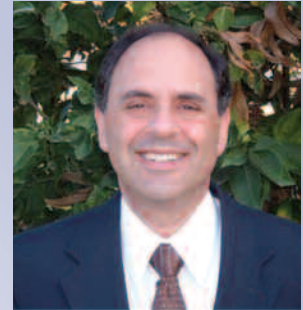


**The Cultural Council of the  
Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids Invites You**

**CHUCK FREILICH**

**“NEVER AGAIN” –  
THE IRANIAN THREAT  
AND A MID EAST  
STRATEGIC OVERVIEW**



**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 13  
8:00 P.M.**

**TEMPLE EMANUEL  
1715 EAST FULTON**

Chuck Freilich is a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center at Harvard University's Kennedy School and until recently was Israel's Deputy National Security Advisor. His primary areas of expertise are US-Mid East and Israeli national security policy. He teaches political science at the Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities and also co-directs a Middle Eastern affairs consultancy.

Chuck was a Senior Analyst at the Israel Ministry of Defense, focusing on strategic affairs, Policy Advisor to a cabinet minister and a Delegate at the Israeli Mission to the UN. He earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Born in New York, he immigrated to Israel in his teens.

*Dessert reception to follow.*

**Advance tickets: \$ 10, at the door: \$ 12**

**RSVP and advance tickets: 942-5553**

**Free child care available upon request**

This program is sponsored by The Rosenzweig- Coopersmith Foundation

# FEDERATION MESSAGE & HAITI UPDATE . . .



This winter has been a busy one for the JFGR. As we strive to serve the ever changing and increasing needs of the Grand Rapids Jewish community, we are doing our best to accomplish this with fewer dollars.

Our campaign that is coming to a close has unfortunately shown a decrease in pledges, both in dollars and donors. While we have fortunately received many pledges from new donors and some current donors with increased pledges, we have definitely seen an effect of the West Michigan economy. I hope that many of the outstanding pledges will be made and that individuals in the community who may be in the position to increase or add to their previous pledge will do so and help support the JFGR and our services.

As part of our efforts to reduce expenses, we moved into new space within Ahavas Israel. This beautiful new space, while smaller than our previous office, is bright and open and provides the opportunity for the staff to communicate and work together in a common environment. I look forward to welcoming you at our Federation office.

I am happy to welcome Ann Berman to the position of Director of Social Services. Ann brings wonderful community experience and a strong desire to serve the Grand Rapids Jewish Community. I look forward to seeing our Social Services area continue to thrive and support our community.

I am always open to new ideas and thoughts as to how the JFGR can better serve the Grand Rapids Jewish community. Please feel free to contact me and let me know how we can improve and provide in the coming year.

Dan Hurwitz

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## JEWISH FEDERATION HAITI AID TOPS \$3 MILLION; MORE AID REACHING VICTIMS

*JDC Announces Matching Gifts for Text Message Campaign*  
Jan. 29, 2010

The Jewish Federation movement has raised more than \$3 million for Haiti relief efforts since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated the island nation earlier this month.

As Federations continue to raise funds for Haiti, The Jewish Federations of North America is working with the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief (JCDR) to monitor allocations and coordinate efforts among Jewish organizations. Since our last Haiti aid report, the JCDR has begun partnering with the Chabad movement to provide humanitarian assistance in Haiti. Chabad in the Dominican Republic is coordinating the purchase of food and basic necessities and arranging trucking to Haiti, with assistance from Surfuturo, a local NGO, and the United Nations.

JCDR is also collaborating with the Afya Foundation to ship hundreds of mattresses, blankets, and medical supplies to Partners in Health, a local NGO in Haiti that is distributing these essential items to earthquake victims. In addition, JCDR is partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to provide water, food, shelter, and emergency health care.

The Jewish Federations of North America and many individual Federations are also sending donations directly to our overseas partner, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Visit [jdc.org](http://jdc.org) to read JDC's blog, "No Passport Required," which carries on-the-scene reports from Haiti.

JDC recently announced a mobile giving campaign. Donors can text 'JDCHAITI' to 8-5-9-4-4 to give \$10 via mobile phone.\* The campaign is being sponsored by Havana Central of New York and donors Linda and Jeremy Merrin, who have offered to match mobile donations dollar for dollar up to a designated amount. Your \$10 donation is instantly doubled to \$20. This is a quick and easy way to make a difference.

