



It's been a very busy start to 2019, and it continues to be a whirlwind with much to report and look forward to in our culturally-rich and active community! Below are a few Federation events that we would like to highlight:

Israel Trips

We welcome back the 16 community members who travelled to Israel on the JFGR Community Mission Trip in January. Check out our Facebook page for photos of their adventures! Combining this Mission Trip with JFGR's two other, recent Israel trips through the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) and our new re-engagement with the Partnership 2Gether program through the Federation of Metro Detroit, our local Federation made it possible for 28 people to travel to Israel within the past 10 months! At the JFGR Board meeting in February, eight of the 11 JWRP participants shared with the Board how meaningful the trip was for them. The impact of the Israel trips is significant, and we know that these 28 individuals have and will continue to bring their enthusiasm and excitement back to our local community.

Cultural Council's 50th Anniversary

JFGR celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Cultural Council with a gala featuring the Maxwell Street Klezmer band. This wonderful, community-wide gathering honored the work of the many individuals who helped to make this community thrive. Refer to page 3 for photos of the Gala and an overview of the history of Cultural Council that Burt Bach so generously compiled.

Purim Carnival – March 17, Save the Date

The celebrations continue! Please mark your calendars for our next community-wide event, the Purim Carnival, on Sunday, March 17. See the flyer on page 7 for more details.

The Grand Rapids 21st Annual Jewish Film Festival
April 28 - March 2 at Celebration Cinema North

Come join us for a five-night gripping cinematic journey and experience captivating stories told by exquisite writers, directors, cinematographers, and actors. From the US to Poland, to Mexico, to Argentina, to Israel, these original films will stir, entertain, and challenge you. Full details of the selected films and trailers will be available shortly on our website. Information on becoming a sponsor is available on page 5.

Help us reach our Campaign Goal!

The 100 days of Impact Initiative was very successful and raised over \$400,000. This focused fundraising effort was designed to condense the campaign, which will create more efficiency and allow us to concentrate on the important work of engagement, education, and service the remainder of the year. Even though the 100 days have passed, it's not too late to contribute. We are still looking to raise an additional \$25,000 by the end of April to meet our fundraising goal. ***There are matching grants available for new and increased gifts, which could double and even triple your impact. You can give online or call the office to make your donation. Details are on page 2.*** Hope to see you at one or all of the upcoming exciting events!

Shalom,
Marni Vyn, Board Chairperson, and
Marisa Reed, 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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***If you need a duplicate receipt for your donation to the Jewish Federation in 2018, please email cathy@jfgr.org or phone 616-942-5553, ext. 204**

MATCHING GIFTS

*Any new gift or increase is matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant. The Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation has made a matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions. The Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation has also made a matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions from donors age 49 and under. Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card or stock. Pay in full or set up installments. You can even pay online at www.JewishGrandRapids.org. The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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The 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Cultural Council was a big hit! On Saturday night, February 2, about 100 people gathered at Cascade Hills Country Club for a gala evening to celebrate the Jewish Cultural Council's 50th Anniversary Series! Exceptional music was provided by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band of Chicago. Cantor Stuart Rapaport was our witty Master of Ceremonies and Burt Bach regaled us with a wonderful speech about the history of the Cultural Council. Everyone enjoyed a video made by JFGR staff entitled A Look Down Memory Lane: Cultural Council's 50th Anniversary. There was lively music, dancing, great food and of course, anniversary cake! Below is a part of Burt's engaging speech. Photography by Leigh Rapaport.

The History of The Jewish Cultural Council (As Best As I Know It!) by Burt Bach

The history of the Jewish Cultural Council (so far as my father is concerned) begins with the Bach family's longtime association with the Arbiter Ring--the Workman's Circle. This was (and still is) a socialist, largely non-religious (but very much Jewish) organization founded in New York City in 1900 by oppressed working class Jews. The organization espoused an ethos and an ethic that stressed an egalitarian socialist vision with "traditionally and deeply held Jewish values emphasizing community and social justice," combined with a love of and appreciation for Jewish culture--especially Yiddish culture--in all of its manifestations.

This was the world in which my Dad, Sol Bach, grew up on the near northwest side of Grand Rapids, poor Jews struggling to make a living; eyes firmly fixed upon the American Dream of "moving on up." Sol had an unbridled love for these people, for family, and for the Yiddish they spoke and the culture it created. He came by it honestly; he told me his father used to schlep to Detroit in order to bring famous Yiddish Theater actors (in town from New York) to Grand Rapids for a performance, and then schlepped them back to Detroit--no easy drive in the 1920's in the days of narrow country roads winding through every small town along the way.

