the world.

Thank you for all the phone calls and meetings, emails and notes. Please know that your time and efforts resulted in a very good year in a very tough economy.

Campaign 2008 closed on April 30, 2009 resulting in:

Total money raised \$539,164  
Total gifts 491  
Total new gifts 48

*With great appreciation, we acknowledge our campaign solicitors:*

Mario Atias	Bert Jacobson	David Reifler	Rick Stevens
Sol Bach	Judith Joseph	Karen Reifler	Jerry Subar
Glenn Barkan	Julian Joseph	Sue Remes	Judy Subar
Stuart Berman	Greg Kaufman	Evan Rossio	Audrey Sundstrom
Sari Cohen	Morris Kleiman	Julie Rossio	Susette Tauber
Davida Dennen	Shirley Kleiman	Jeff Rush	Lanny Thodey
Jammie Dobies	Barbara Kravitz	Andrew Samrick	Claude Titche
Mark Finkelstein	Norm Kravitz	Liz Scheibe	Wayne Titche
Mort Finkelstein	Bill Lewis	Larry Selig	Marni Vyn
Sandy Freed	Arlene Loby	Jim Siegel	Ally Weiskopf
Machelle Hammond	Karen Padnos	Karen Sigal	Cathy Winick
Bluma Herman	Carol Presant	Ron Sigal	Chad Zagel
Dan Hurwitz	Mike Presant	Jeff Slotnick	

# SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

## LUNCH BUNCH

*Come dine with us while overlooking Reeds Lake!*

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m.

**Cost: \$7.00**



## Rose's Restaurant

There is a parking lot in front of the restaurant, and a public parking lot behind the sailboat sculpture at Bagley Ave. and Wealthy St. in Gaslight Village.

Please RSVP to Liz and let her know if you need a free ride or a ride between the public parking & restaurant.

**942-5553 ext. 206**

## State Holocaust Commemoration

*In the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building*



*From left to right: Moe Kleiman, Niels Bach, Jane Bach and Eve Rider*

*Join us at . . .*

**The Jewish Theatre  
Production of**

## Esther!

## The Musical

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

*We will meet in the Temple parking lot at 2:15 and travel by taxi to Spectrum Theater.*

**Cost: \$8.00**

Please RSVP to Liz and let her know if you need free transportation!

942-5553 ext. 206

## Mitzvah Specialists!

*New dates for 2009!*

*We are now meeting on the third Tuesday of each month to prepare the Shofar mailing.*

**Tuesdays,  
10:30 a.m.**

**June 16**

**July 21**

**August 18**

## SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

### *Summer Trip to Detroit!*

Monday, July 13th

*Join us as we tour*

### **“From Haven to Home: Jewish Life in America”**

#### *At the Detroit Historical Museum*

This exhibit chronicles the Jewish experience in Michigan from the first fur traders in the 1760's through current day.

Following the museum exhibit, we will dine on kosher food at the museum's restaurant.

After lunch we depart on a driving tour of area sites tracing the American Jewish journey in the state of Michigan.

We will travel to and from Detroit by shuttle bus.

Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch) Financial subsidies are always available.

Details pertaining to time of departure will be published in the next Shofar.

Please contact Liz to RSVP, request transportation, or inquire about financial aid – 942-5553, ext. 206

## YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .



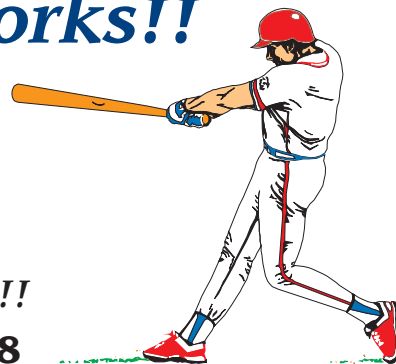
*Kick off the Summer  
with the Federation and the Whitecaps!!!*

