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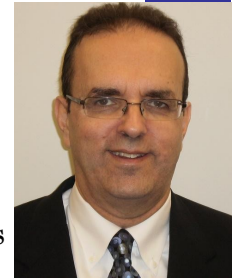
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The Shofar

Federation News

Interim Executive Director's Letter

June 2011



Dear Grand Rapids Jewish Community,

While no movie critic, I'd like to talk about the movies presented during last month's Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids. Coupled with a stirring concert performed by a gifted Israeli on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, the first ten days of May proved to be both entertaining and inspirational. As a whole they provided a mosaic about the richness of Jewish life since the period of the Holocaust and the dawn of the State of Israel.

The first movie, *The Little Traitor*, was a story of friendship between a British soldier and a Jewish child in Palestine during the months before Israel declared her independence. It offered a glimpse into the tension and drama felt by the Zionists in those momentous days. The lightness of the soldier's and boy's friendship offered a welcome relief, making the film both a moving and enjoyable experience. In sharp contrast, the second movie, *La Rafle*, took place five years earlier during the depths of World War II, depicting other Jewish children in desperate straits as they were rounded up in Paris and separated from their parents. It was a disturbing yet realistic story of one of the lesser known episodes of the Holocaust.

The last four films took place in more recent times, three set in Israel. *For My Father* told the story of two young, troubled souls, a Palestinian suicide bomber and an Orthodox Jewish woman. It was a surprisingly complex story of hope and despair. *Precious Life* was also a complex film, in this case a documentary of an Israeli doctor struggling to save the life of a Palestinian "bubble child", whose mother both hates and admires, and clearly does not understand, the Jews who are trying to preserve human

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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.

One Community

Federation is now on Facebook!

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The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids will be holding our
Annual Meeting
 on Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 pm at the Federation office.
 All members of the Jewish community are welcome to attend.

JFGR's 2010 Campaign is complete!
 We'd like to extend a big Thank You to each donor! We appreciate your Generosity.
 2010 Campaign totals:

470 donors
 \$440,972 gift total
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Federation News

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life, no matter where its origin. The last Israeli-based film tells the tale of *The Matchmaker*, a quirky man trying to find love for people who cannot find it easily on their own. Like *The Little Traitor*, it is built around the friendship between this adult man and a Jewish boy, and was quite entertaining. Finally, there was *Anita*, a young Jewish woman from Buenos Aires with Down syndrome who is separated from her family following the 1994 terrorist bombing of the AMIA, an event discussed in a letter here earlier this year. Anita is befriended by a series of people struggling in their own lives who nevertheless help her following this tragedy. It is a touching account of a very human experience between people destined through tragic events to encounter each other.

These films taken together tell a story of both the triumph and tragedy of the Jewish people in modern times. The Jewish Film Festival committee and our programming director, Sari Cohen, deserve great credit for assembling such a superb, complementary selection of films. Many who attended one or more of the films had similar reactions. I'd also like to thank our Film Festival's sponsors, along with our partners at Celebration! Cinema North.

I must admit disappointment that not many young members of our Jewish community came to watch the movies. Various reasons have been proposed, including the days of the week (Sunday to Thursday) the films are shown. It remains unclear to me why young Jews are not attending our cultural events, and I encourage you to contact either Sari or me, or post a comment on our Facebook page, with your opinions about the films and why our younger community members missed them. Also, if you have some ideas about films or other cultural programming that will appeal to younger Jews, please let us know.

The concert by Amir Gwirtzman, the 'Pied Piper of Israel', was another event with little attendance by young Jews. Once again, it's been suggested the day of the week, or perhaps the venue, are possible reasons. It's a shame since it was an amazing performance. Shifting seamlessly from instruments as different as bagpipes and flutes, and saxophones and shofars, he recorded and composed marvelous music before our very eyes and ears! It was a unique – and fun! – musical experience. Jewish culture is alive and well in West Michigan. Along with the Film Festival committee, the Jewish Cultural Council committee warrants our sincere appreciation for bringing us another wonderful season of exciting performances. Thank you as well to the Cultural Council's sponsors. Of note, the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation has been a major sponsor of both the Film Festival and other JFGR cultural events for many years. Somewhere Dora and Leonard must be smiling down upon us in light of the exceptional quality of programs offered to our greater Grand Rapids community this spring.

Best wishes for a great summer!

Regards,
Mike Present

YAD Summer Play Group...

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



June 17
July 22
August 12 & 26

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



YAD Mah Jongg

Join us at our
next game!

