

Free and Open to the Entire Community On behalf of the **2010 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

**Thursday,
October 28, 2010
7:30 pm**



Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton

Guest Speaker

Jeff Jacoby

“ISRAEL UPDATE”

Jeff Jacoby has been an Op-Ed columnist for the Boston Globe since February 1994. Seeking a conservative voice to balance its famously liberal roster of commentators, the Globe hired him away from the Boston Herald, where he had been chief editorial writer since 1987. Within months of his debut at the Globe, his twice-weekly essays had been dubbed "a must-read".

A native of Cleveland, where he attended the Hebrew Academy, Mr. Jacoby graduated with honors from George Washington University in 1979 and from Boston University Law School in 1983.

In 1999, he became the first recipient of the Breindel Prize, a \$10,000 award for excellence in opinion journalism. In 2004, he received the Thomas Paine Award of the Institute for Justice, an award presented to journalists "who dedicate their work to the preservation and championing of individual liberty." In 2009, the Zionist Organization of America recognized him with the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism on the Middle East.

Reception to follow

RSVP by October 22 – 942-5553 or e-mail Cathy@jfgr.org

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK . . .



Members of the Grand Rapids Jewish community,

The Board of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, with agreement from Jeff Slotnick, has reached the conclusion that we will not renew his contract as Executive Director upon its expiration at the end of December of this year. This decision has not been reached without a great deal of research and discussion.

Like many Jewish communities, we've seen significant change over the past few years. For this reason we believe that now is the right time to reassess our needs.

Three central objectives will guide us as we move into our transition. We are committed to completing a well managed and successful annual campaign, continuing our ongoing communal service including meeting the needs of the Jewish community both here and abroad, and ensuring that each member of our staff has the support needed to meet our community's

expectations.

We wish to thank Jeff Slotnick for his service to our community, and for his support in developing an orderly transition plan. We will implement an interim management structure by early December which will allow our organization to continue its work without interruption in the months ahead.

The Federation board continues to build the foundation for our future. Our next step is to bring Debra Stein of the Mandel Center for Jewish Leadership to Grand Rapids in October. She will engage the board of directors in critical developmental exercises. We will also actively pursue a grant from the Mandel Center to provide the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids with additional funding to support communal needs and strategic planning. It is our hope to involve all of the Jewish organizations here in Western Michigan as we work to build a strong and vibrant community for the future!

We understand that many in the community will have thoughts regarding this decision, its implications, and the role of the Federation in Jewish communal life. We welcome your input, and hope that you will be an active advocate for our community.

Thank you,

Dan Hurwitz

FACT

of the week

United Jewish Communities

The Jewish Federations of North America support JDC's fundraising campaign for victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake. JDC has raised more than \$7.3 million to help provide hundreds of thousand of tent-city dwellers with clean drinking water; temporary schools for displaced children; medical care in remote coastal communities; state-of-the-art medical rehabilitation equipment, and other relief and recovery projects. For details, visit JFNA's Haiti page

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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.

***JFGR Women's Community
Campaign Event***

Wednesday, October 6

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton

7:00 pm

Dessert Reception

Cost: \$10.00



Guest Speaker: Joan Wolfberg

Delighting audiences with her compelling portrayals of famous women, Joan Wolfberg has traveled throughout the country for the past decade, weaving a tapestry of drama and history into an educational, entertaining and inspirational tale.

Her performance background includes professional regional and dinner theaters, including The Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater, The Actors Repertory Company, and The Royal Palm Dinner Theater. She appeared in such films as *MAD LOVE*, with Drew Barrymore, as well as many national and regional TV commercials. Bill Daily, of "I Dream of Jeannie" and "The Bob Newhart Show" describes her as "one of the finest actresses I have ever worked with".

RSVP to 942-5553 or Cathy@jfgr.org

Ready to go to New Orleans?

**New Orleans will host both the Jewish Federations of
North America 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.

For more information, visit www.jewishfederations.org or call the Federation office at 942-5553



Because we work together

as a community

we bring dignity, hope and joy to people's lives every day.

