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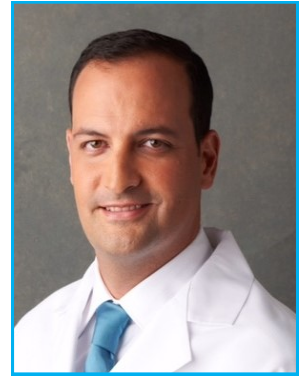
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# The Shofar

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Shalom from the Federation,

I wanted to take this opportunity to elaborate on some recent news involving Israel. Recently, Michigan joined fifteen other states in condemning and outlawing discrimination against Israel and Israelis. The Michigan House Bills 5821 and 5822, signed by Governor Snyder, prohibit the state from contracting with a business that boycotts Israel. This legislative victory helps to further weaken the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement. These bills received bipartisan support in our state legislature and were championed by members of the Detroit Jewish Federation along with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). This legislation strengthens Michigan's commitment to our state's economic, business and cultural relationship with Israel.



Dr. David Alfonso  
Board Chair

Another area of news involves the recent passing of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334, which condemns Israeli territory gained in the 1967 Six-Day War. These areas include the holiest site for Jews, the Kotel, or Western Wall, and many other areas of cultural and religious significance. These sites were off limits for Jews to enter and practice religious observances prior to 1967.

I had the opportunity to listen to a webinar sponsored by the Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA) in which David Makovsky, Director of the Washington Institute of Near East Policy, discussed the significance and the context of the resolution. I would like to summarize some of his points for those who were unable to listen. Makovsky felt that the resolution was unjustly critical of Israel and ignored significant issues such as Palestinian incitement of terror and the good faith efforts of Israeli Prime Ministers Barak in 2000 and Olmert in 2008 to create a two-state solution. Other speeches and resolutions came on the heels of ongoing dialogue and negotiation between the two parties, of which there has been minimal to none in recent months. Makovsky also pointed out some of the ramifications of the resolution which include strengthening the European Union's position on BDS, as well as creating a rigid framework of borders that does little to incentivize Palestinian behavior toward recognition of Israel and advancing the peace process. In addition, it makes it easier to subject Israeli citizens to the biased agenda of the International Criminal Court. Perhaps most disappointing was the failure of the U.S. to block the resolution as has been the consistent practice with one-sided, biased

### 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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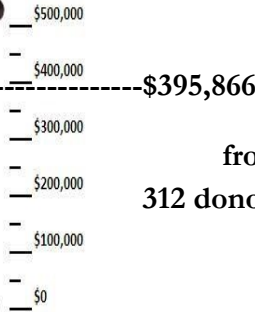
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## Matching Grants Campaign 2016

The **Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation** has made a dollar-for-dollar matching grant commitment for all new gifts and increases in contributions.

In addition, the **Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation** has made a similar matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions from donors age 45 and under.

Have you ever thought about contributing to, or setting up, a **L'dor Vador Endowment Fund** to help ensure the future of our Jewish community?

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resolutions within the Security Council for decades. The sad reality is that according to the resolution, religious areas that have been significant for Jews for thousands of years, have now been declared illegally-occupied and in violation of international law.

Anyone who has been to the Western Wall and eastern Jerusalem can attest to the powerful religious and cultural significance it has for our people, and the notion that it is illegally-occupied and is in “flagrant violation of international law” is preposterous. I hope that with new relations with Israel, the U.S. can help mitigate the effects of the resolution and help promote a more balanced approach to Israel at the U.N.

Shalom,  
Dr. David Alfonso  
JFGR Chairperson.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That with your help, Jewish Federations change lives right here at home, in Israel and around the globe. The following information is from the Jewish Federation of North America’s (JFNA.org) website.

### HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With your help, the extraordinary impact of the 148 Jewish Federations across North America changes lives here at home, in Israel and in more than 70 countries around the world. The Jewish Federation system identifies, supports and addresses the full range of social service issues, provides lifesaving humanitarian relief, supports breakthrough programs for all ages, and sustains the Jewish community today and for future Generations.

The Jewish Federations of North America raise and distribute more than \$3 billion annually for social welfare, social services and educational needs. The Federation movement protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide. We make a difference through our team and partner agencies in each Federation community, and globally through key partners including The Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

### WHERE WE HELP

North America, Europe, Asia, Israel, Africa, Australia, South America

### HOW WE HELP

Crisis Relief, Israel Connection, Jewish Life, Global Jewry, Jewish Leadership, Safety Net. To learn more about these programs you can visit <https://jewishfederations.org/how-federations-help>.

