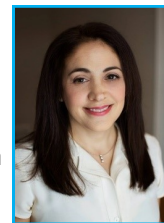




Executive Director's Letter

Shalom,



As some of you may have heard, I will be stepping down as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in the spring to join my sister in maintaining my father's law practice. It was a difficult decision for me to step away at this time because I truly enjoy serving the Jewish community as part of this wonderful organization. I am extremely grateful for the warmth and openness in which I was welcomed and treasure the friendships that I have made. I am blessed to work beside very bright, caring and dedicated staff: Cathy Winick & Ann Berman and more recently, Marisa Krishef. It's humbling to see how hard these women have worked through the years to make sure that our Federation continues to help this community in anyway that is needed. From caring for our older community members to welcoming in new community members and everything in between, they are here to help with professionalism and care. Equally humbling are the dedicated executive committee and Board members who have continually answered the call to serve on the Federation board and give it their all to make sure that this organization and community continues to thrive. Of course, without the support and help of the entire community as volunteers, participants and donors, we wouldn't be able to succeed as an organization and we are grateful for that vital support.

I am proud of the work that I have had an opportunity to be apart of for the last two years here at the Federation and look forward to continuing to serve the community as a volunteer in the future. My family and I are staying in Grand Rapids and hope to see you at an upcoming event.

We have had quite a busy year here at the Federation and we are still going strong with many exciting events and programs to look forward to including the 21st annual Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids which will run from April 28th - May 2nd. Join us for one or all five nights of gripping original films and engaging programs. Festival details including sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales can be found on pages 6 and 7.

We are also excited to announce that JFGR will once again partner with the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) to send a second cohort of 12 moms (who have Jewish children under 18 living in their homes) to Israel on November 18-25 as part of the Momentum

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JFGR is seeking a part-time Executive Director.
For more information or to apply, please contact Marni Vyn, Board Chair at marnivyn@yahoo.com.
Candidates please submit resume and cover letter by April 15, 2019

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Journey. The applications are now available at www.jwrp.secure.force.com and details regarding the opportunity can be found on page 8. I encourage all who are eligible and interested in this opportunity to apply immediately as space is limited.

Lastly, please consider the Federation and double your impact by becoming a new donor or increasing your donation before the close of our campaign on April 30, 2019. We still have matching grant funds available and we are close to meeting our campaign goal! Consider sharing the joy and education of philanthropy with your child by having them become a federation donor and their donation of chai would be double chai, etc. For those of you who have already donated, we are incredibly thankful for your support.

I wish all a happy Pesach and a warm and sunny spring.

Best wishes,

Marisa

BETZALEL ART GROUP

Thursdays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm at Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan NE.

For further information contact Pat Weller: 616-453-2954 or patandfred@tds.net



INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Tuesday mornings 10:00am at Temple Emanuel.

Please join women of all ages (and handcraft abilities) from all faith and non-faith traditions to build friendships while our hands are engaged in creating items for ourselves, our families and/or charitable organizations. Bring knitting/crocheting supplies that you have to use for yourself or to share. We are currently accepting donations of knitting and crocheting supplies and washable yarn. For more information please contact Deet at deetnewman@gmail.com



**Retirees
Lunch
Bunch**

Palio

545 Michigan St NE
Thursday, April 18th

Time: 11:30am

Cost: \$10

RSVP to Ann at 616-942-5553 or ann@jfg.org

Rides available upon request.



Annual Community Picnic

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 25

We are planning a bigger and better experience for all ages this year!!!!

Hadassah Book Club

Date: April 17th
Time: 4:00pm
Place: Diane Broomberg,
2865 Lake Drive SE,
616-949-6084



Book: *The Art of Fielding*
By Chad Harbach

Happy Reading in the winter months to come! As always your loyal Bookends

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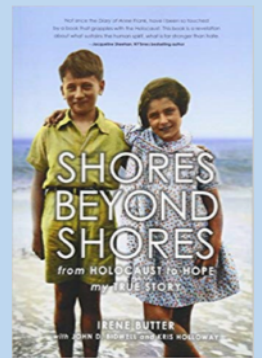
Sunday,
May 5, 2019
Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton
10:30am

Join us for a screening of a short documentary followed by a special program with two remarkable Michigan women who will share their uplifting message of compassion, forgiveness and the power of action.

