

# Women's 2009 Campaign Event

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 –  
7:00pm Dessert Reception  
at Temple Emanuel

RSVP by October 1

Ten dollars per person

*Guest Speaker: Sue Fishkoff*  
*“Doing Jewish in the 21st Century”*

Sue Fishkoff, author, national correspondent and contributing editor for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news services will share her insights on contemporary Jewish America. Her first book, *The Rebbe's Army: Inside the World of Chabad Lubavitch*, is a remarkable ethnographic profile that goes behind the scenes of Lubavitcher Judaism to explore how the movement's enthusiastic young emissaries, or schlihim, carry the Rebbe's message throughout the world. Her second book, *Kosher Nation*, scheduled for release in 2010 discovers the inner workings of kosher food production and consumption.



Ms. Fishkoff lived in Israel where she covered the Russian and Ethiopian immigration, civil rights, the status of women, Arab-Jewish relations, health, the environment, and religious pluralism.

*Mark your Calendars for our*  
**2009 Community Campaign Event**  
Wednesday, November 4  
Temple Emanuel – 7:30pm

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK . . .



8/13/09

As I begin the second year of my two year term as Chairman of the JFGR, I have taken some time to reflect upon the incredible year we have just gone through and what may lie ahead for us. From the financial panic of last year to today's new financial realities, we are working to keep the JFGR running

efficiently to provide the vital services and programs that the Grand Rapids community has relied upon us for. Our campaign, while down last year, did out-perform the average Federation campaign. Andrew Samrick is once again going to chair our campaign and I am looking forward to the great programming he has planned for us.

One major project that we have been working on is our office space. Our long term lease expired in July and we are now on a month-to-month lease. We looked at options of staying or relocating our offices. After several months of discussion and planning, we determined that we should look at the option of using excess space within either Temple Emanuel or Ahavas Israel. This would actually save the JFGR over \$12,000 per year in rent and keep more of our dollars within the community. After much contemplation and discussion, the JFGR executive board made the recommendation to locate our offices at Ahavas Israel. With the combined religious school offices already located

at Temple Emanuel we felt that it would be in the best interest of the community to not have the JFGR located there as well. Additionally, since we represent the entire community, we felt that we needed to make a decision based on the benefit of the Jewish community as a whole.

Last night, the JFGR board approved a motion to move forward with developing formal lease and occupancy agreements with Ahavas Israel. It is important to note that while we will be a tenant of Ahavas Israel, we intend on holding a majority of our events, in the coming year, at Temple Emanuel and throughout the community. I do want to reiterate that while our office is at Ahavas, we are still an independent organization that is here to benefit the entire Jewish community, whether affiliated or not.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the JFGR board and staff. I don't think they always receive the credit or thanks they deserve. This year has been challenging and they have provided tremendous support on behalf of the entire Jewish community.

*Dan Hurwitz*

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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.*

## *Save the Date*

**General Assembly '09**

Washington, DC

@ the Marriot Hotel

**November 8-10, 2009**

*Learn. Share. Shmooze.*

The General Assembly (GA) is the premier annual North American Jewish conference, attracting Federation lay leaders and professionals as well as the leadership of UJC's partner organizations and other important national Jewish organizations. It's an event that inspires and engages current and emerging Jewish leaders, tackles the most critical issues of the day, and showcases the best of the Federation movement. The GA plenaries, forums and workshops feature top speakers from the political, business and non-profit realms.

**Contact the Federation office at 942-5553**

**For more info, go to: [www.ujc.org](http://www.ujc.org)**

## 2009 Campaign

Shalom! And while it seemed once again too short, I hope that all of you experienced a summer filled with laughter and loved ones!

Last weekend marked the annual retreat for the UJC National Young Leadership Cabinet. As you might imagine, the weekend was a blur: between plenary sessions on service provision and community development, study with scholar-in-residence Joseph Telushkin, and individual skills workshops, I was able to learn more about the success and challenges our Federation system faces today.

What I learned surprised me. Our little "outpost" community of a few thousand Jewish individuals continues to be an example of best practices and common sense implementation. Our Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Theater, senior programming, and United Jewish School are all the envy of other larger communities. And while we face many of the same financial hardships as other cities across America, we have continued to expand our social services offering even as other communities cut back or shutter these vital resources.

I was tremendously proud of our Grand Rapids community, and hope to share my excitement with each of you over the coming months. What I learned this past weekend was that while our population may be small, our ability to watch out for each other, to give of our time, and to be involved with each other is almost boundless. This is the essence of community. And I hope that you will join our annual campaign this year not only with a financial contribution, but with your voice and your feedback and your ideas for a better tomorrow.

