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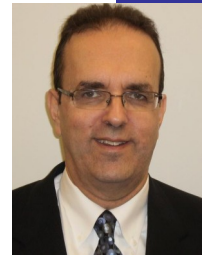
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The Shofar

Federation News

Executive Director's Letter



Dear Friends,

The Jewish Cultural Council's speaker last month, Professor Reuven Hazan of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, delivered to our community a thought provoking speech about the Israeli perspective on the Middle East conflict. Of note, his discussion of the "hawks and doves" in Israel brought a number of nods from those who attended, including from both local hawks and doves. I'd like to share some of my recollections of Professor Hazan's talk along with some reflections about democracy in Israel.

Professor Hazan's choice of "hawks and doves" proved effective in framing the discussion. A central theme was the steady movement by the hawks toward the dovish position, from Menachem Begin relinquishing the Sinai to Yitzhak Shamir sitting down with the PLO; from Benjamin Netanyahu agreeing to a two-state solution to Ariel Sharon unilaterally withdrawing from Gaza. These 'Nixon goes to China' moments for the Israeli hawks make it clear there is a desire across the political spectrum in Israel for reaching a secure peace with their Arab neighbors.

While this history has brought Israel's hawks and doves closer, Professor Hazan contended, uncertainty remains about what the future will bring. The split of Likud into a more hawkish Likud and moderate Kadima parties a few years ago was significant in Israel's politics. He noted this split makes the willingness of the hawks to move once again toward the dovish side more difficult.

While listening to this speech, I couldn't help think about how much I admire Israel's democracy. Not quite 65 years old, the people of Israel have been able to struggle with their ever challenging security situation while not only surviving but thriving, as people from all walks of life, men and women alike, have worked to create an impressive quality of life. The differences among Israelis cannot be overlooked. Not only separated by hawks and doves, the Israeli people are made up of Jews and Arabs; religious and secular; Ashkenazic and Sephardic; etc. Sometimes I feel it's a wonder the Israeli political system has not fallen apart.

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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

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Federation News

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Campaign Update:

Our campaign is in process and we are more than half way to our goal! Pledges to date total:

414 Pledges
\$390,600*

Your donation to JFGR is 100% tax deductible.

Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock. Pay in full or set up installments.

You can even pay online at www.jewishgrandrapids.org

Note: Any new gift or increase is matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant.

**Total does not include matching grants.*



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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: \$ _____

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Federation News

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Of course, Israel has her challenges. The recent news coverage of Beit Shemesh, the Jerusalem suburb, where an uncertain number of an ultra-orthodox sect's members clashed with other Israelis over men and women together in the public square, is but one example of a democratic challenge not unfamiliar in our democracy. The Jewish Federations of North America issued a statement about the situation in Beit Shemesh, saying JFNA "unequivocally condemns all such acts of violence, intimidation, prejudice and coercion." (It's also important to emphasize not all ultra-orthodox sects are the same; indeed, we are quite fortunate to have the Chabad House of West Michigan as part of our Jewish community). JFNA also said it "remains united in our commitment to the Jewish state and all those working to strengthen Israeli society."

As we look forward in 2012, the greatest challenge facing Israel may be Iran. The growing tensions between the two countries are obvious. Faced with Iran nearing its goal of developing nuclear weapons and its stated desire to "wipe Israel off the map", Israel is justifiably concerned. It should also be emphasized that if Iran obtains nuclear weapons, this is a problem for the whole world, not just Israel.

As American Jews, we have many different perspectives on Israel. Some of us are hawks, some are doves, others fall somewhere in between. But we are all Jewish, committed to the survival of Israel as a Jewish, democratic state living in peace. Professor Hazan's speech offered us a reminder about the challenges Israel faces, internally and externally. The commitment of the entire Jewish community to Israel, an imperfect yet admirable democracy, in many ways not unlike the U.S., remains as essential as ever.

Best wishes for a joyous Purim!

