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THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.



Chairman's Letter

Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA): The Power of Community

“The Power of Community” is part of JFNA’s new tagline. What does it mean? Our Jewish community has long known that the way to tackle big challenges and realize big dreams is to act collectively. UJA, originally the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, was established in 1939 by combining the efforts of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the United Palestine Appeal, and the National Coordinating Committee Fund to support Jews in Europe and Palestine. In 1999, UJA merged with the Council of Jewish Federation and United Israel Appeal to form JFNA, formerly the United Jewish Communities (UJC).

Today the mission of the Jewish Federations of North America remains protecting and enhancing the well-being of Jews and Jewish communities in North America, Israel, and around the world. JFNA is the umbrella organization for 154 Federations and over 300 network communities (communities too small to have their own federation and agencies). JFNA’s work comprises fundraising, support and services for federations, funding partner agencies, and providing direct services. The annual campaign raises more than \$900 million each year, and contributions to endowments exceed \$1 billion each year.

Here in West Michigan, JFGR provides services directly when it is efficient to do so and when local touch is essential, and we, like JFNA, fund other organizations when they are better placed to meet the needs. In addition to locally delivered services, your gift to the annual campaign funds a wide range of organizations and agencies that unify and strengthen our global Jewish community.

JFNA’s primary overseas recipients are the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the JDC. JAFI, which was instrumental in founding and building the state of Israel, now connects Israel and Jewish people everywhere. Since the founding of the state, JAFI has helped bring and resettle more than 3 million Jews to Israel, including more than 21,000 in Jewish year 5771 (ending September 2011). The Jewish Agency connects Jewish communities around the world to Israel in other ways. Partnership2Gether (P2G, formerly P2K), for example, is a people-to-people initiative pairing US communities with communities and regions in Israel; so far more than 350,000 Israelis and Jews have participated. Our partner region is Central Galilee, where our community can be proud to have funded a drop-in social/counseling center for youth at risk in Migdal HaEmek.

JDC is the world’s leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, working for nearly a hundred years in 70 countries to alleviate hunger and hardship, provide rescue and relief to endangered populations, and create connections to Jewish life. In Europe and the Former Soviet

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The Shofar

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Our Mission

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids unites the local Jewish community to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in 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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Campaign Update



400 Pledges
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Your donation to JFGR is
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Payments can be made by
cash, check, credit card or
stock.

Pay in full or set up
installments. You can also
pay online at
www.jewishgrandrapids.org

**Note: any new gift or increase is
matched dollar for dollar by a
challenge grant**

***Total does not include matching
grants.**

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Union, JDC helps sustain more than 185,000 destitute elderly Jews, many with no families or other means of support. JDC's food card program enables more than 100,000 impoverished Jews to shop for food with dignity. Wherever there's a crisis for Jews, JDC is there. JDC also provides a Jewish response to disasters around the world, regardless of whether the victims are Jewish, including Haiti in 2010, Japan in 2011; and Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Your funding unites our global Jewish community through the work of other national and international organizations to which we allocate. Three programs in particular connect young Jews to Israel. *Taglit* Birthright Israel provides a fully subsidized 10-day trip to Israel for Jews ages 18-26; more than 330,000 have participated so far, including some from here in West Michigan who have found the experience life-changing. *Masa* offers internships and volunteer opportunities for young Jews to spend five to twelve months in Israel. And *Otzma* places college graduates in positions teaching English and volunteering in Israel. If anyone in your family may be interested in participating in one of these programs, JFGR can help.

These are just a few of the many ways in which your contributions to JFGR help unify our global Jewish community and fulfill our mission to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in Israel, and around the world. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the organizations' websites or ask a JFGR staff member or Board member—and please feel welcome to attend our allocations meeting in May.

With gratitude for all you do for our community,
Greg



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Address _____

Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.

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Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please Charge my: Mastercard Visa
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Executive Director's Letter

Dear Israel,

Happy Birthday! Can you believe it? You're 65!!

Where have all the years gone? It seems like yesterday you were just a child.

