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**Chairman’s Letter**

Dear Grand Rapids Jewish Community,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be Chair of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. I am following in the footsteps of many great leaders and will strive to continue the work of our local Federation. With Greg Kaufman as Chair, along with the prior board (including many members who are continuing on), the Federation is hitting on all cylinders. We have completed our first growth campaign over the last four years. While it was a small increase, any increase allows the Federation to fund programs for the community.

The Mission of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, which is printed in every copy of *The Shofar* is:

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.

As the previous Treasurer, I am most familiar with the financial operations of the Federation, and while this is a large portion of the Mission, it is only a portion of our mission. We continue to follow the strategic planning model that was developed over the last couple of years. One of my goals is to grow the campaign so that we can meet the needs of our community. We need to thank both our older and larger benefactors while growing the number of overall contributors. Remember you don’t have to be older to make the Federation a major beneficiary of your charitable dollars.

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**The Shofar**

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Of Western Michigan  
Rabbi Yosef Weingarten

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With the additional funding we will be able to provide meaningful cultural and social opportunities so that we can be proud of our Jewish heritage and community. I hope to see many of you at the various programs supported by the Federation. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to call 616-901-3810 or e-mail me at ctitché@beenegarter.com.

Claude Titché  
Chairman of the Board

### L'Dor Vador Endowment Funds

#### Growing the Community's Endowment Funds

The L'dor Vador Endowment Committee has met and reviewed the investment policy statement and results for the first six months of 2013. The committee has elected to make some changes to some of the investments and to realign the investments to correspond with the investment policy statement. The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$3,760,676 as of June 30, 2013, growing from \$3,625,503 at the end of 2012. Of note, the funds' balance has been reduced by annual distributions requested by many of the funds' beneficiaries. The funds have generated an annualized weighted average return for the first six months of 9.10%.

Please consider forming a new fund or contributing to an existing fund. To donate, contact the Jewish Federation office or Congregation Ahavas Israel or Temple Emanuel. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mike in the Federation office at (616) 942-5553 or mike@jfgr.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  
 Discover  American Express

Please consider a 10% increase

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Card Number  
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## Lunch Bunch:



Thursday  
August 8  
11:30 AM

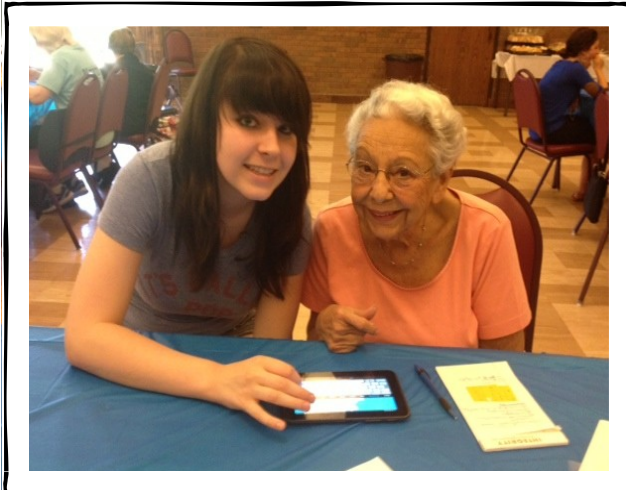
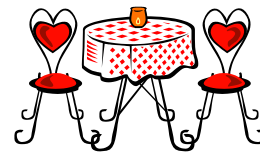
### Osta's Lebanese Cuisine

2228 Wealthy Street  
East Grand Rapids  
Cost: \$8.00

RSVP by August 6 to Ann at 616-942-5553  
Transportation is also available by calling Ann

## SAVE THESE DATES For Future Lunch Bunches...

September 12, Location TBD  
October 10, Out of town bus trip for lunch -  
it is a mystery tour!  
November 14, Location TBD  
December 5, Chanukah Luncheon



**Thank you!** to all the volunteers and seniors who came out for JFGR's first Tech-Café luncheon in July. It was a day of learning to use your own electronic gadgets or exploring on one of ours. By the end, some decided such things as the Ipad was not for them, and others were ready to head to the Apple Store. Many learned the simple yet frustrating apps on their smart phones. Mostly the younger generation taught the older generation but there was some reverse learning too! Everyone enjoyed a Subway lunch and schmoozed with friends!