Because we work together as a community we ensure that Jewish social services and community organization remain strong here at home, in Israel and around the world.

Because we work together as a community we effectively respond to the crises that confront us and our neighbors with loving kindness and enduring Jewish value.

Because we work together as a community we accomplish what no one individual could do on his own.

Jewish Federation works because we work together

Whether helping families avoid foreclosure and eviction today, or leading the rescue and resettlement of over one million Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel during the fall of communism.

Whether bringing emergency aid to the victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake, or helping to feed over a hundred thousand destitute seniors in Eastern Europe.

Whether helping vulnerable populations in Israel overcome poverty and disadvantage, or ensuring that JCCs and Jewish day schools remain strong, vibrant hubs of Jewish life and learning.



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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 www.jfg.org

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Name _____

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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: \$ _____

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SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

This year over 40 seniors enjoyed a Rosh Hashana luncheon and were entertained by the Shir Shalom Choir.



Songs from Betty Grable to Cab Calloway

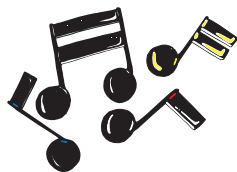
*Mary Rademacher Sings Favorites from the Great American Songbook
Accompanied by Tom and Cherie Lyn Hagen and Michael Lutley*

When: Tuesday October 26, 2010 at 1 pm

Doors Open at 12:30

Where: Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Cost: \$8 in advance, \$10 day of the performance



RSVP by Thursday 10/21/10 to get the \$8.00 ticket price, call Ann Berman at 942-5553
Transportation is available!


SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

The seniors recently enjoyed a terrific day at Meijer Gardens!



~ Save the Date ~
Lunch Bunch:
Wednesday, November 10
Location to be announced

LUNCH BUNCH!

Tuesday,
October 12 

11:30 a.m.

Fuji Yama
Asian Bistro

1501 East Beltline N.E.

*Japanese Hibachi lunch – they will entertain us
by preparing our food in front of us*

Cost: \$8.00

Please RSVP by October 7 to Ann
at 942-5553

Transportation is available!

JFGR Senior Social

When:

Tuesday October 19

Where: Ahavas Israel Meeting room

Time: 10 am until about noon

What's the topic?

SENIOR NUTRITION

Stacey, a registered dietitian from the Area Agency on Aging will come to discuss changes in senior's nutritional needs.

Please RSVP by October 15, 2010
to Ann – 942-5553

(So that I may let her know how many handouts to prepare).

Refreshments will be provided!
Transportation Available!

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .



YAD Mah Jongg



Join us at our next game!

Sunday Nights at 7:00 pm

October 10 • October 24



OCTOBER 10 LOCATION:

Home of Michele Young

4683 Oakwright Dr. NE, Ada

For more information, call Michele Young at 828-4806

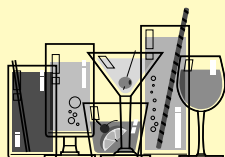
Beginners welcome! No experience necessary.

~ HOLD THE DATES ~

Tuesday, November 16 • Tuesday, December 21

Graydon's Crossing Derby Station - Grand Rapids, MI

2237 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506



Torah on Tap Returns



With a new facilitator . . . Rabbi Tzi Muller

Rabbi Tzvi Muller serves as the Educational Director at the Weiss Family Partners in Torah of Metropolitan Detroit and as Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Jewish Values in Jerusalem. The Just Say Know to Judaism! series he offers at the West Bloomfield JCC has become a sensation in the community and has been met with unprecedented enthusiasm and participation.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

WHEN WE ARE MISTREATED

This presentation offers Judaism's guidelines of how to face a situation in which someone hurts or offends us. How do we shield ourselves? Can we turn a foe into a friend? How can we become stronger and more loving people in the face of adversity? This session will be led by Rabbi Tzvi Muller in an entertaining, inspiring, and informative manner.

