



A Rosh Hashanah Message: For a Sweet New Year

Nicole Katzman, JFGR Executive Director



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“The blasts of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah revitalize the soul and mind of every Jew. Each one receives a new soul and a new level of understanding, all according to their own level. This new soul and vision are drawn from the inner countenance of God.”

– Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav (1772-1810)

As the final hours of the Jewish year 5781 fade, it is a time to reflect on this most unusual year, when nothing is quite as it should be, a time where we are feeling uncertain about our future and the well-being of our families and friends. Despite this time of anticipation, life and its rhythm are still moving forward. Time does not stand still for us, we must continue to move and find meaning in a world that is often cruel.

As we hear the sound of the shofar, we are reminded that we have a new beginning, a fresh start to do things better, to be kinder to those around us, to love our family and friends even more, and to be grateful for all of the blessings that are bestowed upon us. Each of us has the opportunity to make our community and world a brighter and happier place.

This year as we symbolically dip apples in honey and listen to the blasts of the shofar, let it energize and awaken us, as we can all use a fresh start, as we begin the new year together.

And so, as we move into the Jewish year 5782 together, I offer a simple prayer:

Avinu Malkeinu – O, Divine Creator, bless my family and community with peace. Teach me to appreciate the treasures of my life and help us always to find contentment in one another. Save us from dissension and jealousy; shield us from pettiness and rivalry. May selfish pride not divide us – may pride in one another unite us. Help us to renew our love for one another continually. Grant us and all humanity, Your handiwork, health and fulfillment, harmony, peace, and joy in the New Year. Amen.

Shana Tovah u’Metukah – a Sweet New Year full of blessings

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Dear Community,

Doing mitzvot is generally defined as doing good deeds. Literally, a mitzvah refers to a commandment coming from G-d to be performed as a religious obligation. It is a defining characteristic of being Jewish, and the mitzvah of tzedakah is one of the most important.

Natan - נתן - means to give in Hebrew. It's a palindrome that can be read forward and backward, both in English and Hebrew. You might be thinking you are giving, but in reality you are receiving too. The lesson behind the righteous obligation of tzedakah...we give but also receive at the same time.

The motivation for tzedakah is as old as Judaism itself - to sustain the Jewish people, enhance Jewish life, and ensure a strong, safe, and enduring future for all Jews. Jewish Federation has been tasked as the central organization to meet these goals through raising and allocating funds, budgeting, coordinating volunteer efforts, providing social services, and interacting with the public and other communal organizations.

Our theme for this year's Campaign, *Branches of Giving*, uses the common Jewish theme of the tree, representing growth and stability, strength, development, wisdom and knowledge, planting roots, and nurturing and sustenance. It is no coincidence that these metaphors reflect the driving force behind the concept of tzedakah.

Jewish tradition says that donors benefit as much from giving as the recipient, as long as it includes compassion and empathy. As Jews, we have an obligation to leave this world better than we found it. And, as always, if we don't take care of ourselves, who will? We are counting on your participation and support, and look forward to seeing you at Paddock Place for our Kickoff on October 7th at 7:00 pm with Cantor Randy Herman!

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by Ariel Schlesinger

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For more information, contact Evan Rossio,
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Join us for a celebration
of the Jewish community

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Randy Herman



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Giving**

Paddock Place

1033 Lake Drive SE

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October 7, 2021

7:00pm

RSVP to Evan@JFGR.org



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Financial Focus

Even “Singles” Need Estate Plans

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



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If you don't have a spouse or children, you might think you don't need to do much estate planning. But if you have any assets, any familial connections, any interest in supporting charitable groups – not to mention a desire to control your own future – you do need to establish an estate plan.

In evaluating your needs for this type of planning, let's start with what might happen if you die intestate – that is, without a last will and testament. In this scenario, your assets will likely have to go through the probate process, which means they'll be distributed by the court according to your state's intestate succession laws, essentially without regard to your wishes. Even if you don't have children yourself, you may have nephews or nieces, or even children of cousins or friends, to whom you would like to leave some of your assets, which can include not just money but also cars, collectibles, family memorabilia and so on. But if everything you own goes through probate, there's no guarantee that these individuals will end up with what you wanted them to have.

If you want to leave something to family members or close friends, you will need to indicate this in your last will and testament or other estate planning documents. But you also may want to provide support to one or more charitable organizations. Of course, you can simply name these charities in your will, but there may be options that could provide you with more benefits.