*Giving to Jewish Federations is not only tzedakah but an investment in our community. Are you invested?*

## CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALREADY TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

Do you know a child who plans to attend a Jewish summer camp? They may qualify to apply for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. Applications are available on line at [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org) or upon request, and are due by March 15, 2017.

Please contact the Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553 for more information

Ann Berman

Director of Social Service Resources



Camp Gan Israel was founded in 1956 by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory.

Today the Camp Gan Israel network serves the Jewish World with chapters in more than forty countries.



## Be Part of JFFGR!

Become a Sponsor!

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Help ensure another dazzling year of Jewish and Israel films

Visit us at: [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org)

The 2017 Jewish Film Festival is once again bringing special movies to the Grand Rapids community. The committee has been previewing movies and planning special programs. As in previous years, the Film Festival will be held at Celebration! North Cinemas. Watch for more details about Festival events in our community mailings.

Film Festival is offering special rates through a **Flex Pass** (eight admissions): for **\$36**. Flex Pass ticket holders will have seats reserved until **THIRTY MINUTES** prior to the movie beginning. At that time, tickets will be sold for all seats.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY.** That means even if you are holding a Flex Pass ticket, seats are not guaranteed later than thirty minutes prior to movie time. **Flex Pass tickets are only available until April 30th.**

The Film Festival also offers members of the community an opportunity to become an individual sponsor of the Jewish

Film Festival. Please read about the benefits of becoming a financial supporter below.

### Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits!

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

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

**Actor: (\$100)** Receive one season punch card (8 admissions) and recognition in the program booklet.

**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 office. You will be listed in the program booklet.

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Director (\$500)

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Fan

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Producer (\$250)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flex Pass (\$36.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Actor (\$100)

Mail this form and your check to:  
**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**  
 2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**Events you don't want to miss!**  
**Mark your calendar!**

## March 3rd through 5th Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

**Rabbi David Mevorach  
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Rabbi Seidenberg is the author of *Kabbalah and Ecology: God's Image in the More-Than-Human World* (Cambridge, 2015) and the creator of [neohasid.org](http://neohasid.org). He teaches text, music/dance, ecology, and the environment. He is one of the world's foremost scholars on Judaism and ecology.



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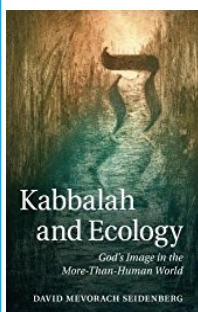
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Following bagels (beginning at 10:00), he will speak about The Embodied Earth and sign his book, which will be available for sale.



## Community Purim Carnival

*Sunday, March 12*  
*12:30pm to 2:30pm*  
*At Temple Emanuel*

*After Sunday School.*

There will be lunch!

Hamentaschen!

Carnival games for all ages!

Purim crafts!

A costume parade!



## Lunch Bunch!

Thursday, February 16 at  
Pietro's

2780 Birchcrest Drive SE (28th St.)

11:30 am

Cost: \$10



RSVP by Tuesday February 14 to  
Ann at 616-942-5553

or email [ann@ifgr.org](mailto:ann@ifgr.org).

Transportation available by calling our office.

## Lunch Bunch



SAVE THESE DATES

In 2017

For Future Lunch Bunches...

- **March 16**
- **April 20**
- **May 18**
- **June 22**

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



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

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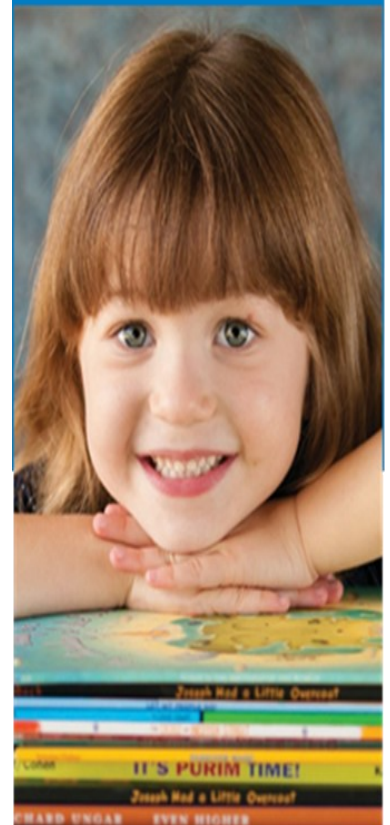
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# Paint 'n Sip!