**For information about the ongoing Mah Jongg games, please contact Michele Young at 616-828-4806 or youngml1967@gmail.com. Beginners welcome!
No experience necessary.**

Senior Programming

Lunch Bunch...

There will be no Lunch Bunch in June!

**Next Lunch Bunch date is
Wednesday July 20 in Saugatuck**

Senior Mah Jongg...

Anyone interested in learning and/or playing Mah Jongg, please contact **Aleta Katonak**, either by email - alekatsr4u@juno.com (preferable) or by phone - 616-281-5917

These are daytime lessons, and games are at no cost. Then, of course, if there is anyone looking for a game, join the fun!



MahJ on!

Transportation available.

Jewish Theatre Matinee...



Sunday, June 19

3:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00

45 SECONDS from BROADWAY

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids final production of the 2010-11 season is a Neil Simon's comedy *45 Seconds from Broadway*. In celebration of JTGR's 18th - Chai season, the cast of the production, directed by JTGR President Len Robinson, will be made up current and former members of JTGR board.

Call Cathy 616-942-5553 for details

RSVP by Tuesday, June 14, 2011

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

Butterfly Project...



The Jewish Federation is partnering with the Grand Rapids Children's Museum in the Butterfly Project. The purpose of this project is to collect 1.5 million handmade butterflies to memorialize the number of Jewish children killed during the Holocaust.

This will become an exhibit in 2013 in The Holocaust Museum in Houston, TX.

Please check Children's Museum website for information on requirements and ideas at www.grcm.org or the Holocaust Museum www.hmh.org

There are drop off boxes at JFGR, UJS, Temple, Ahavas Israel, and the Chabad House.

For Additional information contact Sari at 616-942-5553 or email sari@ifgr.org

Jewish Community Roster...

2011-2012

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Janice Anderson 616-676-8141

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Community News

Jewish Federation invites the entire community



Fun Day Picnic

Sunday, June 26
12:00 noon to 2:30 pm

MANHATTAN PARK PAVILLION

East Grand Rapids, turn onto Manhattan Road off Cascade Road (the Pavilion will be on your left)

HABONIM DROR CAMP TAVOR staff members will provide an afternoon of fun, filled with games, Israeli dancing, arts & crafts, and music for children and adults.

You can just come and relax in the shade with other members of the Jewish community.

No charge to participate
\$3 for hot dog lunch (Veggies, too)
(\$12 maximum per family)



Additional information and RSVP 616-942-5553 or email cathy@jfgr.org



The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation

Invites the entire West Michigan Community.

Back by popular demand!

Israeli Scouts

Friendship Caravan Show

Singing and dancing their way into your heart

Sunday July 17 - 7:30 pm

Free Admission!

Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan Street NE

Please come out and enjoy this troop's positive energy, aimed at strengthening the relationship between the US and Israel and promoting tolerance and respect among people of all faiths: a great opportunity for cultural exchange.

The Friendship Caravan consists of four traveling groups, five male and five female 17-year-old scouts in each, who crisscross North America each summer as emissaries, sharing their lives in Israel through song and dance.

For More Information, call The Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553 or go to www.jfgr.org.

Community News



ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS! Thank you!

Hosts and moderators:

Sheila Frank, Karen Haight, Rick Hay, Sue Remes, Mort Zukerman

Volunteers:

Talia Atias, Judy & Fred Clowny, Jerry & Sandy Gordon, Karen Haight, Shlomit Harris, Rick Hay, Lori Jacobs, Julian & Judith Joseph, Michele Kanig, Shirley Kleiman, Bev Knopp, Karen Libman, Elaine & Bob Lipshutz, Darrel Rosen, Karen Sigal and Bernice Weiner.

Special thanks to: Celebration! Cinema North



The Jewish Film Festival Committee would like to thank the following people and corporations for their generous contributions to the 13th Annual Jewish Film Festival:

The Oscar:

The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation

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Dr. Darrel Rosen, Jerome & Judy Subar

Producer:

Dr. David & Heather Alfonso, Dr. Jeffrey & Sheila Frank, Leon & Myrna Kirschner, Dr. David & Karen Reifler, Sherman-Hay Family, Lanny Thodey

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Community News

Jewish Theatre is ending its Chai season. Cast members from our Jewish community are Judy Subar, Len Rowe, Robert Potts, Dianne Hammerman, Toby Dolinka, Phil Pletcher, Kathy Osborn, John Robinson, and Len Robinson. The play opens Thursday June 16th:

JEWISH Theatre GRAND RAPIDS
Our 18th - Chai Season www.jtgr.org

Neil Simon's
45 SECONDS from BROADWAY
JUNE 16-26, 2011

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

GRCC Spectrum Theater
160 Fountain St. NE

Tickets: 616.234.3946 or jtgr.org

Season subscribers beginning May 31 – June 6 for the general public

Food Bank at Temple Emanuel...

