

**The Culural Council of the Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids presents**

## **LAUREL KADOURI** *"Oriental Dance Show"*

**Saturday,  
January 23rd  
7:30 p.m.**  
Temple Emanuel  
1715 East Fulton



Her show is gorgeous, exciting, creative and inspiring; featuring beautiful costumes, authentic movements, and a sense of spirituality and tradition.

Laurel's performance will be accompanied by drummer Michael Moses.

*Enjoy a wonderful show and learn belly dancing moves all in one night!*

*Dessert reception to follow.*

**ADVANCE TICKETS: \$10,  
AT THE DOOR: \$12**

*Free child care available  
upon request*

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

*This program is sponsored by  
The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation*



The Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is the most trusted fundraising vehicle in the world, raising nearly a billion dollars every year to provide the basic infrastructure that supports the global Jewish community.

By allocating your philanthropic dollars to ensure the greatest impact, your Jewish Federation has earned a reputation as a trusted, effective charity that makes a real difference in your community and around the world. Become part of a caring, compassionate community that unites in good times and bad to take care of each other and to celebrate Jewish life together. A contribution to Federation is the one gift that does it all.

Today however, our infrastructure is being tested like never before. In these compelling times, with millions of Americans out of work, millions of homes lost to foreclosure, and countless Jewish families who suddenly can't put food on their table, more and more Jews are turning to Federation for help. Yet, for every story of hardship and despair, there are countless stories of love and hope that we invite you to be a part of. You can help. You can make a difference. You can make the world a better place.



**Nechama**  
The woman whose work transformed her.

NECHAMA HAS A HUSBAND AND SIX CHILDREN, and now, thanks to STRIVE, she also has a job.

Her parents immigrated to Israel from Iran and settled in Hebron, where she was born. As a teenager, her family moved to Jerusalem where she finished her studies. When she was 22, she met her husband, who was serving in the army at the time. They were married shortly afterwards.

Soon after finishing school, Nechama gave birth to her first child. "When I had my first son, there was so much happiness, it filled the house. And that's what I wanted. That's what I hoped to do with my life, marry and have children, and thank God, I did it."

"I got a lot of tools for life. I've changed, I can feel it."

Nechama focused on raising her children while her husband did his best to support the family. He worked part time as a car mechanic but never found a steady job.

But what finally pushed her to find a job was something her son told her: "He said that he didn't want to be like us. That we don't have meaningful work, and that's not a good example."

His words motivated her to act, and when a friend gave Nechama a brochure for STRIVE, she decided to apply. STRIVE, a JDC program that equips "chronically unemployed" adults with skills that make them employable, is modeled on a program that was developed in East Harlem, NY in 1985 and has been successfully adapted in Israel.

When Nechama was accepted into the program she was thrilled, although a bit nervous about taking on something so challenging. During the intensive program, she learned how to use a computer and the Internet, how to write a resume and how to send it out to look for a job. Nechama says that STRIVE gave her a new outlook. "I got a lot of tools for life. I've changed, I can feel it."

Now Nechama works for Hanefesh, an organization that helps the mentally ill live independently at home, and integrates them into the community instead of keeping them in the hospital.

She can afford to pay off her debts and to offer her children support if they need it. She's happier with her life because she can give back to the community, and because she has become a role model for her children, who are impressed to see her working hard and succeeding.

"I believe that if I do the right thing, it will spread. When one person does good, it's good for everyone."

**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.*

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Happy 2010! As the volunteer co-chairs of the Young Adult Division, we are honored to be asked to write this column for the Shofar. We look forward to building upon past efforts to enrich and engage an active, dynamic group of young Jews in their 20s, 30s and 40s in West Michigan.

Now that it's January, the holiday season is behind us. The month of December is often called the "Season of Giving" - a time when people buy presents for co-workers, friends and loved ones, as well as make charitable contributions before year-end.