Please visit this Haiti Relief page on [jdc.org](http://jdc.org) to keep updated about the situation and our Federation response. The page features reports about relief efforts by Jewish Federations, their partners, and other Jewish groups, as well as news about the crisis.

\*A \$.50 fee is taken by the telecom company.

### 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.*

**TOGETHER.**  
**WE WILL ALWAYS RESCUE JEWS IN DANGER, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE.**

With personnel and programs on the ground in virtually every part of the world, your Federation and overseas partners have a unique ability to act quickly in times of emergency. From wars to acts of terror to natural disasters, together we can alleviate suffering and save lives. Care to help? To donate, or for more information, go to [www.jfgr.org](http://www.jfgr.org) or call 1-616-942-5553.

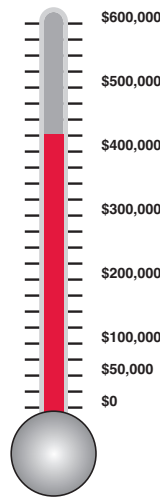
## Making the Most of your Campaign 2009-2010 Dollars

### Young Leadership Challenge Grant

If you are under 40 years of age, any new gift or increase to last year's gift will be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to the generosity of the Hurwitz and Thodey families through the Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation.

### The Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation Challenge Grant

Any new gift and any increase to last year's gift will be matched, dollar for dollar.



## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2009-2010

**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
 2727 Michigan St. NE  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
 (616) 942-5553 email: [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org)  
[www.jfgr.org](http://www.jfgr.org)

## Live Generously.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please consider a 10% increase*

Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THE SUM OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Donor's Signature

Method of Payment:  Check  Stock

Please charge my:  Mastercard  Visa

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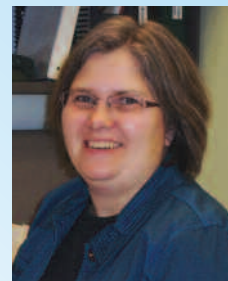
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# SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

## Meet Ann Berman, our new Director of Social Services

Hello I am Ann Berman. I was born and raised in Lowell, Michigan. I received my Bachelor of Arts from Central Michigan University. I have worked a variety of careers over the years. My most rewarding positions, besides being a wife and mother, have involved working with the elderly in nursing homes and with adults in group home environments and volunteering at my children's school and as a chess coach. I have also volunteered at Spectrum-Health, Butterworth campus, doing most of my hours in the Medical Social Work department. I am married to Stuart Berman and have two wonderful children. My son, Nathan, is 11 years old and a 6th grader at East Grand Rapids Middle School and Beit Sefer B'yahad. My daughter, Abigail, is 8 years old and a 3rd grader at Lakeside Elementary and Beit Sefer B'yahad. My hobbies revolve mostly around my family and our communi-

ty. We like to ski, play board games, travel and spend time with our house full of pets. I also am a taekwondo student, having achieved my red belt and expect to attain my black belt this year. I have revived the scholastic competitive chess programs in East Grand Rapids schools. I facilitate three separate chess clubs weekly in the elementary and middle school and Kent District Public Library -East. I look forward to becoming better acquainted with the Grand Rapids Jewish community members through my new position. I also am excited to explore ideas with members to continue current and perhaps create new social programs of interest. Please feel free to call me with questions, ideas or just to introduce yourself!



**LUNCH BUNCH!**  
**Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
at 11:30 a.m.

**Pietro's** 

2728 Birchcrest Drive SE,  
Grand Rapids, MI • 452-3228

Cost: \$8.00

RSVP to Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206

**Mitzvah  
Specialists!**

*Here is your schedule  
through April 2010!*

**Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**

March 23

April 20

*Call ANN at 942-5553 ext. 206 with any  
questions or to request transportation*

**SENIOR  
PASSOVER  
SHOPPING  
TRIP TO  
DETROIT**



**Thursday,  
March 11th**

*Space is Limited –*

**RSVP no later than**

**Tuesday,  
March 9th**

**with Ann at**

**942-5553 ext. 206**



# YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .

## *Hold the Date and Don't Miss!*

**Free  
Program**

Tuesday, March 23 – 7:30 pm-8:45 pm –  
Olives Restaurant

## *“Torah on Tap”*

Torah on Tap, an event that has attracted hundreds of young adults in Metro Detroit is now coming to Grand Rapids! A Torah on Tap evening combines a great social evening, hanging out at a bar, spending time with friends and meeting new people, while also adding spirituality and inspiration to the picture. Four times throughout the evening, Rabbi Leiby Burnham, MSW, stops the conversation, and for a short while discusses a meaningful Jewish idea. In between ideas, people can continue the Jewish conversation, continue the conversations they were having before the pause, or just order another round of drinks and have a L'chaim!

