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הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל Jewish Agency for Israel

Bernadette Champion Group from the U.S. Visit Gilboa Absorption Center

A delegation of African-American visitors spend time at the Jewish Agency's Gilboa Absorption Center in the Lower Galilee. Members of the group surround the absorption center's director, Vered Achion.



May 13, 2010 / 29 Iyar 5770

The Jewish Agency Absorption Center Gilboa in the Beit Alfa Kibbutz in the Lower Galilee received a special delegation of visitors on May 11, 2010: A group of 27 African American women from the Bernadette Champion Group from the Washington D.C. area.

During their visit, the delegation learned more about the Jewish Agency and the activities of the Gilboa Absorption Center that houses new immigrants from Ethiopia. After participating in a ceremony, the visitors were treated to traditional Ethiopian food, such as Injera.

The visit was a success with a feeling of mutual warmth and interest on both sides.

**Federation is now on Facebook –
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Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**

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***Ready to go to
New Orleans?***

**New Orleans will host both the
2010 General Assembly (GA)
and International Lion of Judah
Conference (ILOJC).**

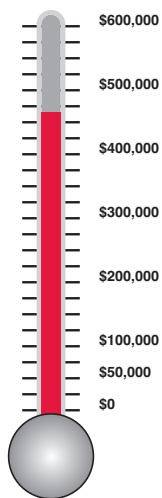
**The GA is slated for Nov. 7-9
and the ILOJC is slated
for Nov. 8-10.**

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.*

**The Jewish Federation
will be holding the
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
7:00 p.m.
at the Federation Office**

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the 2009 campaign volunteers, and to Andrew Samrick, for his campaign leadership.



Each of our solicitors worked diligently to make sure that the needs of Jewish people were met ... in our local community, and around the world. They performed the mitzvot of Tzedakah and Tikkun olam, repairing and improving the world.

Thank you for all the phone calls and meetings, emails and notes. Please know that your time and efforts made a huge difference.

Campaign 2009 closed on May 7, 2010 resulting in:

Total money raised – \$471,156

Total gifts – 498

Total new gifts – 70

With great appreciation, we acknowledge our campaign solicitors:

David Alfonso	Greg Kaufman	Liz Scheibe Samrick
Mario Atias	Morris Kleiman	Larry Selig
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Sandy Freed	David Reifler	Susette Tauber
Machelle Hammond	Karen Reifler	Lanny Thodey
Bluma Herman	Sue Remes	Claude Titche
Dan Hurwitz	Evan Rossio	Wayne Titche
Bert Jacobson	Julie Rossio	Mami Vyn
Judith Joseph	Jeff Rush	Cathy Winick
Julian Joseph	Andrew Samrick	Chad Zagel

FACT of the week

United Jewish Communities

JDC MONITORING SAFETY AND ENSURING CARE FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CLIENTS IN KYRGYZSTAN

-JDC Staff Experts Available for Interview-

NEW YORK, NY, April 8, 2010—The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the world's largest Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, has been continuously monitoring the safety and working to ensure the ongoing care of its Jewish community clients in Kyrgyzstan during the recent political crisis. To date, there have been no reported injuries to the country's Jewish community.

"As events unfold, we are in constant communication with JDC's staff in the country and continue to maintain uninterrupted the critical services we provide for Kyrgyzstan's Jewish elderly," said JDC CEO Steven Schwager. "We are concerned at the possible impact of the situation on the Jewish population. In Kyrgyzstan, as everywhere else in the world, our first call is helping Jews in need, distress or danger."

Kyrgyzstan, a mountainous country bordering Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and China, is home to an estimated 1,300 Jews. Most of the Jews are concentrated in the nation's capital, Bishkek. Jews can also be found in 10 other locations throughout the country.

As part of its long-standing work with the Jewish community, JDC supports the local Hesed welfare center in Bishkek which provides food and medicine and home care to the community, as well as a Jewish library, a program for family education, among other aid and Jewish renewal programs for elderly and children at risk.

About the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

Since 1914, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has given global expression to the principle that all Jews are responsible for one another. Working today in over 70 countries, JDC acts on behalf of North America's Jewish communities and others to rescue Jews in danger, provide relief to those in distress, revitalize overseas Jewish communities and help Israel overcome the social challenges of its most vulnerable citizens. JDC also provides non-sectarian emergency relief and long-term development assistance worldwide.