With warmest regards,

Mike Present
mike@jfgr.org

Senior Programming

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 15

11:30 at
Olive Garden
 3883 28th St SE
 Cost: \$8.00

Call Ann to RSVP

By Tuesday, March 13
 616-942-5553 ext. 206

Transportation Available



Save these
 Dates

Passover Shopping Trip

We will leave Ahavas Israel, by bus
 March 22 at 9:30 AM. Plan to stop for a
 kosher style lunch at your own expense.
 We will then go to the
 supermarket to stock up on Passover foods.
 We plan to return by 5:00 PM.
 Cost: \$20 for transportation
 RSVP NO LATER than Tuesday, March 20 to
 Ann at 616-942-5553

Film Festival



The 2012 Jewish Film Festival is once again bringing special movies to the Grand Rapids community. The committee has been previewing movies and planning special programs. As in previous years, the Film Festival will be held at Celebration! North Cinemas. Watch for more details about the festival events in our community mailings.

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

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

Flex pass tickets are only available until April 26.

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

Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits!

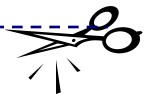
Director (\$500.00): Receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications, and four admissions to all private receptions, dinners and events.

Producers (\$250.00): Receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications and two admissions to all private receptions, dinners, and events.

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

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

I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

- _____ Film Festival Director (\$500.00)
- _____ Film Festival Producer (\$250.00)
- _____ Film Festival Actor (\$100.00)

- _____ Film Festival Fan
- _____ Flex Pass (\$36.00)

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

Film Festival

14th Annual JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL OF GRAND RAPIDS

Sunday, April 29 – Thursday, May 3

Sunday, April 29 at 4:30 PM

STRANGERS NO MORE (Family matinee!)

Academy Award Winner!



In the heart of Tel Aviv, there is an exceptional school where children from 48 different countries and diverse backgrounds come together to learn. Many of the students are fleeing poverty, political adversity and even genocide. Here, no child is a stranger. *Strangers No More*

follows several students' struggles to acclimate to life in a new land while slowly opening up to share their stories of hardship and tragedy.

JIMMY JOHN'S DINNER at the Cinema 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 29 at 6:15 PM

DOLPHIN BOY

A true story about the healing power of nature!

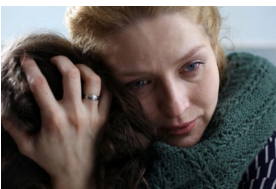
A teenager from an Arab village in the north of Israel disconnects himself from humans following a violent attack. As a last resort before hospitalization in a psychiatric facility, he is taken by his devoted father to be treated with dolphins in Eilat. This documentary is about the devastating havoc that human violence can wreak upon the human soul, and about the healing powers of nature and of love. This was filmed over the course of the past four years.



Guest speaker: Judith Manassen Ramon, producer of the film. (She is a researcher who has dealt with post traumatic syndrome in Israeli society from various angles.)

Monday, April 30 - 7:30 PM

JOANNA (Rated R)



1940s Poland: Middle class pianist Joanna (Urszula Grabowska, who received several best actress awards for the role) goes to church to pray for news of her husband at the front. But she stumbles across a petrified eight-year-old Jewish girl, Rose, who has somehow managed to evade the

Nazis who captured her mother. Joanna decides to hide Rose in her flat, but finds herself faced with tough decisions as her neighbors become suspicious and it becomes increasingly unclear who can be trusted.

Celebration!® North Cinema

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 PM

REUNITING THE RUBINS

Lenny Rubins, an up-tight lawyer, has to put his dream retirement on hold when his ailing mother emotionally blackmails him into reuniting his estranged children.



They might quarrel, fight and never see eye to eye, but they are still family. However, it is going to take a whole lot of soul searching and sacrifice for all involved to come together in this heart warming, family comedy. The Rubins will have you thinking of your own family with a smile.

