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OF GRAND RAPIDS

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Dear Friends,

Sitting recently at the beautiful Shabbat service led by Rabbi Schadick and the confirmation class at Temple Emanuel, I could not help feeling optimistic about the future of our Jewish community here in West Michigan. Please permit me, with gratitude to the confirmation class and in reference to parts of our son Daniel’s speech at that service about the power of community, to use my last letter as Chair to reflect on that most important of topics: community.

Kol yisrael arevim zeh l’zeh. All Jews are responsible, one for another.” (Talmud, Shavuot 39a) This is the principle most fundamental to our surviving against all odds for more nearly four millennia. Being a community-oriented people is central in our tradition. Wherever we are in the world, Jews organize communally, both formally and informally, to provide for the religious, social and existential needs of each other.

The power of community.” (JFNA/JFGR tagline) Our strength and survival as a people depend on this. It is a truism that any organization, any entity, has a finite amount of strength and energy. The more energy we expend on internal conflicts, the less we will have available for solving internal problems and resisting external threats. This has been our story as a people: when we have been united, we have prevailed; when we have been divided, we have suffered and declined. This is as true of the Jewish community in Grand Rapids as it is of the Jewish community in Israel and around the world. If we do not think and act as one community, we will be no community.

“Do not separate yourself from the community.” (Pirke Avot 2:5) Just as our surviving as a people depends on our commitment to community, so does our thriving as individuals depend on our belonging to community. Social science research tells us that, even in a society that celebrates the primacy of the individual as much as ours does, individuals are happier and healthier to the extent that they have social connections and are part of a social network. In some sense, that’s what the Jewish community is—one of the oldest and strongest (even if not one of the largest) social networks in the world.

It is not good for man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18) The community plays a role similar to that of the family, and the family is the prototype for Jewish community. In the torah, Adam needed a family. Families have responsibilities to each other and take care of each other, even if they did not choose each other.

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The Shofar

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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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Family provides a home and a refuge from a world that sometimes seems lonely and dangerous. Families enable their members to fulfill their human potential and do great things to improve both the family and the world. Being a member of one community does not preclude us from contributing to other communities; rather, it teaches and empowers us to do so.

“One community” (former JFGR tagline) Nothing is more important to the continuity and strength of Jewish life in West Michigan than thinking and acting as one community. Our numbers are small, and our resources constrained, and we need to make the most of them by avoiding duplication and competition. The thriving United Jewish School is a great accomplishment and can be a prototype for broader collaboration among religious and other organizations in West Michigan. Where else can we collaborate? Why couldn't working together be the default and going it alone the exception, a path to take only when it is the only one that makes sense?

As I conclude my term as Chair, I want to thank each of you for the honor and privilege of serving in this position. Thank you for your friendship and for the chance get to know some of you whom I did not know before. Thank you for the opportunity to do work that I find important and meaningful. And thank you for leadership lessons this role has enabled me to learn. Any one of you could be sitting in this chair, and I encourage you to just say “yes” to any opportunity you have to contribute to any Jewish organization in West Michigan. When you do, our community will be stronger, and you will be happier and more fulfilled.

Shalom,

Greg

Seniors

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 6 at 11:30 AM

Women's City Club of Grand Rapids

254 East Fulton

Cost: \$8.00

RSVP by June 4 to Ann at 616-942-5553

Transportation is available by calling Ann. Ample free parking adjacent to building or their Lafayette lot.
Come dine in this handsome historic venue.

SENIORS.....SAVE THESE LUNCH BUNCH DATES!

Thursday July 11, 2013 - TBD

Thursday August 8, 2013 - TBD

Sunday Matinee.....June 16, 2013 - 3:00 PM

Grand Rapids Jewish Theatre:

Oy! A Comedy with Chutzpah

Tickets: \$15

We will meet at Temple Emanuel parking lot at 2:15 to carpool to the theater.

PLEASE RSVP to Ann by Thursday June 13, 616-942-5553

Federation

Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

Last month the bloody civil war in Syria crept closer to Israel. The suffering in Syria, including an estimated 70,000 killed, makes our hearts break. Whether from the reports of chemical weapons used, Iranian weapons stored on their way to Hezbollah in Lebanon, or rockets fired into the Golan Heights, the risk to Israel and the millions of Jews in the region is evident.