One such possibility is a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd transfer appreciated

assets – such as stocks, mutual funds or other securities – into an irrevocable trust. The trustee, whom you've named – in fact, you could serve as trustee yourself – can then sell the assets at full market value, avoiding the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold them yourself, outside a trust. Plus, if you itemize, you may be able to claim a charitable deduction on your taxes. With the proceeds, the trust can purchase income-producing assets and provide you with an income stream for the rest of your life. Upon your death, the remaining trust assets will go the charities you've named.

Aside from family members and charitable groups, there's a third entity that's central to your estate plans: yourself. Everyone should make arrangements to protect their interests, but, in the absence of an immediate family, you need to be especially vigilant about your financial and health care decisions. And that's why, as part of your estate planning, you may want to include these two documents: durable power of attorney and a health care proxy.

A durable power of attorney lets you name someone to manage your finances should you become incapacitated. This arrangement is especially important for anyone who doesn't have a spouse to step in. And if you become incapacitated, your health care proxy – also known as a health care surrogate or medical power of attorney – lets you name another person to legally make health care decisions for you if you can't do so yourself.

Estate planning moves can be complex, so you'll need help from a legal professional and possibly your tax and financial advisors. You may not have an immediate family, but you still need to take steps to protect your legacy.

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“I’m Staying With My Friend”

By Rob Franciosi

For a while this month the ongoing despair of the COVID pandemic will yield to memory of another national trauma, one that has lessened after the passing of twenty years, but with the click of a mouse returns with all its visceral intensity.

I’m teaching a course this term, “Remembering 9/11,” to students who have no memory of that September morning. Besides being a stark reminder of time passing all too quickly—has it really been nine years since I last offered this seminar—their distance from the attacks in New York and Washington confirms how one generation’s crisis becomes another’s historical curiosity, an event not to be mourned, but to be studied.

To think about 9/11 during these pandemic days, which have also been colored by rising antisemitism, makes me recall how the attacks were so quickly filtered through the twisted minds of believers in the “Worldwide Jewish Conspiracy.” The assassins of memory who deny the Holocaust must find great comfort in those who claim the Mossad blew up the Twin Towers, or that Osama bin Laden was solely motivated by animosity toward Israel, or that all Jews working at the World Trade Center were warned about the impending attacks and did not report for work that Tuesday. Just search “9/11” and “Jew” on Google and you will enter a world that makes anti-vaxxers almost seem rational. And you may need either a shower or a stiff drink.

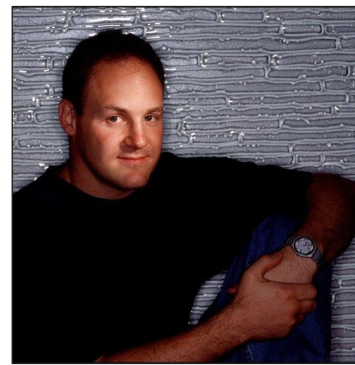
At least science can answer the most oddball claims against life-saving vaccines, but how to counter slanders that can be traced from the medieval blood libel to the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion” to the belief that George Soros controls the world’s economy and politics? The scholar Deborah Lipstadt has been appointed as the President’s special envoy to combat antisemitism and she will be a fearless advocate, but

will need much strength as she goes forward against such madness.

Commemorations of 9/11 always emphasize both great loss and tremendous sacrifice. Indeed, remem-

bering so many heroes from that day offers consolation, reminding us of the better angels of our nature and perhaps countering the paranoia and nihilism that grows with each passing year. At least that’s what I believe the stories of Daniel Lewin and Avremel “Abe” Zelmanowitz can teach us.

Born in Denver in 1970, Lewin moved to Israel as a teenager and during his IDF service was part of Sayeret Matkal, the special reconnaissance and anti-terrorism branch that is equivalent to the U.S. Delta Force. A brilliant student at the Technion in Haifa, he went on to do graduate work at MIT, where he and his faculty



advisor used their computer research to form a company, Akamai, that today is valued at nearly \$8 billion.

On September 11, 2001, Lewin was taking American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles. He was seated in business class when the

hijackers struck, and according to the 9/11 Commission Report was the first person to be killed that day. We cannot conclusively say how he died, but his knowledge of Arabic and his service with Sayeret Matkal suggests that he tried to stop the hijackers from breaching the cockpit, not knowing that one of the plotters was seated right behind him.

Abe Zelmanowitz was also involved with computers, but his life bore little resemblance to young Danny Lewin’s. An Orthodox Jew from Brooklyn, the fifty-six-year old computer analyst had worked for many years at Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which had offices on the 27th floor of the World Trade Center’s north tower.

