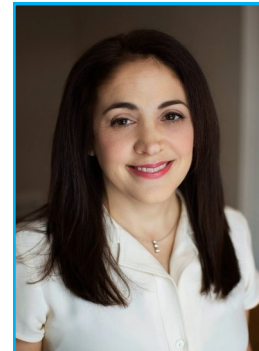




Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

The 2016 JFGR Annual Report can be found on pages 7 through 10 in this issue of The Shofar. Along with the campaign results, and the allocations of these funds made by the JFGR board, the Report also lists this year's campaign contributors and solicitors whose support we deeply appreciate. Additionally, you will find a list of JFGR's endowments funds made possible from our past and current community members to whom we remain eternally grateful.



Marisa Reed
Executive Director

It goes without saying that your generosity is at the cornerstone of our Jewish community. A community of engaged people, strong organizations, dedicated lay and professional leaders, diverse and interesting cultural events and programming, and a welcoming environment.

Jewish Grand Rapids is a strong and vibrant community and a special place to call home.

Looking at our work for the year to come, I welcome you to join our efforts, not only to maintain a strong Jewish community in West Michigan, but to help ensure that we continue to thrive in the future and leave a stronger Jewish community to our children. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this report or if you just want to share any ideas about how Federation can help our community grow even stronger.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Shalom

Marisa

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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From Beene Garter LLP 2016 Tax Planning Guide

IRA owners and beneficiaries who have reached age 70 ½ are permitted to make cash donations totaling up to \$100,000 per individual IRA owner per year - \$200,000 per year maximum on a joint return if both spouses make QCDs of \$100,000 - to IRS approved public charities directly out of their IRAs. These so-called Qualified Charitable Distributions, or QCDs, are federal-income-tax-free to you, but you get no itemized charitable write off on your Form 1040. That's okay because tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to an immediate 100% federal income tax deduction without having to worry about restrictions that can delay or reduce itemized charitable write-offs. It also reduces your AGI. QCDs have other tax advantages too. Be careful – to qualify for this special tax break, the funds must be transferred directly



Make your reservation by visiting generalassembly.org

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Should All Men Have Routine PSA Tests for Prostate Cancer?

Republished from Medicare made clear brought to you by UnitedHealthCare

Ask ten doctors about the PSA test, and you might get ten different viewpoints. The test can help detect prostate cancer in men, but opinions vary as to who should have it and when.

Routine prostate cancer screening using the PSA test was introduced in the U.S. around 1990. Since then, medical organizations and government health agencies have gone back and forth from recommending yearly screenings to saying it's optional to outright discouraging use of the test.^{1,2}

Value versus possible harms

The unsettled history of the PSA test is due to conflicting research about its value in saving lives versus the harms caused by false positives and overtreatment.³ A false positive shows a possible cancer when none is actually there. The initial positive result and further tests, such as a biopsy, can cause stress, worry and expense. And biopsies themselves may cause problems such as pain, bleeding and infection.

Prostate cancers found by PSA tests are often small, grow slowly and may never cause any real problem if left untreated. Many are treated anyway, however, which may come with more stress, worry and expense – and possibly additional health problems. Treatment for prostate cancer may include radiation or surgery. Side effects such as infections, impotence and incontinence may occur. On the plus side, the 5-year survival rate for local and regional stage prostate cancer is nearly 100%.⁴

What should you do?

Doctors consult research-based recommendations and their own experience when making clinical decisions. And because medicine is an art as well as a science, both can vary. Often there are no clear answers. That leaves health care decisions, such as when to have a PSA test, in the hands of doctors and their patients. The best answer for you is the one that you and your doctor arrive at together.

Certain situations increase the risk of developing prostate cancer and might tip the scale toward the benefit side of having regular PSA tests. Talk to your doctor about the impact of these situations on your personal risk and how it should factor into your decision about PSA testing. Situations that may increase your risk include:

- You are older. About 6 in 10 cases of prostate cancer are found in men older than 65.⁴
- You have a family history of prostate cancer. Having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles a man's risk of developing the disease.⁴
- You are African American. Nobody knows why, but prostate cancer occurs more often in African-American men and in Caribbean men of African ancestry than in men of other races.⁴

The following symptoms may occur with prostate cancer or with other health problems. If you have any of these symptoms, you should talk to your doctor about identifying and treating the cause:

- Problems urinating
- Blood in the urine or semen.
- Trouble getting an erection
- Pain in the hips, back, chest, or other areas
- Weakness or numbness in the legs or feet

Annual PSA test covered by Medicare

A yearly PSA test is a preventive care benefit provided by Medicare Part B. There is no additional cost for the test if your doctor accepts Medicare assignment. Medicare Advantage plans also cover PSA tests. Check with your plan for details.

