



## Jewish Disability Advocacy Month #JDAM



Marni Vyn

February is Jewish Disability Advocacy Month (JDAM), a month of education, solidarity building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities. Communities across North America are coming together to harness our collective power to break down barriers to opportunity and inclusion.

What can be done to promote the best inclusion and supportive care practices for people in our communities with disabilities?

Join the Jewish Federations of North America to help address the stigma around people with disabilities and advance policy that empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence.

JDAM provides a month of virtual experiences culminating in a week of action and advocacy. Each week, the programming will be broken down into four topic areas: Empowerment, Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunity, and Advocacy (Disability Rights are Civil Rights).

Event topics include:

- Creating strong and inclusive communities
- Invisible disabilities
- Mental health and isolation
- Supporting and including youth with disabilities
- Suicide prevention
- Autism
- Disability advocacy in Israel



The opening event will take place on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00pm and will feature an interview with world-renowned artist Itzhak Perlman.

Go to [www.jewishtogether.org/jdam](http://www.jewishtogether.org/jdam) to learn more about all of the JDAM events in February and to register.

Together, we can change lives.

Marni Vyn  
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*Chad Zagel*

The Jewish Federation is here for our community, Israel and the world. Please make a difference and support Campaign 2020. Every gift is meaningful and can positively change the life of a person or family in need. Todah Rabah, Thank You!

Remember, any amount you increase – and any NEW pledges – will be matched by a generous grant from the Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation. And, if you are under 50 years of age, it will ALSO be matched by a generous grant from the Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation. A special thank you to Peg and Mort Finkelstein for matching the first \$5,000 raised in Campaign 2020.

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## Community Collaboration Update



On January 12, the Federation hosted an informational meeting about the community collaboration initiative. Thank you to the more than 60 people who participated in the meeting! We are so grateful for your

comments, questions, and feedback. While there is still much work to be done, we are encouraged by the community's interest and support in this important project.

The community collaboration would put the two congregations under one roof -- with some shared administrative resources -- along with the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids and other Jewish organizations. Each congregation would maintain its individual identity while working more closely together on community-wide activities and programming.

**Why the collaboration?** By coming together at one site, we can expand, centralize, and strengthen the Jewish opportunities for our small community –

socially, religiously, culturally, and educationally. Our community has long been separated by congregational affiliation or non-affiliation. This project begins to remove those separations by bringing us together on one campus. The vision is to create a more cohesive, more energized, and more financially sustainable Jewish community, now and for the future.

I'd like to recognize the Collaboration Committee members for their time and dedication: *Mort Finkelstein, Sanford Freed, Mabelle Hammond, Dan Hurwitz, Judith Joseph, Nicole Katzman, Greg Kaufman, Rabbi David Krishef, Edie Landman, Norman Leven, Rabbi Albert Lewis, Karen Padnos, Diane Rayor, Marisa Reed, Rabbi Michael Schadick, Jim Siegel, Rick Stevens, Claude Titcher, Lanny Thodey, Sarah Weingarten, Rabbi Yosef Weingarten, Barbara Wepman, and Marni Vyn; and our consultants, Karen Barth of Positive Pathways Consulting and Scott Vyn of Integrated Architecture.*

Questions or feedback? Please contact Marni Vyn, Collaboration Committee Chair and JFGR Board Chair, at [marnivyn@yahoo.com](mailto:marnivyn@yahoo.com).

“Marilyn and I were born and raised in Grand Rapids and have been actively involved in the Jewish community since we graduated from the University of Michigan in the mid 1950’s. We have been committed to, supportive of and have participated in The Jewish Federation, Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel and Chabad. We are concerned with the decline in the membership, reduced volunteerism and financial stress that this has caused on all our organizations. We feel strongly that if we physically combine Federation, Ahavas and Temple, under one roof, we will effect significant operational economies and can use these savings, plus stimulate additional membership and gain additional financial support. We will be able to create many more, very exciting, additional programs and benefits for our Jewish community. We are in complete agreement with the Collaboration Plan and will give it our maximum financial support.”

- Norm and Marilyn Leven





# L'dor Vador Endowment Update

*Growing the Community's Endowment Funds*

The L'dor Vador Endowment Committee met and reviewed the investment policy statement and results for 2020. The committee discussed the economy and markets and elected to make no changes to the investment policy.

The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$9,874,664.83 as of 12/31/2020, which is up from \$8,451,025.78 at the end of 2019. Of note, the funds' balance has been increased by contributions and reduced by annual distributions requested by many of the funds beneficiaries.

Due to the fluctuating conditions of the market, the

funds annualized weighted average return was 11.7% for all of 2020. However, L'dor Vador endowment assets generated over \$290,000 through 2020 that are available to local Jewish organizations for their discretionary use to fund their charitable missions.

Please consider contributing to, or setting up, a L'Dor Vador Endowment Fund to help ensure the future of our Jewish community. To donate, contact the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Congregation Ahavas Israel or Temple Emanuel. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Nicole Katzman, Executive Director at 616-942-5553 or nicole@jfrg.org.



