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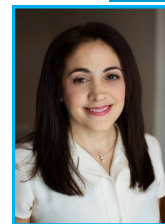
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Shalom,

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids' Annual Report can be found herein on pages 3-6. The Annual Report includes our final campaign results and lists the allocations made this year by our Board of Directors. We have also listed our campaign donors and volunteer solicitors, to whom we are deeply grateful. A special thanks to Daren Shavell who served as our Campaign Chair this year and who has graciously agreed to continue in that role for the upcoming year. Thank you, also, to our board members for their continual stewardship of our Federation.



As you review the Report, you'll see this past year's campaign surpassed the previous year. Accordingly, you'll also see an increase in our allocations to our local Jewish organizations, as well as others. We maintain a very strong and committed base of donors. This is meaningful for many reasons, including the fact there are many options when considering where to donate money. Your gifts to the Federation enable us to serve as a partner in helping uphold core Jewish values of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Tzedakah (righteous philanthropy). As a result of your donations, we are able to support the local United Jewish School, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Jewish Theatre of Grand Rapids, Chabad House, Shir Shalom Choir, Kaufman Interfaith Institute; the Hillels of GVSU, MSU and U of M; and many other worthy causes and entities. Additionally, your dollars are also working to strengthen the broader Jewish community through our allocations nationally and internationally, including, of course, Israel.

Looking ahead, we will continue to explore new ways to enhance our local Jewish community through quality cultural, educational and social programming, as well as compassionate social services. We are pleased to announce that we have several new community partnerships and innovative programming to look forward to in the coming months, including our community travel opportunities to Israel in November and January. Additionally, along with Congregation Ahavas Israel, we are bringing OneTable.org to Grand Rapids. This is an organization that inspires and supports Millennials to create Friday night Shabbat gatherings that reflect their personal style and fit naturally into their lives. OneTable.org helps create new opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s to meet, connect and become more integrated into the Jewish community. More details are forthcoming regarding this exciting pilot program for Grand Rapids.

Personally, this past fiscal year was the first full year in my role with Federation. I continue to be inspired by the tireless dedication of the board, staff, and volunteers. Your efforts are vital to maintaining and strengthening our community. As always, I welcome questions and suggestions, and wish everyone a relaxing and wonderful rest of the summer.

Warmly,

Marisa Reed

**Our Mission**

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids unites the local Jewish community to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in Israel, and around the world.

This mission is accomplished by providing services to the community and through fundraising and allocation efforts.

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**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 the first half of 2018. The committee discussed the economy and markets and elected to make no changes to the investment policy.

The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$4,989,704 as of June 30, 2018, which is slightly down from \$5,053,455 at the end of 2017. 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 prevailing conditions in the market, the funds annualized weighted average return was -0.07% for the first six months of 2018. However, L'dor Vador endowment assets generated over \$300,000 through 2017 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, please contact Marisa in the Federation office at **(616) 942-5553** or [marisa@jfgr.org](mailto:marisa@jfgr.org).



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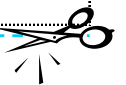
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# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## General Campaign

**\$25,000 or more**  
Herman Foundation  
Louis & Helen Padnos Foundation  
David Samrick

**\$10,000 - \$24,999**  
Greg Kaufman  
Jerome P. Subar Foundation

**\$5,000 - \$9,999**  
Tom Fox  
Michael & Roberta Jacobson  
Julian Joseph  
Claude Titcher  
Wayne Titcher

**\$2,500 - \$4,999**  
Cary Fleischer  
Mark & Barbara Gerson  
David Hecht  
Marc Leven  
Mankoff Family Fund  
Leo Schlesinger

**\$1,000 - \$2,499**  
David Alfonso  
Stuart Berman  
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Peter Dennen  
Mark Finkelstein  
Raleigh Finkelstein  
Jeffrey Frank  
Harvey Gendler  
Daniel Hurwitz  
Stuart Jacobson  
Steve Petska  
Adam & Marisa Reed  
James Siegel  
Marc Silverstein  
Doug & Sherry Singer  
Richard Stevens

Michael & Dana Witkin  
Chad Zagel  
Ron Zagel

**\$500 - \$999**  
Leon Ash  
Leon Blum  
Sergio Cuison  
Bradley Friedland  
Stephen Goldberg  
Harold Hollander

Joel Krissoff  
Albert Lewis  
David Reifler  
Andrew Samrick  
Michael Schadick  
David & Carol Shapiro  
Daren Shavell  
Douglas Siegel  
Richard Sorota  
Grant & Amy Winkelman  
Dana Winniman