Live Generously.™ It does a world of good.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

"Senior Social"

*Don't know what this is?
Please come and find out!*

Tuesday, June 22nd

10:30a to 12:00p

Location: Federation Office

Speaker: Karen Reifler, registered Physical Therapist, will demonstrate proper use of walkers, canes etc.

We also will have a session to discuss both fitness and how to avoid falling.

RSVP by June 21st to Federation at 942-5553

Transportation is available

*Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids
presents*

"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh"

"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!" is a musical review based on the music of Alan Sherman which appeared Off-Broadway.

Sunday June 27th – 3:00p

Cost: \$15

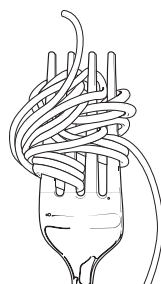
We will meet at Temple Emanuel at 2:15 pm so that we can car pool to the theater!

Please call Ann at 942-5553 for transportation or if you can pick up someone.

LUNCH BUNCH

MANGIAMO

1033 Lake Drive, S.E.



Wednesday, June 16th

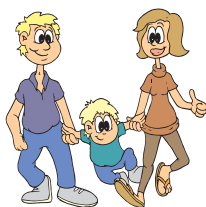
11:30 am

Cost: \$8.00

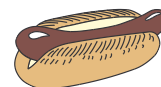
RSVP by Monday, June 14
to Federation at 942-5553

Transportation is available!

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



Come out and enjoy the Jewish Community Picnic



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 1st, 2010
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
CASCADE PARK,
LOWER PAVILION**

3810 Thornapple River Drive
on Nick Kik Dr.,
between Thornhills & 36th St.



**HOT DOG LUNCH, (Veggies, too)
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!!**

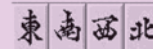
\$3.00 per person (advanced registration)/
\$12.00 per family

RSVP by July 29th to 942-5553
Rain or Shine

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .



YAD Mah Jongg



Join us at our next game!

Sunday Nights at 7:30 pm



June 13 • June 27

For more information, call Michele Young at 828-4806

Now Meeting at Forest Hills Foods

Beginners welcome!

No experience necessary.

Join in for a Sunday bike ride

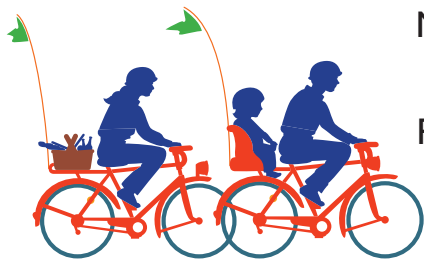
Scheduled dates and times:

Sunday, June 6 10:00am

Sunday, June 27 10:00am

Meet at Temple
Emanuel

Please RSVP to
Jeff@jfg.org



YAD Summer Playgroup

Friday Mornings
10 a.m.

Manhattan Park

June 18

August 13

July 16

August 27

July 30



COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



616.234.3595
www.jtgr.org

Music and Lyrics by Allan Sherman
Conceived and written by
Douglas Bernstein and Rob Krausz

Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh

A laugh-filled and nutty musical party!

June 17 - 27

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

Spectrum Theatre



HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

Date: June 9, 7:15 pm

at Diane Broomberg's home

2865 Lake Drive, S.E. • Phone: 949-6084

Please, Please R.S.V.P.! Thank You!

Book to read: *The Girl From Foreign*

by Sadia Shepard

Facilitator: Diane Broomberg

Looking forward to a great book discussion evening!!

August book to read will be: *My Father's Paradise*

by Ariel Sabar

Facilitator: Bluma Herman

Time: 7:15 pm • Location to be announced

Enjoy the
Blossoms in
Bloom, & the
cool summer
breezes!

We are as always . . .

Your Loyal Book Ends

Sue Remes – 949-3505

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FILM FESTIVAL . . .



A GREAT SUCCESS!
Thank you!