## **Debts and Deceased Relatives**

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After a relative dies, the last thing grieving family members want are calls from debt collectors asking them to pay a loved one's debts. Generally, those debts are paid from the deceased person's estate. Under Michigan law, family members are not obligated to pay the debts of a deceased relative from their own assets, although the deceased person's estate could be liable for the debt. What's more, family members – and all consumers – are protected by the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), which prohibits debt collectors from using abusive, unfair, or deceptive practices to try to collect a debt.

Under the FDCPA, a debt collector is defined as someone who regularly collects debts owed to others. This includes collection agencies, lawyers who collect debts on a regular basis, and companies that buy delinquent debts and then try to collect them.

### **Does a debt go away when the debtor dies?**

No. The estate of the deceased person owes the debt. If there isn't enough money in the estate to cover the debt, or no probate was commenced because it was not necessary, the debt typically goes unpaid. However, an exception to this

rule is that a family member may be responsible for the debt if he or she co-signed the obligation.

### **Who has the authority to pay the deceased person's debts out of his or her assets?**

The person named in a will as the Personal Representative is responsible for settling a deceased person's affairs and paying any claims against the estate. If there is no will, the court appoints a Personal Representative with authority to administer the estate.

### **Whom may a debt collector talk to about a deceased person's debt?**

Under the FDCPA, collectors can contact and discuss the deceased person's debts with that person's spouse, parent (if the deceased was a minor child), guardian, or Personal Representative. Also, the FDCPA permits collectors to contact any other person authorized to pay debts with assets from the deceased person's estate. Debt collectors may not discuss the debts of deceased persons with anyone else.

### **If a debt collector contacts a deceased person's relative, what can they talk about?**

Collectors are allowed to contact third parties (such as a relative) to get the name, address, and telephone number of the deceased person's spouse, Personal Representative, or other person authorized to pay the deceased's debts. Collectors are permitted to contact such third parties only once to get this information. The main exception is if a

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collector reasonably believes that the information provided initially was inaccurate or incomplete, and that the third party now has more accurate or complete information. But, collectors cannot say anything about the debt to the third party.

### **Even if I am authorized to pay a deceased person's debt, can I stop a debt collector from contacting me about the debt?**

Yes. To exercise this right, you must send a letter to the collector stating that you do not want the collector to contact you again. A telephone call is not enough. Make a copy of your letter for your files, send the original by certified mail, and pay for a "return receipt" so you can document what the collector received and when. Once the letter is received, the collector cannot contact you again except to confirm that there will be no further contact, or that the collector or the creditor plans to take a specific action, like filing a lawsuit to collect the debt. Keep in mind that even if you stop collectors from communicating with you, you are still responsible for the debt.

### **Am I responsible for the debts of my deceased spouse?**

It is important to know that in Michigan a spouse is not responsible for any of the debts of the deceased spouse, unless the surviving spouse specifically signed an agreement to be liable. Always be careful what you sign and contact the Legal Hotline if you are unsure. Issues occasionally arise with respect to credit

cards. If the deceased spouse had a credit card and was the only name on the account, the surviving spouse is not liable for any unpaid balance. But if the surviving spouse—although not on the account—used the card, or an extra card was issued and used, there could be liability.

If you receive bills from creditors or are contacted by a bill collector after the death of your spouse, and you are not responsible for the bills, it's best to write the creditor or collector a letter informing them of the death and sending the collector or creditor a copy of the decedent's death certificate. If there is no probate proceeding, inform the creditor of this and request that you not be contacted about the debt again.

### **For Complaints and More Information**

Report any problems you have with a debt collector to the Michigan Attorney General's office at (877) 765-8388, and the Federal Trade Commission at (877) 382-4357 or online at [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov). Michigan has its own Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. The Michigan Attorney General's Office or the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors can help you determine your rights.