**\$250 - \$499**  
Gary & Barbara Adelman  
Robert Arbetman  
Mario Atias  
Charles Caldwell  
Larry Cieply  
Stuart Citron  
Douglas de Lange  
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Stuart Rapaport  
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Daniel & Nancy Rosen  
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Mark Schwartz  
Joel & Arlene Siegel  
Alan Siegel  
Gregory Sundstrom  
Jay Troger  
John Tully  
Scott Vyn  
Douglas Wachter

**\$100 - \$249**  
David & Linda Alter  
David Balas & James Sellman  
David Bernstein  
Roger & Marcia Beutner  
Michael Cagen  
Len Cottrell  
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James Flood  
Thomas Fox  
Jonathan Golden  
Jack Gordon  
Mike Greengard  
Mark & Stephanie Jesin  
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David Klein  
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Jeffrey Kommit  
Sheldon Kopperl  
David Krishef  
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Hal Ostrow  
Ethan Powsner  
Rand Putterman  
David Rapaport  
Len Robinson  
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Michael Wiegand  
Gilbert Wynn  
Jeffrey Zheutlin

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Larry Broomberg  
Joe Chrenka  
Fred & Judy Clowney  
Abraham & Jennifer Cohen  
Richard Scott Cohen  
Monte & Mitzi Cohon  
Jason Cook  
Dan Druker  
Michael Faden  
Jeff Gartner  
Sam Gendler  
Gennadiy Gertser  
Yakov Gesin  
Joel Goldberg  
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William Hoffinger  
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Gerald & Jana Soverinsky  
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Yosef Weingarten  
Nelson Wilner  
Anatoly Yantovsky  
Zach Ziegler  
Morton Zukerman

## Women's Campaign

**\$10,000 or more**  
**Ruby Lion of Judah**  
Marilyn Leven  
Margit Sarne  
Judith H. Subar

**\$5,000 - \$9,999**  
**Lion of Judah**  
Peg Finkelstein  
Bluma Herman  
Judith Joseph  
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Karen Padnos  
Peg Padnos  
Susan Samrick  
Lanny Thodey  
Sharyl Titcher

**\$1,800 - \$4,999**  
**Pomegranate**  
Machelle Hammond  
Dafna Kaufman  
Sandra Last  
Marilyn Titcher

**\$1,000 - \$1,799**  
Linda Albert  
Jean Barkin

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**\$1,000 - \$1,799 cont. \$250 - \$499**

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Barbara Wynn  
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**Up to \$99**

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Lois Gerard  
Diane Ginsburg  
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**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED**

<b>Total Regular Campaign</b>		<b>\$428,487</b>
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$25,000	
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$5,000	
Interest	\$320	
Loan Repayments	\$2,246	
Available for Re-allocation	\$10,818	
General Endowment Fund	\$19,769	
Art Fund	\$11,784	
Weiner Fund	\$2,743	
Woman of Valor	<u>\$1,833</u>	

**Total Additional Income**

**\$79,513**

**TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION**

**\$508,000**

**JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:**

Administration & Campaign	\$53,369	
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$84,894	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$103,128	
JFNA Fair Share	\$15,769	
Uncollected Pledges	\$10,000	
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,000	
FICA & Medicare	\$14,500	
Rent	\$14,400	
FedWeb	<u>\$1,500</u>	

**Sub-total**

**\$299,560**

Missions & Leadership Development	\$2,600	
Overseas Reserve for Board Determination	\$15,795	
Local Reserve for Board Determination	\$15,795	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	<u>\$6,000</u>	

**Sub-total Operational Expenses**

**\$40,190**

**LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

United Jewish School	\$18,000	
Chabad of West Michigan	\$5,000	
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$5,000	
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,750	
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,000	
Interfaith Dialogue	<u>\$2,500</u>	

**Sub-total Local Allocations**

**\$36,250**

**TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS**

**\$376,000**

**NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:**

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$200	
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500	
GVSU Hillel	\$750	
HIAS	\$250	
MSU - Hillel	\$500	
U of M Hillel	\$500	
JFNA- Secure Community Network (SCN)	\$200	
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250	
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100	
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	<u>\$750</u>	

**TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS**

**\$5,000**

**INTERNATIONAL**

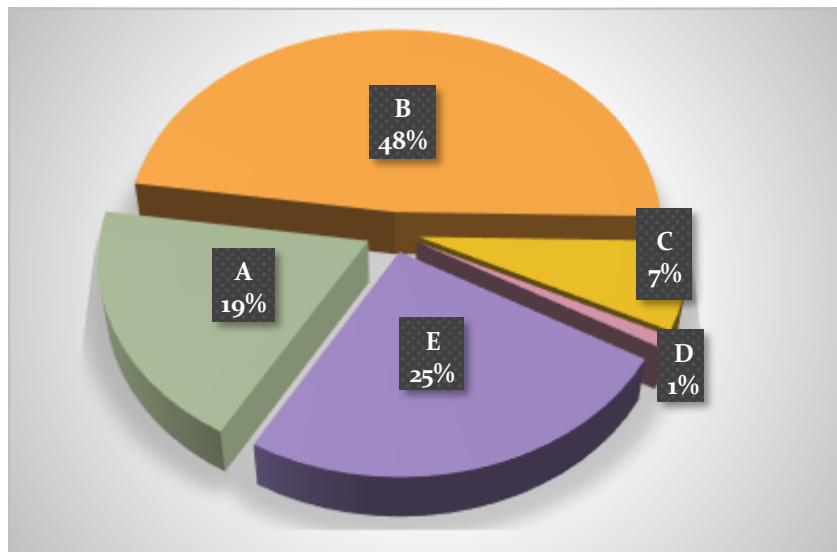
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$2,000	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	<u>\$125,000</u>	

**TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS**

**\$127,000**

**TOTAL ALLOCATIONS**

**\$508,000**



- A) Operational: Campaign, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, FedWeb, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, JFNA Fair Share.
- B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs, Overseas and Local Reserve for Board determination. Missions & Leadership Development.
- C) Local: United Jewish School, Chabad of West Michigan, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Shir Shalom Choir, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Interfaith Dialogue.
- D) National: ADL, Birthright Israel, GVSU Hillel, MSU Hillel, U of M Hillel, Israel Action Network, JCPA, Michigan Israel Business Accelerator, HIAS, Secure Community Network.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

## We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds, Totaling over \$4.9 million

### **Woman of Valor Fund**

To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

### **L'Dor Vador Fund/ Federation General 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 locally.

### **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.

### **Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Fund**

To support Cultural Council programming of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation also provides a separate grant to support the Jewish Film Festival and PJ Library.

### **The Ravitz Foundation Michigan Small Communities Fund**

The purpose of the fund is to strengthen small Jewish communities throughout Michigan with high quality Jewish education and programming for its community members.

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- Portage at the airport and hotels



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For more information, please contact Marisa Reed, [marisa@jfg.org](mailto:marisa@jfg.org) tel. 616-942-5553

### Part-time Bookkeeper

Seeking applicants to work in a collaborative and flexible work environment. Familiarity with database management in a nonprofit environment is a plus.

#### The bookkeeper job duties include:

- Accounts payable and receivable
- Journal entries
- Budgets and other financial reports
- Preparing and updating QuickBooks for nonprofit
- Reconciling monthly bank statements
- Payroll Administration
- Insurance renewals
- Tracking Budget progress
- Prepare Donation receipts
- General office duties and special projects as needed

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#### Qualifications:

- Proven proficiency in QuickBooks for nonprofit,
- MS Word & Excel
- Bookkeeping experience required
- Nonprofit experience and accounting education preferred
- Donor Perfect database management experience a plus
- Endowment account experience preferred

### Part-time Program Director

Interested applicants send resume to [Marisa@ifgr.org](mailto:Marisa@ifgr.org)

#### Primary Responsibilities

- Strategize, develop and implement community and special event programming
- Assist in mission trips pre and post programming
- Manage PJ Library and PJ our Way administration tasks including new subscription applications and renewals as well as develop and staff PJ Library programming
- Develop and maintain programs with community partners
- Cultivate effective relationships with board members, committee members, volunteers, donors, PJ Library families and colleagues
- Assist in all programs as needed
- Act as welcome ambassador for new community members and maintain Ambassador program
- Post and update social media content
- Assignments may include support to or collaboration with other departments as needed

#### Required Skills and Abilities

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent preferred
  - Passionate about supporting and strengthening Jewish identity and connection to Grand Rapids Jewish life, Federation, and Israel
  - Event programming experience
  - Must be able to work some evenings and some weekends as program schedule requires
  - Strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills
  - Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office, and social media tools. Knowledge of Excel preferred
- Resumes or inquires may be emailed to [marisa@ifgr.org](mailto:marisa@ifgr.org).