The bottom line

You may read or hear conflicting ideas about the PSA test and who should have it. It's important to understand the pros and cons and to weigh them based on your personal situation and health needs. Your Medicare Wellness Visit is a great time to talk with your doctor about the PSA test. Together, you can decide whether to make it part of your preventive health care plan. For more information, explore MedicareMadeClear.com or contact the Medicare helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY 1-877-486-2048.

Resources

¹History of ACS Recommendations for the Early Detection of Cancer in People Without Symptoms. ²USPSTF Recommends Against PSA-based Prostate Cancer Screening. ³Prostate Cancer (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) ⁴Prostate Cancer (American Cancer Society)

The Michigan Israel Business Bridge

Networking event in Grand Rapids on
September 26, 2017.

The event will be hosted at the offices of Rhodes
McKee.

Located: 55 Campus Ave. NW. Suite 300
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

To register or for more information please contact
hadas@michiganisrael.com or call the MIBB
at 248-642-1701

**Jewish Business Network
Upcoming Dates**

August 17

Olive's (no speaker)

2162 Wealthy SE

12:00pm

RSVP request to info@jfgr.org

Future dates:

- September 14 - Speaker: Chief David Rahinsky,
Police Chief, City of Grand Rapids
- October 19 - Speaker: Greg Sundstrom, Manger,
City of Grand Rapids
- November 16 - Speaker: Hadas Bernard, Director,
Michigan Israel Business Bridge

**Family
Fun Night!**

Who: The entire Jewish community is welcome to join us - the more the merrier!

What: We have rented out the Mary Free Bed YMCA for a night of sports, and FUN (tennis, basketball, volleyball, climbing wall, pools and more)

Where: Mary Free Bed YMCA
5500 Burton St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

When: **Due to scheduling conflict this event is on hold - watch the Shofar for a new date**

Why: To engage our Jewish community

Cost: \$5/ person (max: \$25/family)

RSVP: Stephanie Jesin,
email: stephaniejessin@gmail.com or
Cell: 616-633-5309

This program has been made possible by a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation and the support of Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

It's Always Too Early Until It's Too Late: Planning for What Matters Most

The Federation is presenting a four-part series on Life Planning Steps. This applies to our older loved ones, kids in college and young adults living around the world. Admission is free. Speakers will include various community professionals. All programs will be held at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, September 10, 17, 24 and October 8 from 10:30-12:00.

- Sept. 10 – In place of ‘Your Opinion Matters’; **How Do I Decide Who Gets My Stuff?** An examination of estate planning which includes trusts, wills, and financial arrangements for retirement and legacy.
- Sept. 17 – **Who Speaks For Me When I Can't?** will explore the role of a Living Will and Power of Attorney for Health Care. If you already have these Advanced Directives, please bring them for inclusion in a state-wide Cloud storage system, accessible by all Michigan hospitals.
- Sept. 24 – **Ethical Wills and Funeral Planning.** An explanation of Jewish values along with a conversation with Grand Rapids funeral directors.
- October 8 – **How Do I Manage My Loved One's Care From A Distance?** Not limited to older adults, this discussion will pertain to kids at college, studying abroad and living across the U.S. Health advocacy and caregiver issues will be discussed.

For more information call or email Ann at 616-942-5553/ann@ifgr.org.

Lunch Bunch Goes to the farm!

CRANE'S

Pie Pantry Restaurant & Winery

6054 124th Avenue (M-89), Fennville, MI 49408

Cost: \$10

Thursday, August 24th

RSVP to Ann by
August 22th. 616-942-5553.



There will be either a bus or carpooling out from Ahavas Israel's parking lot, leaving at 10:30am so RSVPs are a must!

SAVE THESE DATES

For Future
Lunch Bunches...
September 19, 2017
(Apples/Honey)
October 26, 2017
November 9, 2017



As always, I take recommendations for restaurants.