It was this love that, in 1968, brought Sol together with Dora Rozensweig and Sid Mossman to create the Jewish Cultural Council. I wish I could tell you more about Sid. I know that he was an extremely intelligent person and very much a true gentleman (a mensch much like my Dad!), and that he was much more "frum" (religiously observant) than Dad (not surprising--almost everyone was more frum than Dad), but I know little else. But Dora was another story. We might call her the "Nancy Pelosi of the Cultural Council"... she knew how to MAKE THINGS HAPPEN and GET THINGS DONE! And she often did it with a most unique flair. Dad told me Dora grew up in Detroit in a "Jewish Deli Atmosphere" (which her father owned), and that flavorful world full of characters created the spirit that was Dora. (It

should be noted that Dora's spirit remains--literally--in the form of the Rosenzweig Coopersmith Foundation, which has helped to continue to fund the Cultural Council as well as so many other wonderful organizations).

Looking back at the programs and talents that these folks brought to Grand Rapids over the ensuing years, I realize they achieved something really quite extraordinary: Elie Wiesel, Bruno Bettelheim, Chaim Potok, Roman Vishniac, Eugene Borowitz, Theodore Bikel, Shlomo Carlbach, The Klezmerim, Herschel Bernardi, Wolf Blitzer, these are but a few of the many truly incredible talents that graced our city (if you're a bit younger and don't recognize many of these names, Google them--you'll be amazed!).

None of this could have happened without the participation and dedication of many wonderful people over the years, and they all deserve our thanks and recognition. Sadly, many of these folks are no longer with us: Dora and Leonard Rosenzweig, Sol and Irene Bach, Sid Mossman, Joe and Sylvia Meyers, Abe Ginsberg, Lee Krugman, Eileen Newman, and Lois Kahn. Fortunately, these folks continue to grace our presence: Gloria Dennen, Jean Barkan, Toby Dolinka, Lev Kaganovitch, Marie Berlin, Bud and Judy Joseph, Sue Remes, and, in later Cultural Council years, Stuart Rapaport, Mort Zukerman, and Mario and Talia Atias. I'm certain I've forgotten someone who deserves to be on this list and deserves our thanks, so thank you and my apologies to whoever/whomever you are! Last but not least, thanks goes to the present Federation employees who have worked with tireless dedication on our behalf--it wouldn't happen without you.

Just like the Arbiter Ring, The Jewish Cultural Council has always been, and always will be, a group effort, and a labor of love. Here's to the next 50 years!



See more photos on page 8.



From the White House Seder to Your Seder!
Learn and taste some delicious new twists on Traditional
Seder foods!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 14, 2019

2:00 to 4:00pm

Ahavas Israel

White House Guest Passover Chef

Susan Barocas



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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

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

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

Admission: \$15

Tickets available on our website: www.jewishgrandrapids.org

For more information or to rsvp please call Marisa K at 616-942-5553 or email her at markay@jfg.org



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Community Purim Carnival

2019



Sunday, March 17, 2019

12:30-2:30 pm

Temple Emanuel

Kosher Hot Dog Lunch!

Bounce House and Carnival Games!

Arts and Crafts! Cake Walk!

Costume contest! Prizes!

Hamentashen!

Cost: \$5.00 per person

(free for all UJS students)

**Hosted by: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Congregation Ahavas Israel,
Temple Emanuel, Chabad House of West Michigan, and United Jewish School**

*** co-sponsored by The Ravitz Foundation**



Community

Mazel Tov to Peg Finkelstein who has been selected to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. She is being recognized for a legacy of distinguished service to the Jewish community and a longstanding commitment to the support and



advancement of JHSM's mission. Peg is only the fifth person (and the first woman!) in their 60 year history to receive this award .

Retirees Lunch Bunch



884 FOREST HILL AVE SE

Time: 11:30am

Cost: \$10

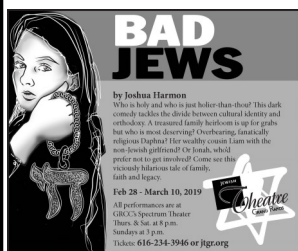
RSVP to Ann at 616-942-5553 or ann@jfg.org

Rides available upon request.

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids presents: "Bad Jews"

written by Joshua Harmon and directed by Tom Kaechele.

GRCC's Spectrum Theatre,
160 Fountain St NE



Who is holy and who is just holier-than-thou? A dark comedy that tackles the divide between cultural identity and orthodoxy. A beloved grandfather has died and a treasured family heirloom with religious significance is up for grabs. But who is most deserving of it?