Director Evelyn Neuhaus, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, triumphantly overcame a challenging personal history while following a life-long dream of becoming a filmmaker. Five years in the making, Evelyn's award-winning documentary short, *Never a Bystander*, sheds light on another inspiring life journey, the one of her friend, Dr. Irene Butter, as she shares it with students across America. The film and its specially developed accompanying materials are now available as valuable tools for Holocaust educators. Neuhaus holds an MPH and an MBA from the University of Michigan and is currently exploring topics for her next film.

Dr. Irene Butter, a Holocaust survivor and professor emerita at the University of Michigan, has inspired thousands over the past three decades through her presentations, lectures and film. She reminds us all of our ability to make meaningful change through seemingly small gestures, and reminds us that by "never being a bystander" we can change the world. Irene will be speaking about her personal journey as poignantly told in her **2018 memoir *Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope, My True Story***.

This event is free and open to the public (for ages middle school and up).
We would appreciate RSVPs. Call 616-942-5553 or email info@jfg.org



Book signing following
the event

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Sunday, April 14, 2019

2:00 to 4:00pm

Ahavas Israel

White House Guest Passover Chef

Susan Barocas

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

Join us as we welcome Susan Barocas, Guest Chef for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 White House Seders! Susan will regale us with stories about the White House Seders and demonstrate some of her innovative seder recipes.

Susan helped launch the Jewish Food Experience® as its first Project Director following several years as Director of the Washington Jewish Film Festival. Susan writes, teaches, and talks about food and also produces documentary film and consults with film festivals!

After the demonstration, we will get to taste Susan's delicious creations!

Admission: \$15

College Students: \$5

Tickets available on our website www.jewishgrandrapids.org or at the door

For more information or to rsvp please call Marisa K at 616-942-5553 or email her at

markay@jfgr.org. This program is co-sponsored by Moment Magazine



2019 marks the 21st year for the Jewish Film Festival. The Film Festival committee was busy screening films and planning special programming to make sure this year's festival is spectacular! We hope you will join us when the festival brings our community together for five days of cultural enlightenment and entertainment. In the meantime, your opportunity for sponsorship is at hand.

Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits

Director: (\$500) Receive two Flex Passes (16 admissions), recognition and four admissions to all private receptions, dinners and events.

Producer: (\$250) Receive two Flex Passes (16 admissions), recognition and two admissions to all private receptions, dinners and events.

Actor: (\$100) Receive one season punch card (8 admissions) and recognition.

Film Fan: If you would like to financially support the Jewish Film Festival and do not see a sponsorship that interests you, please feel free to send a contribution in any amount to the Federation.

Jewish Film Festival Mission Statement:

The mission of the Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids is to entertain and educate. The festival uses the power of film to challenge conventional perspectives on complex and dynamic issues facing the Jewish people and the community as a whole. It also provides a forum for the Grand Rapids community to dialogue with filmmakers, producers, writers, and expert panelists.

.....
Yes! I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

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___ Film Festival Director (\$500)

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___ Film Festival Actor (\$100)

___ Film Festival Fan (Please indicate dollar amount)

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Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506



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All Films presented at Studio C
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Tickets: \$8.00 available in advance at
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Sunday, April 28

The Last Suit

Drama / 90 min/ Argentina, 2017

Abraham Bursztein survived the Holocaust, made a successful life in a foreign land and now, at 88, isn't about to quietly fade away. Instead, he plots a secret one-way trip to Poland, where he plans to find the Christian friend who saved him, and to keep his promise to return one day. A comedic and poignant film which won several Audience Awards including the 2018 Jewish Film Festivals of Atlanta, Miami, Washington DC and others.