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## Family Celebrations in Challenging Times

by Michael Cagen



Michael Cagen

In late November of 2020, my son and his girlfriend Angela of about 2 ½ years were over for dinner, when they casually mentioned to me that they were planning to get married...two weeks later...on December 12.

I reacted as any parent of adult offspring would and brought out

the vodka shot set, which was a gift from one of my cousins for one of my marriages a while back. Angela, my son Zach and I sat and threw back a few ounces of perfectly chilled Anejo Tequila in celebration. Well, Angela joined in with chilled Rum Chata, but still.

Two weeks? They were getting married in two weeks? How does anybody pull together a wedding celebration in two weeks? Well, as it turned out, Angela had researched this already and had been eyeing a venue called Greencrest Manor a few miles North of Battle Creek, which turned out to be a simply beautiful setting for the celebration which was to come.

I was told to arrive at 4 PM, with pictures to start at 4:30. In fact, when I arrived at 4:16 PM, a bit panicked and concerned about the scornful looks I would receive for not managing to be on time for my only offspring's wedding, I saw I was the first to arrive and recognized that Zach or his mother's strategy regarding their expectation for my timeliness had worked...

Rabbi Schadick arrived shortly after me and I helped him to configure the chuppah. Rabbi, the photographer and I then strategized as to the placement of the chuppah, relative to the spiral staircase from which Angela would gracefully descend in a gorgeous white lace gown, while being mindful of the laptop placement that would Zoom the ceremony to Angela's parents and siblings in Sydney Australia, along with twenty or twenty five other family and close friends who also joined via the Zoom experience.

The crowd of eight for this monumental life celebration included Angela, Zach, Rabbi Schadick, Zach's mother Leigh-Ann Baxter, her husband Owen, Zach's siblings Josh and Megan plus myself.

With Rabbi 8ft. or so away, the rest of us held the four chuppah posts as Angela and Zach looked lovingly into each other's eyes, each other's hearts, savoring the moment, enjoying the beauty of one of life's most special occasions.

I didn't have fifty or one hundred fifty guests to greet. I didn't tell anyone they looked great, other than Zach's bride. There was nobody there I hadn't seen in forever, nobody commenting on their flight or accommodations. While holding the chuppah, with mask on if I recall correctly, I stood there with joy in my heart, excited to bear witness to the special day for my son and his bride. I was in the moment. I was fully present for them.

The evening before the wedding, writing down notes for my champagne toast to the happy couple which I would give after the ceremony, I planned to first give my thanks to God for enabling me to reach this season, for enabling me to reach the day on which I could bear witness to their wedding, followed by my thanks to Rabbi for officiating this wonderful celebration.

During my actual toast, I left off the "thanks to God" portion, accidentally, but He knew of my appreciation and gratitude.



The celebration continued at Leigh-Ann and Owen's, with ridiculously delicious food catered by Marla Tulett, followed by me chauffeuring the bride and groom downtown to their suite at the JW Marriott.

My son became a husband to an intelligent, sweet, warm, wonderful and beautiful young

lady on December 12th. Due to the grace of God, I was able to bear witness and be fully engaged, fully present and in the moment.

La Chiam!

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## Ask Julianna

by Julianna Schrier, Community Connector



Julianna Schrier

Shalom!

This month, I received the following question, “Julianna, can you tell me what you do at Federation?”

Here is my response:

In December, the Federation delivered 50 *Hug in a Mug* bags

to community members. In these goodie bags there was a coffee mug and pen with a Federation logo, hot chocolate, and black & white cookies. *Hug in a Mug* received much positive feedback and I look forward to delivering gift bags at Pesach! If you did not receive a bag and want one, let me know.

I’ve been working on a community-wide pen pal program, and have matched the first group of participants. So let me explain how this works, you will be matched with a member of the community and write letters back and forth. To get started, I will provide you with a package of stationary, a JFGR pen, and a few stamps. The pen pal program is a great way to make new friends and get to know people in our community. It’s also a great way to practice social distancing and your handwriting skills too.

JFGR is here for every member of our Jewish community. My responsibility is to help community members who may be in need of a service. I refer clients

to doctors, therapists, in-home care, respite, the food pantry and more.

I spend a lot of my day researching and collecting local and national resources to share with the community including food banks, shelters, local businesses, health and wellness resources. Whatever it is that you may be in need of, I have information to help you out.

Finally, due to the generosity of the Ravitz Foundation, the Federation is able to offer FREE taxi rides to community members. If you find yourself in need of transportation, reach out and I will make sure you make it your doctor’s appointment on time!

Looking forward to receiving your questions by phone or email. Send to julianna@jfgr.org or (616) 942-5553 ext. 206.



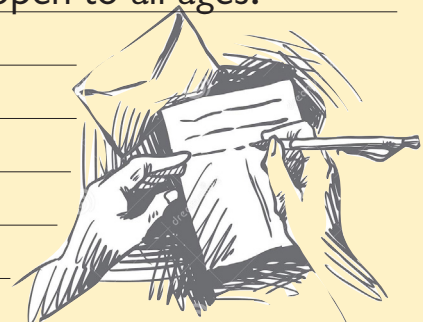
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# Community Pen Pal Program

Would you like to have a pen pal? The Federation wants to bring people in the community together through letter writing. This is a unique way to connect with people and show them that you care. This program is open to all ages!