Short film with introduction by Filmmaker Yoav Factor.

Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 PM FESTIVAL DINNER

The Wave Room at Celebration! Cinema North

Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 PM

TORN

Can one be a Catholic priest and an observant Jew at the same time?



Israeli Documentary Forum

Awards 2011. Twelve years after he was ordained as a Polish Catholic priest, Romuald Waszkinel discovers that he was born to Jewish parents, and that his name was Jacob Weksler. The film follows his amazing journey: from conducting mass in a church in Poland to life as an observant Jew in a religious kibbutz in Israel. Romuald is torn between two identities, between being Romuald Waszkinel or Jacob Weksler. He is unable to renounce either, and therefore is rejected by both religions and the state of Israel. He is required to choose.

Guest speaker to be announced.

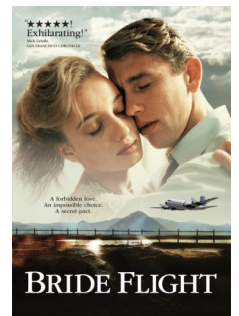
Thursday, May 3 - 7:30 PM

BRIDE FLIGHT (Rated R)

Bride Flight is a lavish romantic drama that charts the lives of three women who escape the gloom of post-WWII Holland for what they hope will be a better life in New Zealand.

The women become friends during the long flight taking them to their waiting husbands, who have already settled in Christchurch.

Upon arrival, they part ways to start their new lives, but their paths continue to cross with chance meetings resulting in adultery, betrayal and near tragedy leading up to a reunion 50 years later.



Community News



Monday, March 19, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

PAULA SHOYER



Cooking Demonstration and Dessert Tasting

Congregation Ahavas Israel

RSVP REQUIRED

2727 Michigan St. NE

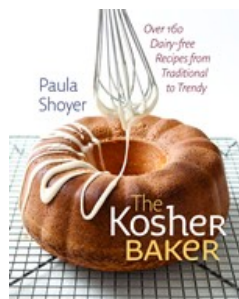
RSVP by March 15, at 616-942-5553 or Sari@jfgr.org

Cost: Adults \$15, College Students \$5.00 Children 18 and under Free

Paula Shoyer is the author of *The Kosher Baker: 160 dairy-free desserts from traditional to trendy* (Brandeis 2010). The Kosher Baker has been featured in newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs and on radio and TV all over the United States and beyond. Paula is a pastry chef who owns and operates the Paula's Parisian Pastries Cooking School out of Chevy Chase, Maryland. She teaches scheduled and custom-designed classes in French pastry and Jewish cooking in the Washington, D.C. area, and all around the country. Last fall, she was a contestant on Food Network's *Sweet Genius*.



BOOK SALE AND SIGNING AFTER THE EVENT.



Includes gluten free and Passover recipes



Community News

To Give, or Not to Give?

Amy Noyes, JFGR Financial Associate

I recently enjoyed learning about the generous actions of several of the youth in our community. Having a background in fundraising, and therefore, knowing that young people generally are not considered to be large contributors, it caused me to consider what inspires each of us to give.

I think we all know that our senior citizens are inspired to give, because their Generation is the most charitable. Giving statistics confirm that the Mature Generation (born prior to 1946) overall gives more money, more often and to more charities than do the Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Generation Y.

The Mature Generation's inspiration could be explained by both life experience and wealth. Perhaps this generation has had enough life experience to fully appreciate the needs in their communities. Their awareness, coupled with the fact that these folks may have more money available to donate might explain why they are top contributors.