YOU THINK, THEREFORE I AM:

THE MAGIC OF GIVING THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

So much of the quality of our relationships and the happiness of those around us depend on how we interpret what others say and do. Join us for an entertaining, uplifting and informative discussion as Rabbi Muller explores Judaism's perspective on giving the benefit of the doubt.

Sponsored through a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation

All welcome – RSVP to jeff@jfgr.org

JFGR's Annual Immunization Clinic

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, October 24

from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Taking place during the Padnos Lecture.*

Flu injections – \$30

Children over the age of 5 are eligible for vaccination.

Methods of payment for 2010: Cash or Check and the following insurance plans that can be billed: Priority Health Plans, Blue Care Network, ASR, Cofinity, Medicaid/Priority Health Medicaid/MiChild

No need to RSVP.

Contact Ann at **942-5553 ext. 206** with questions.



22nd Annual Padnos Lecture

Temple Emanuel – Sunday, October 24 at 10:00 AM

Join us for breakfast and help us welcome

Professor Michael Miller

Professor Miller is an associate professor in the Nationalism Studies program at Central European University in Budapest.



"Beauty Queens and Jewish Question in Interwar Hungary".

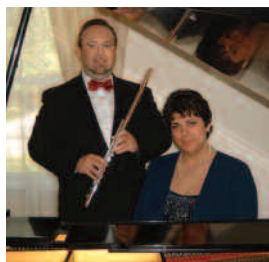
In 1929, Elizabeth Simon won the Miss Hungary beauty pageant and then went on to become Miss Europa. After Hungary's defeat in World War I and its huge territorial losses in 1920, the victory of Miss Hungary over all of the other European contestants was welcomed by Hungarian nationalists as a sign of Hungary's indomitable spirit . . . until they realized that Elizabeth Simon was a Jew.

This talk will examine the debates in interwar Europe about the Jewish Question, national identity and "Jewish" beauty. It will also compare the beauty pageant in Hungary to other "Jewish" beauty pageants in the 1920s, such as the Miss Judea pageant in Warsaw, Poland, and the Queen Esther pageant in Tel Aviv.

Professor Miller received his Ph.D in History from Columbia University, where he specialized in Jewish and Central European History. His research focuses on the impact of nationality conflicts on the religious, cultural, and political development fo Central European Jewry in the nineteenth century. He has recently published articles in Slavic Review, Austrian History Yearbook, and the Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook. Miller's book manuscript, Rabbis and Revolution: The Jews of Moravia in the Age of Emancipation, will be published next month by Stanford University Press.



Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 2010-2011 Spectrum Series



DUO DMITRI Luba & Dmitri, piano and flute performers with a personal story.

Sunday, November 21, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton

Natives of Moscow (Russia), Luba Agranovsky and Dmitri Kasyuk are graduates of the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow and the winners of numerous Russian piano and flute competitions.

CHICKENFAT KLEZMER ORCHESTRA Chicago based Klezmer group

Co-sponsored by The Grand River Folk Arts Society
Saturday, January 22, 2011 • 8:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton



ChickenFat Klezmer Orchestra formed at the Old Town School of folk music in Chicago, and plays various klezmer styles influenced by vaudeville, Roma, Greek, Romanian, Turkish and Bulgarian music.

CHARLES ASHER SMALL

“Understanding the
Challenges of Iran and
Anti-Semitism”

Saturday, February 12, 2011
8:00 p.m.

Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton



Charles Asher Small is the Director of the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Anti-Semitism and the Director and Founder of the Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy.



AMIR GWIRTZMAN Jazz Musician – “The Pied Piper of Israel”

Spring of 2011

Date & Location To Be Announced

Israeli multi-instrumentalist Amir Gwirtzman has performed worldwide as a solo jazz musician and a member of the acclaimed Israeli world music band Esta.

ISRAEL SCOUTS FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN SHOW Singing and dancing their way into your heart

Summer of 2011

Back by popular demand!



Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Spectrum Series 2010 – 2011 Membership Form

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

___ I/We would like to be an Underwriter – \$500 and up

___ I/We would like to be a Patron – \$250 – \$499

___ I/We would like to be a Sponsor – \$125 – \$249

___ I/We would like a Family membership – \$75

___ I would like a Single membership – \$50

___ I would like to be a Cultural Council Volunteer, please contact me

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Enclosed is my Check for \$ _____

Payable to **The Jewish Cultural Council**

Please mail this form with your check to:

**The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1240



Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616-459-5976 • Fax: 616-459-6510

Pam Rush - School Director

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS celebrates 5 years

Opening day of UJS was Sunday, September 12 and featured a concert by internationally renowned Michael Ochs. There was an all school picture with all the students and staff wearing special commemorative T-shirts for our 5th year celebration. It was very exciting to see 180 eager faces (along with parents) coming into the classrooms to begin the 2010-2011 religious school year.

The theme throughout the year will be **Music and Time**. We have special guest entertainers coming during the year to educate and create a lot of ruach (excitement). All the classes will be creating special projects for a **Time Capsule** that will be buried on the last day of school in May, 2011. I want to thank the UJS board and staff for all their hard work to make the first day at UJS so fun and exciting.

UJS Board: Ann Berman, co-chair, Michele Young, co-chair, Heather Alfonso, Linda Barbour, Jody Blyveis, Paula Bojsen, Wende Cook, Kim Esterman, Jan Fonger, Patricia Green, Sharlena Lovy, Carey Potter, Elisabeth Rosewall.

Please welcome the UJS teachers and staff for 2010-2011

Marisa Krishef – Gan Katan
Rhonda Pappas – Kindergarten
Melissa Popour – 2nd Grade
Jean Silbar – 4th/5th Grades
Lauren Vetter – 7th Grade
Shel Kopperl – 9th/10th Grade
Helen Shibley – Hebrew
Elisabeth Rosewall – Hebrew
Sabrina Slaw – Hebrew
Kris Siegel – Library Resources
Rabbi Michael Schadick

Sarah Shapiro – Pre-K
Linda Zizos – 1st Grade
Nina Siagkris – 3rd Grade
Marni Vyn – 6th Grade
Andrew Harter – 8th Grade
Evan Rossio – 11th/12th Grade
Debbie Freedman - Hebrew
Emily Rosewall – Hebrew
Rabbi David Krishef
Barb Duchemin – Curriculum Director

Thank you to so many people that have supported the school. A special thanks to SOS Office Supply for the many supplies that were donated and a big thank you to Rudy Costello, custodian for Temple Emanuel for working so hard to get the school ready for opening day. Thank you to Mitch Kahn for helping coordinate all the sound equipment for opening day

UJS Contributions:

In Memory of Alex Worsner by Greg and Dafna Kaufman

In Memory of Merrill Rush by Jeff and Pam Rush

In Honor of Pam Rush by Greg and Dafna Kaufman

If you know of someone who would like information about the school please direct their inquiries to pam@templemanuelgr.org or call 459-5976 x3.

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

The West Michigan Academic Consortium Presents

Islam Beyond the Headlines

**Morning
Keynote
10:30 a.m.**

Prince Conference Center, Calvin College
1800 East Beltline Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI

**Evening
Keynote
7 p.m.**

Thursday, October 7, 2010

This day-long conference will feature Omid Safi, Ph.D. as the guest speaker. Dr. Safi is a leading Muslim public intellectual and a Professor of Islamic Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He specializes in contemporary Islamic thought and medieval Islamic history. He is also the Chair for the Study of Islam at the American Academy of Religion, the largest international organization devoted to the academic study of religion.

Dr. Safi's complete bio can be found on our website at www.interfaith-mi.org

The public is cordially invited to all events. Admission to the keynote presentations and afternoon breakout sessions is free with registration online, by mail, or at the door beginning at 9:30 a.m. the morning of the conference. An optional \$10 lunch and \$20 dinner will be available with pre-registration before October 1, 2010.

Details about the event, including a complete schedule and online registration, are on our web site at www.interfaith-mi.org. For more information, please e-mail interfaith@gvsu.edu or call 616.331.5702.



Happy Chanukah!

SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM!