Recalling your history while looking back at the old photos and movies, it's remarkable to see how you've grown. You took a desert and made it bloom, no longer the fledgling country of *Exodus*. You became a modern country in an ancient land. How proud we are of you!

As you become a ripe old senior citizen of 65, it's a good time to look back at some other memorable times of your life. Of course, your history would not be complete without remembering the struggles you've undergone to survive. But we should not forget the hopefulness you bring to Jews, not only in Israel, but in America and around the world.

When you were young, we wondered if you would make it. Three wars of survival before the age of 20, another at 25, and many more conflicts in self-defense over the past 40 years. You live in a neighborhood not wanting to accept your presence as a Jewish state. The unwavering efforts of your neighbors to delegitimize your existence are caused at some level by their deep-seated anti-Semitism. This irrational demonizing of Jews is nothing new. We should not be surprised that you, the fruition of a two millennia old Jewish dream, are also subject to the ancient hatred of Jews.

However, this is not your whole story, nor in my view is it central. In addition to bringing the Negev to life, you have built an admirable quality of life – a thriving entrepreneurial economy, exciting cities, a pluralistic society of Jews and, yes, Muslims and Christians – in a brief period of time when considered in the context of world history.

You've also created a stable democracy in a region not known for this modern, creative and dynamic way to govern. As you know, the United States has had its own experience with democracy, so Americans and specifically American Jews can appreciate some of the challenges you face. As Michael Oren, your Ambassador to the United States, recently noted, while Jews in Israel and American Jews alike

vigorously engage in political debate, what binds us to you is our "paramount interest" in your success as a Jewish state and democracy. I could not agree more.

Have a great Yom Ha'Atzmaut, a wonderful celebration! You've earned it. May you live forever!

Best wishes,

Mike

mike@jfgr.org

(616) 942-5553

P.S. As noted elsewhere in this *Shofar*, our Grand Rapids Jewish community is having our own celebration of the 65th anniversary of the creation of the Jewish state. Please come join us at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, April 14, to mark this milestone in Jewish history.

Seniors***Lunch Bunch***

Thursday, April 18

11:30 AM

Smokey Bones

4875 28th St at Patterson

Cost: \$8.00

RSVP by April 16 to Ann at 616-942-5553

Transportation is available by calling Ann



SAVE THESE DATES!
Future Lunch Bunch Dates...

May 9, 2013 - TBD

June 6, 2013 - TBD

Grand Rapids Jewish Theatre Presents!

"The World of Sholom Aleichem"

Thursday Night May 2, 2013

8:00 PM

Cost: \$15

RSVP to Ann, 616-942-5553 by April 30. We will meet at Temple Emanuel parking lot to carpool to the theater.

SHALOM GRAND RAPIDS!!

A new program of the Jewish Federation

* Would you like to become an ambassador to welcome people who are new to the Jewish community, or not currently involved?

* If you know about somebody new to the Grand Rapids community, please let us know. "Shalom Grand Rapids" would like to welcome them.

To sign up or receive additional information about the program, contact Sari at the Federation office:
616-942-5553 or Sari@jfgr.org

WELCOME

The Jewish Community Business Forum

A good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available within our community.

April 18, 2013 at 12 PM - 1 PM

El Barrio

545 Michigan Street NE

Everyone Welcome!



The World of Sholom Aleichem

by Arnold Perl



www.jtgr.org

April 25 - May 5, 2013

Thursdays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Sundays at 3 p.m.

GRCC Spectrum Theater - 160 Fountain St. NE

Tickets: 616-234-3946 or www.jtgr.org

Season Subscribers beginning April 8. All others beginning April 15.

"No Place On Earth"

Hear the exciting story of how 38 Jews survived the Holocaust by hiding in caves in Ukraine in eastern Europe for 581 days from 1942-1944.

Chris Nicola discovered the Ukrainian caves in 1993. He will talk about their experiences at 3 PM on Sunday April 7, 2013 at Temple B'nai Shalom, 2050 Broadway, Benton Harbor, MI. This program is free. People who want to attend are asked to RSVP at 269-925-8021 or email tbnaishalom@qtm.net

Jewish Women's Professional Network

We meet monthly for networking. All women are invited - whether working outside the home, thinking of returning to the workforce, in career transition, or a community volunteer. For more information, please email marnivyn@yahoo.com or phone 616-774-8644.