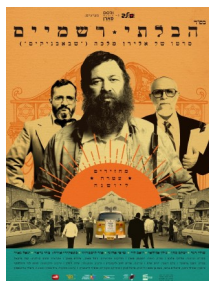
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Monday, April 29

The Unorthodox

Drama / 90 min/ Israel, 2018

It's 1983 and Yakov, a printer in Jerusalem, is just a regular guy. He has no money and no political experience. But he does have passion to take action when his daughter is expelled from school because of ethnic discrimination against Sephardic Jews. Informal, full of love for fellow man, animated by a great sense of humor and a whole lot of rage, Yakov's grassroots effort marks the beginning of profound change in Israeli society which continues to resonate today. This first ever feature to star an all-Haredi cast opened the 2018 renowned Jerusalem Film Festival.



7:30pm

Speaker: Michael Harris, Ph.D., Dean & Professor of Public Policy, College of Public Service, Tennessee State University

Tuesday, April 30

Shoelaces

Drama / 90 min / Israel, 2018

Based on a true account, *Shoelaces*, tells the story of a relationship between Reuben and his special-needs son, Gadi, whom he abandoned while a young boy. Now Reuben's kidneys are failing and his son wants to donate a kidney to help save his father's life. Depicting a poignant relationship of love, rejection and co-dependency, the film explores the importance of human life and human connection and wonders whether life is even possible without either one of them. Winner of 2019 Jewish Film Festivals Audience Award including Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles and others.



7:30pm

Panel discussion following screening.

Wednesday, May 1

Global Yom Ha'Shoah screening

Who Will Write Our History

Documentary / 95 min/ USA, 2018

Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, a clandestine group of journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto vowed to defeat Nazi propaganda. They wrote and commissioned diaries, essays, poems, and songs. They also collected photographs, official and underground newspapers, and more. On the eve of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, they buried 60,000 pages of documentation in the hopes that the archive would survive, even if they did not.

Speaker: Robert Franciosi, Ph.D., Professor of English at Grand Valley State University and Holocaust educator

Co-sponsors: The Stevens Holocaust Education fund, GVSU Frederick Meijer Honors College, Kaufman Interfaith Institute.
Special Introductory music by Shir Shalom Choir.



7:30pm

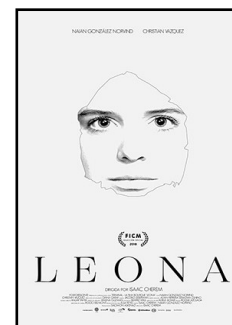
Thursday, May 2

Leona

Drama / 95 min / Mexico, 2018

Leona is an intimate, insightful, and moving film that tells the story of a young Jewish woman from Mexico City who finds herself torn between her family and her forbidden love. Ripe with drama and interpersonal conflicts of a Jane Austen novel, watching her negotiate the labyrinth of familial pressure, religious precedent, and her own burgeoning sentiment is both painful and beautiful – there are no easy choices to be made and the viewer travels back and forth with her as she struggles with her heart to take the best path.

Adults only (sexual content)



7:30pm

Tuesday, April 30

Film Festival Dinner In the Wave Room

Cost: \$12.00

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6:00pm



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UJS Board:

The school board is comprised of representatives from Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel.

- Allyson Strauss co chair
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- Heidi Levy

School Calendar

April 3	No school/Spring Break (Midweek)
April 7	No school/Spring Break
April 14	Music with Marc Rossio Seder for PreK-4 th grade Chocolate Seder for 7 th - 9 th grade
April 21	No School/Passover
April 28	8 th -9 th trip to Holocaust Memorial Center

The Passover season is almost here, and Jews all over around the world are busy preparing. It's a holiday that connects us all to each other as one people, just we were when we left Egypt together. *Happy Passover!*

UJS collected tzedakah during January and February. We were able to plant a Garden of Trees in Israel. What a mitzvah.

Yom Hashoah Program

May 5 - Sunday 10:00am. Please mark your calendars for our community Yom Hashoah program held during Sunday school hours. Check your bulletins and emails for final info.



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* Momentum Trips are free for participants excluding airfare. Additional costs for participants include \$75 for tips, a \$99 acceptance fee, and some meals. Participants pay a \$500 deposit, which is fully refundable upon returning from the trip. This trip is designed for women with children at home under the age of 18. The Momentum Year-Long Journey continues with monthly gatherings and Jewish learning.