*Appetizers Included*

RSVP to [Jeff@JFGR.org](mailto:Jeff@JFGR.org) or call 942-5553

**With the help of a special grant  
from the Ravitz Foundation  
We are able to present this program  
facilitated by Rabbi Leiby Burnham, MSW**

Rabbi Burnham lectures extensively throughout the US and Canada, combining his social work background with his rabbinical training to create programs that are stimulating, socially relevant and highly inspiring!



## **YAD Mah Jongg**



*Join us at our next game!*

Sunday Night at 7:30 pm  
February 28 • March 14



Meet at D&W Cascade  
*Beginners welcome!*

*No experience necessary.*

For more information, call Michele Young at 828-4806

# COMMUNITY NEWS . . . EVERYONE INVITED!

## **JFGR Family Tubing Day at Cannonsburg**

**Sunday February 21, 2010**

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Special Federation Pricing:**

Age 10 and younger - \$7

Adults (age 11 up) - \$10

*Bottled water, cookies and donuts provided in the lodge*

**Meet and Pay at Ticket Booth**

RSVP to [Cathy@jfgr.org](mailto:Cathy@jfgr.org) or 942-5553



United Jewish School and the Jewish Federation  
Invite the entire community



## Purim Extravaganza

**Sunday, February 28**  
**Ahavas Israel**



**10:00am – 11:00am**

Purim celebration and megillah reading in small chapel led by Rabbi Krishef  
Purim celebration and megillah reading in main sanctuary led by Rabbi Schadick

Feel free to attend either reading and go back and forth.

**11:00am – 12:00pm Crawl Space Eviction show**

For more than six years the troupe has delivered a blend of short and long form improvisation comedy.

**12:00pm – 12:30pm Costume contest and lots of noshing**

The Purim Extravaganza replaces Sunday School for the day. All United Jewish School students are expected to attend.

***Everyone dress in costume for our contest!!  
Lots of prizes!!!!***

This program is made possible by the generosity of the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation!!

# FILM FESTIVAL . . .



**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 May 1st.**

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.

The 2010 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.

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### *I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Film Festival Director (\$500.00)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Film Festival Fan**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Film Festival Producer (\$250.00)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Flex Pass (\$36.00)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Film Festival Actor (\$100.00)**

Mail this form and your check to:  
**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1240

## Jewish Film Festival 12th Anniversary



**Celebration!**  
Cinema North

**Sunday, May 2nd 3:00 P.M.**  
**FAMILY MATINEE**

### **ELI & BEN**

**89 min**

**Hebrew**

**with subtitles**

Eli is 12-years-old and his world is turned upside down when his father, the City Architect of Herzelya, is charged with taking bribes. The father is taken into custody right before Eli's eyes and the news makes its way into the newspaper and the school ground alike. Eli is convinced that his father is innocent. He intends to draw on the full reserves of his innocence and mischief to see to it that his father is released. But the path would not be easy. Eli will have to face injustice, corruption and pretense, among both adults and children. He will have to shape his own



principles and stick to them. In the process he will re-discover his father and taste the bitter sting of first love.

**Monday, May 3rd 7:30 p.m.**



### **CAMERA OBSCURA**

**86 min**

**Spanish & Yiddish  
with subtitles**

At the end of the 19th century, a baby girl is born only feet from the new world as a ship of immigrant's docks in Buenos Aires harbor. Shy and self-conscious, Gertrudis grows up and into her role as the ugly duckling in a colony of Argentinean Jews. She fashions herself almost invisible, even hiding her face in photographs. After she is married off to an older, wealthy Jewish rancher, Gertrudis meets expectations and raises a family. The years pass and she finds solace in the beauty of everyday life, turning the tasks of setting the table or preparing a meal into aesthetic pursuits. One day her husband invites a gentle, nomadic French photographer to take a family portrait. His wondrous Surrealist photographs and uncompromising vision, allow Gertrudis to see herself for the first time.

