

2009 Community Campaign Event



Wednesday,
November 4, 2009
7:30pm
Temple Emanuel

Guest Speaker
Shlomit Daniel

Shlomit Daniel migrated to Israel from Gonder, Ethiopia, as part of Operation Solomon, which rescued the Ethiopian Jewish community in 1991.

She arrived in Israel as a 13-year-old and became the first person in her family to learn Hebrew. She attended Kaduri High School, becoming the first Ethiopian student of this renowned institution.

After completing her high school studies, she then served in the IDF becoming one of first female officers of Ethiopian origin. Upon completing three years of military service, she attended Hebrew University and then went on to the David Yellen Teachers College in Jerusalem, to focus her studies on special education.

Shlomit moved to the United States in 2002 and lives in New Haven, CT where she is a special education teacher at the Solomon Schechter Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Woodbridge, CT. She also teaches Hebrew at the Slifka Center, Yale University.

Dessert Reception
Free and Open to the entire community

YES. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR ELDERLY, OUR HUNGRY, OUR DESPERATE AND OUR POOR.



They are our cousins and our grandparents, our neighbors and our long lost relatives. They are our family. And whether they are here at home, navigating the most severe economic downturn in generations, in the former Soviet Union or in Israel, more and more are turning to Jewish Federation-supported programs for food and urgent financial relief. In fact, programs that provide basic humanitarian services have now been expanded to meet dramatically increased needs.

**Please help. To donate, or for more information,
go to www.jfgr.org or call 616-942-5553.**

Federation set to Launch 2009 Campaign

With the start of the 2009 Federation campaign I wonder how many people dread “the call” – you know, the annual appeal for our fundraising campaign. Last year was my first year calling people in the Jewish Community and I found it a positive experience. For some people, I imagine the call is awkward and perhaps unwanted. I view the campaign as an opportunity to give and fulfill part of that desire to help others in our Jewish community regardless of religious affiliation.



You might find it strange that it is difficult for some to determine where to give charitably. We have two children and have taught them that whenever they earn money, they need to set aside about 10% to give to charity. For them, that is the easy part but getting them to figure out who to give it to turns out to be quite a bit harder. So the campaign makes it easy for people who need to find a good place to give charitably to a Jewish cause, that is well known for our openness and fairness serving people in real need locally and internationally.

Getting back to my point about how some people find having to talk about giving charitably as awkward. If you fit in this group I have a great solution – just find the form in this issue of the Shofar and send in a donation or pledge. In fact, I challenge you to increase your giving by 10% to help us meet the demands we have, and no one will call you about giving to the campaign. If, on the other hand, you want to know more about the Federation or if you just enjoy hearing from us you can expect us to be reaching out to you shortly.

And as we kick off this campaign we also want you to know we don't only want to talk about money, but about other things as well . . . how we are doing, what needs are not met, or maybe just how you are feeling. As I write this, we are getting ready to enter into the High Holiday season, taking stock of our own situations and reflecting upon our lives, what we may have regretted and what we have to be thankful for, and ultimately concluding with a festival that many use to celebrate the abundance we have received, whether much or not as much.

*Shalom, Stuart Berman,
Associate Campaign Chair*



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2009

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
4127 Embassy Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-5553 email: info@jfgr.org
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

Card Number

Exp. Date

Women's 2009 Campaign Event

Tuesday, October 6, 2009 –
7:00 pm Dessert Reception
at Temple Emanuel

RSVP by October 1
Ten dollars per person

Guest Speaker: Sue Fishkoff
“Doing Jewish in the 21st Century”



Sue Fishkoff, author, national correspondent and contributing editor for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news services will share her insights on contemporary Jewish America. Her first book, *The Rebbe's Army: Inside the World of Chabad Lubavitch*, is a remarkable ethnographic profile that goes behind the scenes of Lubavitcher Judaism to explore how the movement's enthusiastic young emissaries, or schlihim, carry the Rebbe's message throughout the world. Her second book, *Kosher Nation*, scheduled for release in 2010 discovers the inner workings of kosher food production and consumption.

Ms. Fishkoff lived in Israel where she covered the Russian and Ethiopian immigration, civil rights, the status of women, Arab-Jewish relations, health, the environment, and religious pluralism.

