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The Shofar

Federation News

Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

Your Federation's Annual Report can be found inside this issue of *The Shofar*. I'd like to discuss with you the past fiscal year that ended June 30th, and begin to look forward to next year.

The financial data includes the final results of our 2011 fundraising campaign and the allocations of these funds made by the JFGR board. The Annual Report also lists the campaign's contributors and solicitors, to whom we are deeply appreciative, as well as the endowment funds of the Federation, a lasting legacy from our past and current community members to whom we are eternally grateful.

Our 2011 campaign was nearly 5% below the results of 2010. While this rate of decline has slowed in comparison to the prior three years, we remain committed to turning this downward trend around. This objective is a primary goal of the JFGR board and staff.

The allocations and other expenditures on the Annual Report reflect your Federation's commitment to our community and Jews around the world. Locally, the largest allocation is to our children's Jewish education through the United Jewish School, matching the contributions of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel. Following a significant decline in office expenditures a year ago, by keeping these costs steady this year, we were also able to maintain or increase our allocations to those in need, including the Temple Emanuel Food Bank and a new allocation to the Corners of the Field Community Garden.

Other board allocations to local Jewish cultural organizations, as well as overseas (primarily to support Israel's social service needs), declined approximately 5% versus a year ago. This decline reflects the reality we face when our campaign is down. Nonetheless, we were able to maintain a significant portion of our campaign dollars dedicated to these activities and programs that are so important to many of us. For instance, our international allocations remain over 1/3 of our campaign, a level of commitment for which we can all be proud.

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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.

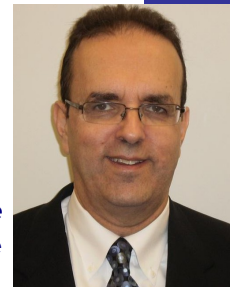
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Federation News

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The number of contributors to our campaign was consistent with last year, despite the campaign dollar decline. Like many Jewish communities around the country, our donor base is aging, so a key focus of our campaign efforts over the next few years will be to reach out to younger community members who are already contributing, along with those who are not (yet!), to better explain the work of your Federation and seek their involvement and added support of our community.

The strategic plan that Greg and I have discussed with you in these pages previously has produced three new committees – Financial Resource Development and Campaign; Programming; and Social Services – to work on these challenges for Federation and our community. I'd like to thank our board members, as well as all of you, who generously contribute your time and dollars.

On a personal note, this past fiscal year was the first full year in my current role with Federation, following many years on the board. I've been able to observe and experience up close the inspiring dedication of your Federation board, staff and volunteers as we address our challenges. Our work has just begun, and I invite you, as a valued member of our community, to join our efforts, not only to maintain the quality of Jewish life in West Michigan, but to assure that we thrive in the future and leave a stronger Jewish community to our children.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about this report. Best wishes for a great – and hopefully cooler – last half of the summer!

With warmest regards,

Mike Present
mike@ifgr.org



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



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

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THE SUM OF: \$ _____

DONOR'S SIGNATURE

Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please Charge my: Mastercard Visa
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Name _____

Address _____

Please consider a 10% increase

Card Number
Exp. Date: _____

Save the date!
Friday, September 7 – Sunday, September 9

2012 SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

with

RABBI SHEFA GOLD

Rabbi Shefa Gold is a leader in Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal and received her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. She is the director of The Center for Devotional, Energy and Ecstatic Practice in New Mexico and practices around the world. Shefa composes and performs spiritual music, has produced albums, and her liturgies have been published in several new prayer books. She is the author of "Torah Journeys: The Inner Path to the Promised Land" and "In the Fever of Love: An Illumination of the Song of Songs".

Senior News

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C): by Ann Berman

An article in the June Shofar covered the basics of Medicare and how to determine if you're eligible. This month I would like to discuss the **Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans** (*not to be confused with Medicare Supplement Insurance aka Medigap*). Medicare advantage plans are offered by private companies that have been approved by Medicare. This is done to encourage competition and flexibility in setting the terms of each plan. Therefore you will find considerable variation among plans as you shop.

Four kinds of Medicare Advantage plans are known as **Coordinated Care Plans – Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO)**, **Point of Service (POS)**, **Preferred Provider (PPO)** plans and **Special Needs Plans (SNP)**. This usually means your health care coverage is coordinated through a primary care physician who will manage your care from specialist and hospitals. You may be limited to specific doctors and hospitals. This is different from Medicare Part A where you can choose any physician or hospital that accepts Medicare.

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Lunch Bunch....