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, families depend on food donations from the Food Bank at Temple Emanuel.

Drop off food donations between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm 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**

Hadassah Book Club...

**The next meeting is
Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 7:15 pm
at Sue Remes' home
3403 Burton Ridge SE, Apt. B**

**Book to read:
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
by Helen Simonson
Facilitator: Sylvia Krissoff**

Book Ends by choice...

Flory Silverstein, 616-949-5766
Sue Remes, 616-949-3505



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.



**Next meeting: June 9, 2011
Thursday, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
El Barrio, 545 Michigan NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Everyone Welcome**

United Jewish School



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School 2010-2011

www.unitedjewishschool.org

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United Jewish School established 2006

Celebrating 5 years

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UJS has just finished its fifth year! Enrollment is at 185 students ranging from Gan Katan (2-4 year olds) to 11th/12th grade. We have a staff of 22 teachers and 10 high school madrichim (aides). On Sunday, school is located at Temple Emanuel while the Wednesday midweek Hebrew program is housed at Congregation Ahavas Israel. We also established an additional location for our midweek Hebrew program in Holland, MI. The midweek program has an enrollment of 51 students which is a 10% increase over last year.

The UJS general operations and special programs would not be possible without the financial and spiritual support from Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel and the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids along with a grant received from the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation. We are currently building an endowment fund to support most of our special programs in the future.

The school continues to have a monthly Open House sponsored by the UJS Board. All parents and others in our community are invited to come enjoy a good cup of coffee and a nosh. We kibbitz with friends, surf the internet, visit the gift shop or just watch and relax.

The Mitkadem Hebrew Program This program, developed by the Union for Reform Judaism, is a self-paced system – children learn at their own speed. It teaches reading skills progressing toward a mastery of prayers, both in reading and understanding. This is being used in grades 2-7 on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our kindergarten and 1st grade have an introductory course in Hebrew taught only on Sundays.

The CHAI Curriculum This program, also developed by the URJ and revised by Rabbi Krishef to include Conservative movement points of view, is being used in our 1st through 7th grades. It is a curriculum based on Avodah (prayer), and Gimilit Chasadim (acts of loving kindness). Each year builds on the previous one. We are very excited about this program and confident that the students will enjoy the lessons and feel more comfortable with their Judaism.

High School Programming We are constantly striving to improve our high school program to prepare our children to become leaders with strong Jewish ideals. We are very proud of the fact that so many of our high school students continue to attend religious school. This is due to the creative and educational programming we present. The 9th graders continue to explore the development of American Judaism and take their annual trip to NYC. The 10th grade explores and compares different religions and visits other places of worship during the year. The 11th/12th grade meets in an informal classroom setting and has discussions of themes relevant to their age group. They also are involved with social action projects and as madrichim (aides) in the lower elementary classes on Sundays.

United Jewish School

SPECIAL EVENTS Programs made possible by the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation, Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Temple Emanuel, and Congregation Ahavas Israel

To celebrate the 5th year of the combined school there were special events all year long which followed a theme of "Music and Time". Special guest entertainers Mark Bloom and Marc Rossio came during the year to educate and create a lot of ruach (excitement). The classes also created special projects for a Time Capsule that was buried on the last day of school and is to be opened on our 10th anniversary.



Opening Day 09/12/2010 To begin celebrating the 5th year of the combined school we were able to bring in internationally renowned guest artist Michael Ochs. He entertained the school and community with a concert which was followed by a luncheon for everyone.



Blessing of the Pets 10/03/2010 UJS held its annual Blessing of the Pets service. Lots of dogs, cats, furry and not so furry animals were present to receive their special blessing. Musical guest Marc Rossio also entertained with great music.



Jewish Book Month November UJS had the privilege of having two guests visit during November for Jewish Book Month. Guest reader Judy Subar, presented a wonderful story to our younger classes called - *Something from Nothing* and Guest author, Karrie Korroch, presented *Jewish Folk Tales*.

Chanukah Klezmerized 12/05/2010 UJS along with the Jewish community celebrated Chanukah at the school with a concert by Ann Arbor's Klezmer Fusion Band. There was dance instruction, a kosher deli lunch, sofганиot (traditional jelly donuts for Chanukah) and an arts and craft center.