Some of this news was reported at the time of our Jewish Film Festival. One of the films, *Orchestra of Exiles*, told the story of Bronislaw Huberman, a Jewish violinist who foresaw the evils of the Holocaust during the 1930s and saved around 1,000 Jewish musicians and their families by helping them escape to Palestine, an effort that proved to be the seeds of what is now the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The juxtaposition of current events with the horrors of the not so distant past brought new meaning in my mind to those simple two words that emerged after the Holocaust.

Never again.

This combination of present and past also brought to mind an experience from a few months ago when I attended my first AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington. This conference had helped me to understand more fully the importance of something I had written about last fall on these pages during the heat of the presidential election: the strong relationship between the United States and Israel.

What impressed me most during those three days in March was the focus and discipline of AIPAC regarding this mission. Whether it was at the inspirational plenary meetings that brought together all 13,000 attendees to hear from top rate speakers, the myriad of educational breakout sessions with a stellar list of presenters, or the lobbying effort on Capitol Hill with all 535 members of Congress, the message was clear. The close relationship between the U.S. and Israel, no matter what party is in power in either country, is essential both to U.S. interests in the Middle East and around the world as well as the survival of the Jewish State of Israel.

The critical role of the organized American Jewish community to this end cannot be overemphasized. While AIPAC provides the leadership in Washington



to keep the U.S.-Israel relationship strong, Federations along with many other Jewish organizations work to unite North American Jews in support of our brethren in Israel. AIPAC, Federations and other leading American Jewish organizations do this without supporting any political party. The complementary missions of these organizations cannot be mistaken.

As the Holocaust drifts farther into the past, it will be harder to keep its lessons in mind, especially in America where we live in a golden age when overt acts of anti-Semitism are at historical lows. While it may be tempting from our vantage point to believe the Jewish people are now safe, whether it be the recent events in Syria, the Israel-Palestinian conflict or, in my view, the more troubling threats from Iran, the risk to Jews remains. It is important to note the AIPAC conference offered comprehensive information regarding the Iranian nuclear situation.

Modern Israel was envisioned well before World War II as a safe haven for the Jewish people. While much has been done to make this dream a reality, much is left to accomplish.

Never again should the Jewish people be left alone in the face of existential risk.

.....*Never again.*

Best regards,
Mike
mike@jfgr.org

Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, July 17 - 7:15 PM



INCIDENT AT MONTEBELLO

By Patty Moed

Host: Karen Haight's Home

130 Maryland NE

616-454-9910, Please call Karen to let her know you will attend!

This will be a special night where the author will review the book. The book will be available for sale the same night (the book will NOT be available at Schulers)

As always, your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766

**Thank you to Diane Broomberg for hosting the May meeting*

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

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids Presents:

By Rich Orloff



June 13, 15, 20, 22 at 8 PM

June 16, 23 at 3 PM

GRCC Spectrum Theater

160 Fountain St. NE

The final show in Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids 20th season of all comedies is **Oy! A comedy with Chutzpah.**

The production is a collection of twelve (but for you 13!) comedies, each illustrating the meaning of a Yiddish word. These entertaining sketches cover the untold stories of Eve and Adam, Einstein's demanding mother, the divorce trial of G-d and the human, the use of non kosher food as an aphrodisiac, and three men in a steam room who communicate using only one word.

Oy! A comedy with Chutzpah is a tribute to all things Jewish, and the absurdity and comedy of being human. "Good laughs. Highly entertaining. From some of these sketches you could kvell." - **N.Y. Times**. Make your reservations beginning June 3 online at www.jtgr.org or call the box office 616-234-3946



festival of the arts
A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS IN WEST MICHIGAN

Shir Shalom at Festival!

The Shir Shalom Chorus will again perform at the Grand Rapids Arts Festival. Their performance

will be held at the GR Art Museum on **Sunday, June 9 at 1:45 PM**. Every year, for the past several Festivals, the Chorus has participated in this community-wide celebration of the arts.