Saturday, February 4, 2017  
6:30 pm

Brush Studio: 2213 Wealthy St SE  
East Grand Rapids  
(ample free parking nearby)

Who knows, maybe you will create next year's ArtPrize entry! A professional artist will instruct us in an enjoyable evening of painting and wine. Bring your partner or a friend. Paint together or create your own in a fun and casual atmosphere. Special price for us is only \$35 per canvas. Complimentary refreshments. Cash bar will be available.

RSVP to [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org) or  
616-942-5553

## Hadassah Book Club

Our Next Meeting is:

**When:** Tuesday, March 14th

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** 3403 Burton Ridge SE Apt B  
Please RSVP to Sue 616-949-3505

We will discuss books to read. Here are a few suggestions:

- A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman
- The Muralist by B.A. Shapiro
- West with the Night by Beryl Markham
- Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

Looking forward to seeing all of you. We are as always your "BOOK ENDS."  
Sue Remes 616-949-3505

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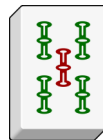


## Looking for Mahjongg players!

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



## 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:  
[616-942-5553](tel:616-942-5553) or [info@ifgr.org](mailto:info@ifgr.org)



## Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, February 16

12:00pm -1:00pm

El Barrio Restaurant

545 Michigan NE

Everyone is welcome! A good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available in our community.





## United Jewish School

[ujspamrush@gmail.com](mailto:ujspamrush@gmail.com)  
[www.unitedjewishschool.org](http://www.unitedjewishschool.org)

### UJS Board:

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School closings:  
 Please tune in to  
 WZZM 13 and  
 WOOD TV 8 for  
 UJS closings. It will  
 be listed as United  
 Jewish School.  
 You may also check  
 their websites.

### Plant Your Roots in Israel with trees for Tu B'shevat

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish Calendar - celebrated this year on Saturday, February 11, 2017 - is the day that marks the beginning of a 'new year' for trees. This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begins a new fruit-bearing cycle.

We may mark the day of Tu B'Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

Please join students all over the world by planting a tree in Israel through Jewish National Fund. Tzedakah monies at UJS for the month of January and February will be sent to Israel to plant trees.

[www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) for more info.

UJS would also like to remind you to please take the time to remember the school in your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple 'thank you'.

## What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

### February 2017 Calendar of Events

1	Jewish Learning Institute 7:30pm - 9:00pm
4	Paint N' Sip at Brush Studios 6:30pm
6	Jewish Woman's Circle 7:30pm
9	Cteen Jr 4:00pm - 6:00pm
11	Tot Shabbat / Young Junior Congregation
12	CTeen 1:00pm - 3:00pm
14	Chabad Kids Club 4:30pm - 6:30pm

**Editor's Note** – 'What's Happening' 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 other Jewish organizations

## Chabad House

### JLI—"The Dilemma"

Modern Dilemmas. Talmudic Debates. Your Solutions. Please join us for a remarkable six-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning.

To register today, visit myJLI.com

Six Wednesday Evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |

Beginning February 1st 2017

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

Fee \$99 (textbook included)

\$180 Sponsor

For more Info or to register, please contact Rabbi Mordechai at 269.903.2770 or

Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

### Cteen Junior

Date: FEBRUARY 9th | 4:00pm-6:00pm

Topic: Loaves of love

Activity: Challah making with our senior friends.

Giving back: Sharing our fresh challahs with our seniors and homebound.

For Jewish Boys & Girls Grades 6th- 8th

Enrich your own Jewish pride while giving back to the community

### Cteen Grand Rapids

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th | 1:00-3:00pm

"Cookies for Cops" Lets thank the cops in the Grand Rapids area for putting their lives on the line for us each day.

### Chabad Kids Club - Mini Chefs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th | 4:30-6:30pm

Jerusalem's Favorite

Experience the joy of Kosher Cooking!

Learn how to make perfect Bureka's with a choice of fillings.