Hosts and moderators:

Donna Boorstein, Jeff Bootzin, Sheila Frank,
David Reifler, Sue Remes, Pam Rush, Mort Zukerman

Volunteers:

Talia Atias, Fred & Judy Clowney, Jerry & Sandy
Gordon, Shlomit Harris, Rick Hay, Buddy & Judy Joseph,
Lori Jacobs, Michele Kanig, Shirley Kleiman,
Beverly Knopp, Sheldon & Sue Kopperl, Karen Libman,
Bob and Elaine Lipshutz, Arlene Loby, Karen Padnos,
David Reifler, Sue Remes, Darrel Rosen, Karen Sigal,
Bernice Weiner

Special thanks to: Celebration! Cinema North.

Sari



*Speaker
David Lubbers*



*Dan Hurwitz
and Film
Director
Paul Shrader*



FILM FESTIVAL . . .

Middle Eastern Dinner



The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation Invites the entire West Michigan community



2010 Tzofim (Israeli Scouts) Friendship Caravan free show for all ages July 27 – 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

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.

Their music and dancing will enthrall all ages.

This program has been made possible through the generous donations of the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation and private donors

Grand Rapids Camper Weekend at Tamarack

(A Jewish overnight camp located near Detroit)

Cost - \$50 per camper all included*

**Made possible by a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation*

Pilot program is for boys 11 – 13 year olds.

Weekend of July 9-11, 2010

Are you interested?????

Campers participate in a wonderful variety of programming on our 1,500-forested acres and two private wooded lakes. Campers enjoy our four athletic fields, three incredible horseback riding trails and innumerable hiking trails through our expanse of land. We also have a beautiful and secluded forest area for our cookouts and sleepovers. For our older campers we also have an exciting high ropes challenge course. Through programming, campers learn vital teambuilding skills. We also have various initiatives and low ropes programs for all of our campers to challenge themselves and to build a cohesive group dynamic.

Dear Parents:

Our community in Grand Rapids is trying to determine how much interest there would be in having your children attending Camp Tamarack for a weekend camp experience.

This pilot program initiated by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids offers an opportunity to get a taste of overnight Jewish camp, and share camp activities with Jewish campers from all over Michigan, as well as a large group of Israeli campers.

**Please indicate your interest in the:
Grand Rapids Camper Weekend at Tamarack**

By emailing or calling Jeff Slotnick, at jeff@jfg.org or 942-5553

Proposed Schedule:

Arrive at camp by 11:00 on Friday

Depart camp by 7:30pm on Sunday

Friday 8:15 Depart Grand Rapids for Tamarack

11:00 Arrive

11:30 Activities

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Activities

6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat

6:45 Dinner

7:30 Songs

8:30 Oneg Shabbat

Saturday 1:00 Lunch

2:00 Activities

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Evening Program

10:00 Havdallah

Sunday 9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Activities –

horseback riding, water skiing, crafts, archery, multi media etc.

1:00 Lunch

2:45 Activities

4:00 Activities

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Departure back to

Grand Rapids

9:30 Arrive back in

Grand Rapids



Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

Pam Rush - School Director

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

Thanks so much to all our wonderful teachers and staff at UJS for a great year! Thank you also to Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel and Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. Without their spiritual and financial support our school would not be such a great success!

We bid farewell to the following teachers and thank them for all their dedication to UJS:

Cathy Winick, Jan Fonger, Leo Schlesinger

Please congratulate our graduating seniors:

Fiona Clowney – University of Michigan
Leah Cohen – Michigan State University
Madelyn Downes – Central Michigan University
Meredith Greengard – Michigan State University
Sarah Hammond – College of Wooster
Danielle Schlesinger – Columbia University

Hannah Schlesinger – Michigan State University
Aleks Sherman-Hay – Grand Rapids Community College
Bennett Siegel – University of Vermont
Jennifer Titche – George Washington University
Micah Wynn – New England College

UJS will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser at the Jewish Theatre's upcoming production of
"Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah" June 17 – 27 Spectrum Theater

Please support the school and the theater by coming to the show

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

- **April 29 - May 2** The 8th/9th grade had a wonderful 4 days in the great city of New York. Look for pictures on the school bulletin boards at Temple and Ahavas.
- **May 5** Midweek Hebrew enjoyed their afternoon class at Celebration! Cinema for the Jewish Film Festival. The feature film was *"White Balance"*. All who attended had a great time watching the film and noshing on free popcorn and soda.
- **May 16** Last day of school we bid farewell to our graduating seniors, student body and recognized UJS staff and school board. We also participated in the community for Mitzvah Day.