*The information in this article is general and not intended to be a substitute for legal advice. In any legal matter you should always consider consulting with an attorney for specific advice.*



## Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Annual Report follows on pages 7 through 10 of this issue of *The Shofar*. I'd like to talk with you about the past fiscal year that ended June 30 as well as look forward to next year.

The final results of our 2012 fundraising campaign and the allocations of these funds made by the Federation board are included in the Annual Report. You can also see the campaign's contributors and solicitors, to whom we are sincerely grateful, along with the endowment funds of the Federation, the legacy of both past and current community members to whom we are deeply appreciative.

Our 2012 campaign was up slightly versus 2011, the first time in five years our campaign did not decline when compared to the prior year. While this is a step in the right direction, there is still much work to be done. This is a major objective the JFGR board and staff, and we invite your thoughts and ideas as we continue to strengthen Federation for our Jewish community's future.

The JFGR allocations and expenditures specify our community's commitment to the Jewish people locally and around the world. Locally, the largest allocation remains our financial and administrative support to the United Jewish School, reflecting the priority of our children's Jewish education to our future. This allocation

matches the contributions of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel. As fundraising was approximately the same as a year ago, other local allocation amounts remained similar to the prior year, consistent with new allocations guidelines to maintain consistency in the percentage distribution of allocations among the categories of local, national, international, programming and services, and operations and campaign.

The other board allocations to local Jewish cultural and social service organizations, as well as nationally and overseas (primarily to support Israel's social service needs), were also about the same as last year. The board made one new allocation to the Michigan Israel Business Bridge, as JFGR became a member of this six year old organization that is leading an exciting effort to enhance business activity between Michigan and Israel.

Separately, our international allocation commitment remains strong with more than 1/3 of our campaign dedicated to our fellow Jews around the world.

Looking forward, we continue to implement the strategic plan that the JFGR Board of Directors put in place a year ago. A key aspect of this plan remains seeking to engage a broader base of community members in Federation and other local Jewish organizational activities. One such activity to look for this fall is the kickoff of a new program called the PJ Library, an innovative program in over 100 Jewish communities around the country that

reaches out to families with young children through Jewish content books and related events. Please look in future issues of *The Shofar* and other Federation communications for more information about this exciting program.

I'd like to publicly welcome and express my appreciation to two members of our board. Claude Titcher assumes the position of JFGR board chairman this summer. As you are probably aware, Claude is a long time board member and JFGR treasurer. I look forward to working with Claude in his new role. We also welcome a new board member, Dr. John Winestone. A busy neurosurgeon, I'd like to thank John for offering his time and talents to the service of our Federation and community.

Finally, let me conclude with a note of thanks to Greg Kaufman for his recently concluded service as our board chair. Greg devoted a great deal of time and energy to Federation, and I sincerely appreciate his efforts. I also want to thank Glenn Barkan, Norm Kravitz and Marisa Krishef, who are leaving our board, for their service to our community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. I welcome your ideas and efforts to continue our efforts to sustain and improve the quality of Jewish life in West Michigan and support our Jewish family around the world.

Best regards,

Mike Present  
mike@jfgr.org

# 2012 Annual Report

## General Campaign

### \$25,000 or more

Herman Foundation  
Padnos Foundation

### \$10,000 - \$24,999

Greg Kaufman  
David Samrick

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

David Hecht  
Michael Jacobson  
Julian Joseph  
Claude Titcher

### \$2,500 - \$4,999

Tom Fox  
Mark & Barbara Gerson  
Sheldon Kahn  
Charles Olender  
Leo Schlesinger

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

David Alfonso  
Leon Ash  
Stuart Berman  
William Boorstein  
Bruce Cohen  
Peter Dennen  
Jeffrey Frank  
Harvey Gendler  
Robert Goldberger  
Daniel Hurwitz  
Stuart Jacobson  
Marc Leven  
Bill Lewis  
David Lipner  
Daniel Mankoff  
Steve Pestka  
Michael Present  
Jeff Rush  
Andrew Samrick