May 1, 2013 at 2:00 PM

Olives

2162 Wealthy St. EGR

Hadassah Book Club



May 2013

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie

by Mary Shaffer

Host: Diane Bromberg

2865 Lake Drive SE, East Grand Rapids
616-949-6084

Books available at
SCHULERS BOOKS, 28th ST
Have a good Passover Holiday

As always,
your faithful bookends,
Sue Remes 616-949-3505 & Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766

Celebrate Israel

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor Presents

CELEBRATE ISRAEL

65th
Birthday
Concert

Noa

Featuring Gil Dor,
Gadi Seri & the Yoed
Nir String Quartet

April 17, 2013 • 7:30pm
Michigan Theater • Ann Arbor, MI



PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY. That means even if you are holding a flex pass ticket, seats are not guaranteed later than thirty minutes prior to movie time.

Flex pass tickets are only available until May 5.

The Film Festival also offers members of the community an opportunity to become an individual sponsor of the Jewish Film Festival. Please read about the benefits of becoming a financial supporter below.

Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits!

Director: (\$500.00) receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications, and four admissions to all private receptions, dinners and events.

Producers: (\$250) receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications and two admissions to all private receptions, dinners, and events.

Actor: (\$100.00) receive one season punch card (8 admissions) and recognition in the program booklet.

Film Fan: If you would like to financially support the Jewish Film Festival and do not see an amount that interests you, please feel free to send a contribution in any amount to the Federation office. You will be listed in the program booklet.

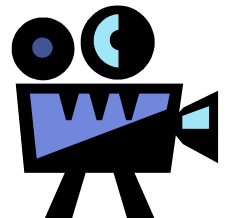
The 2013 Jewish Film Festival is once again bringing special movies to the Grand Rapids community. The committee has been previewing movies and planning special programs. As in previous years, the Film Festival will be held at Celebration! North Cinemas. Watch for more details about the festival events in our community mailings.

The Film Festival is offering special rates through a flex pass (eight admissions): the flex pass is \$36.00. Flex pass ticket holders will have seats reserved until THIRTY MINUTES prior to the movie beginning. At that time, tickets will be sold for all seats.

I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____



_____ Film Festival Director (\$500.00)

_____ Film Festival Producer (\$250.00)

_____ Film Festival Actor (\$100)

_____ Film Festival Fan

_____ Flex Pass (\$36.00)



Mail this form and your check to:
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506



Celebration!® Cinema North
Sunday, May 5 Family Matinee **4:30 pm**

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

55 minutes Israeli Documentary / Hebrew with subtitles



Two young people with disabilities become star reporters in this uplifting documentary. Efrat Dotan is 27 years old and has Down syndrome; 20 year-old Matanel Bitton has developmental disabilities. Efrat and Matanel spend their days at Israel's SHALVA; The Association for

Mentally & Physically Challenged Children, where they are taught life skills that enable them to reach their maximum potential. They have interviewed many well-known personalities but their dream is to interview President Barak Obama. We follow them on a journey as they pursue their dream and allow us a peek into their unique world.

Cosponsored by the West Michigan Down Syndrome Association.

Guest speaker: TBA

www.ruthfilms.com/films/new-releases/special-interview.html

DINNER AT THE CINEMA

Catered by Jimmy John's **6:00 pm**



Sunday Deals:

1 Movie & Dinner \$10.00

2 Movies & Dinner \$15.00

RSVP by April 26 to JFGR at

616-942-5553 or Sari@jfgr.org



ADMISSION IS \$6.00 PER FILM. FLEX PASS TICKETS for 8 Admissions are \$36.00 and are available until May 1 at JFGR. For more info call 616-942-5553 or email sari@jfgr.org