Chabad House

CTeen Grand Rapids

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST • 12:30-2:00PM

CTeen Day - CHOCOLATE SEDER

You can't say no to chocolate, and all the more a chocolate Seder!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH • 5:00-7:00PM

CTeen Trip Day -

Passover paintball fun with our CTeen family.

The place for ALL Jewish high school teens!

Part of the Fastest Growing Teen Network in the World!

CTeen Junior ~ Grades 6th-8th.

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST • 4:00-6:00pm

Take off for our journey of flying around the world to make a difference! Destination: Egypt! Get ready for Passover as we travel back in time to Egypt and visit King Pharaoh! Paint your own beautiful Passover kiddish cup with your CTeen Junior friends.

CKids Club/Mini chefs ~ Potato Kugel

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH • 4:30 - 6:00PM

Potato Kugel - Prepare scrumptious potato Kugel just in time for Passover.

For Jewish boys & girls, Ages 5-11

At Chabad - 2615 Michigan Street

For more information or to RSVP for CTeen, CTeen Junior & CKids Club, please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654

Jewish Women's Circle

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST • 7:30PM

The Story of Our Lives - A Writing Workshop

Explore the power of the written word and rediscover yourself in the process.

Community Passover Seder

Chabad west Michigan invites you to join us for a warm interactive Passover Seder.

Relive the exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah, enjoy a community Seder complete with hand-baked Matzah, wine, and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs.

First Seder Night: FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 8:45PM

Second Seder Night: SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 9:30PM

At the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St., Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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For more Info or to register, please contact Rabbi Mordechai at 269-903-2770 or

Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

Lag B'omer Bonfire & BBQ

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD | 5:00PM

Join us for a Lag B'omer Celebration.

Celebrate Jewish Pride and Unity!

Fun for the whole family!

For more Info call 616-957-0770

Women's Torah & Tea

Join us for an insightful and thought-provoking discussion on the weekly Torah portion. Drawing from the wisdom of the classic biblical commentators and chassidic teachers, the study group focuses on the relevance of the Torah's teaching to our modern day lives.

Monday Nights at 8pm. | for more info, please call Nechamy at 616-828-2340.

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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



*Ahavas Israel***Ahavas Israel Book group**

The next meeting of the Ahavas Israel reading group will be Wednesday, June 5. We'll be discussing "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure - A thrilling debut novel of World War II Paris, from an author who's been called "an up and coming Ken Follett." (Booklist)

In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money- and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The Paris Architect asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved.

For more information, please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778; leahsauer@live.com.

Also put Thursday, September 19 (The Orchard, Yochi Brandes) and Thursday, February 13, 2020 (book to be determined) on your calendars.

Guide to Passover

You can find a link to the 2019 Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide here - www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide. If you would like it emailed or mailed to you, please contact the synagogue office.

Mekhirat Hametz - Selling Hametz

If possible, all *hametz* -- leavened products, foods not acceptable during Pesah, or materials containing such unacceptable food -- should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the *hametz* may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please return the *mekhirat hametz* form for the sale of leavened products (which can be found in the Voice or downloaded from AhavasIsraelGR.org) to Congregation Ahavas Israel NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon on Friday, April 19. It is customary to make a donation to a Ma'ot Hittim fund at the time of *mekhirat hametz* to help others fulfill the mitzvah of Pesah.

Ahavas Israel's 25/125 Celebration

Be sure to mark your calendar for our community-wide celebration in honor of Rabbi Krishef's 25th anniversary with our shul and to commemorate Congregation Ahavas Israel's 125 years in Grand Rapids.

Shabbat weekend, May 31 through June 1. More information to follow. Any questions please email 25.125ahavasisrael@gmail.com or contact Ed Miller at 616-293-6064.

Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel invites the community to share in the celebration of Passover with us. We will be holding 3 different Seders this season.