WANTED

**Dynamic teachers for 2010-2011 school year
If interested please contact us**

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26, June 23, July 28 UJS Summer Board meetings
September 12 UJS Opening Day for 2010-2011

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

Congregation Ahavas Israel Torah Dedication

Please join us for Shabbat services on June 19 as we dedicate a newly acquired Sefer Torah in memory of Rosalie Rotenberg, our first woman congregational president; the longest continually serving member of the Synagogue Board, involved in virtually every committee; twice president of the Sisterhood. She has left an indelible mark on Ahavas Israel and the Jewish community at large.

Learner's Minyan

Shabbat mornings: June 26 and July 17 --
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Family Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/ Kabbalat Shabbat

The Religious Life committee is hosting Pre-Shabbat Family Happy Hours (music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres; and snacks and drinks for the kids) on the last Shabbat of each month -- June 25, July 30 and August 27 at 7:00 p.m., followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45 p.m.

To sponsor a happy hour (\$54), contact the synagogue office.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Monday-Friday
June 21-July 9, 2010

Kiddie Camp - ages 3-4:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Gan Izzy - Ages 5-13:
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

\$150/Week • \$400/Complete Session

Location:

2615 Michigan St. NE,
Grand Rapids, MI

For More Information call
Chayale @ 616-706-8019

Temple Emanuel

Please join us on Sunday, June 13 as we board a luxury chartered bus and head out to the
2010 Greater Chicago Jewish Folk Arts Festival
in Morton Grove, Illinois

Jews from all over the Chicagoland area come together for a day of music, dance, storytelling, a kosher food fair, a Jewish art fair, a Jewish organization fair, and activities for children of all ages.

We are leaving the Temple parking lot at 8:00 am and returning (at approximately) 9:30 pm. It is a 3-1/2 hour ride to Morton Grove.

The cost is \$8.00 per person

There are only 55 seats on the bus. These are first come, first served. Reserve your seat with a check.

We are grateful to the Tom & Mickie Fox Family Endowment Fund for partially underwriting the cost of our road trip.

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



Shir Shalom Choir



Shir Shalom Choir is looking for new voices for the 2010-11 year. We meet Tuesday evenings @ 7:30 at Temple Emanuel beginning in September and going to June. During the year we present 4 or 5 separate concerts, but basically we get together because we love Jewish music and find a regular dose of it keeps us happy. Call either Toby Dolinka 949-6548 or Barbara Robinson 949-4986 for information or questions.

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 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.

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

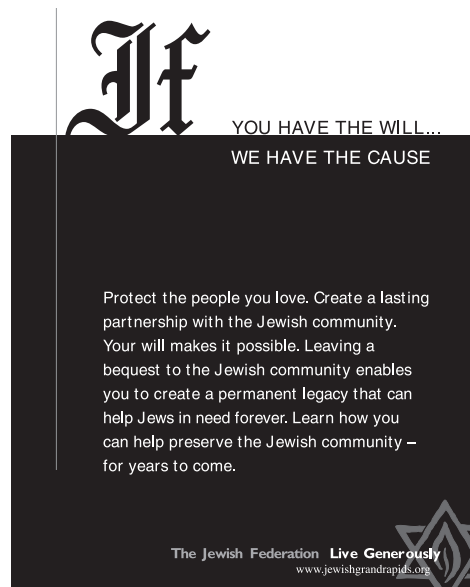
In honor of Bernice Weiner
From Marilyn Kleiman

The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Ms. Elisa Joseph Anders in honor of Mother's Day
From Mom and Dad, Judy and Julian Joseph

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

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



Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

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Your help is needed and
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since 1965.

Call: Eileen 949-6444
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Some senior citizens in our community no longer drive their cars. They struggle to get their groceries and run necessary errands.

This difficulty is a profound source of stress for some of these individuals.

If you might be willing to take a senior shopping once a month or more, please let us know!

Chances are that you already know the person who needs your help!

We are certain the experience will be fulfilling for both parties!

**For more information or to volunteer your time,
please call Ann at the Federation – 942-5553**