We hope you participate and make a new friend.

If you are interested in sending or receiving a letter, contact: julianna@jfgr.org or call the Federation at (616) 942-5553.





## Understanding Autism: Three Models to Consider

by Robert Rozema



Robert Rozema

As a father of two teenage boys, one of whom is autistic, I am particularly drawn to the scriptural story of Moses, who is “slow of speech and tongue,” and his more eloquent brother Aaron, whom God presses into

service to speak for Moses “as if he were [his] mouth.” Faith communities can find a fitting lesson here for thinking about disability, and especially neurological disability. The story makes it clear that God uses both neurotypical and neurodivergent individuals to advance his will. Moreover, the brothers must work together, despite and because of their differences.

The story of Moses and Aaron also reminds me that today, many of us have neurodiverse family members. During this month of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion, it is fitting to draw attention to one kind of neurological difference, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a disability present in 1 in 59 individuals, according to most recent data (2018) reported by the Center for Disease Control. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disability that affects how the brain and nervous system are organized and function. While it is a biogenetic condition, determined by a complicated array of genetic markers, autism is diagnosed through two external behaviors: pervasive deficits in social communication and tendencies toward routine repetitive behaviors.

Over the last decade, the number of ASD diagnoses has risen sharply in America and across the globe, a phenomenon that the mainstream media has sensationalized as an “autism epidemic.” A more reasonable explanation for the increase is the advancement of medical knowledge about ASD, more accurate diagnostic tools, and improved access to health care. What is undeniable, however, is that every community, church, synagogue, mosque, or school will have autistic children, adolescents, and adults within their ranks. Some will be diagnosed, and others will not.

The way we see these individuals within our communities is critical. Over the past five years, my research has encountered three interpretive frameworks for autism: the medical model, the social model, and cultural model. When I explain these models to my university students, I often cite a recurring event I

witnessed in a local middle school as I conducted research there. An English language arts teacher used 10-second bursts of pop music to signal students to transition from one activity to another. I noticed that most students liked the musical interludes, but the one autistic student in my study withdrew into his hooded sweatshirt and pressed his hands to his ears. No one seemed to notice his discomfort.

A *medical* understanding of autism would suggest that the autistic student likely has sensory processing issues and that he consequently exhibits sensory avoiding behaviors; my son, for example, sometimes covers his ears during loud church music. Sensory integration disorder is common among autistic individuals and well documented in medical, neurocognitive, and psychiatric research, including the most formidable *DSM-5* (2013), the clinical manual used by pediatricians and mental health professionals. The medical approach to understanding autism provides a label and a vocabulary for talking about ASD, something my wife and I use when we talk about our son to teachers, doctors, and extended family members. The label is also necessary to procure special education support in public schools. But labels can also be reductive and deficit-oriented, putting the blame on the autistic student for his differences. In the case described above, a medical “fix” might be noise-canceling headphones, worn by the student in English class and in noisy school hallways. But the onus is squarely on the autistic student to make the adjustments that allow them to function “normally” in school.

A *social* model of autism, in contrast, suggests that social institutions--places of employment, learning, and worship--are responsible for accommodating neurodiverse people. This model would recognize that the autistic student’s sensory integration problem only emerged within the context of non-accommodating social structures, as when the English teacher used loud pop music to signal transitions, or when a church or synagogue fails to provide wheelchair ramps. The teacher could simply stop playing music, but it is likely that more fundamental structural changes are necessary. In the case of the middle school, teachers, support staff, and administrators might reconsider the number of transitions they impose on all students every day, and whether students who need more time and less

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## Interfaith and Interwoven: Win-Win-Win

by Yehudit Newman

There is a line in the play *Crossing Delancey*, (I highly recommend the play and/or the movie) which I once stage-managed for the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County's theater group. Sam The Pickle Man says, "You should try a new hat sometime, it might look good on you". In his story the wearer of the new hat becomes engaged, and the same sort of thing happened to me just 40 years ago. I decided to try going onstage, I had been working backstage for 15 years (yes, I started at a very early age at Benjamin Franklin Jr High in Wayne, Michigan). I was a dancer back in those days and auditioned for a production of the operetta *Naughty Marietta* performed by the Comic Opera Guild, in Ann Arbor. For those young folks out there, operettas were terribly popular once upon a time, although even 40 years ago audiences were aging. They were full of elaborate costumes and sets and mistaken identity and we had a great deal of fun. I ended up marrying my dance partner!



Yehudit Newman and John Moga in *Naughty Marietta* February 1981.  
Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The point of this story is supposed to be to encourage folks to try on a new hat. Did I like being onstage? No, actually, and I have yet to try it again, but I wouldn't have missed that experience for the world.



Yehudit Newman

I find being backstage one of the things I miss most about staying home. I did *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* with Jewish Theater Grand Rapids and *HMS Pinafore* with the West Michigan Savoyards, in 2019, 55 years after my first production, *Rip Van Winkle*. If it stops being fun, I'll stop.

If you think you would like to 'try on a new hat' you can contact Paul Arnold, Board President of JTGR at [paularnolddesign.com](http://paularnolddesign.com). He says "We could use a few more younger people to be on Committees, particularly to help with Social Media marketing, graphic design, play selection and more."