Thank you,  
*Andrew*



## MATCHING GIFTS

Do you work for a company that offers matching funds for their employee's charitable contributions?

Please ask your employer if they offer an Employee Matching Gifts Program, and if they will match your gift to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

Complete any necessary forms required by your employer and send them to the Jewish Federation.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

### INTER-FAITH INSTITUTE AT GRAND VALLEY October 15, 2009

#### Jewish/Christian/Muslim Dialogue 2009 Triennial Event

*Featuring distinguished scholars*

James Carroll, Vincent Cornell,  
Donniel Hartman, and Martin E. Marty

**Grand Valley State University**

**L.V. Eberhard Center**

**Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus**

*Sponsored by the  
Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Institute,  
Grand Valley State University,  
in cooperation with the West Shore  
Committee for Interfaith Dialogue*

~ Complimentary Parking ~

**Grand Rapids Campus**

**L.V. Eberhard Center**

Parking available at Fulton and Front lots.

# SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

## SAVE THESE DATES!

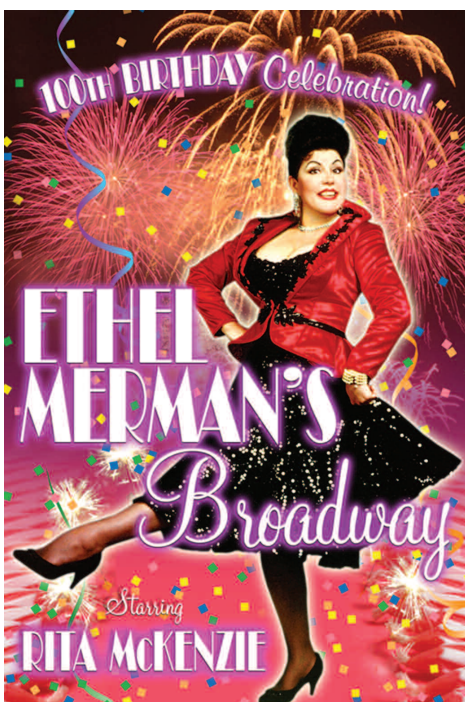
**"Young at Heart"**  
**Musical Performance**  
Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

**Chanukah Luncheon**  
Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> • 12 p.m.  
Temple Emanuel  
*Menu and entertainment to be determined.*



August 6, 2009

*Lunch and a day at the Gardens...  
Pictured from left to right: Diane Ginsburg,  
Agnes Mossman, and Beverly Manes.*



## *Ethel Merman's Broadway*

At DeVos Performance Hall

**Thursday, October 1st**

We will depart by taxi from  
Temple Emanuel at 1:00pm.

*Elevator access to seats is available—  
no stairs!*

RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206.

**Cost: \$20**

## *JFGR's Annual Apples and Honey Luncheon*

**Tuesday,  
September 15th**

**12:00 p.m.**

Ahavas Israel

**Cost: \$8.00**



*Fish or Vegetarian Lunch*

*(include your choice with the RSVP)*

**Entertainment provided by  
Darla Wortley . . .  
of Esther, the Musical**

To RSVP or with menu inquiries, please  
call Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206

## **JFGR's Annual Chaunkah Adopt-a-Family Program**

Please begin to consider whether you can volunteer to sponsor a family/individual or make a monetary donation towards this important cause.

In addition, JFGR would like to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support.

This program will begin in early October, and gifts will be delivered by Friday, December 11th—the day before Chanukah begins.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206 or [liz@jfgr.org](mailto:liz@jfgr.org).

Donors and recipients are matched anonymously.

Confidentiality is strictly upheld.

## ***Hold the Date:*** **Maimonides Program**

*Guest speaker, Dr. Herbert Hochhauser,  
Professor, author, film producer and  
Emmy Award winner*

**Sunday, November 8th, 7:00 pm**

**Program and reception  
at Ahavas Israel**

TOPIC:

*After the Holocaust: Exposing the role of  
German physicians in the Holocaust and  
the ongoing effort to bring them to justice.*

This program is suitable for older teens and adults.

**The Shir Shalom Jewish Choir of Grand Rapids will begin its 2009-2010 season with its first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30pm at Temple Emanuel.**



The choir has an active concert schedule and a comprehensive repertoire. Shir Shalom is a non-audition choir and new members are always welcome. The ability to read music is not necessary; all you need is a love of music and a commitment to attend the majority of rehearsals. What could be more fun than joining your voice with other singers from our community. For more information email Barbara Robinson at [brobin6617@comcast.net](mailto:brobin6617@comcast.net) or Sue Douglas at [bubbedoug@hotmail.com](mailto:bubbedoug@hotmail.com).