Bossy, overbearing, fanatically religious Daphna? Her wealthy cousin Liam who's just returned from skiing with his non-Jewish girlfriend Melody? Or Jonah, his brother, who would prefer not to get involved in the fight? A cramped Manhattan apartment becomes the setting for a viciously hilarious quarrel about family, faith and legacy as the contenders set at each other's throats on the night after the funeral.

Show Dates: February 28, March 2, 7, 9, 2019 @ 8 p.m. AND
March 3, 10, 2019 @ 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 General, \$23 Seniors, \$8 Students

Tickets are available starting February 20, 2019 by calling the
Box Office at 616-234-3946

or online at <http://jtgr.org/season/tickets>

Senior Group to Jewish Theatre Matinee performance of *Bad Jews*

Sunday, March 10 3:00pm

We can carpool from the Temple Emanuel parking lot.

We will meet at 2:15 to carpool. PLEASE RSVP by

Wednesday March 6th to 616-942-5553.

Cost: \$20

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Young Jewish Adults.
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Hadassah Book Club

We will be taking a winter break. See you all in the Spring!

Date: April 17th

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Diane Broomberg,
2865 Lake Drive SE,
616-949-6084

Book: *The Art of Fielding*

By Chad Harbach

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

Sue Remes & Flory Silverstein



INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Tuesday mornings 10:00am at
Temple Emanuel.

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



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





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

Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits

Director: (\$500) Receive two Flex Passes (16 admissions), recognition 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 brochure.

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. Your name will be listed in the program brochure.

Jewish Film Festival Mission Statement:

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

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Yes! I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor

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www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS Board:

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

- Allyson Strauss co chair
- Alison Bernstein co-chair
- Rhonda Pappas
- Rick Rinzler
- Paula Miller
- Elisabeth Rosewall
- Heidi Levy

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 www.unitedjewishschool.org

School Calendar

- March 3 Celebrate Shabbat with Jessica or PJ Library with Gan Katan, Pre-K, and Kindergarten
- March 10 Bagel Brunch for parents 11:30 at the Temple Emanuel social hall
- March 10 Confirmation begins
- March 17 Purim community event starts at 12:30 pm
- March 24 Matzah Factory with Chabad for Kindergarten- 3rd Grade. Matzah Factory with Doug at UJS
- March 31 No school /Spring



Thank you to the Soverinsky and Winkelman families for their help in making our Tu B'shevat celebration a big success. All UJS classes participated in traditional Tu B'shevat seders with songs, prayers, and lots of delicious fruit!



Please mark your calendar for the Purim Carnival community celebration on Sunday, March 17 at 12:30pm, Temple Emanuel immediately following UJS dismissal.



UJS students and teachers warmed up with a beautiful family Havdalah service on a cold winter evening.



More photos from Cultural Council 50th anniversary event at Cascade Hills Country Club.



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 for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. Applications are available online at www.jewishgrandrapids.org or upon request, and are due by **March 15, 2019**. Please contact the Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553.

Ann Berman
Director of Social Service Resources

*Note: All applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee and held in the strictest confidence.
* see the Tamarack Camps ad below for special Michigan resident only scholarships to their camp.*



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

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- Asher, Second Year Camper




Contact Franki Bagdade for more information:
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Uncover the story of Esther and her life in the king's palace as we bake delicious chocolate dipped Hamantashen.

For Jewish boys & girls, Ages 5-11 At Chabad
2615 Michigan Street

CTeen Junior ~ Grades 6th-8th**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH • 7:30pm**

Destination: Shushan capital of Persia

Join us with your family to hear the Story of Esther, eat delicious Hamantaschen, and pack some Purim goodies to be delivered to Jewish Grand Rapids residents.

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST • 4:00-6:00pm

Destination: Egypt | Get ready for Passover as we travel back in time to Egypt and visit King Pharaoh! Paint your own beautiful Passover kiddish cup with your Cteen Junior friends.

CTeen Grand Rapids**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST • 12:30-2:00pm**

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

Masquerade Party & Megillah reading for the Whole Family!**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH • 7:30pm • At Chabad**

Come dressed in your most original costume, hear the Megillah and enjoy some Purim treats! Fun for the Whole Family!

For more info contact us at 616-957-0770

36th Annual Purim Celebration Dinner

The Chabad House of Western Michigan invites the entire Jewish community to the *36th Annual Purim Celebration Dinner*

PURIM IN MOROCCO. PURIM DAY • THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST 2019

At The Chabad House 2615 Michigan St N.E.

L'chaim - Live Music Entertainment! Enjoy authentic Moroccan cuisine with Special Guest Entertainment by: Shlomo Haviv Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist, Percussionist, Bouzouki Player
Join us for a festive, fun and joyous evening.