Call or email Ann: 616-942-5553/ ann@ifgr.org

MISSION TO ISRAEL!

Are you thinking of going on a trip to Israel?

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is in the process of organizing a mission to Israel. We would like to invite anyone interested to meet and brainstorm possible dates and areas of interest. If you are interested, please contact our office:

616-942-553 or email info@ifgr.org



<p>A Happy End</p> <p>September 6-17</p>	<p>TORCH SONG TRILOGY Act III: Widows and Children First</p> <p>March 1-11</p>	<p>Olive & the Bitter Herbs</p> <p>June 14-24</p>
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Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids

You don't have to be Jewish to Love Jewish Theater

All performances are held at GRCC Spectrum Theater
Thurs. & Sat. at 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m.

Tickets: 616-234-3946 or jtgr.org



Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids Announces its 2017-2018, 25th Anniversary Season

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids has chosen three wonderful productions to share with you in this our 25th anniversary season. Our productions have Jewish themes but are also universal in appeal. Our goal is to enrich the Jewish experience in West Michigan, while informing, educating, and engaging our patrons. It's live theatre to learn, love and laugh with!

This year the season includes:

September 6-17, 2017 - "A Happy End" by Iddo Netangnahu

March 1-11 2018 - "Torch Song Trilogy: Act III Widows and Children First!" by Harvey Fierstein

June 14-24, 2018 - "Olive and the Bitter Herbs" by Charles Busch

"A Happy End" is written by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel's younger brother, Iddo Netanyahu. Set in Berlin in 1932 and 1933, the play spotlights Mark and Leah Erdmann, a cosmopolitan Jewish couple who shrug off the portents all around them. Dieter, Mark's colleague and Leah's lover, urges them to make a new life outside Germany, but the Erdmanns believe that the Nazis will never come to power. "They're on the decline," Mark says confidently. And Leah declares, "Politicians can't dictate how we should live our lives." "A Happy End" will be performed in the intimate Black Box Theatre on the second floor of Spectrum Theater. Due to the smaller venue "A Happy End" will also include 8 p.m. Wednesday evening performances.

"Torch Song Trilogy: Act III Widows and Children First!" by Harvey Fierstein is a Tony Award winning collection of three plays rendered in three acts. JTGR will present the last act: "Widows and Children First!" The story centers on Arnold Beckoff, a New York, Jewish, homo-sexual, drag queen, torch singer. In this act, he struggles to cope with the tragic loss of his life partner, learns to be an effective parent to his adopted teenage son and is forced to deal with his own mother's intolerance and disrespect.

"Olive and the Bitter Herbs" by Charles Busch gives us a comedic portrait of an actress whose claim to fame was the iconic "Gimme the Sausage" TV commercials of the 80's. She is a classic New York curmudgeon, at war with the world and her neighbors. Shaken by the appearance of a spectral figure in the mirror and a series of outrageous coincidences, she learns that it's never too late to change one's life.

Season Tickets are on sale now at the bargain price of \$60 until September 1st. Purchasing Season Tickets is the most economical way to enjoy Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids. A three punch pass is \$65 (after September 1st). The three punches may be used in any combination you wish: one punch for each production, or all three for one production. You may purchase Season Passes several ways. **1)** Mail in a check: Our season brochures were sent out recently containing an order form. Simply fill out the form and mail it back to us with your check. (You can also download a copy of the season brochure on our website). **2)** Order online: Go to our website at www.jtgr.org/season/subscribe and using a credit card order securely with PayPal. (A small processing fee is added to your order with online purchase. You do not need to have a PayPal account to complete the order.) **3)** Call our answering machine and leave a message at 616-234-3595. We will get back to you within 48 hours and can help you order your season ticket. With this season we will be facing additional financial challenges, as the price for the use of Spectrum Theater at GRCC will more than double as they pass on costs to us and eliminate services we must now provide at additional expense. At the same time, funding has consistently declined making our mission to provide quality theatrical productions for our community more and more challenging.