However, in the Jewish tradition, it is always the Season of Giving. The Jewish mandate of "Tikkun Olam" - repairing the world - encourages us to help make the world a better place, to leave the world better than we found it.

The notion of Tikkun Olam dates back to Lurianic Kabbalah in the 16th century. Rabbi Isaac Luria described Creation as a process by which God contracted to make room for the world. God emanated the divine presence and

contained it into vessels. But some of the vessels were not strong enough and broke. As they shattered, the divine light escaped into the world. It is now our quest to restore that light through Tikkun Olam.

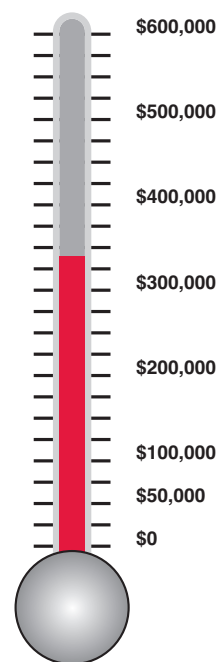
In today's world, we can work towards Tikkun Olam through Tzedakah (justice/righteousness, but has come to mean charitable donations) and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of kindness).

We are hoping to continue to bring the values of Tikkun Olam to YAD by encouraging YAD to give back to the community. For example, at our first Mah Jongg get-together we discussed the possibility of a group "pot" with 10% going to charity. We hope that at future events, we can ask people to bring canned goods for a Food Pantry, a children's book for a needy library, or some other small donations that can really add up and make a difference in people's lives. In this way, every time we get together, we are working towards Tikkun Olam.

Rabbi Tarfon used to say: It is not up to you to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it entirely...Mishnah Avot 2:16

Each and every one of us has a role to play, and we do not have to do it alone. Together, we can bring our world closer to wholeness, Tikkun Olam. Thank you for supporting the Jewish Federation.

*Marni Vyn and Michele Young*



## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2009

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 Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
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### Live Generously.

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Method of Payment:  Check  Stock

Please charge my:  Mastercard  Visa

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date



## I am:

- TIRED
- DEPRESSED
- COLD
- SICK
- A MOTHER
- LAID OFF
- UNEMPLOYED
- WORKING PART TIME
- SINGLE
- MARRIED
- DIVORCED
- ADDICTED
- ALONE
- LATE WITH RENT
- PROFESSIONAL
- SCARED
- BROKE
- AN IMMIGRANT
- A REFUGEE
- JEWISH

Though the economic crisis may have affected each of us differently, the Jewish Federation is the one place we can all turn to for help. In fact, more of us are relying on the services of Federation funded agencies to help make ends meet, feed our families, and pay our mortgages than ever before. Yet for every story of hardship and despair, there are countless stories of love and hope that you can be a part of. **You can help. You can make a difference. You can make the world a better place.**

- Yes, I can help. I want to make a donation or learn more at [www.jfgr.org](http://www.jfgr.org)

# SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

## LUNCH BUNCH!

Thursday,  
January 7<sup>th</sup>



11:30 a.m.

## FIRST WOK

2301 44th St. S.E.

**Cost: \$8.00**

Please RSVP to the Federation  
at 942-5553

**Transportation is available!**

## Mitzvah Specialists!

*Here is your schedule  
through March 2010!*

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

January 19

February 16

March 16

*Call the Federation at 942-5553 with any  
questions or to request transportation*

## LUNCH BUNCH!

*Save the Date*

**Monday,  
February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**at 11:30 a.m.**

*Restaurant*

*to be determined*

**Cost: \$8.00**

RSVP to the Federation  
at 942-5553

*Join your friends for  
Cirque Dreams  
Through Broadway Grand Rapids!*

This amazing spectacle  
features over 20 aerialists,  
acrobats, and dancers.