*The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids confidentially
matches anonymous donors with families in need of
generosity and kindness.*

Please consider sponsoring a family or making a donation.

In addition, we need to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support.

Please call or email our Director of Social Services to make a donation or suggest a family for adoption.

Ann can be reached at 942-5553 or ann@jfgr.org

Global Day of Jewish Learning - Sunday, November 7 Adult Jewish Education - 3 classes at Temple - Free

Beginning at 10:00 am and concluding at 12:30, we will have the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Schadick, Rabbi Krishef and Rabbi Weingarten.

Plan to participate in this Global Day of Jewish learning. On November 7, 2010, communities from around the world will share a day of Jewish dialogue and exploration, joining together in celebration of all that unites us. The conversation that has spanned millennia will resonate at once in community centers, classrooms, and synagogues across the globe.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

On November 7, 2010, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz will complete his monumental translation and commentary on the Talmud. His mission has been to give Jewish texts and learning back to the Jewish people. To mark this achievement, communities around the world are joining in a Global Day of Jewish Learning.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz is a teacher, philosopher, social critic and prolific author who has been hailed by Time magazine as a "once-in-a-millennium scholar." His lifelong work in Jewish education earned him the Israel Prize, his country's highest honor.

Born in Jerusalem in 1937 to secular parents, Rabbi Steinsaltz studied physics and chemistry at the Hebrew University. He established several experimental schools and, at the age of 24, became Israel's youngest school principal.

In 1965, he began his monumental Hebrew translation and commentary on the Talmud. To date, he has published 43 of the anticipated 45 volumes. The Rabbi's classic work of Kabbalah, The Thirteen Petalled Rose, was first published in 1980 and now appears in eight languages. In all, Rabbi Steinsaltz has authored some 60 books and hundreds of articles on subjects ranging from zoology to theology to social commentary.



2010-2011

Our 18th Season



Nov. 11-21, 2010
DIVIDENDS
by Gary Richards

April 28-May 8, 2011
BITTER FRIENDS
by Gordon Rayfield

June 16-26, 2011
**45 SECONDS
FROM BROADWAY**
by Neil Simon

Season Pass Info **616.234.3595** www.jtgr.org
Don't Delay...\$40 Early Bird pricing available through October 4!

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is:

October 13, 2010, 7:15 pm

at Karen Haight's home

Phone # to RSVP: 454-9910 • 130 Maryland, N.E.

Book to read: **All Other Nights**
by Dara Horn

Facilitator: Flory Silverstein

December meeting:

December 8, 2010, 7:15 pm

at Sue Remes' home

3403 Burton Ridge Rd. SE

Phone #: 949-3505 – Please RSVP (A MUST)

Book to read: **Little Bee** by Chris Cleave



Schulers is the Place . . . 28th Street is the store!

See you in the beauty of white coverings.

*Thank you to Sylvia Krissoff for hosting
our August meeting.*

*Bluma Herman, we thank you
for being a wonderful facilitator.*

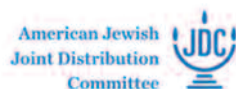
Our book of the evening – “My Father's Paradise”,
promoted wonderful discussion material for all attending.

*Thanks to Flory for her always never ending
wonderful handouts.*

We are your Faithful Book Ends . . .

**Flory Silverstein – 949-5766
& Sue Remes – 949-3505**

STEVE SCHWAGER · CEO
EXECUTIVE REPORT



I do not, as a rule, take much time each day for personal introspection. I focus on my responsibilities and the great deal of work to be done. But these days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur require very personal introspection—and my musings press me, asking: “What have you accomplished and what can you do better?”

Surely JDC’s founders never imagined that the organization would still be around 96 years later, serving as the 911 of the Jewish world and trying to meet the needs of Jews living not in one country, but in more than 70 countries around the globe. They would be impressed, of course. But would they also be disappointed? Would they pat us on the back for meeting the basic needs of about 1 in 10 Jews living outside of North America and Israel—or would they question why we can’t do more?