**Tuesday, May 4th 7:30 p.m.**

### **Spring of 1941**

**97 min**

**English**

In 1971, world famous Cellist Clara Plank returns to her homeland, Poland, for the first time. She is the guest of honor in a gala concert to be held in her home town. But the familiar sights and faces are so powerful that her mind wanders to that one spring, 30 years earlier, when that terri-

# FILM FESTIVAL . . .



ble war came to destroy her world.

Spring 1941 is the story of the young Clara, her husband, and two daughters, a Jewish family seeking shelter as Nazis storm Poland. They find a safe house in the farm of Emilia, their local grocer. After her husband was taken to fight for his country and never came back, Emilia is all alone in the big house.

Under the horrors of the war and the agony of death that surrounds them, an impossible love triangle erupts.

The fragile arrangement, made only in order to live, is tested again and again.

Will love be enough to keep them alive? Is it love or is it survival?

## Wednesday, May 5th

**Children's Festival 4:30 p.m.**

**Festival Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

*In the Wave Room at Celebration! Cinema*

**Movie 7:30 p.m.**

### **ADAM RESURRECTED**

**106 min**

**English**

Adam Resurrected follows former Berlin magician and circus impresario Adam Stein (Jeff Goldblum), an enthralling, enigmatic patient at a remote Israeli rehabilitation outpost for Holocaust survivors.

Entertainer, clairvoyant, sophisticate and lothario, Stein veers from brilliance to eroticism, horror and madness, with flashbacks to the phys-

ical and psychological demoralization he endured under Commandant Klein in the Stelling death camp.

Stein appears to have everyone stymied and overawed, but an unusual new patient seems to have the magnetic power to break him free of the grip of his relentless torment.

**Guest speaker:**  
**Grand Rapids native film director Paul Schrader**



**Thursday, May 6th 7:30 p.m.**

### **NORA'S WILL (5 dias sin Nora)**

**90 min**

**Spanish with subtitles**

Before dying, Nora schemes a plan to make José, her ex-husband, take care of her corpse. But she is



missing something. For the only flaw in the plan – a mysterious photograph forgotten under the bed – will lead to an unexpected outcome reminding us that the biggest love stories are sometimes hidden in the smallest places.

## LAUREL KADOURI

*"Oriental Dance Show"*

Saturday, January 23rd

*A great time was had by all!*



*Pictured left to right are:  
Sue Remes, Mario Atias, Marni Vyn, Laurel Kadouri,  
Michael Moses and Sari Cohen*



*Special thanks to  
Larry Broomberg for donating  
the use of the sound system.*

## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

*Thank you to Flory Silverstein for hosting our February book review and to Susette Tauber for being our facilitator and sharing with us her story, the same as the book's.*

**Next Meeting: April 14, 7:25 p.m.**

**at Mitzi Cohon's home**

1526 Falcon Crest Dr. N.E.

Phone: 575-5623 – Please R.S.V.P.

**Book to read: *Olive Kelteridge***

**by Elizabeth Strout**

Facilitator: Bev Knop

*Our June  
book will be  
The Girl From  
Foreign*

**Your "Book Ends"**

**Sue Remes – 949-3505**

**Flory Silverstein – 949-5766**



*~ Keep the Date ~*

**April 16th - Congregation Ahavas Israel**

***An Evening with Dara Horn***

Prize-winning author Dara Horn interweaves mystery, romance, folklore, theology, history, and scripture into a spellbinding modern tale. She is the author of: *The world to Come, In the Image* and *All Other Nights*. In 2007 Dara Horn was chosen by Granta magazine as one of the Best Young American Novelists.

**Watch for more information in the next Shofar**

## Scholar In Residence Weekends

### Congregation Ahavas Israel March 5, 6, & 7

**Rabbi Henry Glazer**

*"I Thank Therefore  
I Am - Gateways To  
Gratefulness"*

Rabbi Henry Glazer was a pulpit rabbi for over 45 years, serving several congregations in the New York and New Jersey area. Currently, he is teaching a course on the Ethics of Gratefulness at the Academy of Jewish Religion.