**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

## ***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 Theatre Grand Rapids*

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids is holding auditions at Spectrum Theatre, (160 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids) at 7 p.m. on August 30 and 31, for *The Value of Names*. This is the first play of the 2009-2010 season. Performance dates are Oct. 22, 24, 29, 31 at 8:00 p.m., and Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 at 3:00 p.m. Casting is for 2 men, ages 55-70, and 1 woman aged 25-30. Questions should be directed by e-mail to [jtgradmin@gmail.com](mailto:jtgradmin@gmail.com), or call Jewish Theatre 616.234.3595.

*American Daughter* will be performed in April, 2010, and *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh* will debut in June, 2010. It will be another great season, and we hope everyone will enjoy it.

Susan Kopperl

Publicity Chair, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids  
[susankopperl@yahoo.com](mailto:susankopperl@yahoo.com)

Phone: 616-453-1672



### **2009 ISRAELI CAMPER GROUP**

*Many thanks to Davida and Peter Dennen, Ellen and David Fishman, and Stephanie and Dan Hurwitz, for providing a home away from home to six Israeli campers from Camp Tamarack, through our Partnership 2000 People to People program.*



## **From Israel to Grand Rapids-- "Fantasy" in Bronze**

Between September 23 and October 10, the city of Grand Rapids will become a huge art gallery, as works and performances, professional and amateur, will be exhibited at hundreds of venues in the downtown river-front districts. The ArtPrize initiative is open to artists from around the world, and the Dick and Betsy DeVos Foundation will award nearly \$500,000 in prize money, including \$250,000 to the artist who receives the most public votes.

One of the artists selected to exhibit is Ana Lazovsky, an accomplished Israeli sculptress. Ana was born in Uruguay and emigrated to Israel in 1962, where she lives today. She studied sculpture, first at the Arts and Crafts School, and later at renowned workshops. Since 1999, she's completely dedicated herself to sculpture, mainly bronze. Lately she has been experimenting with recycled materials, such as old carpentry tools and dismantled piano parts.

Ana has been invited to exhibit in many private exhibitions in Israel and Europe and has participated in many international art shows in Israel, USA, Canada, Europe and China. Her sculptures are exhibited in galleries in Paris, Belgium, Spain, Holland, Australia, Canada, USA and Israel, and have been purchased by many collectors worldwide.

Ana's life-size, bronze piece titled "Fantasy" is already on display at the B.O.B (20 Monroe Ave.). Voting begins September 23, so come see it and be part of Grand Rapids' exciting ArtPrize event!

For more information on Ana's work, please visit:

[www.ana-sculptures.com](http://www.ana-sculptures.com).

For more information on Art Prize and how to vote, please visit:

<http://www.artprize.org>.

## **JFGR's Annual Immunization Clinic**

**Temple Emanuel**

**Sunday, November 1st  
from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

*\*Taking place during the Padnos Book Fair.*

**Flu vaccinations are \$30.**

*Children over the age of 5 are eligible for vaccination.*

Medicare can be billed for the full expense—bring your insurance card.

Cash and personal checks are accepted.

No need to RSVP.

Contact Liz at **942-5553 ext. 206** with any questions.





## Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503

fax 616-459-6510

School Director

[www.unitedjewishschool.org](http://www.unitedjewishschool.org)

## United Jewish School – Opening Day

September 13th, 2009, Temple Emanuel

9:45 am until 12:30 pm

### *“Journey through the Holidays”*

#### Family Education

**Gan Katan – 6th grade families** Opening day of United Jewish School will feature family education for all the fall Jewish holidays! What better way to spend your morning than with your family visiting different stations around the Temple building and grounds learning about the holidays. **Rosh Hashanah**, learn about the Jewish new year and the different sounds of the shofar blasts. Symbolically cast your sins away in the water as we learn about the customs of **Tashlich**. Learn from the prophet Isaiah why we should fast on **Yom Kippur**. Decide as a family how you can live a more Jewish life over the next year and try to hit your mark on the bull's eye. Explore a model sukkah and learn about the Lulav and Etrog and the holiday of **Sukkot**. Enjoy Israeli folk dances and write your own letter in the Torah as you discover the holiday of **Simchat Torah**.

**\*\*\*All UJS students are expected to attend with their family\*\*\***

**7th grade – 10th grade 10am – 12 noon** Mystery gemilut hasadim (acts of love and kindness) program  
This off-site program is for students only and they will return in time for lunch.

#### Opening Day Schedule

**9:45am – 12 noon**

Visit as families at all the stations. You will be assigned a schedule.