Special Event for Lion of Judah Donors

Grand Rapids Lion of Judah women are invited to a special dinner event hosted by Bluma Herman prior to this evening's Women's Campaign Event.

Thank you Bluma!

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

Lunch and a Show!

Tuesday, October 27th at 1:00pm

Young At Heart Musical Performance

Featuring John and Amy Amos singing some all-time favorites including...

Autumn Leaves, You Make Me Feel So Young, and What a Wonderful World.

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
600 Forest Hill Ave. SE

Cost: \$8

*Please note: Liz will be out of the office during the week prior to this event.

RSVP to any staff member at the Federation office at
942-5553

Free transportation is available!

Jewish Theatre!

Sunday, November 1st

THE VALUE OF NAMES

"Celebrated comic, Benny Silverman, was black-listed in the fifties by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a result of testimony from his friend Leo Greshen. Now many years later...Benny meets with Leo and the resulting confrontation and passionate exchange of ideas makes for a compelling and engrossing story."

2:15 pm Taxis will depart from Temple Emanuel enroute to Spectrum Theatre.

Cost: \$8.00

Please RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206
Free transportation is available!

SAVE THIS DATE!

Chanukah Luncheon

Wednesday, December 9th • 12 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

Menu and entertainment to be determined.



Ethel Merman's Broadway

At DeVos Performance Hall

Thursday, October 1st

We will depart by taxi from Temple Emanuel at 1:00 pm.

Elevator access to seats is available—no stairs!

RSVP to Liz at **942-5553 ext. 206.**

Cost: \$20

Mitzvah Specialists!

Here is your schedule through 2009!

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

October 20

November 24

December 22

Call Liz at 942-5553 with any questions or to request transportation



JFGR's Annual Apples and Honey Luncheon



Free and Open To The Community Sponsored by the Jewish Federation

Maimonides Society

Dr. David Alfonso, Program Chair

EVENT TOPIC:

*Exposing the role of German physicians
in the Holocaust and the ongoing effort
to bring them to justice*

Special Guest Speaker:

Herbert Hochhauser, PH.D.

Professor, author, film producer and Emmy Award winner

Sunday, November 8,

at 7:00 pm

Congregation Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan, NE

Reception to Follow

This program is suitable for older teens and adults.

Please RSVP to 942-5553 by October 30



~ *November is Jewish Book Month* ~

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids

BOOK FAIR

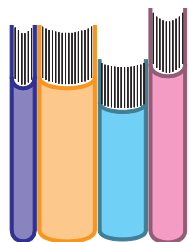
Sunday, November 1st

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton

**BOOKS
GAMES
MUSIC**



Browse and order books from a variety of Judaic Literature for all ages.

Get books for yourself, your family, your friends or the religious school.

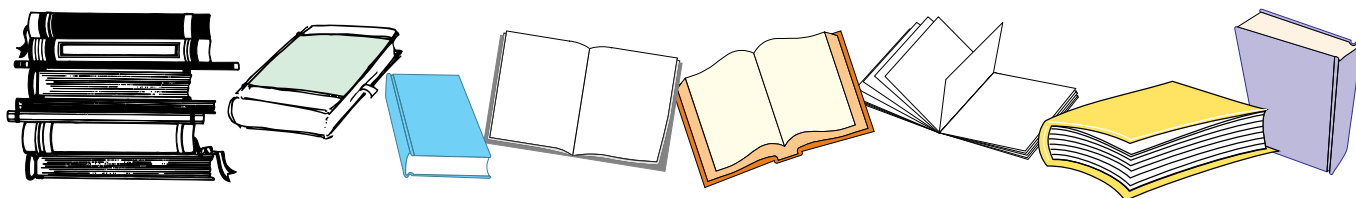
Great ideas for Chanukah gifts and more.

We will have for sale “the Calvin College Festival of Faith and Writing” Jewish authors books.

CAN'T ATTEND THE BOOK FAIR?

Come in to the Jewish Federation office, 4127 Embassy Drive SE, to preview and order your books.

October 26th – 29th • 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.