Sunday, May 5

7:30 pm

A BOTTLE IN THE GAZA

99 minutes French-Israeli Drama

French, Hebrew, English and Arabic with subtitles

17 year-old French-Israeli teen, Tal, writes a letter, slips it into a bottle and has her brother throw it into the sea near Gaza. A few weeks later, Tal hears from a young Palestinian, Naim, who has found the letter. As a vigorous e-mail correspondence ensues, Tal and Naim begin to follow each other's lives.



www.hd-trailers.net/.../a-bottle-in-the-gaza-sea/

Monday, May 6

7:30 pm

LAST SURVIVOR

84 minutes Documentary / English

The Last Survivor is an award-winning, feature-length documentary film that presents the stories of four survivors and their struggle to make sense of tragedy, by working to educate a new generation, inspire tolerance and spark a civic response to mass atrocity crimes. Following the lives of survivors of four different genocides and mass atrocities – The Holocaust, Rwanda, Darfur, and Congo – *The Last Survivor* presents a unique opportunity to learn from the lessons and mistakes of our past in order to have a lasting social impact on how we act collectively in the face of similar issues which still exist today.

Guest Speakers: Rob Franciosi; GVSU English professor and Abubakar Rassol, Darfur survivor

www.thelastsurvivor.com



Tuesday, May 7

7:30 pm

KADISH FOR A FRIEND

94 minutes German Drama

German, Arabic and Russian with English subtitles

A moving tale of reconciliation and forgiveness amidst an ancient conflict. Inspired by a true story, this film transcends that clichéd theme as the pivotal relationship crosses deep ethnic and religious divisions between Jews and Arabs.

Muslim teen, Ali Messalam, and his family move into Berlin's Kreuzberg area, where he is pressured by his friends to vandalize the apartment of his elderly, feisty Russian neighbor, Alexander Zam-



skoy. To avoid being deported, Ali's parents send him back to Zamskoy's place to repair the damage. This coming-of-age story, inspired by two real people, is a stirring feature debut by Moscow-born, German filmmaker, Leo Khasin.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEOnWncyEmc

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 pm

FILM FESTIVAL DINNER

Israel Independence Day



**Middle Eastern
Dinner
Festival Raffle
in the Wave Room**



Catered by RAAD'S Mediterranean Grills

Adults: \$8.00 - Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

RSVP by May 1 to the Jewish Federation

At 942-5553 or Sari@ifgr.org

Despite our best intentions and efforts, sometimes arrangements go awry. If necessary, we reserve the right to change or cancel speakers, movies or location.

For information call: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids,
616-942-5553 or visit www.jewishgrandrapids.org

The Film Festival is made possible by the generous grant from the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundations and private donors.

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 pm

ORCHESTRA OF EXILES

85 minutes Documentary / English

Featuring Itzhak Perlman, Zubin Mehta, Pinchas Zukerman, Joshua Bell and others, *Orchestra of Exiles* is

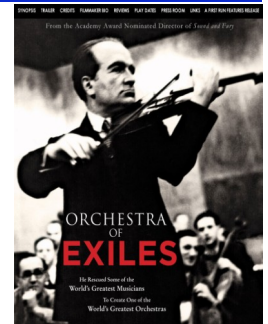
the suspenseful chronicle of how one man helped save Europe's premiere Jewish musicians from obliteration by the Nazis during WWII. In the early 1930's, Hitler began firing Jewish musicians across Europe.

Overcoming extraordinary obstacles, violinist Bronislaw Huberman moved these great musicians to Palestine and formed a symphony that would become the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. With courage, resourcefulness and an entourage of allies including Arturo Toscanini and Albert Einstein, Huberman saved close to 1000 people.

Guest Speaker: Josh Aronson,

Producer/Director of the film

www.aronsonfilms.com/Orchestra_Trailer.html



Thursday, May 9

7:30 pm

REMEMBRANCE

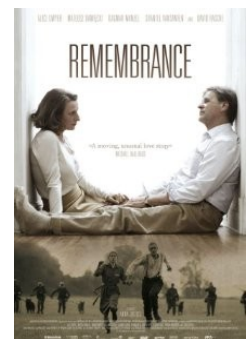
105 minutes German-Austrian Drama

German, English, Polish with English subtitles

Inspired by true events, *Remembrance* is a remarkable love story set against the backdrop of the darkest of times.