James Siegel  
Richard Stevens  
Wayne Titcher  
Stephen Turner  
John Winestone  
Chad Zagel

### \$500 - \$999

Glenn Barkan  
Leon Blum  
Richard Gaffin  
Keith Javery  
Jozef Kaneti  
Norman Kravitz  
Joel Krissoff  
Albert Lewis  
Stuart Rapoport  
Michael Schadick  
Larry Selig  
Douglas Siegel  
Doug Singer

### \$250 - \$499

Mario Atias  
Nathan Berman  
Scott Berman  
Roger Beutner  
Charles Caldwell  
Larry Cieply  
Stuart Citron  
Boaz Cohen  
Izak Dimenstein  
Carl M. Fink  
Jack Finn  
Sanford Freed  
Stephen Goldberg  
Jack Gordon  
Michael Halprin  
Dennis Hammond  
Harold Hollander  
Gunther Jacoby  
Morris Kleiman  
Michael Margulus  
Dennis McMurray  
Justin Present

Mark Rapoport  
David Reifler  
Daniel & Nancy Rosen  
Philip Rotenberg  
Charles Shapiro  
Alan Siegel  
Joel Siegel  
Bart & Kathy Steindler  
Gregory Sundstrom  
Douglas Wachter  
Gilbert Wynn

### \$100 - \$249

Robert Arbetman  
David Balas & James Sellman  
Izidor Bass  
Owen Baxter  
David Bernstein  
David Blandford  
Len Cottrell  
Douglas deLange  
Stephen Duchemin  
Fairlanes Family Entertainment  
David Finkelstein  
Thomas Fox  
Bradley Friedland  
Keith Getz  
Jonathan Golden  
Gerald Gordon  
Jacob Heglund  
David Hutchings  
David Kagan  
William Katz  
Jeffrey Kommit  
Sheldon Kopperl  
Steven Levenburg  
Robert Lipshutz  
Richard Lovy  
Timothy Martin  
Sam Miller  
Jack Novick  
Hal Ostrow  
Eddie Parach

Ethan Powsner  
Rand Putterman  
David Rapoport  
Leonard Robinson  
Jeffrey Rosenthal  
Bennett & Jacqueline Rudolph  
Howard & Brenda Rustin  
Mark Schwartz  
Eric Shapin & Carolyn Shapiro Shapin  
Sanford Simon  
Shalom Solomon  
John Tully  
Scott Vyn  
Norman Weber  
Michael Wiegand  
Dana Winniman  
Jeffrey Zheutlin  
Charles Zickus

### Up to \$99

Ron Arnon  
Yaki Atar  
Douglas Bandos  
Daniel Belfer  
Tom Bojsen  
Jeffrey Bootzin  
Melvin Brenner  
Jason Chambers  
Joe Chrenka  
Abraham Cohen  
Richard Scott Cohen  
Jason Cook  
Robert Doniger  
Dan Druker  
Nadav Dujovny  
Mark Esterman  
Michael Faden  
Dan Fogel & Brenda Behm  
Jeff Gartner  
Sam Gendler  
Yakov Gesin  
Joel Goldberg

Robert Gould  
William Hoffinger  
Mort Hoffman  
Homewatch CareGivers of West Michigan  
David Jingles  
Anatoly Kapustin  
Aaron Katz  
David Klein  
Thomas Knape  
Rich Kogelschatz  
David Krishef  
Jack Lalo  
David Levitt  
Sholom Liberow  
Samuil Margolin  
Stephen Margulis  
Hezi Marx  
Randy Meisner  
Richard Moed  
Mark Neistat  
Samuil Olevskiy  
Sam Rapeyko  
Vilen Rapeyko  
Tom Rider  
David Rispler  
Evan Rossio  
Andrew Rubinstein  
Jaron Siegel  
Rick Siegle  
Michael Silverstein  
Slava Sokolovsky  
Robert Swietek  
Lewis Turetsky  
Dan Voorhees  
Michael Warsaw  
Aron Weiner  
Yosef Weingarten  
Nelson Wilner  
Omri Winterberger  
Dale & Susan Wolfson  
Anatoly Yantovsky  
Aleksandr Yavich  
Morton Zukerman  
Marc Zuppke