### Lunch Bunch: Zeytin

7437 River St SE, Ada, MI 49301

Thursday, August 16, 2018

11:30am

Cost: \$10

**RSVP's a must by Tuesday, August 14th**

to (616)942-5553 or [ann@ifgr.org](mailto:ann@ifgr.org)

Rides available by calling Ann (616)942-5553 x206

Are you recently retired and/or miss gathering with fellow members of the Jewish community in a casual environment? Join us!

### 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](mailto:patandfred@tds.net)



### Jewish Business Network

The Jewish Business Network is on hiatus until fall. We welcome your suggestions or comments over the summer.

Would you like to help plan these monthly networking lunches, assist securing speakers? Please let us

know: [Cathy@JFGR.org](mailto:Cathy@JFGR.org).

### Hadassah Book Club

Hadassah Book Club met on the 13th of June 2018. Judy Zuppke was our hostess of the month. Our group had a wonderful discussion, led by Flory Silverstein, about the book, "Waking Lion". Thank you Judy for a lovely afternoon in June.

#### Hadassah Book Club Next Meeting

**August 8th, 2018**

Location: Marilyn Lystad's Home

4726 Cranwood SW

Time: 4:00pm

Phone: 616-531-1616 Please call Marilyn and let her know you will be attending.

#### Book to read..... *The Girl From Venice*

Written by.....Martin Cruz Smith

Looking Forward to seeing you soon.

Books will be available at Shulers Books & your local library

Your Bookends for Information!

Flory Silverstein..... 616-949-5766

Sue Remes.....616-949-3505



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## Temple Emanuel

### Temple Food Bank

In July we received an unexpected grant of \$800 from FEMA to spend at Feeding America West Michigan. We purchase deeply discounted foods and personal care items from Feeding America—often we only pay a few cents per pound! Apparently FEMA makes grants to food pantries and we made the cut. Thank you to those friends who, this month, donated diapers and other items for our clients. We continue to ask for diapers sizes 3, 4, and 5. Your financial and in kind donations make it possible for our congregation to help feed the hungry. Our August distribution will take place on **August 22nd at 9am** with setup on **August 21st at 6:30pm**. Your assistance is always welcome.

### Ahavas Israel Corners of the Field Garden

meets **Sunday mornings at 8am** for an hour or two. We expect most of our greens, okra, beans, tomatoes, peppers and onions to be ready to be harvest during August. We love to have volunteers of all ages help us. No experience is necessary. Join us for what amount of time works for you and we will find a task that suits you. Wear a hat and sunscreen. We will bring tools, water and know how. See you in the garden.

### Your Opinion Matters & Brunch

Chef and Moderator Jim Siegel hosts a monthly brunch and discussion that is open to everyone.

There is no charge, but you must make your reservations with Jim at [jim@siegeljewellers.com](mailto:jim@siegeljewellers.com). The next brunch and debate will be **Sunday, August 19th** at 10:00am. The topic is: Are we helped or hurt by keeping religion out of the public square? Since our faith traditions often inform our approaches to society, is it a good idea to exclude them from discussions of politics, policy, and the law?

Opening day is  
**September 16, 2018**

Register now at [unitedjewishschool.org](http://unitedjewishschool.org)

Dear Families,  
On behalf of UJS, we would like to thank all of the families who supported our fundraiser for new playground equipment through the art auction that was held last spring.

A special thank you to Rick Rinzler for giving his time and putting in the effort to ensure that the new play structure would be in place before the start of the new school year. We would also like to express our appreciation to Brad Joseph and his family whose generous donation enabled us to purchase such a large, high quality play set. Your willingness to jump right in as a new UJS parent and get involved is really impressive! Our new outdoor play equipment includes swings, a wavy slide, a climbing wall, a kid sized picnic table and many other fun features that UJS children will enjoy for years to come!



### INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Wednesday 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](mailto:deetnewman@gmail.com)

### AHAVAS ISRAEL'S

### CORNERS OF THE FIELD GARDEN

No experience is needed to work in the garden. You bring some gloves and your energy.