On the less-inspired end of the spectrum, we find Generation Y (those born between 1981-1991). Some of these individuals are still in college, others have their career in order, and many have begun a family. Financial struggles may explain their weaker giving habits, but ultimately it boils down to inspiration. Surprisingly, some research suggests that these folks actually have the willingness and ability to give more to charity, but they are often underestimated and solicited for less. We, as fundraisers, may simply have failed to inspire this group to give generously. Outside of age and income, what else inspires us to give? Some donors are motivated by the opportunity to fulfill needs that cannot be met by our social systems. Others are motivated by the desire to make the global world a better place. For some, it is only the tax deduction. And, for others, it is our upbringing. Research indicates that those of us raised in homes where we attended religious services at least once a year are more likely to give than individuals who do not. I suspect it's the latter that inspired these Generation Z (born since early 1990's) success stories:

Zach Bezela, the 13 year old grandson of Norm and Marilyn Leven, recently organized a Polar Bear Swim-a-thon in Austin, Texas. Zach and 15 of his friends swam a total of 3,105 laps to raise funds for the MD Anderson Children's Cancer Center in Houston. As part of his Bar Mitvah project, Zach not only learned the value of Charity, he also taught these values to his friends who participated.

Jacob Dennen, son of Peter and Davida Dennen, organized a Tennis Tournament to raise funds for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Not only did Jacob charge admission to

54 participants, but he also secured corporate sponsorship of the event which was part of his Bar Mitvah project. Participants received specially designed t-shirts complete with an event logo.

Last year, then 13 year old **Daniel Kaufman**, thought outside the box for his Bar Mitvah project. Daniel, son of Greg and Dafna Kaufman, purchased and collected books for the students of San Juan Diego Academy. SJDA is a small Catholic school on the South side of Grand Rapids and it is comprised of mostly children from immigrant families. The school principal estimates that 98% of students homes fall into poverty guidelines. The full story can still be found at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Each of these stories is touching and we are sure there are many more like them. We hope the lessons learned by our youth will carry into their futures. May they continue to capture our attention and inspire us to give.

What inspires you? If you have a story to share of what inspires your charitable giving, please contact us. Perhaps we can share your inspiration in a future issue of *The ShoFar*. Contact Amy@jfgr.org

MSU PROFESSORS TO SPEAK AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Sunday, March 4 — 10:30 AM

KIRSTEN FERAGLICH, Associate Professor of history and Jewish Culture.

Topic: "The Name Greenberger Is not Helpful: American Jews and name Changing, 1930-1960".

Sunday, March 11 — 10:30 AM

KENNETH WALTZER, Professor of History and Director of Jewish Studies.

Topic: "Are We In a New Era in Jewish History? The new anti-Semitism"

Bagel Breakfast (both Sundays) at 10:00 AM

Those two lectures are free of charge, open to the entire community and sponsored by Congregation Ahavas Israel, The Jewish Federation and Temple Emanuel.

Please RSVP to the Temple office 616-459-5976

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GRAND RAPIDS BRAND NEW DAY AND OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE



ONE WEEK CAMPING EXPERIENCE JULY 9-15

**July 9-11 Day Camp in Grand Rapids
(Congregation Ahavas Israel)**

**July 12-15 Mini Overnight at Camp Tavor
(Three Rivers, MI)**

July 15 Pick up and family day at Camp Tavor



Children entering Grades 1-5 in the fall of 2012 are invited to be a part of this exciting short term Jewish camp experience. Campers will experience three days of Day Camp in Grand Rapids and will have fun building community, participating in Tikkun Olam (Social Action) projects, and developing Jewish identity. On Thursday, campers will head to beautiful Habonim Dror Camp Tavor. There they will swim, boat, play sports, do arts and crafts, and sing songs. They will also spend an exciting and meaningful Shabbat at Camp Tavor. This is offered as one complete experience for 2nd - 5th graders. **1st graders can participate in the day camp portion only.**

We are also running a **Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership program**. **Teenagers who will be in 9th or 10th grades** in the fall of 2012 are invited to apply to be CITs. CITs will help run the day camp activities and look after the children. At Camp Tavor, CITs will be integrated with the teen campers. There will be a mandatory training day for CIT participants. CIT applicants may be interviewed on the phone or in person.