So, we appeal to you to invest in Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids by becoming a donor, a sponsor or by purchasing ads. We have added two new features to make it easier for you to make larger donations. You can use Paypal, just go to our website and click on the Paypal button, or you can have your donation divided up into 12 monthly installments. Look for details on our web page www.jtgr.org

Donations, Sponsorships and advertising help generate much-needed revenue for our programs and will be used to help offset production expenses, materials, publicity, and other costs that allow our team to produce the highest quality shows. Ticket sales can only cover a percentage of our annual operation budget, thus we depend on fundraising, donations and sponsorships to support successful productions. Please consider helping us provide quality entertainment for our community. Become a sponsor or advertiser. For more information on this please call (616-234-3595) or email Kathy at jtgr.admin@gmail.com.



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TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

Total Regular Campaign		\$423,085
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$15,023	
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$5,000	
Interest	\$300	
Loan Repayments	\$1,950	
Available for Re-allocation	\$5,339	
General Endowment Fund	\$19,356	
Art Fund	\$11,553	
Weiner Fund	\$2,675	
Woman of Valor	<u>\$1,719</u>	

Total Additional Income

\$62,915

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION

\$486,000

JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:

Campaign	\$52,513	
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$120,644	
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$103,853	
Uncollected Pledges	\$5,000	
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$1,950	
FedWeb	<u>\$3,550</u>	
Sub-total		\$287,510

Missions & Leadership Development	\$2,600	
Reserve for Mission to Israel	\$48,016	
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	<u>\$6,000</u>	
Sub-total Operational Expenses		\$56,616

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

United Jewish School	\$18,000	
Chabad of West Michigan	\$4,750	
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$4,750	
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,574	
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$1,800	
Interfaith Dialogue	<u>\$2,500</u>	
Sub-total Local Allocations		\$35,374

TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS

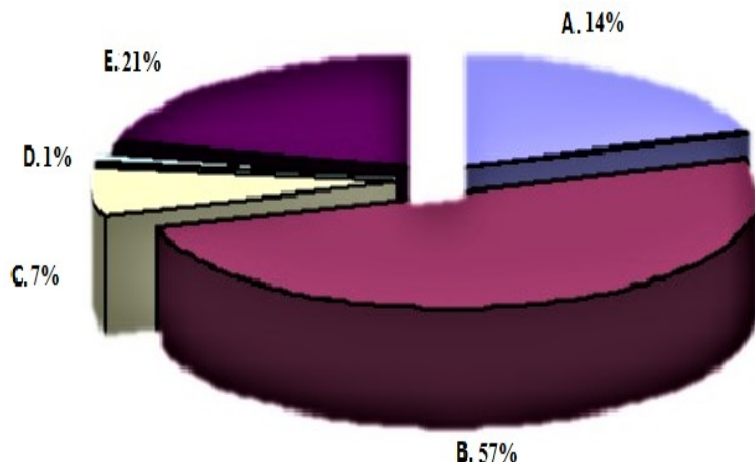
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NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:

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)	\$1,500	
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	<u>\$100,000</u>	
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS		<u>\$101,500</u>
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS		<u>\$486,000</u>



- A) Operational: Campaign, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, FedWeb, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, Missions & Leadership Development.
- B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs, Reserve for Mission to Israel.
- 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 Bridge, HIAS, Secure Community Network.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds, Totaling over \$4.8 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.

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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.

Wake Up Call Breakfast

**What's happening to Christians in the Middle East?
What's life like in refugee camps?**



**Learn the latest news on the plight of Middle East Christians by
Open Doors CEO David Curry and Middle East Experts
(Open Doors serves persecuted Christians in over 60 countries)**

Wednesday, August 2nd

**8:00-9:00 am Breakfast and Presentation
(Doors open 7:30)**

**Congregation Temple Emanuel
1715 E. Fulton Street 49503
RSVP: siegel361.sheryl@gmail.com**



Looking for Mahjongg players!

Fridays 1:00pm-4:00pm

This a casual game, but somewhat competitive. Players do not have to commit to every week. For more information contact Arlene Siegel at 616-446-8547



Betzalel Art Group

Thursdays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Ahavas Israel

Have some art fun with any painting or craft you enjoy doing. It's open to everyone. Please bring your own art or craft supplies, as they are not provided. For further information contact Pat Weller: 616-453-2954 or patandfred@tds.net



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Looking for new choral members!

Do you love to sing? Here's your chance!
Consider joining our Jewish Community

Shir Shalom Chorus!