*Join us Wednesday,  
June 17th  
for Baseball and Fireworks!!*

**GAME TIME: 7:00PM**

TICKET PRICES:  
\$9.00 FOR ADULTS  
\$5.00 FOR KIDS

*Space is limited, so RSVP NOW!!!!*  
**Call Ally at 942-5553, ext. 208**



# FILM FESTIVAL . . .

## *Thanks to all the Film Festival volunteers!*

**Hosts and moderators:** Bev Knopp, Sue Remes, Mort Zukerman, Pam Rush, David Reifler, and Sheila Frank.

**Volunteers:** Julian & Judy Joseph, Rick Hay, Karen Libman, David Reifler, Elaine & Bob Lipshutz, Bernice Weiner, Brad Friedland, Shirley Kleiman, Michelle Kanig, Arlene Loby, Judy Subar, Beverly Manes, Sue Remes, Karen Padnos, Karen Sigal, Sheila Frank, Sheldon & Susan Kopperl, Darrel & Carrie Rosen.

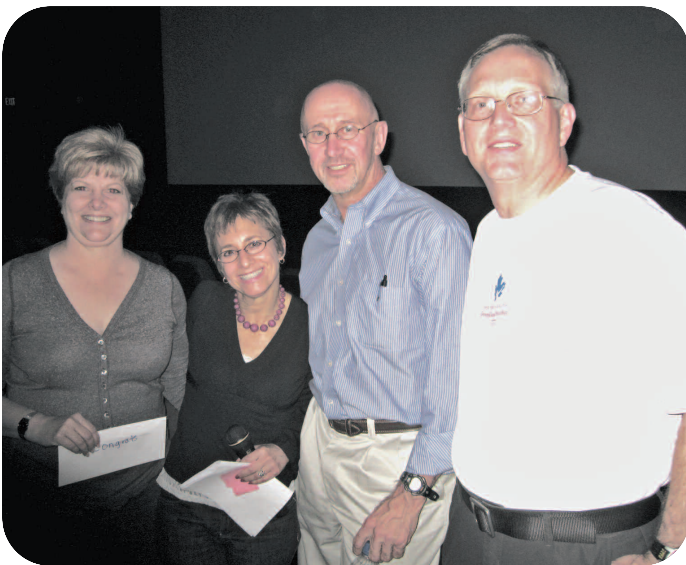
*Sari*



### **Movie – Fugitive Pieces**

(L-R)

*Dr. Daniel Rosen, Sue Remes, Dr. Richard Raubolt*



### **Movie – Run For Your Life**

*(L-R) Machel Hammond, winner of raffle prize of a night at the JW Marriott, Bev Knopp, program chair, Greg Meyer and Don Kern, panelists.*



### **Movie – The Debt**

(L-R)

*Mort Zukerman, Bernice Weiner, Shirley Kleiman*



### **Movie – Noodle**

*Back row: (L-R) Sue and Shel Koperl  
Front row: (L-R) Carrie Rosen, Sheila Frank and Mort Zukerman*

# FILM FESTIVAL ♦ ♦ ♦ ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER





# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

## Congregation Ahavas Israel

Shavuot - Thursday, May 28  
*Tikkun Leil Shavuot*  
*potluck dinner and study*

6:30 p.m. - vegetarian/dairy potluck dinner,  
Krishef home, 2021 Michigan St. NE

7:30 p.m. - study sessions begin

8:54 p.m. - candle-lighting, ma'ariv, and dessert

9:45 p.m. - study sessions until about midnight

*No reservations are necessary for the  
study sessions.*

If you would like to come for dinner,  
please call Marisa Krishef, 459-4627.

## Chabad House

*Three weeks of summer fun at . . .*  
**Gan Israel Day Camp**  
**June 22nd - July 10th 2009**

For Jewish children ages 5 - 13 years old  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

Kiddie Camp 3-4 years old  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

Full camp session \$400  
\$150 per week

*The Camp Gan Israel experience  
is a unique combination of Jewish pride and fun!*

**To register please call Chayale @  
(616) 706-8019, Or Ally @ 942-5553**

## Temple Emanuel

**Celebrate Shavuot with us  
on Thursday May 28th.  
RSVP to 459-5976**

Join us for services at 6:15 PM. Stay for a potluck dairy dinner at 7:15 PM. The Temple will supply the bagels and lox. \$4 a person. Study with us beginning at 8:00 PM as we look at "*The Gems of Pirke Avot: The Ethics of our Ancestors*".

# COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

## United Way

Many of us make a workplace  
donation to the United Way.....

Are you aware that you can  
designate your United Way gift  
to the Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids?

Your gifts should be considered  
plus dollars and not in lieu of  
your annual campaign gift.

In the end, we all benefit by  
having our Federation better  
positioned to continue to  
provide quality programs  
and services.

## 2009 Maimonides Event


*Over 70 people attended a recent pro-  
gram on the Life of Maimonides.*



*Pictured (L-R) are: Buddy Joseph, Judith Joseph,  
program chairmen, with Guest Speaker,  
Dr. Blair Grubb and wife, Dr. Barbara Grubb.*

**JEWISH** our 16<sup>th</sup> Season www.jtgr.org

*Theatre*  
GRAND RAPIDS



## ESTHER THE MUSICAL

by Lori Jacobs

**June 18, 20, 25, 27 at 8 p.m.**  
**June 21, 28 at 3 p.m.**

**GRCC Spectrum Theater**  
160 Fountain NE

Lori Jacob's original musical is back by popular demand! This lively spiel is the story of Esther's bravery and how she saved her people from the evil Haman. See it again or see it for the first time! Either way, the whole family will love the fun songs and witty banter. Bring your noise makers!

*Tickets on sale for season subscribers beginning May 26, June 1st for the general public.*

Call **616-234-3946** for reservations or online sales beginning June 1 at www.jtgr.org

Make your reservations early... this show sold out during its first run!

**tickets available beginning June 1**  
**616-234-3946**  
online sales at www.jtgr.org

## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

April 22nd was our last get together at Sue Remes' home. The book Reviewed was "*People of the Book*" by Geraldine Brooks. We all agreed it was a well written book as were all of her other books. Brooks is a beautiful writer, very visual and lots of history to think about! There was much to talk about!

### *Next Meetings:*

**June 17 • 7:15 p.m.**

Where: Diane Broomberg's home  
2865 Lake Drive S.E., East Grand Rapids  
Phone #: 949-6084

Book to read: "*Who By Fire*"  
by Diana Specthrs

Facilitator: Susette Tauber

*Please RSVP to Hostess – Thank you!*



**August 19 • 7:15 p.m.**

Where: Sylvia Krissoff's home  
1916 San Lu Rae S.E., East Grand Rapids  
Phone #: 245-7530

Book to read: "*The Invisible Wall*"  
by Harry Bernstein

Facilitator to be announced

*Please RSVP to Hostess – Thank you!*

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

**We are your book ends, as always,  
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 Liz Scheibe, Director of Social Services, at 942-5553.

## 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*

### The Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

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

### The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Dr. Polly Panitz in honor of Mother's Day  
From Julian and Judith Joseph

To Ms. Elisa Joseph Anders in honor of Mother's Day  
From Julian and Judith Joseph

To Dr. Mary Njgevon in honor of Mother's Day  
From Julian and Judith Joseph



THE FUTURE

IS ALWAYS PRESENT

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 preserve the Jewish community – for years to come.

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



## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Card To:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund** (please pick from list): \_\_\_\_\_

Send your donation to:

**The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

# **Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Social Services Program**

*The Federation is available to support members of the community when the need arises. Families and individuals of any age are eligible for assistance.*

## **Services available:**

### **Assessment and Referral**

Through conversation by phone or in-person, each community member's needs are assessed, and social services to alleviate specific concerns or stressors are identified.

### **Emergency Loans**

Members of our Jewish community in Grand Rapids are eligible for an Emergency Loan when conditions are appropriate. The loan is interest free, and the repayment schedule is very flexible.

### **Advocacy**

Assistance with navigating complicated systems, such as special education programs in schools or the health care industry is available, so that the community member's needs and wishes are addressed.

**Please contact Liz, Director of Social Services, for more information.**

**Liz can be reached by phone at (616) 942-5553 or by email at [liz@jfgr.org](mailto:liz@jfgr.org).**

\*Communication is always confidential.

## **The Shofar**

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