Fees:

2nd - 5th grade campers - \$595

Includes: 3 days of Day camp, 3 days and nights of overnight camp, one-way transportation to Habonim Dror Camp Tavor

1st Grade Day Camp only - \$295

Counselor in Training program - \$95

**For additional information about Camp Tavor visit www.camptavor.org or
contact Sari at 616-942-5553 or sari@jfgr.org**

Partial Scholarship funds may be available, to apply contact Ann at 616-942-5553 or ann@jfgr.org

Congregational News

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Sanctuary Shabbat

2012: The Year of Interfaith Understanding

March 3 - Congressman Justin Amash (he'll be speaking during the service at about 11:10 AM)

Purim Celebration!

Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 8, 7:00 AM - Purim Minyan with Megillah reading

Passover Experience: For the past several years we have been offering a two hour "Passover Experience" workshop at local churches, an authentic Passover Seder, as observed both in 1st century Israel and in traditional Jewish homes today, including all ritual foods and readings minus the dinner. This year, the Seder will take place on Sunday, March 25, at 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Fountain Street Church. We need about 20 volunteers for the evening to sit at the tables, lead mini-discussions, and answer questions. It is an engaging way an interesting way to review and prepare for the Seder in addition to teaching our Christian neighbors a little bit about Judaism, especially important given this year's celebration of 2012: A Year of Interfaith Understanding. Please call or email the office if you can help out.

Ma'ot Hittim: As we begin preparing for our celebration of Pesach, it is our obligation to ensure that our fellow Jews are equally able to celebrate the holiday. Right after Purim we begin collecting funds, known as Ma'ot Hittim, "Money for Wheat," for the benefit of the less fortunate so that they, too, may be able to enjoy Passover. The funds are known as Ma'ot Hittim since the major purchase made for Passover in ancient times was that of wheat for matzot. Please send in your checks for Ma'ot Hittim, payable to Ahavas Israel - Ma'ot Hittim, to the synagogue in care of the Religious Life Committee, as soon as possible.

Kashrut on Pesah: For a complete guide to the kashrut of Pesah, please go to AhavasIsraelGR.org and download the Guide to Passover 5772 (you may also contact the office and we can print and mail you the Guide).

INTERFAITH ART SHOW Featuring Local Artists

Dates: Sunday May 20 through Friday May 25 2012

Times: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan Ave NE

Temple Emanuel

Purim Celebration!

Temple invites the Jewish Community to help us search for Purim! Bring along your best detective instincts on Wednesday, March 7 as we begin our holiday celebration. Join us for a great big scavenger hunt at 5:30 PM.

We are cooking up an old-fashioned spaghetti and meatball dinner at 6:15 PM. Marla Tulett is catering. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 13.

Call the office at 459-5976 to RSVP no later than Monday, March 5. Help us raise some tzedakah at the Shushan Mitzvah Mall We read the Megillah at 7:00 PM sharp!

Songs, prizes for costumes, and lots of hamantashen are included in the evening. Don't stay home this Purim, come and celebrate with us!

Passover - Second Night Seder

We are Delighted to Invite Members of the Jewish Community to Join Us for A Warm and Festive Second Night Seder at Temple Emanuel on Saturday evening, April 7 at 6:00 PM.

Individual Seder Plates:

Adults \$18, Children 10-18 \$10, Children Under 10 free

Reserved Seating: Tell us who you would Like at your table, RSVP by Wednesday, April 4. Your check Is Your reservation.

Temple Emanuel / Ayelet Tour to Israel!!

Temple Emanuel is going to Israel in December with Ayelet Tours. We would be delighted to have any member of the Grand Rapids Jewish community travel with us. We are leave Wednesday, December 12 and return on Sunday, December 23. Contact Rabbi Shadick at 616-459-5976 for more information.

Chabad House

Chabad Kids Club Mini Chefs March 6

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM **Purim Hamantashen Baking**

For kids ages 5-12, \$8 cover charge.