## Women's Campaign

### \$10,000 or more

**Ruby Lion of Judah**  
Marilyn Leven  
Judy Subar

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

**Lion of Judah**  
Peg Finkelstein  
Bluma Herman  
Judith Joseph  
Myrna Kirschner  
Eileen Newman  
Karen Padnos  
Peg Padnos  
Susan Samrick  
Lanny Thodey  
Sharyl Titcher

### \$1,800 - \$4,999

**Pomegranate**  
Linda Albert  
Davida Dennen  
Machelle Hammond  
Dafna Kaufman  
Anita Silverstein  
Flory Silverstein  
Marilyn Titcher

### \$1,000 - \$1,799

Jean Barkin  
Phyllis Gendler  
Stephanie Hurwitz  
Roberta Jacobson  
Sandra Last  
Jan Lewis  
Deborah Mankoff  
Carol Present  
Pam Rush  
Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick  
Margit Sarne  
Maxine Shapiro  
Helayne Sherman  
Sheryl Siegel  
Mary Stevens  
Audrey Sundstrom  
Tziporah Winestone

**\$500 - \$999**

Lori Demeter	Karen Libman	Mary Schwartz	Michelle Benjamin	Geraldine Hoffman	Barbara Remes
Kathi Barkan	Elaine Lipshutz	Lisa Present Shall	Evelyn Berkowitz	June Horowitz	Eve Rider
Sally Blum	Sharlena Lovy	Sherry Singer	Roza Blekhan	Phyllis Horowitz	Elisabeth Rosewall
Sari Cohen	Beverly Manes	Abby Sorota	Sylvia Blum	Lori Jacobs	Julie Rossio
Mickie Fox	Barbara Marcus	Irene St. Louis	Paula Bojsen	Michele Kanig	Lucy Rostar
Sheila Frank	Lisabeth Margulus	Ellen Taub	Diane Broomberg	Luba Kapustin	Sarah Schulte
Doris Griffith	Jeanne Moss	Susette Tauber	Tracy Chrenka	Aleta Katonak	Nancy Shane
Diane Hammerman	Beverly Niedelson	Diane Titche	Mitzi Cohon	Lynne Katz	Helen Shibley
Mary Kaneti	Amy Noyes	Marni Vyn	Wende Cook	Maryanne Katz	Arlene Siegel
Barbara Kravitz	Nancy Olender	Deborah Wachter	Willow Cook	Cindy Kogelschatz	Jean Silbar
Madelon Krissoff	Kathleen Osborn	Susan Wakefield	Corinne Cottrell	Marisa Krishef	Karen Silverstein
Sylvia Krissoff	Amy Ostrow	Bernice Weiner	Cheryl Currier	Stacey Levitt	Nancy Smith
Peggy Leven	Enid Packard	Toby Weiner Dolinka	Mary Davis	Chana Liberow	Nella Sokolovsky
Barbara Rapaport	Cynthia Powsner	Patricia Weller	Gloria Dennen	Rachel Lutwick	Debra Swietek
Edith Rashewsky	Pam Putterman	Anne Wepman	Cynthia Doniger	Deaner	Melody Thomas-Mayes
Kristin Siegel	Lisa Rapoport	Barbara Wepman	Karen Dujovny	Mariana Margolin	Gertrude Turetsky