One of JDC’s early leaders, Eddie Warburg, wrote a book entitled *As I Recall*. Referring to the displaced Jews in Europe after World War II, he wrote: “One of the most rewarding privileges of my life was being able, together with my fellow JDC workers, to step forward and on behalf of the conscience of the Western world, quietly say: ‘Come along, we’ll take care of you.’” At this time of year, I reflect on whether I am able to say this phrase as often as I would like...

In the former Soviet Union, we serve about 160,000 elderly Jews living in 2,800 cities, towns, and villages. We used to serve many more. Decreased funding, the devaluation of the dollar, and inflation have caused us to remove tens of thousands of poor elderly Jews from the caseload. I struggle with this all the time, knowing full well that but for the grace of God, these elderly Jews could be my parents or grandparents—or yours. Think of every visit you have made to an elderly Jew, bringing him/her a food package; then remember that today, some of those needed packages will never be delivered.

Our founding fathers would be proud that we also serve more than 27,000 poor Jewish children and their families around the globe in partnership with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ). Yes, we provide for these children’s basic needs, and extend job training and counseling to their parents. But there are another 25,000 needy Jewish children that we do not reach because we have insufficient funds. And do you hear our founding fathers’ voices shouting: “Don’t tell us that a Jewish child is hungry or cold or needs a pair of eyeglasses that no one can buy. Don’t you know that Jewish children are the future of our people? Do better! As a global people, surely you can reach and help all of them.”

Surely our founding fathers would be proud of and amazed at our programs that ensure a Jewish future in communities worldwide. Just let them visit our summer camp at Szarvas in Hungary, where more than 1,000 youngsters experienced the beauty of Judaism in camp this year. And this is just the beginning of their journey—today Szarvas graduates are found in lay and professional Jewish leadership positions across Eastern and Central Europe. Our founders would appreciate the process: instill in children a love of their Jewish heritage, then teach them how to share that love with their own parents and grandparents, as well as with the next generation.

And surely our founders would be proud of our work to bolster the most vulnerable citizens in Israel. Articles in newspapers talk about the need to train and employ the Ultra Orthodox and Arab populations so they can more fully participate in Israeli society. Our TEVET initiative has trained over 5,000 of these citizens and placed them in meaningful employment. We also create critical, enriching programs for the elderly, children at risk, people with disabilities, and hard-to-absorb immigrants.

Here, the continued key to our success is the strategic partnership we have created with the Government of Israel. Our programs are based on a funding partnership: For every \$1 we bring, the government and other partners add \$4. This is huge leverage for our work and allows us

to create programs that touch the lives of vulnerable Israelis throughout the country. “Do you always have that \$1 to bring to the table?” our founders would ask. I would have to respond, “Not always.”

There are many other countries where we work—enduring communities in the Muslim lands, our work in Latin America, or Africa. You are familiar with what we do, down to the 2 Jews we assist in China. And our founding fathers? They would expect no less.

Ninety-six years of service to the Jewish people—through two world wars, through the Great Depression... So what’s the problem now? “You know what you have to do,” our founding fathers would comment. And how do I respond?

This year, despite our accomplishments, we are simply not providing help to all Jewish people who need it. Continued funding shortfalls have resulted in our providing fewer services. To mitigate the impact of the shortfalls, there have been staff reductions, multi-year draws from our endowment exceeding 10 percent annually, and a reduction in our worldwide infrastructure—a resource so needed to meet future world events.

“Come on,” say our founding fathers. “The American Jewish community is the richest, most powerful community in the history of the Diaspora. Are you telling us you cannot adequately handle the responsibility we handed over to you?”

I am grateful that JDC staff has done its part. For the seventh year in a row, our Headquarters staff has had 100 percent participation in the New York Federation annual campaign—a fact that makes Irv and me very proud. In addition, our worldwide senior staff—most of whom received no salary increase this year—increased their total giving to JDC’s Annual Board Fund by 17 percent.

Eddie Warburg saw his responsibilities as reflecting the conscience of the Western world; I feel that same moral obligation and I know you do as well. And the time to reflect on those responsibilities as a global Jewish family is now, sitting in synagogue on Yom Kippur this Shabbat: it’s the best time of all to pray for a sweet year for ourselves, while unselfishly making the commitment to make it sweeter for our most vulnerable brethren everywhere. “Don’t they deserve it as much as you do?” ask our founding fathers.