During those years the Shir Shalom has been graced with a loyal audience following. We hope you will be there once again to enjoy their musical performance this year.



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.

June 5, 2013

12:00 PM

Olives

2162 Wealthy St. EGR



Jewish Community Business Forum

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

June 20, 2013

12:00 - 1:00 PM

El Barrio

545 Michigan Street NE

Everyone Welcome!



Film Festival Photos



15th Annual Jewish Film Festival

A great success!

The Jewish Film festival Committee would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions:

The Oscar: The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation

Director: Sherman-Hay Family • Judy Subar

Producer: Dr. Jeff & Sheila Frank • In memory of Dr. Darrel & Carrie Rosen
Leon & Myrna Kirschner • Dr. Sandra Last • Lanny Thodey

Actor: Bill Boorstein • Tom Fox • Thomas & Karen Haight • Dr. Don & Bluma Herman • Lori Jacobs
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Joel & Dr. Madelon Krissoff • Bill & Jan Lewis • Chuck & Nancy Olender
Dr. David & Karen Reifler

Fan: Dr. Jim & Patti Flood • Jim & Sheryl Siegel

Thank you to our Hosts and Moderators:

Bev Niedelson, Karen Haight, Sheila Frank, Mort Zukerman, David Reifler,
Karen Padnos and Sue Remes

Speakers:

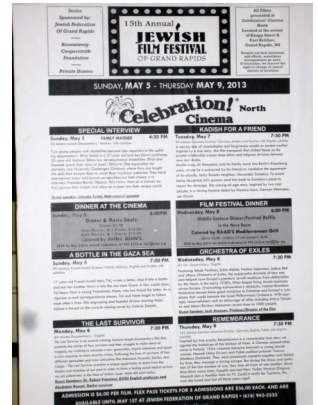
Johnnie Tuitel, Robert Franciosi and Josh Aronson

Volunteers:

Pam Goldberger, Elaine & Bob Lipschutz, David Reifler, Sheila Frank, Karen Haight, Mort
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Special thanks to: John Loeks & Celebration! Cinema

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**Save
the Date**

Jewish
Federation of Grand
Rapids invites the
entire community to
a picnic



Staff members from CAMP TAVOR will provide an afternoon of fun, filled with games, arts and crafts and music for children and adults. Or you can just relax in the shade with other members of the Jewish community and perhaps try to beat June Horowitz at Scrabble!

Highlights

- Lunch (hot dogs & veggie dogs, salad, chips, cookies, fruit and pop)
- \$5 per person
- \$15 max per family
- Games for all ages

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF GRAND RAPIDS ANNUAL
COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Place: **Manhattan Park Pavilion.** Turn onto Manhattan road off of Cascade Road. The Pavilion will be on your left.

To **RSVP** or for more info contact **JFGR** at **616-942-5553** or email: **info@jfgr.org**

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Date: Sunday July 14, 2013

Courtesy of Elder Law of Michigan
**Mobile Devices Offer Options to
Caring and Communication**

By Kate White, President and CEO

While older adults aren't thought of as being particularly computer-savvy, recent studies have suggested that this is changing—and fast. Research from the Pew Internet and American Life Project published in 2012 indicates that more than half of all individuals 65 years old or older now use the internet and email, and that 30 percent now use social media sites to connect with friends and relatives. A 2011 AARP Study found that about 50% of people age 50 and older are interested in using mobile technology to support their health.

Many experts see these developments as part of a long-term trend and could increase the independence of the current and future elderly population. Technology also offers opportunities to make the role of care giving easier.