#### Topics:

#### Friday evening, March 5

#### 6:15 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv

7:00 p.m. – Following the service, Rabbi Glazer will speak on *"Gratefulness As an Idea: What does it mean? Gratefulness and Love"*

followed by an Oneg Shabbat

#### Shabbat morning, March 6

During the service, Rabbi Glazer will speak on *"Gratefulness and You: The courage to be grateful. Gratefulness and family"*

#### Sunday brunch, March 7 at Temple Emanuel

10:00 a.m. – Enjoy bagels and brunch. \$5/per person.

10:30 a.m. – Rabbi Glazer will speak on the topic of *"Gratefulness as a way of Life: The Jewish way to Gratefulness."*

### Temple Emanuel March 19, 20, & 21

We welcome Mark J. Pelavin, the Associate Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) in Washington, DC.

#### Weekend Schedule

#### Friday March 19

**Shabbat Services at 6:15 PM**

**Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 7:15 PM**

Temple will provide chicken, challah, wine, and dessert. We ask everyone who joins us for dinner to bring a non-dairy side dish, enough for 8-10 people, to share. The cost is \$4. RSVP to the Temple office at 459-5976 by Wednesday March 17.

**Mark Pilavin speaks at 8:00 PM**

His presentation is entitled, *"How High the Wall? Church/State Separation at a Crossroads"*.

#### Saturday March 20

**Shabbat Services at 10:00 AM**

**Mark Pilavin speaks at 11:15 AM**

His presentation is entitled, *"Building a Kehilat Tzedek (a Congregation of Justice)"*

**Shabbat Dairy Lunch at 12:30 PM**

The cost is \$7. RSVP to the Temple office at 459-5976 by Wednesday March 17.

#### Sunday March 21

**Bagels and Lox Breakfast at 10:00 AM**

The cost is \$5. RSVP to the Temple office at 459-5976 by Wednesday March 17.

**Mark Pilavin speaks at 10:30 AM**

His presentation is entitled, *"The Blessing and the Curse: How Religion Has Shaped, and Can Shape, American Politics"*.



## Jewish Gospel?

*Unite in the Spirit of Diversity*

**Sunday, April 25, 2010 • 4:30 p.m.**

**Congregation Ahavas Israel**

Ahavas Israel presents a multi-cultural, inter-faith concert featuring Chicago's Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation Choir. The congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Capers Funnye, visited Ahavas Israel last year. Also performing will be Grand Rapids' Revolution Christian Ministries Choir.

**Please call for ticket information – (616) 949-2840**

## Temple Emanuel

*Temple Emanuel invites the community to join us on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 AM for a Bagels and Lox Breakfast and a very interesting lecture and discussion on Contemporary Muslim Practice*

We welcome Dr. Aly and Debbie Mageed to our congregation. Dr. Aly Mageed is the Director of the Pediatric Blood and marrow Transplantation Program at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Dr. Mageed often speaks on pediatric oncology. He is also involved in interfaith dialogue throughout our community.

Debbie Mageed was born in England and raised as a Christian in the United States. She converted to Islam in 1998. She is very active in the local Muslim community and also in interfaith work throughout West Michigan.

The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Please RSVP to the Temple office at 459-5976.

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*on Sunday, February 21, at 7:00 PM.  
for Sunday Night at the Movies,  
As we watch Oren Jacoby's 2008 adaptation of  
James Carroll's Constantine's Sword.*

This astonishing exploration of the dark side of Christianity follows former priest James Carroll on a journey of remembrance and reckoning. Carroll is a practicing Catholic, whose search for the truth lead him to confront persecution and violence in the name of God, today and in the Church's past.

Carroll discovers a terrible legacy that reverberates across the centuries: from the Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross as a sword and symbol of power, to the rise of genocidal anti-Semitism, to modern day wars sparked by religious extremism.

There is no charge.

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*Temple Emanuel welcomes the community to join us for our Fiddler on the Roof Purim, on Saturday evening, February 27.  
Come for a sumptuous feast of Eastern-European foods beginning at 6:00 PM.*

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Dinner will be followed by a reading of the Megillah. Then we will tell the story again in schpiel form, using music from *Fiddler on the Roof*, with original lyrics.

We end the evening with lots of homemade hamantashen.