Those who are interested in operetta can contact the West Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan performing group, Savoyards at [wmsavoyards@gmail.com](mailto:wmsavoyards@gmail.com).

You may not meet your *Beshert*, but you could still have fun!

*Deet is the Art teacher at United Jewish School. She studied occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University and live in Berrien Springs, Michigan.*

## Understanding Autism: Three Models to Consider (continued from page 7)

noise could benefit from a different system. Similarly, in our faith communities, we might ask how the current structures of worship might be adapted to accommodate autistic individuals.

Finally, a *cultural* understanding of autism would explore how autistic culture fits within the larger organizational culture, asking the following: Do autistic individuals have a sense of community and belonging? Are there affinity groups that appeal to autistic special interests? Do neurotypical community members welcome autistic individuals and view them positively? Are the unique cognitive strengths of autistic

communities being used to advance the mission of the community?

Perhaps most importantly, our faith committees should be places where neurodiverse and neurotypicals work together, as Moses and Aaron did, to accomplish what neither could alone.

*Robert Rozema is a Professor of English at Grand Valley State University. His recent research examines the literacy behaviors of autistic adolescents, both in and out of school. He is the co-editor of *Ought: The Journal of Autistic Culture*. He and his family live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and attend Church of the Servant Christian Reformed Church.*



## Todah Rabbah (Thank you) to Marisa Krishef

It is with regret that we announce Marisa Krishef's resignation as JFGR's Director of Programming, as of Thursday, January 14.

Marisa joined the Federation staff in 2018. She brought a deep knowledge of our community, as well as enthusiasm for strengthening Jewish life through engaging programming. Just a few of the enriching events during her tenure include the Community Picnic, the Jewish Community Chanukah Bowling Parties, the Purim Carnivals, and the Jewish Film Festival.

Marisa is passionate and committed to the Jewish community, and we look forward to her remaining involved in the Federation as a volunteer. We wish Marisa all the best in her future endeavors!



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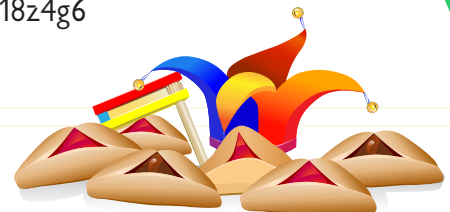
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## Read This if You Like to Eat!

by Kris Siegel



Kris Siegel

Due to Covid, most of us have been cooking *a lot* more for ourselves and our families. Now it's time to share your mad skills with the Jewish (and beyond) community!

The Collaborative Cookbook Committee comprises members from Ahavas,

Chabad, JFGR, and Temple. Our mission is to bring people together through food! We are interested in your favorite go-to recipes, cherished family recipes, and holiday recipes to be published in a Jewish community cookbook.

Collecting recipes and food-related stories is an important part of preserving our culture. Please consider submitting a recipe, by visiting the JFGR website: JRGR.org

Some guidelines: recipes should be kosher, fairly easy to prepare, with an emphasis on fresh ingredients. We want cooks to be successful recreating your dish in their

own kitchens. Also, if you would like to share a family memory or photo associated with your recipe, that would help to make the cookbook extra-special. All kinds of delicious recipes are welcome, as long as they fit the above criteria: appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, side dishes, desserts, or holiday recipes. Whatever it is, we want to cook it! Finally, depending on how many people respond, it's possible that not all recipes will make it into the cookbook. However, please know that the efforts of all recipe contributors will be acknowledged.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to share your recipes. Food brings us together!

Questions? Ask someone from the Cookbook Committee: *Judy Joseph, Nicole Katzman, Michal Ravid, Rhonda Reider, Karen Reifler, Evan Rossio, Kris Siegel, Jim Siegel, Sandi Simms, Nechamy Weingarten*

*Kris Siegel is the Librarian at Temple Emanuel. Even at her very advanced age, she loves reading beautiful picture books.*



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## Financial Focus

# Remote Work May Offer Financial Benefits

By Chad Zagel, CFP®, AAMS®, JFGR Board Member

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways – and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

- *Reduced transportation costs* – Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.
- *Potentially lower car insurance premiums* – Your auto insurance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.
- *Lower expenditures on lunches* – If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week – even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could

reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

- *Lower clothing costs* – Despite the rise in “casual dress” days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can “dress down,” reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.



Chad Zagel  
JFGR Board Member

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 – and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