**\$100 - \$499**

Georgiann Arbetman	Shirley Kleiman	Lori Reineke	Barbara Wynn	Frances Fisher	Kelly Meisner	Ida Weiner
Sonia Ashendorf	Lillian Klein	Susanne Remes	Julie Gendler	Julie Gendler	Tracy Miller Rider	Sarah Weingarten
Susan Bass	Shelley Knappe	Barbara Robinson	Lois Gerard	Lois Gerard	Patricia Moed	Joan Winniman
Leigh-Ann Baxter	Irene Konrad	Vicki Rosenberg	Ida Gindzin	Ida Gindzin	Tina Murua	Ellyn Wolfson
Ann Berman	Susan Kopperl	Sherry Rosenthal	Diane Ginsburg	Diane Ginsburg	Barbara Myers	Shari Wooldridge
Malka Berman	Amy Landman	Marilyn Roth	Anne Goetz	Anne Goetz	Nina Olevskiy	Irina Yantovsky
Julie Bernstein	Estelle Leven	Sandra Roth	Susan Gould	Susan Gould	Marlene Rapaport	Yelena Yavich
Debra Blandford	Ellen Levey	Luba Samrick	Sylvia Herman	Sylvia Herman	Anna Rapeyko	Michele Young
Lucy Caldwell	Pam Levy	Susan Schadick	Alison Himelhoch	Alison Himelhoch	Lisa Rashewsky	Judy Zupke
	Shirley Lewis	Janice Schoenfeld	Sylvia Belfer	Sylvia Hoffinger	Diane Rayer	

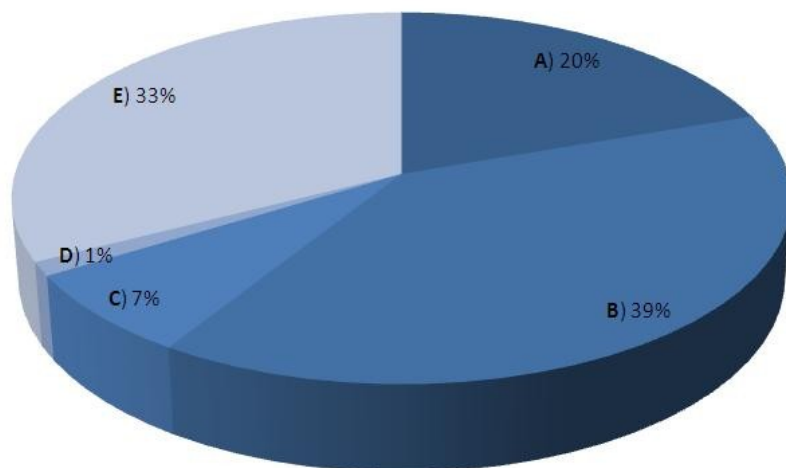
**Up to \$99**

Sara Albert  
Debi Ankney  
Adi Atar  
Talia Atias  
Kate Bandos  
Sylvia Belfer

*Our campaign would not have been a success  
without our campaign volunteers:*

David Alfonso	Mort Finkelstein	Dafna Kaufman	Carol Present	Audrey Sundstrom
Heather Alfonso	Jeff Frank	Greg Kaufman	Mike Present	Susette Tauber
Mario Atias	Sandy Freed	Moe Kleiman	Sue Remes	Lanny Thodey
Glenn Barkan	Machelle Hammond	Shirley Kleiman	Julie Rossio	Claude Titche
Ann Berman	Sylvia Herman	Barb Kravitz	Andrew Samrick	Wayne Titche
Sari Cohen	Melissa Hillman	Norm Kravitz	Carol Sarosik	Marni Vyn
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		Amy Noyes		
		Karen Padnos		

<b>TOTAL FUNDS RAISED</b>	
Men's Special Gifts	\$227,377
Men's General	\$27,473
Women's Division	\$165,417
<b>Total-Regular Campaign</b>	<b>\$420,267</b>
Matching Grant -Padnos Foundation	\$25,000
Marching Grant –Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$4,512
Interest	\$580
Car loan repayment	\$1,000
Available for re-allocation	\$9,379
General Endowment Fund	\$17,067
Art Fund	\$10,296
Weiner Fund	\$2,302
Women of Valor	\$1,397
<b>Subtotal Additional Income</b>	<b>\$71,533</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$491,800</b>
<b>LOCAL</b>	
<b>JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>	
Campaign/Administrative	\$41,448
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$89,629
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$103,746
Uncollected Pledges	\$12,000
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,400
FICA & Medicare	\$14,000
<b>Subtotal Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$263,223</b>
JFNA Fair Share	\$15,717
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$6,180
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$26,897</b>
<b>LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
United Jewish Schools	\$18,000
Chabad of West Michigan	\$4,750
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$4,750
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,700
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,000
Interfaith Dialog	\$2,500
Corners of the Field Community Garden	\$200
<b>Subtotal Local Allocations</b>	<b>\$35,900</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$326,020</b>
<b>NATIONAL</b>	
American Jewish Committee	\$200
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$200
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500
GVSU Hillel	\$1,200
MSU - Hillel	\$500
U of M Hillel	\$500
Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan	\$750
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	\$750
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$5,950</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$1,500
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$158,330
<b>TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$159,830</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$491,800</b>