Mini Chefs is a unique culinary experience that gives your children the opportunity to cook, bake and decorate fabulous Jewish themed foods and take home their own handmade creations

For Jewish Boys & Girls ages 5-11

\$10 per session (includes light dinner)

For more information or to RSVP for Cteen Jr, Kids Club or Cteen

Contact Rivka at RivkahWeingarten@gmail.com or 616.206.9654

### Jewish Woman's Circle

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Fruit for Thought

"A Man is Like a Tree in the Field" Discuss the contemporary message of the New Year for trees.

Create a stunning edible owner arrangement.

Hostess: Michelle Burke 1507 Winterwood Dr NE

Chair: Ellen Fishman

Programs Begins 7:30 P.M. | Fee \$10 Friend: \$18

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For more Info or to RSVP contact Nechamy at

616.828.2340 or Nechamy8@gmail.com

### Beautiful Tu B'shvat Dried Fruit Trays

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Or to order your trays

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### Gan Israel Day Camp

A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime!

Camp Gan Israel is designed to make your child's summer vacation fun, stimulating and entertaining!

The Camp Gan Israel experience is a unique combination of Jewish pride and fun!

Dates: June 26th - July 14th 2017

Kiddy Camp: Ages 3-5, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Main Division: Ages 6-10, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Pre - Teen Division: Ages 11-12, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Tuition fees cover all activities, snacks, and trips.

3 week session: \$550

Per week: \$200

for registration or for more info please contact

Rivka at (616)206.9654 or email us at

campganisraelgr@gmail.com

## Temple Emanuel

### Sunday, Feb. 5th at 10:00 AM Author Don Berman

will discuss his book *One Hundred Dimes*. Pro football betting, trust and faith all come together in this novel that was published last May. Coffee and bagels will be served.

*Temple Emanuel cont.*

**Sunday, Feb. 12th 10:00 AM Your Opinion Matters & Brunch.** Topic: Does empathy help or hinder the pursuit of social justice? RSVP to Jim at [JimS@siegeljewelers.com](mailto:JimS@siegeljewelers.com)

**Sunday, Feb 12th and Sunday, Feb. 26th at 11:00 AM Yoga from a Jewish Perspective.**

Join Jaron Siegel in this approach to the practice of Yoga.

**Sunday, Feb. 19th 10:00 AM Congregational Conversation** about security, inclusiveness and other community concerns in the wake of bomb threats across the American Jewish community.

**Sunday, Feb. 26th 10:00 AM Join** Janice Fonger in the Temple Kitchen to bake hamentaschen for our Mischloach Manot baskets for Purim.

*Congregation Ahavas Israel*

**Tot Shabbat/Young Junior Congregation, Saturday, February 11**

Tot Shabbat/Junior Congregation meets on the second Shabbat of each month, coinciding with the Torah study Shabbat abbreviated service, at 10:30 a.m. Please let Marni Vyn know that you are coming - [marnivyn@gmail.com](mailto:marnivyn@gmail.com). Next month, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 11.

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**Save the Date:**

Limmud Michigan 2017: A Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, March 19th, 2017, 10am to 5pm, at the beautiful new Student Center at Wayne State University.

Transportation, convenient parking and a kosher lunch & snacks will be in ample supply!

Limmud Michigan is a volunteer run festival and celebration of Jewish thought, culture, learning, teaching and fun! Dedicated to the Jewish experience and exploration in all its variety, Limmud is committed to harnessing the energy of people from across the Jewish community.

Limmud Michigan is:

- Pluralistic
- Focused on choice (there were approximately 50 presentations at last year's event)
- All volunteer (including all of the presenters)
- Diverse geographically, with participation from throughout Michigan

Contact Rabbi Krishef for more information, 949-2840 or [Rabbi@ahavasisraelgr.org](mailto:Rabbi@ahavasisraelgr.org).

# 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 sleep away 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

*Thank you for supporting the  
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

**Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund**  
In Appreciation of Ann Berman  
From David Sarne



## JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fund (pick from list) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Send card to: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send card to address \_\_\_\_\_ **Send your donation and this form to:**  
 Send card to City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ **2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

# The Shofar

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**February 16, 2017**



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## Looking Ahead:

**March 3 - 5**

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend (see page 5)

**March 12**

Community Purim Carnival (see page 5)

**April 20**

Edwin Black: *How IBM Co-Planned and Co-Organized the Holocaust*

Gerald R. Ford Museum

**April 23**

Cultural Council Presents

Arthur Feldman - Jewish Art Historian

**April 30 - May 4**

Annual Jewish Film Festival