**12 noon**

**Meet UJS teachers.** Teachers will be at tables to meet, greet and answer questions about their class for the upcoming school year.

**12 noon**

Lunch, kibbitz with friends, listen to the exciting sounds of our own Jewish community band  
“Chutzpah”

#### UJS Contributions

##### In Honor:

Stuart Padnos by Ben and Eleanor Rush Kleiman

Mindi Kahn by Pam Rush

Susan Schadick by Pam Rush

Sol and Zach Krishef b'nai mitzvah

by Barb Wepman, Hermina Sikkema, Sue Remes,  
Pam Rush, Flory Silverstein

##### In Memory:

Abe Glaser by Ben and Eleanor Rush Kleiman

Abe Glaser by Flory Silverstein

Marilyn Levitt by The Rosmarin Family

**Unaffiliated students accepted  
for 1 year.**

**Classes offered for ages 2 years  
through 12th grade**

**If you would like enrollment  
forms please contact**

**[info@unitedjewishschool.org](mailto:info@unitedjewishschool.org)**

**459-5976 x3**

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

## Congregation Ahavas Israel

### Sanctuary Shabbat

September 5

Author Lev Raphael, "My Germany"

During the service, Lev will share a d'var Torah entitled "Being Blessed and Being Cursed." Following the service there is a congregational lunch (no charge, all are welcome), followed by a book discussion on Lev's new book, "My Germany."

### Selichot program

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 p.m.,  
followed by the Selichot service at about 11:30 p.m.

Our Selichot program features a viewing and discussion of the movie "Resurrecting the Champ," focusing on the theme of reconciliation and teshuvah.

## Temple Emanuel

### Dinner and a Movie and Selichot

The entire Jewish Community is invited to celebrate the arrival of the High Holiday Season with us at Temple Emanuel

On Saturday, September 12

Beginning at 6:00 PM

With A Chinese Food Dinner

\$10 a Person

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, September 10.

We continue with the award winning film, "Promises" at 7:00 PM. This film follows the journey of Israeli-American film maker B. Z. Goldberg as he travels to a Palestinian refugee camp and to an Israeli settlement in the West Bank, and to the more familiar neighborhoods of Jerusalem where he meets 7 Palestinian & Israeli children. Goldberg tells their stories in a very refreshing, human, and sometimes humorous portrait of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

And stay for our moving and very musical Selichot Service at 9:00 PM.

## YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .



*Marni Vyn (left) and Michele Young, our new YAD co-chairs, will be making plans for our upcoming events.*

For inquiries or to be added to the YAD email list, please call the Federation at 942-5553.

## COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

### HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

*Thank you to Sylvia Krissoff for opening her home to the book group and for the delicious refreshments on August 19th!*

*Next Meeting:*

**October 14 • 7:15 p.m.**

Book to read: "Sara's Key"  
by Tatiana De Roseny



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

For more information call  
Sue Remes – 949-3505  
Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

# COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

***Our 2009 Community Picnic***  
*was enjoyed by over 75 people and it was great to see everyone!*



# Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 2009-2010 Spectrum Series

**Tovah Mordechai**

**From Christian asceticism to Jewish observance**

Saturday, November 14, 2009

**Laurel Kadouri**

**Oriental Dance Show**

Saturday, January 23, 2010



Cultural Council of  
The Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids

**Sabi Shabtai**

**President Obama and the New War on Terror**

Saturday, March 13, 2010

**Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan Show**

**Singing and dancing their way into your heart**

Summer, 2010

**KEEP THESE DATES, MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

This series is sponsored by The Coopersmith-Rosenzweig Foundation

**Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
Spectrum Series 2009 – 2010 Membership Form**

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2009 – 2010**

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 2009 – 2010**

4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

## 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 JFGR General Endowment Fund

In memory of Abe Glaser  
From Jerome and Judith Subar

In memory of Abe Glaser  
From Larry and Sandy Rose

In memory of Abe Glaser  
From Lois Kahn

In memory of Al Manes  
From Gloria Stark

To Eddie and Paula Miller in honor of their anniversary  
From Sue Remes

### The Charles and Maxine Shapiro Endowment Fund

To Mrs. Michael Shapiro for a speedy recovery  
From Maxine and Chuck Shapiro

### The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

In honor of Carrie Rosen  
From Barbara Wepman

To Carol Sarosik and Shelley Padnos in memory of Rita Sarosik  
From Karen and Mitchell Padnos

### The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

To Dr. Julian Joseph in honor of his special birthday  
From Sue Remes

*We at Federation sadly mourn the death of Carrie Rosen,  
former staff member, volunteer and friend.  
"May her memory be for an eternal blessing"*

## 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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