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30pm | Megillah Reading: 5:45pm |

Dinner: 6:15pm. Donation \$36 per person | for more info or to RSVP call 616-957-0770 | Please RSVP by 3/10/19

Model Matzah Factory**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH • 12:00pm • At Chabad**

It's MATZAH Time! Grind your own wheat and bake your own Matzah! At the Model Matzah Factory

For more information please call 616-957-0770

Jewish Woman's Circle**MONDAY, APRIL 1ST • 7:30pm**

The Story of Our Lives - A Writing Workshop. Explore the power of the written word and rediscover yourself in the process.

Women's Torah & Tea

Join us for an insightful and thought-provoking discussion on the weekly Torah portion. Drawing from the wisdom of the classic biblical commentators and chassidic teachers, the study group focuses on the relevance of the Torah's teaching to our modern day lives. Monday Nights at 8pm. For more info, please call Nechamy at 616-828-2340.

Ahavas Israel**"Take Me Out to the Ball Park"**

Purim Celebration, **Wednesday, March 20**

Cadillac of Raffles Drawing - 7:00pm

Purim Celebration - 7:30pm

Please join us for a Shabbat Experience Dinner, Friday,

March 29, 6:15pm, followed by a festive meal in the Social Hall. Kick off Spring Break by relaxing with some good food, good wine, and good friends, at Ahavas Israel. Please register and pay at <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/cai-shabbat-experience--shabbat-dinner-2138726952> by March 22nd.

\$12/person, maximum \$30/family.

Limmud Michigan 2019 | Sunday, March 31, 2019 - The JCC of Metropolitan Detroit and Frankel Jewish Academy. For more information, see LimmudMichigan.org

Temple Emanuel

We invite the extended Jewish community to come for:

Buonissimo Purim at Temple on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm. Garden fresh salad, garlic bread, homemade

meatballs & spaghetti, vegan meatballs, Lambrusco, and hamantashen. \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 13. Set in a little Italian restaurant, the Book of Esther Purim Shpiel, features the incredible music of Billy Joel, and under the direction of Phil Pletcher, the show begins at 7:00pm. Costumes encouraged for all ages. Dinner reservation to the Temple at 616-459-5976 by **Friday, March 15.**

Purim and the Chinese Year of the Pig on Saturday,

March 23 at 7:00pm. The evening begins with a Chinese Buffet Dinner (honoring the pig by NOT eating it). It continues at 8:15pm with two Jewish comedians from New York City, Bob Greenberg and Steve Marshall. Both are well known on the comedy city in the Big Apple. This evening is Adults Only and it is being made possible by the Leah Dennen Enrichment Fund. The cost is \$25 a person. Call the Temple at 616-459-5976 **by March 21** to reserve your spot. Get ready to laugh at some good Jewish humor!

Our Interfaith Seder will be held on Wednesday, April 10

at 6:00pm, using Rabbi Kerry Olitzky's new Haggadah. "Welcome to the Seder: A Passover Haggadah for Everyone." This seder is open to all those in our community, from different faith traditions, who wish to experience the beauty of Passover. The evening includes a full dinner, including matzah ball soup, chicken, potato kugel, tzimmes and dessert, catered by Marla Tulett. A vegetarian option is also available. The cost is \$25 per person. **Contact the Temple to RSVP by Wednesday, April 3.**

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch The next Your Opinion Matters & Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 10:30 AM. Chef and moderator Jim Siegel prepares a hot meal and a topic for a heated debate each month. The topic for March is: Reform and Conservative Judaism modernized observance to fit into the demands of modern American life. Our forefathers reflected on how to balance living Jewishly while making a living in America. Why aren't we re-examining the issues that those before us wrestled with to improve living Jewishly for our times? Please be sure to make your reservations with Jim Siegel at jims@siegeljewelers.com so that he knows how many meals to prepare.

Endowment

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$10 or more to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in honor or in memory of members of our community. We then will acknowledge that donation with a card to that individual or family. This is a wonderful way to send your good wishes and be able to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah.

Please be sure to indicate what the occasion is and who is to receive the card. Please specify which of the following funds you would like your donation to be credited to:

Woman of Valor Fund

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

Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund

To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund

To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to Jewish sleepaway camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund

To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund

To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

Leven Family Fund

To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund

To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

Donna G. Boorstein Memorial Fund

To help ensure funding for Jewish arts, culture and history in Greater Grand Rapids.

Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund

To support health services for Jewish community members not covered by other financial resources.

What's Happening March 2019

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28	JFGR Retirees Lunch Bunch at Marcos 11:30am
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31	Limmud Michigan 2019

*Make a tribute gift to Thank, Honor, Memorialize
friends and loved ones.*

JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____ Fund (pick from list) _____
 Donor Address _____ In honor of _____
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