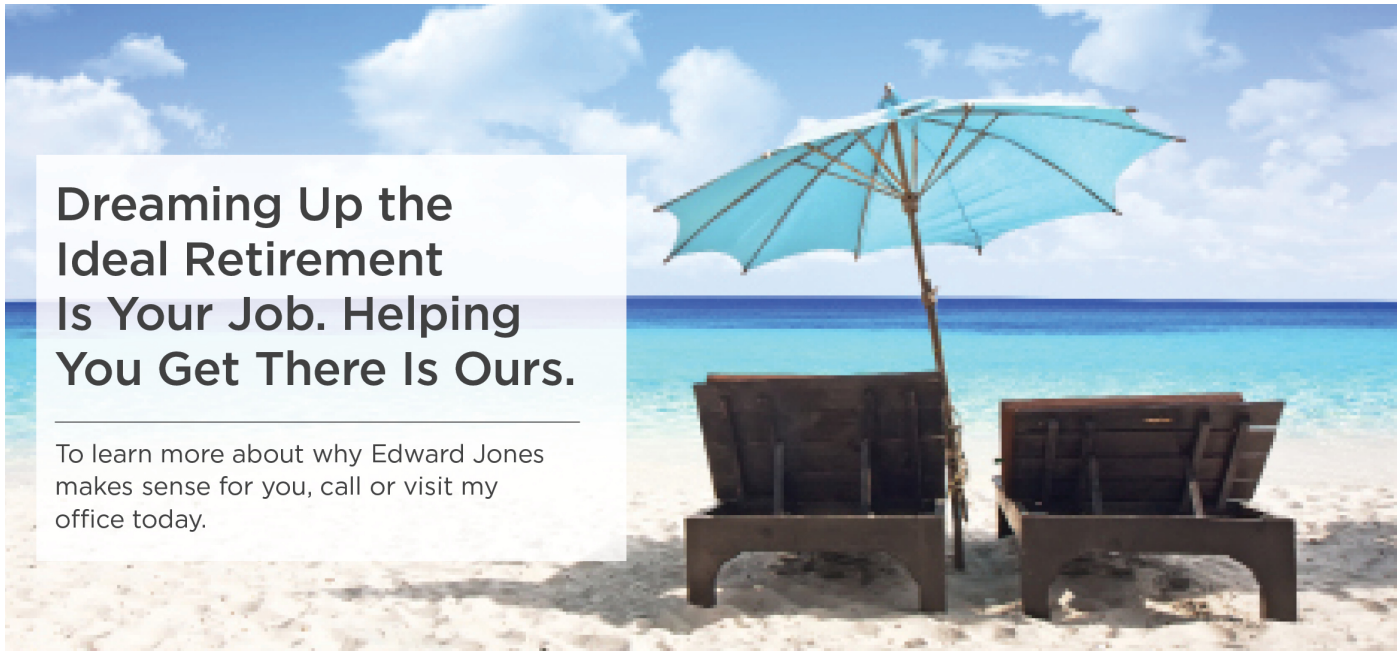
You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for something like a major home repair.

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part – but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

*Chad Zagel, CFP®, AAMS®, is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, a University of Michigan graduate, and in his free time, Chad enjoys spending time with his family and volunteering.*

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## Self-Advocacy is Key Resource for Students with Disabilities Entering College

By Kathleen M. VanderVeen, Ph.D.

The Honorable Richard H. Bernstein took his disability and ran with it.

As a member of the Michigan Supreme Court, he is seated as one of seven justices on the state's highest judiciary branch. As an athlete, he has competed in more than 20 marathons.

In 2014, Bernstein ran for a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court and was elected to an eight-year term. For good measure, he has competed in over 20 (26.2-mile) marathons and two Ironman Triathlons that include a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile run.

Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein grew up in a family of successful litigators, and attended the University of Michigan as an undergrad. After self-advocacy for admittance, Bernstein attended and was graduated from the Northwestern University Law School. He then joined the well-known Bernstein Law firm in the metro Detroit area, where much of his work was focused on protecting the rights of persons with disabilities.

February is designated as Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. Tenets behind the acknowledgment are focused on building an inclusive community using Jewish values and traditions to provide teachable moments for the advancement of inclusion.

Inclusion for students with disabilities in a higher education environment has been a struggle over the years.

Justice Bernstein's advice for students with disabilities enrolling in college today is centered on self-advocacy and accessing and utilizing resources available to them.

"It's been over 20 years since I was at the University of Michigan, so I don't want to sound outdated," Justice Bernstein said recently in a phone interview from Dubai where he was speaking on disability rights, "but the absolute best thing an entering student can do in an academic environment is to first know what you need, because nobody knows better what works for you than you. If you need double time to take a test, then advocate for that.

"Every student has their own story and their story sets the narrative. So, what might work for one student (with

a disability) might not work for another."

Justice Bernstein recognizes the privilege of his upbringing, and knows that not all persons with disabilities are going to become judges. "Eighty-percent of blind persons are unemployed," he said. "Just give us the opportunity. We know what we can do."

Every college or university in the state of Michigan has support resources available for students with disabilities. The key difference in the resources in college from the K-12 system is that students must self-disclose their disability to the higher education institution in order to receive accommodations. While this can be an intimidating task for new students, the professionals who work in these offices on campuses are dedicated to learning about each registered student's disability and providing reasonable accommodations for their success.

Current president of MI-AHEAD ([mi-ahead.org](http://mi-ahead.org)) and director of Disability Support Resources at Grand Valley State University, Dr. Shontaye Witcher, stated that a disability support office's goal on a campus is to make the transition as seamless as possible.

"At Grand Valley, it is recommended for students to meet with a disability advisor before their first-year orientation and then multiple times throughout the academic year," Witcher said. "We've found the relationship between student and advisor helps students become better prepared to articulate their needs and supplement the self-advocacy skills needed to succeed in college."