*The story takes place to  
the sounds of jazz,  
ballroom, and pop in the  
city of Illumination...*

*The New York Daily News  
called it, "Dazzling!"*



**Sunday, January 31st**

**De Vos Performance Hall**

**Cost: \$25**

\*Taxis will depart from Temple Emanuel at  
2:15pm. The performance is at 3pm.

\*ALL seats are wheelchair accessible.

\*Only 15 tickets are available.

**Please RSVP to the Federation  
at 942-5553**

*Transportation to and from  
Temple Emanuel is available.*

## Seniors Chanukah Luncheon held on December 12



### *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  
7:30 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 Adviser. 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 of the Israeli Mission to the UN. He was the executive director of two non-profits and served in the Israeli defense forces for five years (Reserve Major). Chuck earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Born in New York, he immigrated to Israel in his teens.

*Dessert reception to follow.*

# FILM FESTIVAL . . .



**PLEASE PLAN ON ARRIVING 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)**

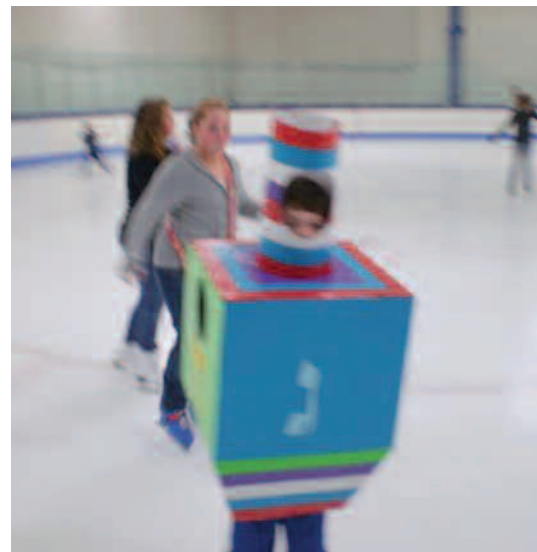
\_\_\_\_\_ **Flex Pass (\$36.00)**

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

Mail this form and your check to:  
**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

# CHANUKAH ON ICE

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation,  
United Jewish School  
and the Chabad House on December 13th.



Thank you to Sarah Weingarten and the Chabad House for the food preparation and arts and crafts; to Jon Subar for being the Master of Ceremony; and to all the participants who made this event a success.





## Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

pam@templemanuelgr.org 459-5976 x3

### UJS Happenings:

UJS has a **2nd location for midweek Hebrew** to accommodate our Holland/Saugatuck area students. This Wednesday after school program, taught by Deb Freedman, is identical to the larger midweek program that is held at Ahavas Israel also on Wednesdays.



**December 5-6** 11th/12th grade students headed to the windy city of Chicago by train for an overnight experience. 10 students and chaperones enjoyed visiting the Spertus Museum, a Bull's game, shopping, eating and being with their Jewish peers. The only thing not so enjoyable – the 3 hour delay of the train in Holland. Oy!!

**December 13 Hanukah on Ice** UJS students were bussed to Patterson ice arena for a grand Hanukah celebration with the community. Over 200 people were there to enjoy skating dreidels, a beautiful menorah ice sculpture and a wonderful lunch provided by The Chabad House of GR. We also hosted a mitzvah mall operated by the 7th through 10th grade. \$425 was collected and went to benefit Jewish World Watch, Pizza IDF and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.

**School Calendar**

12-20-09	No Sunday school	Winter Break
12-23-09	No midweek	Winter Break
12-27-09	No Sunday school	Winter Break
12-30-09	No midweek	Winter Break
1-3-10	No Sunday school	Winter Break
1-27-10	UJS Board Meeting	7:00 pm Ahavas Israel
1-31-10	UJS Open House	10:00-12:30 pm Temple Emanuel

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'.

Check out our new and improved website: [www.unitedjewishschool.org](http://www.unitedjewishschool.org)  
If you know of someone who would like information about the school please direct their inquiries to [pam@templemanuelgr.org](mailto:pam@templemanuelgr.org) or call 459-5976 x3.