Costumes are encouraged for all ages. Think Tevye, Yenta, Lazar Wolf and Golda for inspiration.

Your check to Temple Emanuel is your reservation. RSVP no later than Tuesday February 23.

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*on Sunday, March 7, at 7:00 PM.  
for Sunday Night at the Movies,  
As we watch Ari Folman's Academy Award Nominated Film,  
Waltz With Bashir.*

Inspired by actual events, Folman's film chronicles one man's descent into his own forgotten past. Filmmaker Ari Folman, an Israeli veteran of the First Lebanon War, encounters an old friend suffering from nightmares of the conflict. Ari begins to wonder why his own memories are full of gaps. In an effort to uncover the truth, he reconnects with old friends and dares to confront the horrors of war. Innovative and devastating, *Waltz With Bashir* fuses animation with documentary.

## Congregation Ahavas Israel

*All events and services are open to all who are interested.*

**Purim Party, Saturday night,  
February 27, 7:30 p.m.**

***A Party! A Play! Great Food and Drink!***

Don't Miss It ... if you think it's a children's holiday, you haven't experienced an Ahavas Israel Purim.

On Sunday morning, please join us for the synagogue minyan at 9:30 a.m., followed by the community Purim celebration beginning at 10:00 with Megillah readings and entertainment.

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### Future Farmers at Ahavas

What are we doing? We're creating a unique opportunity to help local food banks and raise fresh produce for your family. The synagogue will create a community garden on a portion of its land. The size of the garden and what we grow depends upon the number of volunteers who step forward to help. We're encouraging families to participate. All are welcome!

Why are we doing this? We've seen a growing demand on local food banks. We want to help local food banks by growing fresh produce that will be donated to the Temple Emanuel Food Bank and other local food banks.

There are rewards for you if you help. You'll be able to experience the joys of gardening and help local families. (Prior experience in gardening is not necessary.) You'll also be able to enjoy some of the harvest with your family. 50% of what is grown will be donated to the food banks. The other 50% will be divided among the volunteers for their own use. If you don't want to take anything home, your share will be donated to the food bank.

It's really very easy. If you volunteer, you will be expected to work about one hour per week on the garden. We hope to have work parties on Tuesday mornings, Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. These times may change depending upon when you and our other volunteers are available.

We need your help. In addition to planting vegetables, we're also exploring bee keeping, wine making, and growing pumpkins for the kids. However, before we plow "the back 40," we're trying to determine the community's interest in working on this project. If you have an interest, please contact Rick Stevens at [rste@aol.com](mailto:rste@aol.com) or 956-9570. Thank you and please wipe the mud off your shoes.



## Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

Pam Rush - School Director

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

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. There will also be a message on the school answering machine if classes are cancelled due to bad weather – 616-459-5976 x3.

### School Calendar

2-14-10	No Sunday School	Midwinter Break
2-17-10	No Midweek	Midwinter Break
2-21-10	UJS Open House	Temple during Sunday School
2-24-10	UJS Board Meeting	Temple Emanuel 7:00 p.m.
2-28-10	UJS/Federation Community Program at Ahavas	

Please take the time to 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”.

**UJS Contributions:**  
In Memory of Morris Indianer by Nancy Indianer Reider

#### School News

- UJS collected \$365.00 in tzedakah for the month of January to plant trees in Israel for Tu’B’Shevat.
- Passover Candy orders may be picked up at Temple during Sunday school on March 21st.

We say goodbye and good luck to our 2nd grade teacher Katherine Light who recently graduated from Grand Valley State University and has accepted a position in Chicago. Jan Fonger, Temple and UJS board member will be teaching the 2nd grade for the remainder of the school year. Jan has been a long time teacher for the religious school and is a welcome asset to the UJS staff.



## Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School invites you to a Purim Extravaganza

#### 10:00am – 11:00am

Purim celebration and megillah reading in small chapel led by Rabbi Krishef  
Purim celebration and megillah reading in main sanctuary led by Rabbi Schadick

Feel free to attend either reading and go back and forth.

#### 11:00am-12:00pm

Crawl Space Eviction (Improv Group)

#### 12:00pm-12:30pm

Costume contest and lots of noshing



The Purim Extravaganza replaces Sunday school for the day. All United Jewish School students are expected to attend. This event is also open to the community. We encourage all parents to enjoy one of our parallel megillah readings with their children.