A 2012 study from McKinsey & Company, says that a key part of this change will be brought on by tablet computers. More affordable and user-friendly than traditional laptops and computers, McKinsey & Co. notes that these devices, with their large buttons and easy-to-use displays, make reading easier and improve memory capacity. The touch screen technology incorporated by these devices doesn't require such fine motor skills. As a result, tablets, computers, or smart phones with touch screens, can successfully reduce the physical and mental frustration many users experience when using traditional computers. Voice recognition software can allow us to talk to these devices and do some essential tasks like calling a particular person on the phone, looking up information, typing a document, sending a text message or reading information back to us (like appointments, reminders, recipes, directions to a location, instructions or reminders on how to take medications, etc). The combination of a cellular phone and an internet data plan can give people with limited mobility or transportation many, many choices for entertainment and communication. Music, movies, games that you can play with others who are far away, digital books that you can borrow from a library, magazines, newspapers, radio, video telephone so you can see and hear people, are all part of the wonderful mix of things that the new technology can do for you. Cell phones may soon replace "call buttons" or "personal emergency response systems" because people can use the cell phone to send an emergency message. And, all of the new holsters and carriers make it easy to keep a cell phone within reach much of the day.

A growing number of caregivers are using these technologies to help them do essential tasks like tracking expenses for someone in their care, set reminders for appointments and medications, make lists, call for help, refill prescriptions, monitor vital signs like blood pressure, offer those who can't speak a way to communicate (yes/no) or draw a picture, manage

symptoms of pain, offer jokes or relaxing music to reduce stress, and provide a timer to track time spent on activities or physical therapy. The portability of the devices allows you to bring a lot of what you need anywhere you have to go or do meaningful things while you are waiting.

Below are some apps-applications or software programs—that a growing number of people are using. If you have a friend or family members with a tablet computer like an IPAD, a Smart Phone (IPHONE, GOOGLE PHONE, etc) or even a media player (IPOD, Kindle or Nook) try out some of the features. A little planning, playing or experimenting can make life and care giving easier.

Caregiver's Touch or IBiomed (store medical information, legal information, prescriptions, etc)

Healthful Apps (relaxation, memory games, mood lifters, communication tools for those who are uncommunicative/non-verbal, health trackers, sobriety assistance, etc)

Pain Care (manages chronic disease, records pain, shares data with doctors)

Answers: YesNoHD (communication systems for non-verbal people)

Chronicle or Public Speech (A personal journal you can add notes, ideas, photos, etc)

Medicine Cabinet or RXmind Me or My Med Box Plus (lists medications, reminds of dosages and times to take medicine)

Elder 411 (Audio, video and written information for older adults)

Elder 911 or WebMD Mobile (checklist to determine what symptoms might mean)

Care Coach (reminds of things to ask the doctor or medical folks on visits)

Mint.com (personal finance, bill reminders, expense tracking)

Stress Stopper Pro (breathing, exercises and other stress reducers)

Funny Jokes (jokes to lighten your mood)

Koi Pond (relaxation)

Tell my Geo or Life 360 (location finders in case someone gets lost)

Cozi (allows multiple users to maintain a single calendar or to-do list)

Mobile devices, applications and touch screens are just some of the new tools available to people and caregivers. As with all tools, read the disclaimers and terms of use carefully and understand the costs and possible risks associated with the product or service.

Elder Law of Michigan promotes, protects and advocates for the rights, health, nutrition, housing and economic well-being of adults and people with disabilities by providing information, legal advice, training and professional services.

Call us at (800) 347-5297 Monday-Thursday, between 9-3, to get help. All services are free of charge to callers; tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted.



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School 2012-2013

www.unitedjewishschool.org

... to give the children of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel the best possible Jewish education we can envision."

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 once a month 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.

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 Gimilut 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. 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 act as madrichim (aides) in the lower elementary classes on Sundays.

SPECIAL EVENTS: UJS was able to bring in guest entertainer Marc Rossio once a month to enhance the music program and create a lot of ruach (excitement).

Blessing of the Pets 9-30-12 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.

Geniza Service Sunday, November 18, Global Day of Jewish Learning: Approximately 300 Jewish communities around the world participated in the third annual Global Day of Jewish Learning. UJS along with Temple Emanuel and Ahavas Israel held a special Geniza Service on the Temple grounds for old prayer books and sacred materials.

December 16, 2012 "Chanukah Bowling Ball" UJS celebrated Chanukah with the community! Buses transported students from religious school to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center. A wonderful kosher deli lunch was served by the Chabad House. Everyone enjoyed many fun activities including a choral program by the Shir Shalom choir.