When the plane which Lewin had tried to protect from Al Qaeda terrorists crashed into the 89th floor above Zelmanowitz, the older man caught a life-saving break. Nearly all the people in the north tower who perished were in the floors above the impact zone. Although the elevators had stopped working, the north tower would remain standing for another 102 minutes. Plenty of time for Abe to descend down the stairways, but not for



Rob Franciosi





his co-worker and close friend, Ed Beyea.

A diving accident when he was twenty-two had paralyzed Beyea from the neck down and he relied upon a heavy, motorized wheelchair. The two men, one Catholic and from upstate New York, the other Jewish and from Williamsburg, both single, had worked together for a dozen years, often sharing dinners at favorite Manhattan restaurants—always kosher, when Ed made the reservation, and wheelchair accessible when Abe did the booking.



Hundreds of people descending from the upper floors



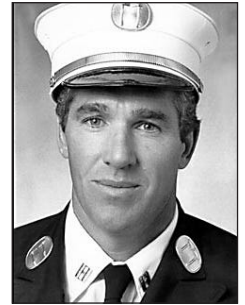
passed by the two men waiting on the stairwell of the twenty-seventh floor, as did firefighters who were climbing toward the inferno above. It would have taken a number of strong men to carry Beyea, well over 200 pounds, and his wheelchair. One officer suggested Abe Zelmanowitz go down alone, to

which he replied, “No, I’m staying with my friend.”

After the south tower collapsed, the urgency to evacuate the still-standing building grew, with first responders rushing down the many flights of stairs. And when Abe’s sister, with whose family he lived, asked on a last phone call how long he intended to stay waiting for help he replied in Hebrew, “until the Messiah comes.”

Abe and Ed were soon joined by Captain Billy Burke,

Jr., a twenty-year veteran firefighter from Long Island who also spent his summers working as a life guard. He had cleared the twenty-seventh floor and ordered his men to leave, but did not follow them out.



During the commemorations that will fill our screens on September 11, 2021, we will certainly see the iconic photograph of three firefighters raising an American flag on the pile of World Trade Center rubble. It’s a powerful image, but in my mind’s eye I see different figures. Billy Burke and Ed Beyea and Abe Zelmanowitz and Danny Lewin. Not conspirators seeking to rule the world, just good men offering light in the face of darkness.



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Join us for a community women's hike on
Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7pm.

Hike duration: 2 hours
All athletic abilities are welcome &
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Knapp Valley Forest | Meet in County Parking Lot
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Thursday, Sept 9 @ 5:30pm - Knapp Trail
Behind Knapp Forest Elementary School.
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Thursday, Sept 21 @ 5:30pm - Knapp Trail

Thursday, Oct 14 @ 5:30pm - Knapp Trail
Thursday, Oct 21 @ 5:30pm - Knapp Trail

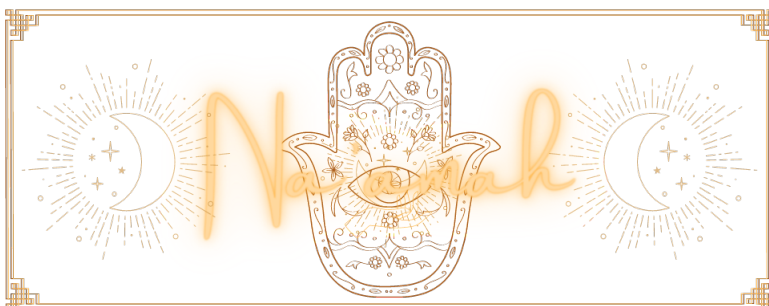
Thursday, Nov 4 @ 4:30pm - Roselle Park
1010 Grand River Dr NE, Ada, MI 49301 (Meet at silos.)
Thursday, Nov 18 @ 4:30pm - Roselle Park

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As the site is being built, we still need help with content. We are accepting recipes and content via www.jfgr.org, by mailing to the Federation office, or by email: evan@jfgr.org. Please send us your favorite recipes.





Grandma Shenn's Apple Cake

By Evan Rossio, Campaign Director, JFGR

Rosh Hashanah is celebrated with sweet treats to symbolize hope for the sweet year ahead. Apples & honey, honey cake, and apple cake were always on our holiday table. My wife's grandmother, Fanny Shenn, was a phenomenal baker and always made her recipes with the most important ingredient, love. Here is one of her many recipes that have been passed down through generations.



Evan Rossio



Grandma Shenn on the right, with her sister Helen.