Date: Thursday, August 23

Time: 11:30 AM

We are trying a new restaurant -

Houlihan's

1968 Breton Road SE

Cost: \$8.00



Call Ann to RSVP by Tuesday August 22,
 616-942-5553. Transportation available.

Future Lunch Bunch Dates:

Thursday, September 13

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, November 15

If you have a restaurant you would like to suggest feel free to call or email Ann 616-942-5553

Senior News

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The other two types of plans are **Private Fee-For-Service (PFFS)** plans and **Medical Savings Account (MSA)**. These plans do not use coordinated care management. In these plans, you can get care from any provider who is willing to accept the terms, conditions and payment rates.

Where you need to do your homework is when you choose a **Medicare Advantage Plan - Coordinated care plan**. You will need to look at additional premiums you would pay for any plan you are considering. It's additional because you need to have both Medicare Part A and B to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, and you pay a Medicare premium for Part B. You pay the Medicare Part B premium whether you get your Medicare Benefits through Original Medicare or through a Medicare Advantage plan. Many Medicare Advantage plans may not charge any premium beyond the Part B premium.

Estimating the total cost sharing, including premiums, deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance for the services you think you may need throughout the year is always a good idea. Then find a Medicare Advantage plan where the maximum on your out-of-pocket expenses fits into your budget. You may also want to consider whether the plan has a network of doctors and if this network gives you access to the doctors you want. If you want both prescription drug coverage and a Medicare Advantage coordinated care plan like an HMO, POS or PPO plan, it is best to choose one with a prescription drug coverage built in.

It is *important* to note that you cannot combine a stand alone prescription drug plan with a coordinated care Medicare Advantage plan. You can, however, combine a stand alone prescription drug plan with a PFFS or MSA Medicare Advantage or with Original Medicare.

In Medicare Advantage plans, the company that offers the plan sets the **premium** and decides on the **cost sharing**. Most Advantage plans use a combination of **deductibles, coinsurance** and **co-pays** to share the cost with you. This cost-sharing will usually apply to hospital stays, doctor visits, drug coverage and so on. You will need to learn the details of a plan to understand its **cost sharing**. Plans can vary widely and their cost sharing usually works quite differently than from the Original Medicare Parts A and B.

Medicare Advantage plans can offer limits on your out of pocket cost sharing. With Original Medicare, there is no limit on your out-of-pocket amounts for covered services. In some situations, like extremely long hospital stays, your coverage under Part A can end entirely and you may become responsible for paying all of your own costs.

In contrast, Medicare Advantage plans offer a feature that caps your out-of-pocket spending for cost sharing like co-pays and deductibles in any given year. The out-of-pocket maximum does vary by plan, but the most it can be for in-network services in 2012 is \$6,700.

As every person's situation is different, and we at Federation are not Medicare experts. I encourage you to investigate this topic further. Start shopping by finding out what's available in your area. You can find a list of plans at Medicare.gov, by calling the Medicare Helpline, or by contacting Medicare Made Clear at 1-877-619-5582.

Article sources: www.medicaremadeclear.com, www.ssa.gov

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General Campaign

\$25,000 and Over

Herman Foundation
Padnos Foundation
Jerome Subar

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Greg Kaufman
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\$5,000 - \$9,999

David Hecht
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\$2,500 - \$4,999

Tom Fox
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Bruce Cohen
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Wayne Titcher
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Leon Blum
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Richard Gaffin
Michael Halprin

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Joel Krissoff
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Stuart Rapaport
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Larry Selig
Douglas Siegel
TDS Metrocom
John Winestone

\$250 - \$499

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Larry Cieply
Stuart Citron
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Sanford Freed
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Dennis Hammond
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Gregory Sundstrom
Douglas Wachter
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\$100 - \$249

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Owen Baxter
Daniel Belfer
David Bernstein
David Blandford
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Len Cottrell
Stephen Duchemin
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Jim Flood
Thomas Fox
Bradley Friedland
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Seth Starner
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Aron Weiner
Manes Weingarten
Yosef Weingarten
Nelson Wilner
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Aleksandr Yavich
Morton Zukerman
Marc Zupke

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Marilyn Leven

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

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Machelle Hammond
Dafna Kaufman
Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick
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Flory Silverstein
Diane Titcher
Marilyn Titcher

\$1,000 - \$1,799

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Sandra Last
Peggy Leven
Jan Lewis
Deborah Mankoff
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Maxine Shapiro
Helayne Sherman
Sheryl Siegel
Mary Stevens

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Diane Hammerman
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Sylvia Krissoff
Beverly Manes
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without our campaign volunteers:*

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TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