# YOUNG ADULT DIVISION . . .

## YAD Mah Jongg

*Join us at our next game!*

Sunday Nights at 7:30 pm

January 3

January 17

January 31



Meet at D&W Cascade

*Beginners welcome!*

*No experience necessary.*

For more information,  
call Michele at 828-4806



**Saturday Night, January 23, 2010 • 6:30-7:00pm**

*Wine and Cheese reception at Temple Emanuel*

With Laurel Kadouri, Oriental Bellydancer,  
Prior to her Cultural Council performance.

**RSVP – 942-5553**

**Making the Most of your Campaign 2009 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, up to \$10,000, 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 up to \$2,500 to last year's gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$27,500.

Please help us meet our goals and  
raise this additional \$37,500 in challenge grants.

## **Congregation Ahavas Israel**

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

**Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker  
January 2**

**Reverend Doug Van Doren**

*"Kayaking, a Faith Metaphor"*

**Tot Shabbat Service  
January 16, 10:45 a.m.**

*designed for children ages 2 - 5 (approximately)  
and their parents.*

**Cholent Lunch, January 16**

Sponsored by the Religious Life Committee.  
Call the office for reservations and more information.

## **Chabad Kids Club**

**Tuesday, January 26**

*An afternoon full of fun, for  
Jewish children ages 6-9 years old.*

### **Edible Tu Beshvat Arrangement**

A seed, a deed. Watch your good deeds grow and grow. Make your own edible fruit arrangement.

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

At the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St

Cost \$7 (includes a light dinner)

For more info or to R.S.V.P. please call  
Chayale at 616-706-8019

## **Temple Emanuel**

### **Dinner and a Service**

Celebrate Shabbat with us at Temple Emanuel on Friday January 15 at 6:15 PM. Stay for a potluck dinner immediately following.

The Temple will provide chicken, challah, wine, juice, and dessert. We ask everyone to bring a non-dairy side dish (enough to feed 8-10 people) to share.

\$4 adults/\$2 children under 13

Please RSVP to the Temple office at 459-5976 no later than Thursday, January 14 if you can join us.

***Shabbat Shalom!***

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***Come join us for a night out at  
Temple Emanuel as***

***Sunday Night at the Movies returns  
on January 17 at 7:00 PM  
with Avi Neshet's film, "The Secrets"***

Naomi, the brilliant and pious daughter of an orthodox rabbi finds herself at a crossroads of life's choices when her mother dies and she is expected to marry her father's prodigy. She begs that her father allow her one year to study at a women's religious seminary in order to prepare for the sacrifices she will make as a wife and her father relents.

Devout yet lively, her life begins to take an unexpected turn as she and her new school mate, Michelle, befriend a beautiful, mysterious older woman. Anouk, who lives nearby who may or may not be Jewish, is ill, and may be guilty of a crime of passion. Naomi devises a series of rituals which will somehow purge Anouk of her sins. Eventually this journeys into the forbidden and leads to a growing attraction between the two girls and more crossroads are faced.

This film was nominated for 8 Awards of the Israel Film Academy.

The film is in Hebrew with English subtitles.

There is no charge for the movie.

Popcorn and soft drinks served.

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***Come in from the cold and warm up  
at Temple Emanuel***

***Join us for a Extra-Special Mostly Musical Shabbat  
on Friday night, January 29 at 7:00 PM***

Come and sing and dance with us as we celebrate Shabbat with lots of music and plenty of Sabbath joy.

Following services stay for a very fruit filled Oneg Shabbat as we mark the occasion of Tu B'Shevat, the first stirrings of springtime in Israel.

## **Position Available ...**

The Jewish Federation is seeking a Director of Social Services. This position is part-time (20 hours per week), and based out of the Federation office. Some driving in the course of work is required. An MSW or related degree is preferred.