April 25 – 28, 2013 9th grade New York trip Students from UJS 9th grade spent an energetic and educational 4 days in New York. This is an annual trip for the 9th grade and an extension of their religious school curriculum which is all about Jewish American immigration.

UJS Mitzvah projects throughout the year Religious school collected \$585 in tzedakah during the first semester. A donation was made to the "Miracle Field" project in memory of Nathan Hurwitz. Nathan was an 11th grade student at UJS who passed away in September, 2012. He had Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. His memory is a blessing. Families brought turkeys and all the fixings to provide Thanksgiving dinners for the Temple Emanuel food bank. There was also a collection of new and gently used winter clothing, blankets, etc. during November and December. These items were distributed to local shelters in our community. **Plant Your Roots in Israel with trees for Tu B'shevat** On Tu'B'shevat we celebrated the New Year for trees, ate wonderful fruits that grow in Israel and prayed for a fruitful year. Tzedakah monies for the month of January were sent to Israel through the Jewish National Fund to plant trees. www.jnf.org

2-24-13 Purim with "Peter Pan"

UJS celebrated Purim at an all school assembly for a reading of the megillah and a hilarious Purim schpiel "Peter Pan" style which featured the talents of UJS teachers, students and parents. **You Can Fly !!**

4-14-13 UJS FUNdraiser restaurant Israeli Mis'ada Acting as waiters and waitresses UJS students presented an actual restaurant to our community. They conversed in a little bit of Hebrew (with a cheat sheet), prepared falafel, hummous and baklava.

What a great year! Thank you to everyone. Pam Rush, School Director

Congregational

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Shabbat Morning Shmooze 'n Shmear

The Religious Life Committee and hosts Laurie Williams and the DeJager family invite to come to enjoy coffee and a bagel before coming into the service. Breakfast will be available from 9:15 to 10:30 AM. Located in the Meeting Room or the Library - look for the sign.

Junior Congregation - June 1

We are grateful to Rachel Deaner for leading/coordinating the monthly Ahavas Israel Junior Congregation service this year. Please join us to recognize and thank Rachel on the Shabbat of June 1. The service meets at 11:00 AM in the chapel.

Gemilut Hasadim @God's Kitchen

We need you -- to help the Ahavas Israel group at God's Kitchen, 303 South Division, every 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM. Contact Theresa DeJager, 616-929-8780 or guy3557@yahoo.com for more information.

Learner's Minyan (June 15, July 20, and August 17)

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

Chabad House

Gan Israel Day Camp! Ages 3-13

Dates: June 17, 2012 - July 5, 2012

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!

Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten Ages 2-6

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 more information about our program Please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770

Temple Emanuel

Celebrate Fathers day with some baseball!

What better way to celebrate Dad than by bringing him to the ball park for a great day of **Whitecaps Baseball** and community? On Sunday, June 16 the game starts at 1:00 PM. Come early to get autographs and to play catch on the field; also the first 1,000 kids to arrive at the park eat free! Bonus Fun – balloon twisters and face painters will be on the concourse when the gates open. Kids can run the bases following the game!

Tickets are \$10.

You must reserve with the Temple Office by June 5

to get the group discount! 616-459-5976

Also save the date for these other fun events!

Sunday, July 21- Pack your picnic & lawn games and come to **Grand Rapids' Millennium Park Beach**
Tuesday, August 13 Grab a blanket (maybe some low chairs) and your dinner and come to **Fredrik Meijer Gardens Tuesday Evening Concert Series for an evening of jazz under the stars**

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

SUMMER CLASS FOR WOMEN :

This summer give your week a Jewish boost and join other women for learning & inspiration at "Caffeine for the Soul"

Enjoy a coffee and pastries Wednesday mornings at 9:30 beginning June 19.

For more info please contact Nechamy at [616- 828-2340](tel:616-828-2340) or Nechamy8@gmail.com

A project of the Jewish Women's Circle

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 Women of Valor Endowment Fund

**To Dr. Polly Panitz in honor of Mother's Day
From Julian and Judith Joseph**

**To Dr. Mary Njegovan in honor of Mother's Day
From Julian and Judith Joseph**

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From Julian and Judith Joseph**



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