Men's Special Gifts	\$253,869.00	
Men's General	\$27,572.00	
Women's Division	\$138,554.00	
Total-Regular Campaign		\$419,995.00
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$25,000.00	
Interest	\$700.00	
Car loan repayment	\$2,400.00	
Available for re-allocation	\$10,664.95	
General Endowment Fund	\$17,334.41	
Art Fund	\$10,210.40	
Weiner Fund	\$2,312.70	
Women of Valor	\$1,382.54	
Subtotal Additional Income		\$70,005.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION		\$490,000.00

LOCAL

JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Campaign	\$38,802.00	
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$89,306.00	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$103,445.00	
Uncollected Pledges	\$12,000.00	
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,400.00	
FICA & Medicare	\$14,000.00	
Subtotal Operational Expenses		\$259,953.00
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000.00	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$6,500.00	
Subtotal		\$11,500.00

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Jewish Schools	\$18,000.00	
Chabad of West Michigan	\$4,750.00	
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$4,750.00	
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,700.00	
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,200.00	
Interfaith Dialogue	\$2,800.00	
Corners of the Field Community Garden	\$250.00	
Subtotal Local Allocations		\$36,450.00
TOTAL LOCAL ALLOCATIONS		\$307,903.00

DUES PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Michigan Jewish Conference-dues	\$1,200.00	
JFNA Fair Share	\$16,416.00	
TOTAL DUES		\$17,616.00

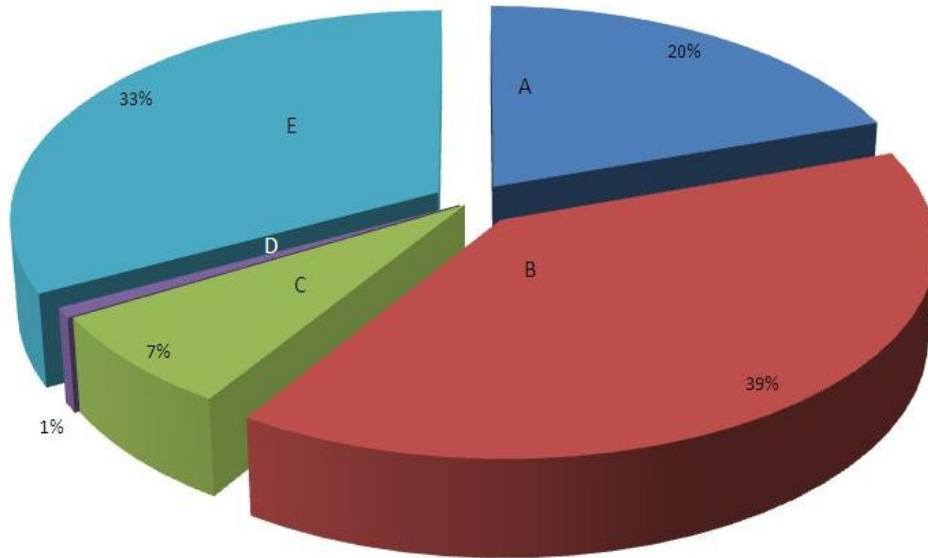
NATIONAL

American Jewish Committee	\$200.00	
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$600.00	
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500.00	
GVSU Hillel	\$500.00	
MSU - Hillel	\$500.00	
U of M Hillel	\$180.00	
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250.00	
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$136.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$3,866.00

INTERNATIONAL

Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$2,500.00	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$158,115.00	
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		\$160,615.00
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		\$490,000.00

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- A) Operational: Campaign, FICA & Medicare, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, JFNA Fairshare, Michigan Jewish Conference Dues, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, Missions & Leadership Development.
- B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs.
- C) Local: United Jewish School, Chabad of West Michigan, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Shir Shalom Choir, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Interfaith Dialogue, Corners of the Field Community Garden
- D) National: American Jewish Committee, ADL, Birthright Israel, GVSU Hillel, MSU Hillel, U of M Hillel, Israel Action Network, JCPA.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

*We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds,
Totaling over \$3.1 million*

Woman of Valor Fund

To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

Federation General /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 locally.

Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Fund.

To support Cultural Council programming of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation also provided a separate grant to support the Jewish Film Festival.

JFGR/CAMP TAVOR CAMPERS OF 2012



"A new partnership enjoyed by all!"

"A great Jewish camping experience!"

JFGR COMMUNITY PICNIC, JULY 1, 2012



"A lot of fun for the entire community. We had games, food and camaraderie among a variety of ages"!