- A) Operational: Campaign, FICA & Medicare, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, JFNA Fairshare, 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, Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan, Israel Action Network, JCPA, Michigan Israel Business Bridge.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

*We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds,  
Totaling nearly \$3.8 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.**

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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.

Thanks to all who attended the  
2013 JFGR Annual Picnic at Manhattan Park



**There were members of the  
community of all ages. Some played  
games, some ate and some sold  
their crafts!**



## *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 at 616-942-5553, ext. 206 or [Ann@jfgr.org](mailto:Ann@jfgr.org)

## *Recruiting Volunteer Drivers*

Did you know that there are several members of the Jewish Community who would like to participate more? Furthermore, dozens can't drive, putting additional limits on proper health care, grocery shopping and social/recreational opportunities. In short, they aren't able to participate in our Jewish community because of lack of transportation, keeping many isolated at home.

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids has recognized the need for transportation services and is looking for volunteer drivers to assist these people in getting to and from shopping, medical appointments, religious services and community cultural events, or wherever consumers need to go.

We need volunteers with clean, safe driving records and a willingness and enthusiasm to participate in this unique program.

For more information please contact Ann Berman at 616-942-5553 or [ann@jfgr.org](mailto:ann@jfgr.org).

## *Coming to our community*

A GIFT for  
**JEWISH CHILDREN**  
and their families.



**WHAT?** The PJ Library ("PJ" for "pajamas") program offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years all across North America. The program is also available to children ages 6 through 8 in some communities.

**WHY?** PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories.

**HOW? Signing up is easy!**  
To sign up for PJ Library visit  
[www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org).

*PJ Library is a gift from your Jewish community in partnership with local philanthropists and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.*

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# 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

## Hadassah Book Club



October 9 - 7:15 PM

**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**

by Rachel Joyce

Moderator: Flory Silverstein

**Host: Sari Cohen**

810 Cambridge SE, East Grand Rapids

RSVP: 616-821-2751

Books available at SCHULERS BOOKS, 28th ST

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

2013/14 - our 21st season  
**A Season of Survivors**

October 17-27  
**THE WHIPPING MAN**  
by Matthew Lopez

January 8-19  
*The Milliner*  
by Suzanne Glass

March 20-30  
*Driving Miss Daisy*  
by Alfred Uhry

**JEWISH Theatre GRAND RAPIDS**  
presenting quality theatrical productions with Jewish themes that are universal in appeal

Performances at GRCC Spectrum Theater  
**SEASON PASS INFO**  
[www.jtgr.org](http://www.jtgr.org) **616.234.3595**  
Purchase your Season Pass before September 1, 2013 and SAVE!!!



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Pam Rush, School Director 616-459-5976  
pam@templemanuelgr.org  
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### CALENDAR

**Sept 8 - UJS Opening Day**  
**Sept 11 - First day of midweek at Ahavas Israel**  
**Sept 22 - 9th grade New York meeting 12:30 PM**  
**Sept 29 - Blessing of the Pets 9:30 AM**

## UJS Opening Day September 8, 2013

9:30 AM - Meet the teachers, kibbitz with friends, have a nosh, and listen to the musical sounds of the band *Chutzpah*. Be sure to sign up for a school committee. Get involved!!!!