**Everyone dress in costume for our contest!! Lots of prizes!!!!**

This program is made possible by the generosity of the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation!

## ***Give Your Child the Gift of Summer Camp or a Trip to Israel!***

### **Summer Camp Subsidies**



Studies show that overnight camp fosters Jewish identity and creates a lifelong bond to the Jewish community. The Ravitz Small Jewish Community Initiative will help make Jewish camp the summer community for your child. Apply and your child will be eligible to receive a subsidy to Michigan's Camp Tamarack, one of North America's premier Jewish camps!

Download applications from our website: [www.jewishdetroit.org/statewide](http://www.jewishdetroit.org/statewide) and then click on Jewish Youth Summer Program.

### **Israel Trip Subsidies**

An organized trip to Israel can be the trip of a lifetime to a Jewish Teen. The Ravitz Small Communities Initiative can help make this dream a reality. Apply and your teen will be eligible to receive a subsidy to an approved mission to Israel.

Download applications from our website: [www.jewishdetroit.org/statewide](http://www.jewishdetroit.org/statewide) and then click on Jewish Youth Summer Program.

This special opportunity is open to Michigan Residents not living in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb County or the parts of Washtenaw county served by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County. The subsidy is for Jewish youth who have not participated in an overnight Jewish Summer Camp or Israel program. Returning Campers with extenuating financial circumstances will be considered for subsidies on a case by case basis.

Subsidies for Jewish Camps other than Camp Tamarack may be considered on a case by case basis.

## **JEWISH SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!**

*Do you know a child who plans to attend a Jewish summer camp?*

**They qualify to apply for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund.**

*Now is the time to apply for financial assistance!*

**Applications are available upon request, and due by March 15th.**

**Please contact Ann at the Jewish Federation at 942-5553.**

\*All applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee and held in the strictest confidence.

## **Chabad Kids Club**

### **Sunday, February 28**

*Spread the joy of Purim to the Jewish community of Grand Rapids by **riding in a limo** and delivering Shalach Manot.*

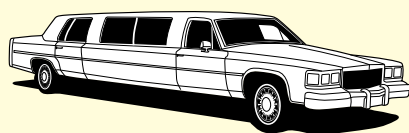
**12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

***Don't forget your costume!***

**Cost \$15**

**R.S.V.P. by February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Call Chayale at 616-706-8019**



## 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.

*Thank you for supporting the  
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

### The JFGR General Endowment Fund

To Rabbi and Mrs. Sholom Ber Liberow & Family and to Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Weingarten, "Please accept our sympathy in your present travail due to family illness"

From Julian and Judith Joseph

In memory of Gerald Belfer

From Mr. Louis Pileggi, Chicago Steel Container Corporation

In memory of Jerry Belfer

From Steve Abdenour

In memory of Jerry Belfer

From Edith Rashewsky

### The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

In memory of Jerry Belfer

From Susanne Remes

To Mrs. Sybil Rubin and Family in memory of Manly Rubin

From Beverly Manes

### The Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of Jerry Belfer

From Beverly Manes

### The Jerry & Judy Subar Endowment Fund

To Mr. & Mrs. Aharon Subar in honor of the marriage of Rochel and Yaakov Summerfield

From Susanne Remes

### The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Barbara Robinson in memory of Caroline Robinson

From Judith and Julian Joseph

## Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

**Donation From:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fund** (please pick from list): \_\_\_\_\_

Send your donation to:

**The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

# Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Social Services Program

*The Federation is available to support members of the community when the need arises. Families and individuals of any age are eligible for assistance.*

## Services available:

### Assessment and Referral

Through conversation by phone or in-person, each community member's needs are assessed, and social services to alleviate specific concerns or stressors are identified.

### Emergency Loans

Members of our Jewish community in Grand Rapids are eligible for an Emergency Loan when conditions are appropriate. The loan is interest free, and the repayment schedule is very flexible.

### Advocacy

Assistance with navigating complicated systems, such as special education programs in schools or the health care industry is available, so that the community member's needs and wishes are addressed.

**Please contact Ann at the Federation for more information  
at (616) 942-5553 ext 206 or by email at [ann@jfgr.org](mailto:ann@jfgr.org).**

\*Communication is always confidential.

**The Shofar**

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