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Pam Rush, School Director, Phone: 616-459-5976

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS Opening Day
September 9, 2012 9:45 AM
Temple Emanuel

Also opening day
Rabbi Shefa Gold
Scholar in Residence program
See page 3

Something for Everyone:

- **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 Grade New York trip**
- **11th/12th grade – Class and madrichim program**
- **Adult Education**
- **Special musical guest Mark Rossio will visit with classes throughout the entire year**
- **November Jewish Book month –Book and Craft Fair**
- **December 11 – Special winter program**
- **April 14 - Yom Ha'atzmaut program and Israeli restaurant**

Unaffiliated students accepted for 1 year.
 Classes for ages 2 years through 12th grade
 Information and Enrollment
www.unitedjewishschool.org

CALENDAR

Aug. 22 Board meeting 7pm Temple Emanuel
Sept. 9 Opening Day
Sept. 12 1st day of midweek (Ahavas Israel)
Sept. 23 9th Grade New York meeting
Sept. 30 Blessing of the Pets 9:30 AM

Congregational News

Chabad House



Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten

Registration is now open for Fall of 2012

For Children Ages 2-6 For more information about our program, Please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770

Chabad house of Western Michigan invites the community to join us as we celebrate the **Dedication of our new Sefer Torah** in loving memory of our Parents and Grandparents, Rabbi Avraham & Tarry Weingarten.

Sunday, August 19, 2012

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Live Music, Dancing & Buffet reception



The **Jewish Women's Circle** presents a pre-Rosh Hashana Moroccan cooking demo. Learn how to create delicious authentic Moroccan dishes that will delight your family and guests!

Date: Wednesday, September 12

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Chani Liberow home, 2277 E Fulton

Cost: \$10

To RSVP and for more information call Nechamy 616-828-2340

Hadassah Book Club

Thank you to Cynthia Doniger for our Book Club meeting at her new home!

Next meeting:

September 12

Karen Haight's, 130 Maryland NE

Phone 616-454-9910 (Please call Karen and let her know you will be attending...)

Book: Cutting for Stone By Abraham Verghese



November 14 meeting will be at Diane Broomberg's and the book will be **In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson**

Books available at "SCHULERS BOOKS" on 28th ST.

As always, your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Family Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat

The Religious Life committee is hosting Pre-Shabbat Happy Hours (Music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres; snacks and drinks for the kids) on the last Shabbat of each month, and August 17 at 7:00 PM, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45 PM.

Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel invites the Jewish Community to our **Indoor Picnic Potluck Shabbat** on Friday, August 10. Join us for Services at 6:15 PM

Dinner begins immediately after

We'll provide the paper plates, cold chicken, challah, wine, juice, lemonade and dessert. We ask everyone to bring a non-dairy cold side dish to share. No warming required!

\$4.00 Adults

\$2.00 Children under the age of 13

Please call the office at 616-459-5976 to RSVP no later than Wednesday August 8

YAD Summer Play Group

Selected **Friday mornings at 10:00 AM** during the summer at Manhattan Park, off Cascade Road, near the East Beltline. We meet by the pavilion, off Manhattan Road:



August 3 & 17

Please contact the Federation office for details, or if you have questions, 616-942-5553 or Cathy@jfgr.org



Business Forum

The Jewish Community Business Forum is a good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available within our community.

Thursday, Aug 16

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

El Barrio

545 Michigan NE
Everyone Welcome



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.

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The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

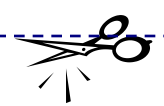
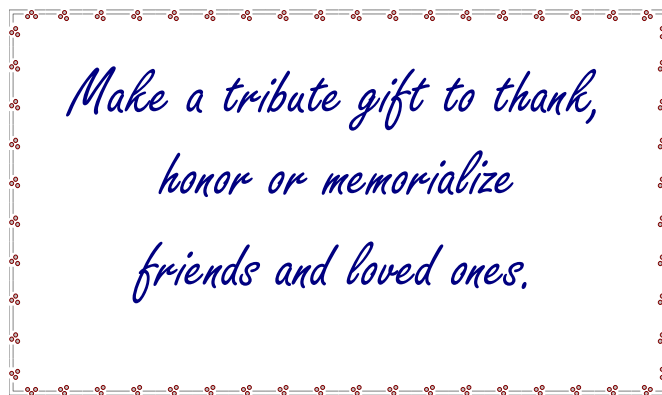
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To Roberta and Mike Jacobson in honor of their daughter's marriage
From Charles and Maxine Shapiro

The Jerry & Judy Subar Endowment Fund

To Judy Subar for a speedy recovery
From Roger and Marcia Beutner



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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One Community

Thank you to all who donated or attempted to donate blood
at our July Community Picnic.

We were able to raise

\$210

for camp scholarship funds.