We are gearing up for our 2017-18 season and always welcome new members. Our rehearsals, starting in September are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30pm at Temple Emanuel. We are fortunate to be led by two of the area's top musicians: Our director is Phil Pletcher and our pianist is Paul Lesinski. For more information contact Toby Dolinka at (616)949-6528 or tobykatlover38@sbcglobal.net.

Now infant through age 12!

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WHAT?

PJ Library® in Grand Rapids offers the gift of free, high quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 12 years all across North America.

WHY?

Our books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished stories.

HOW?

Signing up is easy! To sign up for PJ Library, visit www.pjlibrary.org

PJ Library in Grand Rapids is a gift from Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in partnership with Ravitz Foundation, Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



CHABAD OF WESTERN MICHIGAN PRESENTS

A Story of
TRIUMPH

A Historic Evening with
EVA SCHLOSS
STEPSISTER OF ANNE FRANK

Enjoy a unique and historic opportunity to enter the world of the step-sister and childhood friend of Anne Frank **Mrs Eva Schloss**

With Special Guest Interviewer **Tami Weiss**, a professor of art at the University of Menomonee, who will introduce Eva and speak about art during the holocaust.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
7:00PM**
at **EGRHS Performing Arts Center**
2211 Lake Dr SE,
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Admission: \$20 • Students: \$8
Benefactor: \$1,800
Includes pre-event private dinner with Eva, admission for four, and one copy of Eva's book.
Sponsor: \$180
Includes Dessert Reception after the event, and admission for two.

For more information and to make a reservation contact Sarah at 616-375-9404

Hadassah Book Club

Our Next Meeting is:

When: Wednesday September 13, 2017

Where: Marilyn Lystad
4726 Cranwood SW
Phone: 616-531-1616

Time: 7:15pm

Please call Marilyn to RSVP ..

Book to read: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
Book available at Schuler Books on 28th Street, or your library for a copy.

We are 'as always' your loyal bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Floory Silverstein 616-949-5766





Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Pam Rush, School Director 616-459-5976
pam@templemanuelgr.org

... to give the children of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel the best possible Jewish education we can envision."

UJS is pleased to announce that Hasia Monselise has accepted the position as director of UJS. Hasia has been involved with UJS for the last two years as a kindergarten and early Hebrew teacher. She has an understanding of the mission and philosophy of the school and will be a binding force for its continued success .

Enrollment is OPEN Register at www.unitedjewishschool.org



United Jewish School established 2006

UJS was established in 2006 as a combined school between Temple Emanuel and Congregation Ahavas Israel. Enrollment is at 138 students ranging from Gan Katan (2-4 year olds) to 11th/12th grade. We have a staff of 29 teachers and 6 high school madrichim (aides). On Sunday, school is located at Temple Emanuel while the Wednesday midweek Hebrew program is housed at Congregation Ahavas Israel. There is an additional location for our midweek Hebrew program in Holland, MI. The supplemental Hebrew program has an enrollment of 53 students.

Board of Directors

Amy Winkelman; co-chair, Rhonda Pappas; co-chair, Allyson Cole-Strauss, Elisabeth Rosewall, Amy Singer, Rick Rinzler, Erica Wikander

Ex-officio

Hasia Monsieles; School Director,
Barb Duchemin; Curriculum Director,
Rabbi David Krishef, Rabbi Michael Schadick



What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

August 2017 Calendar of Events

2	"Wake Up Call Breakfast" Temple Emanuel 8:00am See page 11
10	Temple Emanuel Men book club 7:00pm
13	Your Opinion Matters & Brunch Temple Emanuel at 10:00am
17	Jewish Business Lunch Olives Restaurant 12:00pm
24	Lunch Bunch Crane's Pie Pantry and Restaurant
28	Summer Beit Midrash at Ahavas Israel 5:30pm

Editor's Note – 'What's Happening' is a calendar that includes Jewish programming open to *all* members of our West Michigan Jewish community, whether offered by Federation, one of our congregations, cultural organizations, or others. More information about these events can be found in *The Shofar*, on the Federation website, or from the other Jewish organizations.

Congregation 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:

Monday night, July 31, at 9:00 p.m., for Ma'ariv and the reading of the Biblical book of *Eikha* (Lamentations); Tuesday morning, August 1, 7:00 a.m., for morning minyan with special inclusions for Tisha B'Av. (Fast ends at approximately 9:00 p.m.)

