



A special welcome to Nicole Katzman, JFGR's new Executive Director! We are excited to have her join our incredible staff.

This month's *Shofar* contains our Annual Report (see pages 5 through 8), which provides an overview of the Federation's accomplishments over the past year. We recognize and thank the Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation and the Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation for their generous matching grants. Deep appreciation to each and every one of you for supporting the Annual Campaign – your contributions help the local, national, and international organizations listed in our Annual Report.

As we approach the end of summer, I begin to think about the High Holidays and our collective time of reflection as a Jewish community. Looking back over the Federation's last 12 months, we have much to celebrate and also room for growth. I look forward to working with you to continue furthering JFGR's mission to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in Israel, and around the world.

B'shalom,
Marni

Shalom,
My name is Nicole Katzman, and it is my honor to serve the community as the new Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. For me, this position is more than just a nine to five job, it is a way of life. I am passionate about Jewish life, learning, family, and making our community viable for generations to come. Jewish people have always lived within a community, never in isolation. From the very beginning, in our traditional story of the Creation, we hear the words (Genesis 2:18)- *it is not good for man to be alone*. In order to live a fully Jewish life, we need others around us to inspire, motivate, create, pray, and study. In our changing society it is more important than ever for our community to be strong and continue to build a framework of values to live by. I am most grateful for the warm welcome I have received from my colleagues and the community. In less than a month, I already feel like Grand Rapids is home. I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year at Federation events and in the community. Stop by and say hello!

Sincerely,



Nicole Katzman
Executive Director

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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Would you be interested in watching a classic movie with a group of friends in a more personalized venue than the big theater?

We are asking the community if they'd support a once-a-month get together (probably at the Synagogue) to watch (on DVD) a movie together. (By 'support,' we mean you'd actually show up!)

Many of us have private collections of dvds that we could choose titles from. The classic movies of the 30s-60s, as well as many from the past decades that have become classic, are those you rarely see on television - even if you have streaming service or TCM.

Federation will provide snacks or boxed lunches or some kind of food as enticement, but we need to know how many folks would consider this as an addition to - or replacement for - our once a month lunch-bunch meetings.

So, if the names Gable/Flynn/Hepburn/Tracy/Grable/Kelly/Garland/Rooney/Powell are familiar to you and you'd enjoy seeing some of their work again, let us know.

You may contact Ann Berman at ann@jfgr.org or Phyllis Horowitz at mommyph@gmail.com If email is not your thing, try calling - JFGR 616 942-5553 and Phyllis' landline (!) is 616 247-7963.

If we get enough support for this, we can then offer lists with title options for you to vote on for the next month's movie.

Let's hear from you: Yay or Nay...

Instead of a Thursday Lunch gathering this month, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 25 from 2-5pm.

If you need a ride please call the office: 616-942-5553 by Wednesday, August 21st.



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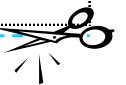
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2019-2020 Spectrum Series

Presents

Dr. Alon Tal

A leading Israeli environmental activist and academic, Dr. Tal will speak on Enduring Technological Optimism: Israeli Water Resources at the Crossroads.

During the past decades Israel's water resources have undergone a revolution. No longer dependent on the Kinerret Lake and the national water carrier, desalination and waste water recycling have changed the way the public and Israel's farmers view this scarce resource. Israel's water management strategy is considered a model to many dryland nations around the world and states like California are thinking of its many approaches. Dr. Tal will also look at Michigan water crisis.

When: September 22, 2019 at 1:30pm

**Where: Congregation Ahavas Israel
2727 Michigan Street NE**

Cost: \$15

For more information

Email : Markay@jfgr.org

Or call 616-942-5553



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2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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A FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES

See our website for performance schedule: jewishgrandrapids.org

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TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

Total Regular Campaign		\$420,773
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$30,000	
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$5,000	
Interest	\$400	
Loan Repayments	\$2,400	
Available for Re-allocation	\$9,368	
General Endowment Fund	\$19,901	
Art Fund	\$11,845	
Weiner Fund	\$2,795	
Woman of Valor	\$1,928	
6/30/18 Operation Reserves	<u>\$31,590</u>	

Total Additional Income

\$115,227

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION

\$536,000

JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:

Administration and Campaign	\$75,381	
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$60,607	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$107,803	
JFNA Fair Share	\$16,000	
Uncollected Pledges	\$12,000	
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,000	
FICA & Medicare	\$14,500	
Rent	\$14,400	
FedWeb	<u>\$1,200</u>	

Sub-total

\$303,891

Missions & Leadership Development	\$2,500	
Local Reserve for Board Determination	\$ 13,509	
Reserve for Security	\$10,000	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	<u>\$6,000</u>	

Sub-total Operational Expenses

\$32,009

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

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

Sub-total Local Allocations

\$37,250

TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL

\$373,150

NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$500	
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,800	
GVSU Hillel	\$1,000	
HIAS	\$500	
MSU - Hillel	\$500	
U of M Hillel	\$500	
JFNA- Secure Community Network (SCN)	\$300	
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$450	
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100	
Michigan Israel Business Accelerator	<u>\$200</u>	

TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS

\$5,850

INTERNATIONAL

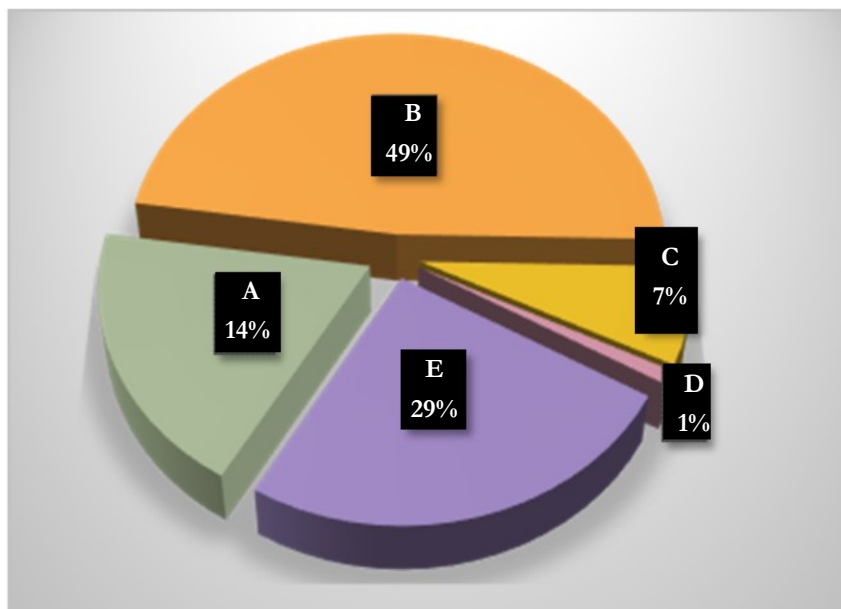
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$2,000	
Reserve for sister city (P2G)	\$15,000	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	<u>\$140,000</u>	

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS

\$157,000

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS

\$536,000



- A) Operational: Administration and 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, Security 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 and Reserve for Sister City (P2G).

We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds, Totaling over \$5.4 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.

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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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Summer Hebrew Enrichment

United Jewish School is offering a two-week intensive Hebrew session this summer for rising 3rd through 7th graders. With the goal of keeping up the momentum of Hebrew learning, this session is an opportunity for students to brush up on their skills prior to the start of the new school year. Instruction will be customized to meet the needs of each student. Each 1 ½ hour class period will include reading practice, conversational Hebrew, and skill building games.

Dates: T-W-Th August 6-7-8 | T-W August 13-14

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

(Snack will be provided.)

Th August 15

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Temple Emanuel **Price:** \$120

For more information or to register, please email Hasia ujshasiamonselise@gmail.com

or Melissa ujsmelissaweinhaus@gmail.com



UJS Is Hiring Teachers!

We hope you're having a great summer. We have two teaching positions open for the upcoming school year. Please spread the word to your local Jewish friends who would enjoy working with our wonderful UJS kiddos on Sunday mornings. We are looking for a Gan Katan (2, 3, young 4s) and 3rd/4th grade teacher. Additionally, if you know any native Hebrew speakers who are interested in teaching, please send them our way.

Thank you!
Hasia & Melissa

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Bev Niedelson

4757 Rockvalley NE

RSVP: 616-901-0572

Book: *Little Fires Everywhere*
by Celeste Ng

Happy Reading!

As always your loyal

Bookends,

Sue Remes & Flory Silverstein



Ahavas Israel Corners of the Field Garden

August will be a busy month in the garden. We welcome volunteers to help with the harvest. No experience is necessary. We will give you a task, tools, and know-how.

Bring drinking water, gloves and your companionship. Produce goes to the food banks at Temple Emanuel and Baxter Center.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 for an hour or so. For more information email allysoncolestrauss@gmail.com or mcubed4300@gmail.com.

See you in the garden!



*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!

Gan Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten

Registration is now open for the fall of 2019! 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

Rosh Hashana Dinner

Chabad House of Western Michigan warmly invites you to join us for

A Rosh Hashana Dinner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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 22 | 616-957-0770

*Ahavas Israel***Tisha B'Av**

Tisha b'Av -- A day of Lamentations, mourning, and fasting for the destruction of the Temple and subsequent exiles of the Jewish people. Join us on:

Saturday night, August 10, at 9:45 p.m., for Ma'ariv and the reading of the Biblical book of Eikha (Lamentations);

Sunday morning, August 11, 9:00 a.m., for morning minyan with special inclusions for Tisha B'Av. (Fast ends at approximately 9:33 p.m.)

Torah Study Shabbat and Abbreviated Shabbat service - August 24

Please join us for Torah study at 9:30 a.m. and a shortened Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Shabbat of each month.

Want to study some Torah? Drop in on one of Rabbi Krishef's study groups:

- Thursday Tanakh study, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Schuler Books and Music, 28th St. (either in the back of the store or in the café). We are engaging with the book of Jeremiah, one or two chapters a week.
- Jewish mysticism/Zohar study group, Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Ahavas Israel library. We are reading through Daniel Matt's translation and commentary of the Zohar.

*Temple Emanuel***Your Opinion Matters & Brunch**

A monthly breakfast and debate moderated by Jim Siegel. The next debate will be on Sunday, August 18th at 10:00 AM. The topic will be: What place does divine intervention play in our good fortune? When we count our blessings how many of them can we attribute to the hand of God, and how many are courtesy of hard work or simply happy accidents? Be sure to RSVP to Jim Siegel at jims@siegeljewelers.com so that he knows how many he will be feeding.

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:

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Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

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Cathy Winick

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From Jewish Federation Staff

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From Bradley Seel

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In memory of Moe Kleiman
From Gloria Stark

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From Gloria Dennen

In honor of Elaine Lipshutz on her special birthday
From Edith Rashewsky

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6,7,8	Hebrew Summer Camp 5:00 - 6:30pm at Temple Emanuel
10	Tisha B'av Ma'ariv at Ahavas Israel 9:45pm
11	Tisha B'av morning minyan at Ahavas Israel 9:00am
13,14	Hebrew Summer Camp 5:00 - 6:30pm at Temple Emanuel
15	Hebrew Summer Camp 3:30 - 5:00pm at Temple Emanuel
18	Your opinion matters at Temple Emanuel 10:00am
25	JFGR ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC On the lawn of Ahavas Israel 2:00-5:00pm