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Kathleen M. VanderVeen



## Silverman's Poppy Seed Cookies

My bubbe “Nanny” and mother used to make poppyseed cookies almost as often as chocolate chip cookies. They were a childhood favorite and I still enjoy making them. Many of the family recipes had vague measurements, e.g., “one juice glass of sugar.” Fortunately, this recipe is fairly specific.



Silverman Family

### Poppy Seed Cookies

4 large eggs  
 2 c sugar + sugar for topping  
 1 c vegetable oil  
 1 t baking powder  
 ½ c cold water  
 1 t vanilla  
 ¼ t salt  
 1/3 c poppy seeds  
 ½ t cinnamon  
 About 2 lbs all-purpose flour (6-7 cups or more)



Evan Rossio

Beat eggs slightly in a mixer, then add sugar and beat to combine. Add oil, water, and vanilla and beat until mixed. Combine dry ingredients and slowly add to mixer. Dough will be dense. Turn out onto floured surface and briefly knead until dry enough to work with. Roll out to desired thickness (about ¼”) and cut cookies using cutters. Press cookies into a bowl of sugar, and place on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper or silicone. Leave some room between them, but they will not get too much larger. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until edges just begin to brown. Cool on a rack. The cookies are meant to be a bit crispy.

*Evan D. Rossio is an attorney from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Married to wife and successful Realtor Julie for 32+ years, they have two children; son Jordan and daughter Emily. Evan's love for cooking began 30 years ago, when he discovered it was good stress relief after a day at work. He now splits his time between an estate planning practice and the occasional cooking gig. If not in the kitchen, he can be found in front of the TV cheering for his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes or perusing his vast cookbook collection.*

We are excited to announce a

### Collaborative Cookbook Project

with JFGR, Temple Emanuel, Congregation Ahavas Israel  
and Chabad House of Western Michigan.

Our committee will begin gathering recipes from all corners of our Grand Rapids Jewish community. Whether they are your favorite recipes, family recipes, or cherished recipes you would be willing to share, start thinking!

Consider submitting a recipe by visiting the JFGR website: [JFGR.org](http://JFGR.org) where you will find the recipe submission form. We are so excited for this community-wide project to kickoff.

**Happy Eating!**

Cookbook Committee: Judy Joseph, Nicole Katzman, Michal Ravid, Rhonda Reider, Karen Reifler, Evan Rossio, Kristin Siegel, Jim Siegel, Sandi Simms and Nechamy Weingarten.





## CHABAD OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

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All events are subject to change. Please stay safe and reach out if there is anything we can do for you.

**CHECK FACEBOOK @CHABADWM FOR VIRTUAL ZOOM LINKS AND PASSWORDS OR TEXT RIVKA AT 616.206.9654!**

### JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE Upcoming Events:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - Writing Workshop** - Explore the power of the written word and rediscover yourself in the process.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> - Paint Night** - Reveal your inner artist and create a canvas masterpiece.

The Jewish Women's Circle is an ever-growing group of Jewish Women from the Grand Rapids area who come together to learn, laugh, socialize and connect. Join us!

Email Nechamy at [Nechamy8@gmail.com](mailto:Nechamy8@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP.

### JLI CLASSES - "JOURNEY OF THE SOUL"

Who hasn't wondered what happens when we die? We know what happens to the body. But what happens to the soul at birth and again at death?

*- Is there really a "better" place after this one? - Do our loved ones continue to connect with us? - Can I relate to an afterlife if I'm not spiritual?*

At once practical and powerful, reflective and relatable, Journey of the Soul teaches a Jewish perspective on life that begins before birth and lasts well after a person's passing.

*It's a journey we all take, and it's yours to explore this winter.*

**SIX WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: 7:30-9:00PM | BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021**

Fee: \$99 (textbook included) | \$180 Sponsor

For more Info or to register please contact Rabbi Mordechai at 269.903.7916 or [Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com](mailto:Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com)

### CKids Club/Mini Chefs Upcoming Events: (For Jewish boys & girls, Ages 5-11)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> | TUESDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Mini Chefs is a unique culinary experience that gives your children the opportunity to cook, bake and decorate fabulous Jewish themed foods and enjoy their own handmade creations. Experience the joy of Kosher Cooking! RSVP to receive recipe and zoom information. **TIME: 5:00-6:00 PM**

Virtual Mini Chefs via Zoom | To RSVP to Rivka at 616.206.9654 or [rivkahweingarten@gmail.com](mailto:rivkahweingarten@gmail.com)

### CTeen MEGA UPLYFT EVENT (High School Teens)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> + 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**Join us for a weekend full of fun with CTeen! (In person & Virtual options!)**

It's been a tough ride with almost a year of not seeing grandparents, skipping the gym, and dining outdoors. We're guessing there's a lot of people out there who could use a lyft...or an uplyft. So staying socially distant has become the new normal, we're keeping the CTeen family closer than ever with a virtual reunion that's bringing together every teen from every chapter and every city.