November 8th and 15th

Jewish storytelling at Schuler's books (28th Street)

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – age 0 to 6

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – age 6 to 12

Enjoy an afternoon of Jewish stories and friendship free of charge

Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 2009-2010 Spectrum Series

Tovah Mordechai

From Christian asceticism to Jewish observance

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Laurel Kadouri

Oriental Dance Show

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Chuck Freilich

"Never Again" – The Iranian Threat and a Mid East Strategic Overview

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan Show

Singing and dancing their way into your heart

Summer, 2010

KEEP THESE DATES, MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

This series is sponsored by The Coopersmith-Rosenzweig Foundation



Cultural Council of
The Jewish Federation
of Grand Rapids

***Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
Spectrum Series 2009 – 2010 Membership Form***

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2009 – 2010**

- 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 2009 – 2010**

4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation Invites you

**Sunday,
November 15th, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

**Congregation Ahavas Israel
2727 Michigan NE**

TOVA MORDECHAI



*From Christian asceticism to
Jewish observance – a personal story*

Tova Mordechai was born Tonica Marlow to a British evangelist minister father and an Egyptian Jewish mother. At the age of sixteen, Tova was accepted as the youngest student at a noted theological college, and within four years she had become an ordained minister. Yet, with all of her success, she could not explain the deep pain she felt inside. She began to wonder about church teachings and practice as well as her mother's heritage. In her autobiography *Playing with Fire* she describes her painful ordeal and transition from Christian asceticism to Jewish observance.

Tova resides in Safed, Israel with her husband and four children.

Book sale and signing after the presentation

Dessert reception to follow

Free child care available, advance reservation required

Ticket price: \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door, \$5.00 students

**For more information and advance tickets
call the Federation office 942-5553**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ♦ ♦ ♦

26 August 2009

Training for vulnerable women in Moldova

In Europe's poorest country, Moldova, it is often the women who are poorest of all – particularly if they have been left holding the baby.

Now World ORT has formally launched a training programme for single mothers and other vulnerable women to help them find a job, if they are unemployed, a better job, if they are stuck in low-paid employment, and so be able to provide for themselves and their dependents.

A pilot programme demonstrated its effectiveness, paving the way for 45 new trainees to start next month.

The 13-week course, based in the capital Kishinev, will see the women learn basic office management and language skills, as well as computer literacy and typing. And mentors will ensure that each woman learns how to present herself well, raise their self-confidence and master interview techniques.



These graduates of World ORT's training programme in Moldova can look forward to a brighter future.

The programme will also help the women to prepare their CVs and understand how to communicate effectively with potential employers and colleagues.

"We deal predominantly with the education of children in Moldova but it is no less important to contribute to the economic development of the community, of which these women are among the most vulnerable members," said Vladimir Dribinskiy, the Head of World ORT's Coordination and Education & Technology Departments.

World ORT has a long history of involvement in Moldova's Jewish community, which now numbers only about 23,000. A spin-off from this project is the prospect of reducing the number of people who depend on the community's limited charitable coffers.

"We have enjoyed marvellous cooperation with the local community in setting up this programme," Mr Dribinskiy added. "We're very happy that we have found a great team for this project."

Sandwiched between the Ukraine and Russia, Moldova is the poorest coun-

try in Europe with a high percentage of single parent families. As unemployment soars and more of the population travel abroad to find work, many women are left behind to manage alone.

Without the support of a comprehensive, well-funded welfare system, these women can be trapped into a vicious cycle of poverty – even if they are fortunate enough to receive money from partners and relatives working overseas.

Graduates of the pilot programme, which started in May, have praised it for the opportunities its training and support have opened up for them.

Philologist Alina Shmurun, 31, was working as an advertising manager in a firm on the verge of bankruptcy. She saw the training programme, for which World ORT has partnered with World Jewish Relief, as a way of increasing her mobility in the labour market.

"This was the only way I could raise my skills because other courses cost a lot of money which I don't have," said Alina, who has a five-year-old daughter.

For Alina, the most useful parts of the course were the psychological help and advice in preparing her CV. After completing the training she found work as a web page designer.

"I liked the course," she said. "There was a free atmosphere and good teachers who gave us relevant and practical knowledge and skills in a sensitive way. I now feel more optimistic and have found a good job which brings me more money. And it has shown me that it is never too late to study."