Our Interfaith Seder will be held on **Wednesday, April 10** at 6:00 PM. Rabbi Michael Schadick will be joined by colleagues Pastor Bob Linstom from Trinity Lutheran, Pastor Jen Porter from Westminster Presbyterian, Father Rene Constanza from the Cathedral of St Andrew, and Imam Morsy Salem from the Masjid At-Tawheed, and together they will lead the seder. The Haggadah that will be used is "Welcome to the Seder: A Passover Haggadah for Everyone." The evening includes a full dinner catered by Marla Tullett. Chicken and vegetarian options are available. The cost is \$25. Contact the Temple office at 459-5976 to sign up or sign up through the website of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute.

Our Second Night Seder will be held on **Saturday, April 20** at 6:00 PM. We will be using Alan Yoffie's Haggadah, "Sharing the Journey" This seder is for young and not so young. It is family friendly and filled with ruach and lots of surprises. The evening includes a full dinner catered by Jim Siegel and family, including individual Seder plates, gefilte fish salad, matzah ball soup, Persian chicken or tofu, and a great holiday dessert. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 6-13, and free of charge for those under 6. Contact the office at 616-459-5976 to RSVP by Friday, April 12.

Our Women's 7th Night Seder will be held on **Thursday, April 25th** at 6:15 PM. Filled with the voices and the stories of women, we invite community members to join in the Sisterhood with us. The evening includes a full vegetarian dinner lovingly prepared and served by some of the men of our congregation. The cost is \$20. Contact the Temple office at 459-4965 to RSVP by Tuesday, April 23.

The **Grand Rapids Women's Chorus** will sing at Shabbat Services on **Friday, April 12**. Services begin at 6:15 PM. Join us for wine and cheese beginning at 5:30 PM, and for an Oneg Shabbat following services.

Endowment

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 sleepaway camps and experiences.

Chuck 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.

What's Happening April 2019

3/31	CTeen Chocolate Seder 12:30pm-2:00pm
1	Jewish Women's Circle 7:30pm
10	Interfaith Seder at Temple Emanuel 6:00pm
12	Grand Rapids Women's Chorus to sing at Shabbat Services at Temple Emanuel 6:15pm
14	CC - Susan Barocas - White House Seder 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Ahavas Israel
18	Retirees Lunch Bunch at Palio 11:30am
19	Community Seder at Chabad 8:45pm
20	Second Night Seder at Temple Emanuel 6:00pm Second Seder Night at Chabad 9:30pm
25	Women's 7th Night Seder at Temple Emanuel
28	Film Festival Begins - The Last Suit 7:30pm at Studio C (Celebration Cinema North)
29	Film The Unorthodox 7:30pm
30	Film Festival Dinner at 6:00pm (in the Wave room at Studio C) Film Shoelaces 7:30pm
5/1	Film Who Will Write Our History 7:30pm Shir Shalom Choir to perform prior to the screening
5/2	Final Film of the Festival Leona 7:30pm

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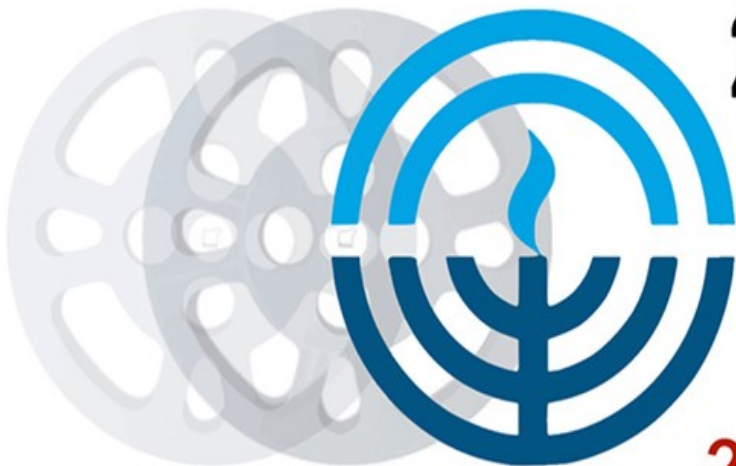
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