L'taken Seminar 01/26 to 01/31/2011 Six high school students along with Rabbi Schadick participated in this Kallah sponsored by the URJ in Washington, D.C. Over 300 students studied together, working toward solutions for social justice problems along with experts from both inside and outside of the Jewish community (lobbyists, national leaders and special interest group leaders).

UJS Israeli Restaurant 02/06/2011 The UJS Israeli restaurant project was once again phenomenal. The food was superb. The community support **OVERWHELMING!** We served over 150 people. "Customers" conversed in a little bit of Hebrew while enjoying a great Israeli luncheon, having a great time with the Jewish community and at the same time **raising money for the school!!** This was the school's biggest fundraiser for the year and funds were applied toward the purchase of a new copy machine.



Purim 03/20/2011 UJS along with the rest of our Jewish community celebrated Purim at Temple Emanuel with a carnival. UJS operated two booths: The Hamantashen Walk and the Wii Station.

Holocaust Memorial Service 05/01/2011 The Aquinas College Chamber choir, directed by Larry Biser and accompanied by William Marfink presented excerpts from the "*Holocaust Cantata*" (*Songs from the Camps*). The service was also highlighted by the beautiful cello solos and accompaniment of Ron Arnon, Temple member. It was a very moving service in observance of Yom Hashoah. Martin Lowenberg, a German born Jew and a survivor of the Holocaust spoke to the community afterwards.

We have truly worked as a community this year and have all contributed to the success of the school. Thank you for your involvement, time and talents. Your support helps us offer the best possible Jewish education we can envision.

-Pam Rush

School Director

Congregational News

Temple Emanuel...

Temple Emanuel invites the community to
Celebrate Shavuot with us
on Tuesday evening, June 7
at a Potluck Dairy Dinner at 6:15 pm

Bagels and lox will be provided by the Temple.
 We ask everyone to bring a dish to share.

Immediately after dinner attendees will share their thoughts on what Judaism means to them, provoking all of us to explore issues of Jewish identity, Jewish connection, and Jewish values.

Call the Temple office at 616-459-5976 to RSVP.

Worship Services for Shavuot will take place on Wednesday evening, June 8 at 6:15 pm. This service will include the reading of the Ten Commandments and Yizkor.

Chabad House ...

Gan Yiladim Preschool

Gan Yiladim is a Jewish Preschool where children thrive in a creative and loving environment.

Gan Yiladim has been serving Grand Rapids and nearby communities since 1980.

Registration is now open for the fall of 2011-2012
 For Jewish Children ages 2-5.

For more info call Sarah @ 616-813-4827

Gan Israel Day Camp!
New Dates
July 4, 2011 - July 15, 2011
Ages 3 -13

To register or for more info please call Chayale
 @ [616-706-8019](tel:616-706-8019)

A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime!

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Sanctuary Shabbat Program:

June 4 - Rabbi Chava Behle
 D'var Torah (during the service) - "Gifts and Blessings"

A light lunch will follow the service - no charge.
 Following lunch, Rabbi Chava will lead a workshop entitled, "The Art of Blessing."

Shavuot

6:30 pm, Tuesday, June 7 - Tikkun Leil Shavuot potluck dinner and study

No reservations are necessary for the study sessions. If you would like to come for dinner, please call Marisa Krishef, 616-459-4627, to let her know what you are bringing. Main dishes or substantial sides are preferred.

The study sessions will focus on some aspects of Musar, the focus on the development of positive ethical character traits. Barb Christiaans, who has been teaching a Musar group this year, will introduce material that she has not addressed this year on humility and alacrity. Rabbi Krishef will teach some Rabbinic or Hasidic texts to shed light on the trait(s) that will be focused on.

Special later night learning session -- "Walter Benjamin, Gershom Scholem and Franz Kafka: Tattered Remnants," led by Binyamin Mehler.

Learner's Minyan

Shabbat mornings: June 11 and July 23 --
 10:00 - 11:30 am

Increase your comfort, participation in, and appreciation of our services. Rabbi Krishef will unlock the secrets to understanding the Shabbat morning service!

For More information see AhavasIsraelGR.org

Jewish Federation 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.

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

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

Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

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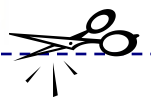
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One Community

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids deeply appreciates, and would like to publicly thank, our outstanding volunteers:

**Shirley Kleiman, Abbe Mortimore, Sheryl Siegel,
Nancy Smith and Cynthia Van Der Smissen.**

Your willingness to help us get seniors where they need to be, whether to a medical appointment or a social outing, is truly appreciated.

Thank You!