Fellow trainee Anna Guzun, 32, and her six-year-old daughter live with relatives in a tiny apartment.

"I dream of being independent and of renting our own apartment but I have not had a job for a year and don't even have the money to buy our own food let alone pay for a training course," Anna, who lost her job as an accountant, said.

"Without a job I don't live, I merely subsist from one moment to the next," she added. "It is very difficult to live in Moldova and it's becoming worse because of the economic crisis. Some days we don't even have proper meals."

But the ORT programme has given her hope.

"The course was very interesting and useful, especially the computer literacy because it's impossible now to find a job without such skills. I acquired more knowledge than I anticipated and my approach to life has become more optimistic. Now I'm sure that my life will improve."

This confidence that comes from being equipped for success is shared by Viktoria Potrymba, 25, who is raising a six-year-old daughter alone.

"I liked this course, the teachers were great – very tactful and attentive," Viktoria said. "I didn't have any professional qualifications until now because such courses are usually so expensive. But now I know how to use a computer, how to scan, print, use the Internet. This course has given me something more than just knowledge, it has given me self-confidence. Now I look to the future with optimism and feel that it is possible to escape from the most difficult situation. I am sure that what I have learned over these three months will help me."

World Jewish Relief was very proud of this initiative, said the organisation's Programmes Manager, Cassie Williams.

"The Moldovan population has experienced intense isolation, trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and hardship," she said. "Although the world's economic crisis has not yet hit Moldova as harshly as it has in neighbouring Ukraine, life in Moldova is already showing signs of becoming more and more difficult."

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS ♦ ♦ ♦

Congregation Ahavas Israel

**Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker, October 3 -
Paula Bojsen - "Reiki and Alternative Healing"
Soup in the Sukkah**

Celebrate the Yom Tov of Sukkot with soup following services on the second day of Sukkot, Sunday, October 4, at the home of Rabbi David and Marisa Krishef, 2021

Michigan St. NE. If you would like to contribute a pot of vegetarian/dairy soup or other appetizer or simple entrée, please contact Rabbi Krishef.

All are welcome to join us for a Simhat Torah service and party at 8:00 on Saturday night, October 10.

The full schedule of Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret services can be found on our web site, AhavasIsraelGR.org or by contacting the office at 949-2840.

Temple Emanuel

Introduction to Judaism Class to Begin

Rabbi Schadick will teach an Introduction to Judaism class at Temple Emanuel this fall and winter. The class will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

This class is perfect for people who are considering conversion to Judaism, for individuals who want to learn the basics of Jewish life, or for people who are simply interested in refreshing their knowledge of Judaism.

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| October 13 | What is Judaism? |
| October 20 | Sacred Jewish Literature |
| October 27 | Jewish Ethics and Values |
| November 3 | Jewish Worship |
| November 10 | The Jewish Life Cycle Part 1 |
| November 17 | The Jewish Life Cycle Part 2 |
| December 8 | The Stories That Shape Our Jewish Lives |
| December 15 | Jewish Theology |
| January 12 | The Synagogue and the Jewish Community |
| January 19 | Shabbat |
| January 26 | The Fall Holidays |
| February 2 | The Spring Holidays |
| February 9 | Jewish Liturgy |
| February 16 | Torah Study |
| February 23 | Contemporary Jewish Issues & Concerns |

Please call the Temple office at 459-5976 to sign up for the class.

The Entire Community is Invited to Join Us

*On Saturday Evening, October 24
at 7:00 PM*

For Our Very Own Temple Emanuel Version of Dancing With the Stars

Professional Ballroom Dance Instructors will be teaching us the finer points of ballroom dances. And of course we will have the chance to put our skills to use as we dance with our favorite dance partners.

Lots of hors d'oeuvres and drinks and desserts will be served to satisfy our appetites. Come hungry.

The cost of this evening is \$18 a couple or \$9 per person. Don't have a dancing partner? No need to fret. We will find everyone a dance partner.

Childcare will be provided from 7-10 PM. Pizza and movies for the kids.

Please RSVP to the Temple office, by Wednesday October 21, if you can spend the evening dancing with us, and let us know if you will need childcare.

This evening has been partially underwritten by the Tom & Mickie Fox Family Endowment Fund.