**Join the movement at [lyftup.org](http://lyftup.org). CTeen Shabbaton 2021 — go go go!**

**For more information and to register please contact Rivka @ 616.206.9654**

### CTeen JUNIOR: (Grades 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>)

*Enrich your Jewish Pride & Explore Judaism while giving back to the Community.*

RSVP to Rivka & receive zoom information.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> • 6:00PM**

### MASKuerade & MEGILLAH READING!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> | 7:30PM | AT CHABAD**

Multimedia presentation & Megillah reading, enjoy some delicious Purim treats in a bag!

Come dressed in your most original costume and your Mask ☺

### 37<sup>TH</sup> "ANNUAL" PURIM CELEBRATION DINNER

The Chabad House of Western Michigan invites the entire Jewish community to the

*37th Annual Purim Celebration*

**PURIM IN A PARKING LOT ☺**

**PURIM DAY • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

At the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St N.E.

Join us for a Purim Drive by with lively music, fun entertainment for the family and pick up your "Shabbat/Purim Dinner to go box"

**Megillah Reading times: 3:15pm | Drive by Celebration: 4-5PM**

Pre-order your Dinner at \$10 per box by February 21<sup>st</sup> at [ChabadWM.com/PurimDinner](http://ChabadWM.com/PurimDinner)

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The 7th player to answer correctly will win a FREE bottle of Kosher wine delivered straight to your doorstep!

Every **SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM SHARP** you will receive a TRIVIA question via text message!

Reply with the number you think is correct. The 7th participant to answer correctly wins!

It is amazing watching our community unite together to play, connect, and learn.

**To Join: text "CHABADWM" to 616-207-1218!**

### GAN ISRAEL DAY CAMP

*Sign your child up for A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime!*

Camp Gan Israel is designed to make your child's summer vacation fun, stimulating and entertaining!

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The Camp Gan Israel experience is a unique combination of Jewish pride and fun!

**DATES: JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> - JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2021 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**Kiddy Camp:** Ages 3-5 | **Main Division:** Ages 6-10 | **Pre - Teen Division:** Ages 11-12

For more info, please contact Rivka at (616)206.9654 or email us at [campganisraelgr@gmail.com](mailto:campganisraelgr@gmail.com)

### **GAN YILADIM PRESCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN**

Gan Yiladim is a licensed preschool for Jewish children ages 2-5 open to the entire Jewish community, regardless of background or affiliation.

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**For more information or to schedule a tour call Sarah at 616.375.9404.**



### **GET INTO THE PURIM SPIRIT!**

Get in the Purim Spirit with a Kahoot! Purim Trivia Quiz contest on Sunday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m., with Rabbi Krishef masquerading as your game show host. It's easy! You'll need a phone to play and a computer or tablet to join the Zoom. Download the free Kahoot app onto your phone (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/kahoot-play-create-quizzes/id1131203560>) and use your computer or tablet to join the Zoom meeting. Fun for all ages, brought to you by Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel, and the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

We do need to know how many people want to play to make sure that we can accommodate everyone. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/jsM3JpoGeKA18z4g6>

Topic: Kahoot! Purim Trivia Quiz

Time: Feb 21, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94853722961?pwd=N0xwVF1xU0UvZVNnGa25PL09WWFpYZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 5372 2961

Passcode: Haman

### **CELEBRATE PURIM, LIVE OR VIRTUAL!**

#### **THURSDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 25, 7:00 P.M.**

Dress up in costume, listen to the Megillah reading, and drown out the sound of he-who-shall-not-be-named!

Second Megillah reading on Friday at our morning minyan, 8:00 a.m.

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### Nurture your spiritual life through prayer:

What better way to wake up than by expressing gratitude for the blessings of a new day and supporting those who need a minyan to say Kaddish? If you are awake at 8:00 a.m. any Monday - Friday and can spare 40 minutes, please consider joining us for our morning service.

You can join our online morning Zoom minyan, beginning at 8:00 a.m., by clicking here: <https://zoom.us/j/280892158>

From a mobile device, tap: +13126266799,,280892158#

From a telephone, dial +1 312 626 6799 and when prompted, tap in the meeting ID: 280 892 158

### Nurture your spiritual life through Torah study:

Join Rabbi Krishef for a Kos Kafeh v'Torah, Coffee break and Torah on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/490362529>

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From a telephone, dial +1 312 626 6799 and when prompted, tap in the meeting ID: 490 362 529

A small taste of Torah, about 1/2 hour, three times a week, at 2:00 p.m. Consider it a vaccine against spiritual malaise!

### Ahavas Israel Book Group

Our next book discussion will be Wednesday, February 17 - A Rabbi's Daughter, by Avigail Graetz

A Rabbi's Daughter is a semi-autobiographical novel about three generations of strong women, even though the title points to the importance of the patriarch, the Rabbi. Avigail Graetz draws inspiration from her own upbringing, as a rabbi's daughter in Israel, to tell the story of Elisheva and the relationships with the women in her life.

This family novel, written in first person, travels through time from 1999 when Elisheva's grandmother is on her deathbed to 1993 when Elisheva is still an adolescent. Her mother was away when she and her father, a Conservative rabbi, found themselves hosting a strange American woman that entered their home. This visit changed their lives and only now, as the grandmother is departing the world, Elisheva has the courage to face her story and the legacy of motherhood she received.