A German concentration camp in Poland, 1944: romance blossoms between a young Jewish woman, Hannah (Alice Dwyer) and Polish political prisoner Tomasz (Mateusz Damięcki). They steal passionate moments together and fueled by

love, they manage a daring escape. But during the chaos and confusion of the last moments of war, they lose all trace of one another. More than thirty years later, happily married New Yorker Hannah (Dagmar Manzel) sees a familiar face on TV. Could it really be Tomasz, the man she loved and lost all those years ago?



www.yousendit.com/download/UW14R0lkRkVGOFJ4Tk1UQw

The Jewish Cultural Council presents

ROYCE DEANS & TALI FARCHI

A unique Music & Painting experience



Sunday, April 14 – 12:30 PM

Temple Emanuel

Enjoy a wonderful and exciting afternoon experience full of music and artistic inspiration and be ready to buy the final product. (Two of the paintings will be available for purchase during the event).

Artistic duo Royce Deans of Traverse City, Michigan and Tali Farchi, an Israeli artist residing in The Netherlands, will delight us with their abstract paintings inspired by Jewish and Israeli music performed by live musicians. Tali and Royce have performed their painting to music shows and workshops all over the world including Europe, South Africa, Israel, USA, and Canada.

They appeared in ArtPrize 2011 with their entry *ArtPrize Jukebox*, and were part of ArtPrize 2012 with their entry *The Looking Box*. This is a unique opportunity to see the artistic creation process in action, and also to purchase a truly unique work of art!

This program is free of charge

For additional information contact the federation office 616-942-5553 or sari@jfgc.org

Want to have lunch and enjoy the show?

Then be sure to place your order using the form on page 9.

UJS Israeli Mis'ada



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
 1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 Pam Rush, School Director 616-459-5976
pam@templemanuelgr.org
www.unitedjewishschool.org

School Calendar
 4-3-13 No midweek
 4-7-13 No Sunday school - Spring Break
 4-14-13 UJS Restaurant



ISRAELI MIS'ADA

(RESTAURANT)
 UJS Fundraiser



Sunday April 14 12:00 PM

Immerse yourself in this exciting Israeli experience. Taste the wonderful foods of Israel. Converse in Hebrew (with a little cheat sheet), Israeli Music, and more. UJS Students are waiters and waitresses. Enjoy a great luncheon with the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Thank you in advance for supporting this United Jewish School Fundraiser. You must make a reservation and pre-order food to allow for preparation; if not you will not be guaranteed a meal. Please see the following menu for choices and prices. You may send a check payable to UJS with order ahead of time or pay at the door. **Email your order to pam@templemanuelgr.org**

Name: _____

Number of people for reservation: _____

Phone: _____

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hummus Appetizer	\$5.00	_____	_____
Falafel/Israeli Salad	\$8.00	_____	_____
Kids Meal	\$5.00	_____	_____
Dessert	\$2.00	_____	_____
UJS Donation	<i>donation of your choice</i>	_____	_____
Grand Total			\$ _____

Orders are due by April 7, 2013

WALK THE LAND



Walk with us, in honor of the many ways "Israel Celebrates Life" by walking through the halls of Temple Emanuel on **Sunday April 14 at noon**



GLOBAL WALK FOR ISRAEL
 CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF ISRAEL'S GIFTS TO THE WORLD



Now Arriving

The 2013-2014 Jewish Community Roster

Available (for \$9 each) at
 Ahavas Israel or Temple Emanuel

or call

Lanny Thodey: 956-6161
Eileen Enoch: 949-6444

JFGR Emergency Loan Program

Jews in our community may be eligible to receive an emergency loan if the circumstances for a request are appropriate. Often loans are requested to pay utility bills, rent, or an unexpected expense. To apply, a confidential interview is conducted and this information is presented to a committee which determines eligibility. This loan is interest free, and the repayment schedule is very flexible. Please contact Ann for a confidential consultation:
 616-942-5553, ext. 206

Congregational

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Intro Shamanic Journey - Path of the Seeker

April 14 - 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Ahavas Israel

Cost: Free to AI and Temple members. All others \$45

In this class, you will learn a “core” shamanic method for entering alpha- and beta- mind states to access your own inner space and wisdom for information, problem-solving and personal healing as our ancient sages did. This class is in preparation for, and a pre-requisite, for monthly journey circles.