Breakfast Lecture at Temple Emanuel November 1 Abubakar

Please mark your calendars for an important upcoming community event at Temple Emanuel on Nov. 1st. We have an opportunity to learn more about the situation in Darfur from someone who has experienced it firsthand.

Abubakar lived in Darfur until the situation became so unstable that his mother pleaded with him to leave. He walked alone through 5 countries and settled in Ghana, where he lived in a refugee camp for 5 years. On the first day of Spring, he arrived in Grand Rapids with two other men from the camp and began his new life.

Abubakar is an amazing young man with a gift for words, who received his B.A. in Arabic Literature while in Africa. During his time in the refugee camp he taught himself English and helped others in the camp to learn it as well. He will be speaking on Sunday Nov. 1st. @10:00 A.M. Please join us for a breakfast of bagels, juice, coffee, and some traditional African foods. There is no cost and the event is open to the community. Please come and invite your friends and family to share in this rare and meaningful experience.

**Please RSVP by Thurs. Oct. 29th, to
sherri@templemanuelgr.org or
call the Temple Emanuel Office at 459-5976.**

Let's Get the New Year Off to a Great Start!

Please Join Us At Temple Emanuel On Sunday October 4 For Our Annual Mitzvah Day

Come to Temple at 9:00 AM for bagels and coffee, milk and juice, and then volunteer to help out with one of our Mitzvah Projects.

Help us clear the grounds at Gilda's Club for the upcoming winter.

Help us serve post-service refreshments and schmooze with veterans at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Help us clean up Aberdeen Park.

Help us clear some of the grounds of the Temple cemetery.

Help us cook and prepare meals in the Temple kitchen for our Mitzvah Meal Program.

Help us create snack bags for Kid's Food Basket, and help us decorate the lunch bags used at Kid's Food Basket.

Please volunteer to work with us. Be a part of this great project.

Remember...there is no Beit Sefer B'Yahad on Mitzvah Day.

Call the Temple office to RSVP to let us know you and your family will be joining us.

And if you are working at any of our outdoor projects please bring rakes and work gloves with you.

JFGR's Annual Chaunkah Adopt-a-Family Program

Please begin to consider whether you can volunteer to sponsor a family/individual or make a monetary donation towards this important cause.

In addition, JFGR would like to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support.

This program will begin in early October, and gifts will be delivered by Friday, December 11th—the day before Chanukah begins.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206 or liz@jfgr.org.

Donors and recipients are matched anonymously.

Confidentiality is strictly upheld.

In the unthinkable event of your hospitalization or death... Would a loved one be able to locate the following?

- Insurance documents, including health insurance policies
- Social security number
- Wishes regarding extraordinary medical measures
- Important documents, including birth certificate, power of attorney, physician's directive, vehicle title
- Names and phone numbers of relatives and friends
- Will/Living Trust
- Estate executor, attorney, accountant or financial planner
- Outstanding loans or debt owed
- Income sources
- Bank/investment accounts, valuable asset information
- Safety deposit box location and key
- Wishes regarding funeral arrangements

If you need assistance preparing for any of the above, please contact Liz for community referrals.

*This list was developed in collaboration with Chad Zagel of Edward Jones.

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 me know!

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

I am committed to ensuring the experience is fulfilling for both parties!

For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206.

SAVE THE DATE **INTER-FAITH INSTITUTE** **AT GRAND VALLEY** **October 15, 2009**

Jewish/Christian/Muslim Dialogue 2009 Triennial Event

Featuring distinguished scholars

James Carroll, Vincent Cornell,
Donniel Hartman, and Martin E. Marty

Grand Valley State University
L.V. Eberhard Center
Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

*Sponsored by the
Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Institute,
Grand Valley State University,
in cooperation with the West Shore
Committee for Interfaith Dialogue*

~ Complimentary Parking ~
Grand Rapids Campus
L.V. Eberhard Center

Parking available at Fulton and Front lots.

Please make checks payable to Kaufman Interfaith Institute. For more information, please visit www.interfaith-mi.org or call 616-331-5702

A Patient Advocate Designation...

allows you to select a Patient Advocate who can have access to your medical records and represent your wishes for medical care in case you are too sick to do so.

*Please note that spouses do not automatically become one another's Patient Advocate.