Please email Allyson Cole-Strauss at [garden@AhavasIsraelGR.org](mailto:garden@AhavasIsraelGR.org), or Mary Kaneti at [mcubed4300@gmail.com](mailto:mcubed4300@gmail.com) for information about helping to feed the hungry. Thank you!



**Chabad House****Caffeine for the Soul!**

Join other Jewish women for learning and inspiration and delve into the Torah's timeless wisdom. This class is based on the weekly Torah Portion, studied through the prism of Kabbalah to attain new insights into ourselves, and the world around us. Enjoy a coffee, delicious pastries and great discussion!

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30am**

2160 Romence Dr. NE. Caffeine for the Soul is a project of the Jewish Women's Circle. The JWC of Grand Rapids is an ever-growing group of women from the Grand Rapids area who come together to socialize, laugh, learn and discover the power of Jewish femininity in today's world. JOIN US!

**Cteen Grand Rapids**

CTEEN KICKOFF EVENT! Come get involved & meet new Jewish friends at the awesome Kickoff party!!

**Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** At The Chabad House  
For Jewish Teens - 9th -12th grade RSVP to Rivka @ 616-206-9654

**Rosh Hashana Dinner**

Chabad House of Western Michigan warmly invites you to join us for a *Rosh Hashana Dinner*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Enjoy the tastes and traditions with family and friends. Our delicious four-course dinner is spiced with great food, song and meaningful holiday insights. Kindly RSVP by September 3<sup>RD</sup> | 616-957-0770

**Gan Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten**

Registration is now open for the fall of 2018! Our children learn the "specialness" of being Jewish. Through stories and discussions, the precious legacy of their uniqueness as Jews is transmitted. Gan Yiladim School takes the best of both worlds – secular and Judaic – and blends them into a program that is at once rich, fulfilling, and stimulating environment. For children ages 2-6 For more information about our program, please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770

**Operation Thunderbolt ~ The Miracle at****Entebbe**

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018** | 7:00pm. Join us for an exclusive evening with Elite IDF Commander **Sassy Reuven**. Sassy was one of the first commanders to land in Entebbe. He will share with us his first hand account of how Israel pulled off the greatest hostage rescue in history. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sarah at 616-375-9404

**Ahavas Israel****Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday evening,**

**August 3, September 7 -- 6:00pm**

Join us for a monthly service to welcome Shabbat on the first Shabbat of each month.

**Torah Study Shabbat and Abbreviated**

**Shabbat service - August 25, September 22**

**Please join us for a Torah Study Shabbat / Abbreviated Shabbat service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Shabbat of the month. A new feature this summer - pre-service chanting, led by David Reifler.**

This past January, David Reifler completed an 18-month series of four chanting retreats with Rabbi Shefa Gold entitled Kol Zimra. On June 23, July 28 and August 25, beginning at 10:15am, David will lead a guided chanting of Modeh Ani in the Chapel for fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of our shortened Shabbat morning service.

The schedule is:

9:30am Torah study (lobby)

10:15am pre-Service chanting with David Reifler (chapel)

10:30am Service

11:55am (approximately) Kiddush

**OPEN MIC @ Ahavas:** Anyone for some home-grown talent? We will begin holding an open mic night on **August 15 at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. An open mic is an opportunity for anyone to come up and play a few songs on your instrument of choice (often a guitar but can be anything else), recite poetry, comedy, Greek tragedy, scene from a play, or tell jokes. Open Mic night are fun and entertaining. There are very few rules other than a 15-minute time limit and family-appropriate content. Contact Sandy Freed at [sandyfreed2@gmail.com](mailto:sandyfreed2@gmail.com) or 616-540-2030 to sign up for your 15 minutes of performance time. Bring an adult beverage or two if you like. Ahavas will not be providing these but will supply some snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

The **Ahavas Israel Book Group** will read "And After the Fire" by Lauren Belfer as its next book selection. We will discuss it at our next meeting, on **Thursday October 18th 6:30-8:00pm**. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778; [leahsauer@live.com](mailto:leahsauer@live.com). The author, on her website [laurenbelfer.com](http://laurenbelfer.com), has links to purchase the book as well as a reading group guide and a link to listen to music from the book.

# 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.

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**Louis and Louise Weiner Fund**

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