Our next Summer Beit Midrash* will be Monday, August 28. Drop by the synagogue at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and Torah. The dinner will be prepared by Rabbi Krishef. After dinner, grab books from the library - Torah, commentaries, Midrash, Mishnah, Talmud, or anything that strikes your fancy and dive in.

There is no charge (donations to defray the cost will be gratefully accepted), but please let us know if you are coming so we can prepare enough food. **If you would like a vegetarian or vegan alternative, please let Rabbi Krishef know.** If you'd like to participate in the cooking or have any questions, contact Rabbi Krishef, 949-2840 or via email at Rabbi@AhavasIsraelGR.org.

*A Beit Midrash is a "House of Study." Along with Beit Tefillah, House of Prayer, and Beit Keneset, House of Meeting, it is one of the three primary functions of a synagogue - study, prayer, and social activities.

Financial Management Course at Ahavas Israel

Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000 emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! **All you need is a practical plan for your money—and Financial Peace University IS that plan!** In nine easy-to-follow lessons, **you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more!** **Financial Peace University** (FPU) is a 9 lesson, money-management course taught by America's most trusted **financial** guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. If you'd like to learn more about taking control of your money once and for all, check out the class details below:

- Where: Congregation Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan St.
 - When: Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 5, 2017 at 7:00pm
- Cost: \$93 for materials. Some subsidies are available. Contact Ahavas Israel or the Jewish Federation for details. Classes will meet every Tuesday for nine weeks. For more information, please contact Paula Bojsen (pabojsen@att.net). To register, please go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1041858>

Chabad House

Gan Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten A program licensed by the state of Michigan. **Registration is now open for the fall of 2017!** 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.

Shofar Factory

September 17th 2017, at the Chabad House. For more information please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654

Temple Emanuel

The Jewish Men's Book Group will meet at Temple on Thursday, August 10, at 7pm to discuss the novel **The Hilltop** by Assaf Gavron.

A best seller in Israel, it is the story of a fictional West Bank settlement. The chaotic lives its inhabitants lead reflect the contradictions and complexities of life in modern Israel. Translated from Hebrew by Steven Cohen.

Please contact Jeff Frank for additional information frank2929@aol.com

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch

Moderator & Chef Jim Siegel will serve up a hot meal and a hot topic to discuss. The August debate topic was suggested by a regular participant.

Jews make up .2% of the world population, yet have disproportionate success in the world. Jews are 22% of Nobel Peace Prize winners, 21% of Ivy League college students, and 51% of Pulitzer Prize winners for nonfiction. The question is: Are Jews disproportionately successful because they are Jews, or because of Judaism?

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch will meet on Sunday August 13th at 10:00 AM in the Lewis Social Hall. There is no charge, but Jim does need to know how much food to prepare, so RSVP to Jim Siegel at jims@siegeljewelers.com

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.

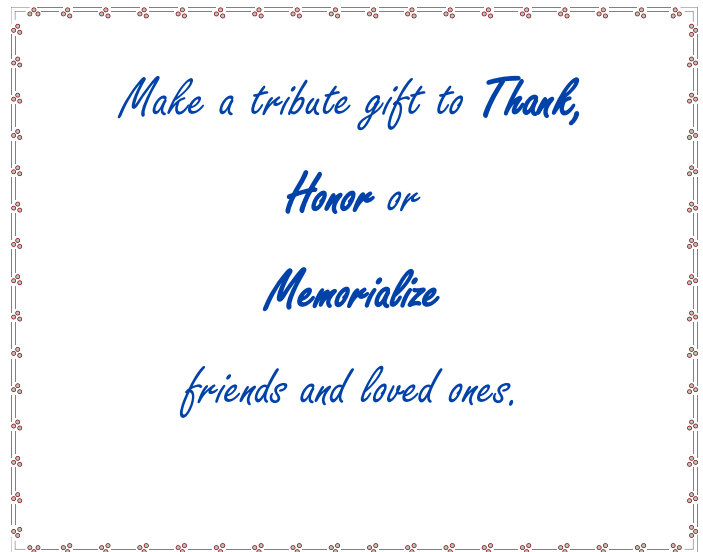
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