**Enrollment is OPEN. Register at [www.unitedjewishschool.org](http://www.unitedjewishschool.org)**

### Something for Everyone:

Classes for all ages (Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup>) - Sunday Hebrew program for K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Wednesday Hebrew program 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade - "Gan Katan" (Little Garden) class for 2, 3 and young 4 year olds with parent(s) - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade New York trip - 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade Class and madrichim program - Adult Education - Special musical guest Mark Rossio will visit with classes throughout the entire year - November 17 - Don't miss "The Maccabeats" - December 15 - Special winter program - March 16 - Purim Carnival - May 18 - Lag B'omer picnic.

Please remember UJS in your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple "thank you".

***Congregation Ahavas Israel*****Saturday, August 3, 9:30 AM**

Sanctuary Shabbat:

Paula Bojsen, "The Mysteries of the Shofar".

**What: Shofar Workshop! Sunday August 11**

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In the Ahavas Israel Social Hall

Cost: You will have to pay for the cost of your shofar, approximately \$50 for a kudu horn or \$25 for a ram's horn.

Ordering deadline: August 5 - No exceptions.

You do have the option to order your own and bring it.

Ahavas Israel's own Master Blaster Doug deLange and Paula Bojsen will be holding a shofar-making workshop, just in time for the High Holidays. Contact either Doug or Paula to order your horn; kudu and ram's horn are available. If you want something special, such as gemsbok, then let us know early on so that we can source and order the horns. These will be "primitive" style shofars as we will not have time to polish and/or straighten the horns. Kudu is easiest.

**Contact Info:**

Doug deLange:

duke9759@hotmail.com, 616-889-7275 or

Paula Bojsen:

pabojsen@att.net, 616-283-6339

***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

***Temple Emanuel*****Thursday, August 1:** Executive Committee 6:30 PM**Thursday, August 8:** Board of Trustees 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, August 13:** Jazz Concert at Meijer Gardens, gates open at 5 PM. Look for the blue and silver balloons. The concert is free with your paid admissions to the Gardens. Outside food and drink are encouraged, no glass bottles or high-back lawn chairs, please.

**Sunday, August 18:** Food Bank Distribution 10 AM to 12 PM

**Saturday, August 24 -** Matthew Katz Bar Mitzvah Service 10:00 AM

**Friday, August 30 -** Deadline to submit entries for the 2013 Memorial Book at close of business.

***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](mailto:marnivyn@yahoo.com) or phone 616-774-8644.

**August 7, 2013 @ 12:00 PM*****Olives****2162 Wealthy St. EGR****The Jewish Community Business Forum***

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

**August 15, 2013****12 PM - 1 PM*****El Barrio****545 Michigan Street 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.

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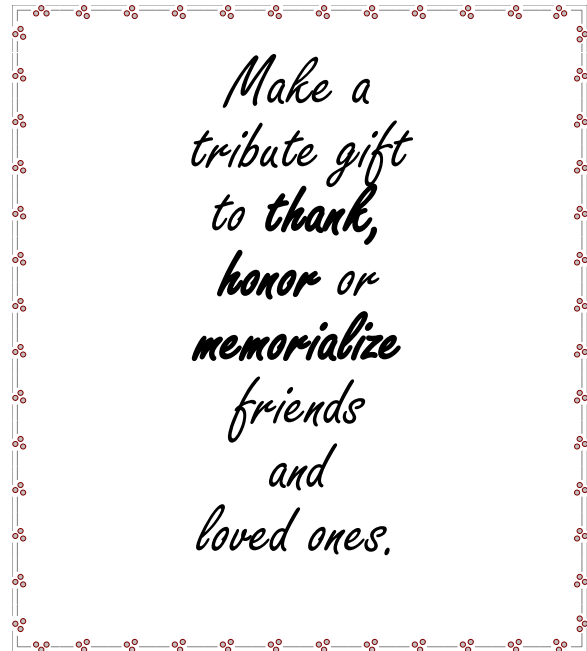
**Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund**. To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

## *Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

### **The JFGR General Endowment Fund**

### **To Sue Remes in memory of William Remes**

**From Margit Sarne**



### **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:**

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