The author was awarded both the PARDES Fellowship at the National Library of Israel and the Jewish National Fund-Hebrew Literature Prize (2012) for this book, her debut novel.



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### February Service Schedule

Friday, February 5  
Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM  
Torah will be read

Friday, February 12  
Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM  
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Friday, February 19  
Family Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM  
The Rabbi will share a story for Purim

Thursday, February 25  
Pajama Purim at 6:30 PM

Friday, February 26  
Shabbat Services at 6:00 PM  
The Covid-19 Pandemic: A Year Like No Other

We will be using the newly repaginated Mishkan T'filah Flipbook with page numbers that match our printed prayer books. It is available at: <https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-world-union-edition-repaginated/>

### Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/795261435?pwd=NW9VSDRJTG9DaGVxS2RURFJqcTJUQT09>

Meeting ID: 795 261 435

Password: Challah18

### Shabbat Morning Study

We continue to offer virtual classes every Saturday morning this month. Contact the Temple Office to receive the links to our Zoom meetings.

- **Torah Study** begins at 9:30 AM. This month we are studying Torah portions from the book of Exodus. On February 20 we will have a special session on Purim called Purim Torah. All are welcome. Come and join the discussion.
  - Join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110111186?pwd=cS9IS1ZxNkMrSjgwOUNPUFFOUjFDUT09>  
Meeting ID: 821 1011 1186 Password: Parashah
- **Introduction to Judaism** begins at 11:30 AM. All are welcome to spend an hour talking about the basics of Jewish life.
  - Join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84871760454?pwd=dnlJdXhoTUVEUXRHZUI3NGMxVHhXZz09>  
Meeting ID: 848 7176 0454 Passcode: Judaism101

### Grab Some Purim Spirit This Month

**We are in need of assistance delivering HAMANTASHEN to some of our senior members.** Contact Cat to volunteer to deliver some during the days preceding Purim, February 21-February 25.

**Watch some SHTICK in honor of Purim.** Rabbis Schadick and Krishef will share their take on Abbott and Costello's Classic, "Who's Doing the Shema". It will be forwarded to all our members via email on Wednesday, February 24.

**Put on your most comfy pajamas and join us for Pajama Purim on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 PM.** Covid-19 is not going to take away the fun of drowning out the name of Haman on this festive celebration. Rabbi is seeking at-home participants to drown out the name of Haman as the Book of Esther is told. Craft a creative noisemaker and get into the spirit of the holiday. (Just a reminder that wooden spoons and pots make great groggers too.)

### Dress Your Snowman Like a Purim Character

How can we share a few Purim smiles with our neighbors? Rabbi Schadick is challenging anyone interested to build a snowman, dress it like Haman, Queen Esther, King Ahashuerus, or Mordechai, and snap a picture. Forward the picture to Cat in the Temple office and all those who participate

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will receive a special Purim surprise. It is winter in West Michigan. Let's get outside and have some Purim fun.

**Your Opinion Matters for 10:00 Sunday Feb. 21st.**

RSVP to Jim Siegel to receive the link to our virtual debate:  
Jims@siegeljewelers.com

**Topic:** Rank these 10 issues in keeping minorities from achieving:

- Failing Schools
- No Father in Home
- Dependence on government programs
- Racism
- Not Belonging to (and attending) a Church
- Lack of role models
- Living in high crime neighborhoods
- Poor nutrition
- Excessive media
- Parents not reading to kids

**Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture: "The Historical Jesus in His Jewish Context"**

Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University & Gabriele Boccaccini, University of Michigan

Wednesday, March 10, 7 pm

Jesus of Nazareth was born, lived, and died as a Jew. But what kind of Jew was he in the diverse world of Second Temple Judaism? How did the movement he initiated within Judaism move into the pagan world and become what we now call Christianity? Specialists Amy-Jill Levine and Gabriele Boccaccini will engage in a conversation about the latest research on the historical Jesus and explore the implication for

contemporary Judaic Studies.

In 1987 Stuart Padnos established the Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professorship in memory of his parents. His generosity has funded more than 25 visiting faculty at University of Michigan. When Padnos presented his gift to U-M, he stipulated that the visiting professor must travel to Grand Rapids annually to share a lecture with alumni and friends at Temple Emanuel. This year our lecture will be virtual instead of in person. Advance Registration is Required.

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disenfranchised, you are truly a woman of valor!*

Diane Wechter

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*In memory of our loving cousin "Eddie"*

Gayle Fox

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$10 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:

**Woman of Valor Fund** To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

**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.

**Julian and Judith Joseph Fund** To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

**David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund** To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.

**Charles and Maxine Shapiro Fund** To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

**Louis and Louise Weiner Fund** To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish community.

**Jerry and Judy Subar Fund** To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

**Leven Family Fund** To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

**Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund** To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

**Donna G. Boorstein Memorial Fund** To help ensure funding for Jewish arts, culture and history in Greater Grand Rapids.

**Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund** To support health services for Jewish community members not covered by other financial resources.

**Fox Family Fund** To provide educational and cultural programming for our Jewish community.

**The Finkelstein Brothers Fund** Mort, Raleigh and Edward's commitment to educate the residents of Michigan about the Jewish families that settled in West Michigan during the mid 1800s through community events and educational programs.

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