RSVP or for more information Call Chana 616-570-1742

Or email WeingartenChana@gmail.com

Come Bake your own Matzah at Chabad's

Model Matzah Bakery!

Sunday, March 18 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

at Chabad House, \$5 Per Person

For more information or to reserve a spot:

Call 616-957-0770

The Chabad House of Western Michigan Invites the entire Jewish community to the **29th Annual Purim Celebration Dinner** "Celebrating Purim in Israel"

Purim Day **Thursday March 8, 2012** At The Chabad House

L'chaim – Music – Entertainment

Come join us for a festive, fun and joyous evening.

Hors d'oeuvres 5:45 PM, Megillah Reading 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Donation: \$25 per person, RSVP by March 5, 2012

United Jewish School and Community News



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
www.unitedjewishschool.org

School Calendar

- 03-07-12 No Midweek - Purim
- 03-25-12 UJS Open House
- 03-28-12 UJS Board Meeting

School closings: Please tune in to WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8

for UJS closings.

It will be listed as United Jewish School. You may also check their websites.

Passover Candy Sale

Although Passover seems far off, UJS is once again holding the annual candy sale with Miss Chocolate, a distributor of Barton's chocolates (kosher for Passover). Miss Chocolate also sells non-food items as well. Proceeds from the sale will help to fund the school and support programming that we all agree makes UJS a very fine institution.

- 02-05-12 Sunday** Sale begins
- 03-04-12 Sunday** Orders due
- 03-18-12 Sunday** Candy pick-up at Temple during Sunday school.

Ordering can be done online directly through Miss Chocolate website, www.misschocolate.com, Reference our **School Code: 703012**

Don't forget to send the order information to family members also. We hope you will participate in support of UJS. To receive a paper brochure or more information, please contact Allyson Strauss at colestra@netscape.net or 616-406-6346

Please remember the school 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".

Hadassah Book Club



April 18, 2012, 7:15 PM

Flory Silverstein's home:
2930 Bonnell SE

Please RSVP 616-949-5766

**Book to read: *The Hare With The Amber Eyes*
By Edmund Dewall**



Books available for purchase at Schulers on 28th Street.

Your Book-Ends,

Flory Silverstein and Sue Remes

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, March 8
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

El Barrio

545 Michigan NE
Grand Rapids, MI

Everyone Welcome

SAVE THE DATE

"Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue"

State of Michigan's Official Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony

Please join us and allow us to honor and recognize you.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Capitol Rotunda in Lansing, Michigan

Sponsored by the Michigan Jewish Conference, the Holocaust Education Coalition and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

For more information, please contact Susan Herman at herman@ifmd.org or 517-449-1562



Monday, May 14 - 7:00 PM

**Jewish Cultural Council presents
JAMEY TURNER
Glass Harp Concert
Congregation Ahavas Israel**



**JTGR presents *Yentl*
April 19 - 29, 2012**

This play is based upon the story by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Further information can be found on their website: www.jtgr.org, or by calling 616-234-3595

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:

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

Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of Doris Landman
From Marilyn Roth Kleiman

Jerry & Judy Subar Endowment Fund

The following gave in memory of Jerry Subar:

Marilyn and Norm Leven

Claude and Sharyl Titche

Marilyn Titche

Marilyn Roth Kleiman

Rana and Joseph Schwartz

Bluma Herman

Flory Silverstein

Roberta and Mike Jacobson

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Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids

Gloria Stark

Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Lucy Caldwell in memory of Annette Burke

From Homewatch CareGivers of West Michigan

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

In memory of Edith Samrick

From David and Susan Samrick

In memory of Shirley Ann Movitz

From David and Susan Samrick



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____

Donor Address _____

Donor City/St/Zip _____

Send card to: Name _____

Send card to address _____

Send card to City/St/Zip _____

Fund (pick from list) _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Notes: _____

Send your donation and this form to:

2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

The Shofar

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