Please increase your gift both to your local Federation and to JDC. Maimonides, the 12th-century Jewish scholar and physician, believed that the highest level of tzedakah is to help sustain people before they become impoverished by offering a substantial gift in a dignified manner, or by extending a suitable loan, or by helping them find employment or establish themselves in business to prevent them from becoming dependent on others.

“Good job,” our founding fathers would say. And thankfully we would all agree.

Until next time,



A youngster in need, dressed in a cast-off GI jacket, receives a new pair of shoes from JDC. Teheran, Iran, 1952.

Photo JDC Archives.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Amidst the rampant malnutrition, poverty, and disease afflicting the Jewish community in Iran in the early 1950s, JDC focused on providing care for children, including hot lunches and supplementary food, medical treatment in school clinics, and new clothing and shoes to some 10,000 youngsters in JDC-supported schools. Today, JDC helps ensure that the neediest Jewish children and families around the world—from Argentina to the Baltic States and all across the former Soviet Union—receive food, medical care, and other critical resources to overcome the effects of poverty and become active participants in their community’s Jewish future.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker

October 2 - Richard Kessler,
Immigration and Arizona law

Start the year out with some Torah study:

Weekly Torah Study - Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.,
Schuler Books and Music, 28th St. (either in the back
of the store or in the café)

The Parashat Hashavuah (weekly Torah portion)
study group meets every Thursday for informal Torah
study, focusing on the commentary of Nachmanides.
A schedule of the Parashot can be downloaded from
AhavasIsraelGR.org under "Adult Education
Programs."

New Weekly Torah Study - Sundays, 10:00 - 11:00
a.m. (during Religious School), Temple Emanuel,
meeting in the first classroom on the left down the mail
office hallway (across from the Kindergarten room).

This new Parashat Hashavuah (weekly Torah por-
tion) group is intended to be a basic Torah study group.
A schedule of the Parashot can be downloaded from
AhavasIsraelGR.org under "Adult Education
Programs."

Jewish mysticism/Zohar study group

Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Ahavas Israel library

This study group meeting studies the Zohar, the
most prominent text in mystical Judaism, every
Monday.

Temple Emanuel

Afro-Semitic Experience

Saturday, November 6

Our evening begins at 7:30 PM with wine and
cheese.

At 8:15 PM an extraordinary band of African-
American and Jewish-American musicians, who are
dedicated to preserving, promoting, and expanding the
rich cultural and musical heritage of the Jewish and
African diasporas, will entertain us.

These musicians present interpretations of music
from the rich traditions of two cultures: Gospel,
Klezmer, Niggunim, Spirituals, Bebop and Swing.

In performance they also frame the music, telling
stories about what the pieces mean, how they relate to
us as individual members of the community, and how
they reflect upon the relations between Blacks and
Jews.

The cost of the evening is \$10.

Please call the Temple office at 459-5976

to reserve your seats.

*We thank the Tom & Mickie Fox Family Endowment
Fund for substantially underwriting the cost of this
very special and unique event.*

***Rabbi Shadick will be teaching an
Intro to Judaism class on Tuesday nights
this fall and winter,
from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM***

<i>The dates are</i>	November 2	December 7	January 25
October 5	November 9	December 14	February 1
October 12	November 16	January 4	February 8
October 19	November 23	January 11	February 15
October 26	November 30	January 18	

Jewish Genetics - Are you interested?

The August 20th edition of the Forward newspaper included a com-
prehensive insert on Jewish genetics which is full of terrific information
and great resources.

Copies are available at Ahavas, Temple and Federation.

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
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families depend on food donations from the
Food Bank at Temple Emanuel.

Drop off food donations between 10am - 2pm Monday through Friday at Temple Emanuel
or mail checks payable to Temple Emanuel and specify the donation is for the Food Bank.
Temple's Address: 1715 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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