This class will be taught by Paula Bojsen.

Please contact the office to sign up: 616-949-2840

Corners of the Field Community Garden

Planting and planning for this year’s garden is beginning soon (some winter sowing planting already began in January by our religious school students) For more information contact Allyson Strauss, allysoncolestrauss@gmail.com or 616-805-3279

Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel invites the community to come to the first of our

ABC (Argue, Banter, Compromise) Brunches Sunday, April 28 from 10:00 to 12:00

The purpose of this brunch is to present controversial topics (ones where various opinions will be encouraged) since we tend to surround ourselves with media and people who agree with us.

We will start with the following:

- Is Middle East peace possible with people who don't recognize your existence?
- Is extending the sales tax in Michigan to services a good idea?
- Should there be minimum standards to be able to call yourself Jewish?

Come ready to discuss and debate in a friendly atmosphere. Coffee and brunch will be served.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at 616-459-5976 or to Cathrin@TempleEmanuelgr.org.

Congregation B'nai Israel - Muskegon Save the Date

April 28 & 29 (in Muskegon)

Martha Cohn is a 92 year-old Holocaust survivor authored a book with Wende Holden in 2002: *Behind Enemy Lines: the True Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany*. “The book details how Cohn, a nurse fluent in German, travelled into German territory and collected intelligence information for the French Army”

Chabad House

Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten

Registration is now open for the fall of 2013

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.

For Children ages 2-6

For more information about our program, contact us at 616-957-0770

Gan Israel Day Camp!

Dates: June 17, 2012 - July 5, 2012

Ages 3-13

New older division Program!

Ages 12-15

To register or for more info please call Chana 616-570-1742 or WeingartenChana@gmail.com

A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime!

Chabad Kids Club

Tuesday April 23 - *We Love Israel*

Join us on a tour of different cities in Israel! Create beautiful crafts, taste Israeli food & learn about our Jewish homeland
4 PM - 6 PM | \$10 per session (includes a light dinner)
For more information or to register call Chana 616-570-1742

Hadassah and Jewish Women’s Circle presents “Spa for the Body and Soul”

A morning of relaxation, depth, beauty and spirituality for the Jewish woman.

Sunday, April 21, 2013

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Temple Emanuel

Join us for an intriguing talk on “The Jewish Perspective of Love and Intimacy.”

Delicious Brunch Buffet

Enjoy an array of spa treatments including manicure, paraffin wax, eyebrow waxing, massage and skincare.

\$10 cover charge. For more information or to RSVP contact Sandi at sandi@simmselectronics.com or Nechamy at 616-828-2340, nechamy8@gmail.com

If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter via email, in color, before the mailed paper version, please email us your request to info@jfgr.org. If you would like to receive a printed paper copy in the mail instead, or in addition, we are happy to do that. Please let us know at 616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org.



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:

Woman of Valor Fund (\$10 minimum contribution). To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

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.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund. To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund. To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund. To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund. To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

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

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund. To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

The Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

To Karen and Paul Belfer in memory of Bernice Weiner
From Marilyn Roth

In memory of Henry Pestka
From Mort Zukerman

In memory of Bernice Weiner
From Mort Zukerman

The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Karen Belfer in memory of Bernice Weiner
From Silvia Belfer

To Karen Belfer and Family in memory of Bernice Weiner
From Bob and Elaine Lipshutz



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____ Fund (pick from list) _____

Donor Address _____ In honor of _____

Donor City/St/Zip _____ In memory of _____

Send card to: Name _____ Notes: _____

Send card to address _____ **Send your donation and this form to:**

Send card to City/St/Zip _____ **2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

The Shofar

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