### **Responsibilities Include:**

- **Coordination of all Senior Programming**
- **Provision of social services to clients and families, including case management and professional collaboration with other organizations.**
- **Administration of annual programs, such as the Chanukah Adopt-a-Family, Samrick Camp Scholarship, and Indigent Burial Programs.**

*Please submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of*

**Jeff Slotnick, Executive Director  
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
4127 Embassy Drive, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
jeff@jfgr.org**

## **Auditions for Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids**

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids will be holding auditions for "An American Daughter" by Wendy Wasserstein on January 31 and February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Spectrum Theatre. Casting is for a multi-racial cast: 2 women, ages 35-45 (one must be African American); 2 women ages 30-60; 5 men ages 25-65.

**Performance dates are  
April 15, 17, 22, 24 at 8 p.m.  
and April 18, 25 at 3 p.m.**

**For further information, e-mail  
jtgr.admin@gmail.com or call 616.234.3595**

## **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 the Federation at 942-5553**

## **On the second Tuesday of every month, 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

## Office Relocation Update

*The offices of the Jewish Federation are relocating into Congregation Ahavas Israel*

Around the middle of January 2010.

**New Address:**  
Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids  
2727 Michigan, NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
616-942-5553

## United Way

Many of us make a workplace donation to the United Way.....

Are you aware that you can designate your United Way gift to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids?

Your gifts should be considered plus dollars and not in lieu of your annual campaign gift.

In the end, we all benefit by having our Federation better positioned to continue to provide quality programs and services.

## 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 the Federation at 942-5553.

## 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 the Federation at 942-5553 for community referrals.**

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

## 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 the Jewish Federation at 942-5553.**

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



*Buddy and Judy Joseph recently returned from a trip to Israel and Petra, where they experienced an old mode of transportation.*



### HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

**Next Meeting: February 10**

at Flory Silverstein's home

Book to read:

*"Ten Green Bottles"*

by Vivian Jeanette Kaplan



*We are your loyal "Book Ends"*

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

## 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 Liz & Andrew Samrick, congratulations on your marriage

From Anne Wepman

### The Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

To Jerry Belfer for a speedy recovery

From Nancy Reider

### The Jerry & Judy Subar Endowment Fund

To Jerry Subar in honor of his Special Birthday

From Donna & Bill Boorstein

### The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To Lillian Klein for a speedy recovery

From Anne Wepman



THE FUTURE  
IS ALWAYS PRESENT.

No matter where or when in the future, you can be there to provide for the Jewish community. Your will makes it possible. Leaving a bequest to the Jewish community enables you to create a permanent legacy that can help Jews in need forever. Learn how you can help preserve the Jewish community – for years to come.

The Jewish Federation Live Generously  
www.jewishgrandrapids.org



## Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Send Card To:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Send Card To:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Send your donation to:

**The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

As many of you know, I resigned from my position effective December 31st. It was a very difficult decision for me. I have experienced tremendous fulfillment serving the needs of community members, and I will sorely miss my routine interactions with clients, seniors, donors, and colleagues.

I have firsthand knowledge of just how important the Social Services Program is to our Jewish community. I remain passionate about this program, and hope to be involved with the search for a new Director of Social Services. I will also serve as a member of the Social Services Committee, which I hope will contribute to the ongoing success of the program.

In the interim, while the Federation is without a Director of Social Services, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Jeff Slotnick, should the need arise. Jeff's contact information is printed below. I will make myself available to consult with Jeff whenever necessary, and I am confident the Federation will provide the continuity of care our community deserves.

Thank you and shalom.

Sincerely,  
Liz Scheibe, LMSW  
Jeff's email: [jeff@jfgr.org](mailto:jeff@jfgr.org)  
Jeff's phone & extension: 942-5553 x207



**The Shofar**  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418  
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Send articles to: 4127 Embassy Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418  
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Fax: (616) 942-5780  
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