To receive a FREE Patient Advocate Designation, please contact Liz Scheibe, Director of Social Services, at 942-5553.

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

October 14 • 7:15 p.m.

at Mitzi Cohon's Home
1526 Falkon Crest Drive N.E.
Phone: 575-5623

Book to read: **"Sara's Key"**
by **Tatiana De Roseny**

Facilitator . . . Flory Silverstein

Please let Mitzi know if you are coming!
Thank you kindly!



Next Meeting:

December 8

Book to read:

"The Madonnas of Leningrad"
by **Debra Dean**

Facilitator and meeting location to be announced
Looking forward to spending the evening discussing and sharing our thoughts on our book of the month!

We are your loyal "Book Ends"

Sue Remes – 949-3505

Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

JFGR's Annual Immunization Clinic

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, November 1st
from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Taking place during the Book Fair.*

Flu vaccinations are \$30.

Children over the age of 5 are eligible for vaccination.

Medicare can be billed for the full expense — bring your insurance card.

Cash and personal checks are accepted.

No need to RSVP.

Contact Liz at **942-5553 ext. 206** with any questions.



Our 17th Season

www.jtgr.org
Tickets available
October 12

616-234-3946

October 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, and November 1, 2009

Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.



GRCC Spectrum 2nd Floor Black Box Theater

The Value of Names

by Jeffrey Sweet

Where do you draw the line in standing up for your principles? Benny Silverman, a retired comic, finds himself at odds with his daughter Norma when she announces she will no longer be using their last name as her stage name. To make matters worse, she's been cast in a play that will be directed by his former best friend, Leo Greshen – the man who derailed Benny's career when he betrayed him to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Can Benny forgive the sins of forty years ago? Should he?

JTGR Season subscriptions are still available. Cost is \$45 for a three punch season pass. Visit our website www.jtgr.org to download a season subscription brochure, or call 234-3595 for information.



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

Opening day of UJS was Sunday, September 13 and featured family education for all the fall Jewish holidays! It was very exciting to see 185 eager faces (along with parents) coming into the classrooms to begin the 2009-2010 religious school year. And yes....we have grown from 170 students last year to 185 students this year. Wow!!!! Families participated at different stations around the Temple building, learning about Rosh Hashanah, Tashlich, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. While families with younger students visited all the stations at Temple. the

7th through 10th grade students enjoyed a team building experience at the zoo, running through a ropes course and flying through the air on a zip line.

I want to thank the UJS board and staff for all their hard work. Thank you Liz Scheibe, Andrew Samrick, Carol Presant, Stuart Rapaport and the "Chutzpah" band who helped make the day so fun and festive. The biggest thank you goes to Barb Duchemin, curriculum director for UJS. She organized every station and activity and has been the binding force for many of the successes at UJS.

Opening day activities were sponsored by the generosity of Mitch and Karen Padnos.

UJS Board: Helen Shibley, co-chair, Mabelle Hammond, co-chair, Heather Alfonso, Linda Barbour, Ann Berman, Kim Esterman, Jan Fonger, Julie Gendler, Allyn Leinster, Arlene Loby, Sharlena Lovy, Karen Sigal, Marni Vyn, Michele Young

Please welcome the UJS teachers and staff for 2009-2010

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

Cathy Winick – Pre-K
Linda Zizos – 1st Grade
Nina Siagkris – 3rd Grade
Marni Vyn – 6th Grades
Stuart Berman/Mitch Kahn – 8th/9th Grade
Leo Schlesinger/Evan Rossio – 11th/12th Grade
Kathy Osborn – Hebrew
Emily Rosewall – Hebrew
Debbie Freedman – Music/Hebrew
Rabbi David Krishef
Barb Duchemin – Curriculum Director

Thank you to so many people who 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.

Check out our new and improved website: www.unitedjewishschool.org

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.

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 Stuart and Barbara Rapaport in memory of Phyllis Rapaport
From Cheryl Rose

To Steve Belkin in memory of Major Belkin
From Sanford Simon

The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

To Darrel Rosen and Family in memory of Carrie Rosen
From Mr. & Mrs. Allan Winniman

To Philip Rotenberg and Family in memory of Rosalie Rotenberg
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