Apple Cake

5 c chopped apples 2 c flour
3 eggs 1 t cinnamon
1 1/3 c sugar 1 t baking soda
1/2 c oil 1 t salt

Topping

1/3 c sugar 1 t cinnamon
1/3 c flour 1/2 stick margarine

Mix eggs, sugar, and oil until creamy. Add flour mixture, add apples. Spread in 13x9 inch ungreased pan. Blend topping of sugar, flour, cinnamon, and margarine and sprinkle evenly on top of cake. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.

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PJ Picnic at the Park

By Julianna Schrier

We had a fabulous PJ picnic on July 22 at Millennium Park! PJ Library, a program of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, hosted the event. Thank you to everyone who came out! We are looking forward to more successful programs in the future. For more information about PJ Library, contact Julianna at julianna@jfgr.org, or visit the website at pjlibrary.org.



*Julianna Schrier, PJ Library Program Professional, reading *The Forever Garden* by Laurel Snyder & Samantha Cotterill.*



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EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY AT 7:00PM.

Be the 7th to answer correctly and win a \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD straight to your phone!

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It's fun, it's quick, it will stimulate your mind- and best part is?

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

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Blessing and shaking the Lulav and Etrog are the Jewish way to thank God for the blessings of the earth and its bountiful harvest. It is a mitzvah to own a lulav and etrog, and shake it each day of Sukkot (except for Shabbat) in all six directions around us to remind us that God's presence encompasses our entire lives. This mitzvah is an integral part of the celebration of Sukkot, which begins this year on Monday night, September 20.

- Basic set \$34.00
- Standard set \$40.00
- Muvhar (choice) \$49.00

Order through the Synagogue office. Payment must accompany order, and be received by noon on Friday, September 3. -- **No exceptions.**

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE, 5782 (2021)

If you would like to join us for holiday service but are not a member, please contact Diane Rayor, rayord@gmail.com, as soon as possible to make arrangements. If you are new to Grand Rapids or have never worshipped with us on the High Holidays before, there is no charge.

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday night, September 6, Erev Rosh Hashanah

- Candlelighting 7:49 p.m.
- Ma'ariv 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7, Rosh Hashanah, 1st day

- Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
- *Candlelighting after 8:47 p.m.

Tashlikh service 4:15 p.m. (With Temple Emanuel) Either meet at Temple Emanuel at 4:00 to walk to Aquinas, or park in the designated lots near the pond indicated on the map.

- Minha 8:00 p.m.
- Ma'ariv 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day

- Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
- Minha 8:00 p.m.
- Ma'ariv 8:45 p.m.
- **Havdalah 8:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 15, Erev Yom Kippur

- Kol Nidre 7:15 p.m.
- Candlelighting 7 :33 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, Yom Kippur

- Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
- Study Session 5:15 p.m.
- Minha/Ne'ilah 6:15 p.m.
- Ma'ariv/Havdalah 8:31 p.m.

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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

We look forward to welcoming our friends and newcomers to Grand Rapids to celebrate the beauty of the season at Temple. For the safety and well-being of all those who join us masks are required upon entry into our building. Tickets are required for High Holiday Services. Contact Cat in the Temple office at 459-5976 to arrange for tickets. Friday, September 3 is the last day our office will be open before the arrival of Rosh Hashanah.

We are very excited to have Cantor David Fair with us for all of our holiday services.

Service Schedule

Monday, September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 7

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service at 10:30 AM

Rosh Hashanah Outdoor Family Service at 3:00 PM
Tashlich Service (Meet outside the entrance) at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 15

Kol Nidrei Service at 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 16

Yom Kippur Morning Service at 10:30 AM

Study Session at 1:15 PM

Outdoor Family Service at 3:00 PM

Afternoon/Healing Service at 4:15 PM

Yizkor Service at 5:00 PM

Concluding/Neilah Service at 5:45 PM

Friday, September 10

Shabbat Shuvah Service at 6:00 PM

Honoring David Ronis

Monday, September 20

Outdoor Erev Sukkot Service at 6:00 PM

(Bring a blanket/chair and picnic dinner)

Monday, September 27

Outdoor Erev Simchat Torah Service at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 28

Simchat Torah Service at 6:00 PM



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*Make a tribute gift to
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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 ensure that the PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, for children ages 6 weeks- 12 years old, remains in the Western Michigan community and to provide high-quality educational children's programs.

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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*A community of diverse populations,
who respect each other;*

A community that aspires to achieve "Tikkun Olam".

*Wishing you and yours a Happy & Healthy
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