

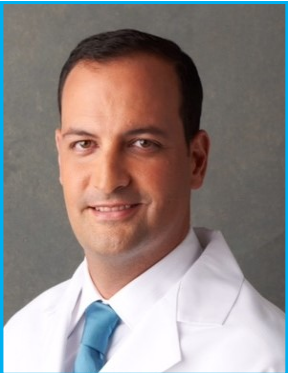


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**Board Chair's Letter**

As I compose this letter to the community we are entering the last few weeks of our annual campaign. I am glad to say that, although the numbers are not final, we have had a good year of fundraising. Thanks to the generosity of our community we have had an increase in first time donors. These funds allow us at the Federation to continue the vital work of helping our members as well as providing a variety of services to our constituents. If you have ever attended a cultural council event, Jewish Film Festival, or a number of the holiday parties, those were funded partly or entirely by your Federation. We recently had a very interesting speaker Edwin Black come to speak to us about the role that IBM played in helping to facilitate the destruction of European Jewry by Nazi Germany. The speech was well attended and very revealing to many of us in attendance that were unaware of the collaboration with the Nazis.



Dr. David Alfonso  
Board Chair

As we look forward to planning our budget next year we aim to continue to provide the essential resources as well as the many cultural and educational programs we have done in the past. Our allocation meeting is next month on Wednesday May 10, I would encourage anyone who has ideas or would like to be more involved in the process of allocating our hard earned dollars to attend. I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge our great staff at the Federation. Ann Berman, Jennifer Stanton and Cathy Winick, are dedicated invaluable resources to our community and demonstrate passion for their roles in helping our community. We are fortunate to have them involved in the function of the Federation. There are still some exciting events coming up including the Jewish Federation summer picnic on Sunday, June 25. I am optimistic and enthusiastic about the direction of our Jewish community and look forward to an exciting spring and summer.

Sincerely,

David R Alfonso

P.S. We look forward to seeing you at our 19th annual Film Festival! See page 3 for more information.

**The Shofar**

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**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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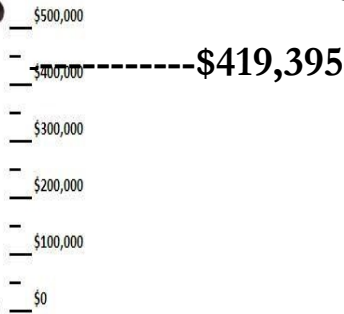
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# Campaign 2016

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**T**hank you for donating to Campaign 2016 which closed April 30th. Because of your generous gifts the Federation will be able to make allocations to support Jews locally and around the world.

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?

Please contact the Federation office at 616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org to learn more.



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**Sunday, April 30  
thru Thursday, May 4**

**April 30 - Sunday**

## **ABULELE** Family matinee

96min – Adventure – Hebrew/English Subtitles

Ancient legends warn children about the *Abulele* - enormous, furry and sometimes dangerous monsters who are able to hide among the human race by making themselves invisible except to special children who are in need of a friend. In this heartfelt family film, Adam, a young boy grieving from the loss of his brother, discovers an *Abulele* living in his building. When Adam realizes that it is not the *Abulele*, but the humans who are the real monsters, he risks everything to save his friendly giant.

Co-sponsored by United Jewish School



**1:30pm**

**May 2 - Tuesday**

## **FANNY'S JOURNEY**

94min – Drama (based on true story) – French/English Subtitles

Bristling with suspense and moving in equal measure, *Fanny's Journey* tells the true story of exceptional bravery and survival against all odds. This beautiful, perfect, feel-good movie follows a group of children fleeing Nazi-occupied France as they learn about independence, and the value of friendship in the midst of tumultuous circumstances.



**7:30pm**

**April 30 - Sunday**

## **DOUGH**

94min – Comedy – English

Curmudgeon widower Nat Dayan clings to his way of life as a kosher bakery shop owner in London's East End. Understaffed, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Avyash, who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his immigrant mother make ends meet. When Avyash accidentally drops his stash into the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves and an unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice. *Dough* is a warm-hearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places.



**7:30pm**

### **Dessert Reception**

**After the viewing of *Dough*, enjoy pastries and a chat with Danish baker Niels Bach.**

**May 1 - Monday**

## **MY HERO BROTHER**

77min – Documentary – Hebrew/English Subtitles

A group of remarkable young people with Down syndrome embark on a demanding trek through the India Himalayas, accompanied by their "normal" brothers and sisters. Unresolved conflicts and the complexities of growing up with a Down syndrome child in the family come to surface, while a heart-warming and special closeness develops among the siblings as they deal with formidable physical and emotional challenges. Through the eye of the camera, we catch a glimpse into the internal world of those with Down syndrome, and are led on our own journey of discovery and admiration as their inspiring natural qualities begin to emerge.



**7:30pm**

**Guest Speaker from Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan**

**Wednesday, May 3**

**6:00pm**

### **Middle Eastern Dinner/Festival Prize Drawing In the Wave Room**

catered by Sheshco Mediterranean Grill

Cost: \$10.00

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

**May 3 - Wednesday**

**7:30pm**

## **ROCK IN THE RED ZONE**

87min – Documentary – English/Hebrew Subtitles

*Rock in the Red Zone* is a personal view from the ground on the frontlines of an endless war, and a powerful exploration into the lives and art of musicians struggling to create in a conflict zone. Filmmaker Laura Bialis encounters a creative community that captivates her, leads her to love and changes the course of her life. *Rock in the Red Zone* demonstrates the power of artistic creation to transcend even the most challenging circumstances. It also reminds us that sometimes in the least expected places, we can find magic.



**Screening will be followed by Q&A session and a live musical performance by featured musician Avi Vaknin.**

**May 4 - Thursday**

**7:30pm**

## **HARMONIA**

97min – Drama – Hebrew/English Subtitles

A contemporary variation of the biblical story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar and Isaac. Sarah, a harpist with the Jerusalem Philharmonic Orchestra is married to its conductor Abraham. When Hagar, a young Palestinian horn player, joins the orchestra, the thin balance in their family is shaken. *Harmonia* uncovers the metaphoric emotional roots of the ancient conflict between two people living in Jerusalem, now seeking harmony through a dramatic encounter between Western and Eastern music.





Presents

# Jewish Cooking with Amy Kritzer!



Taking her experiences of cooking with her bubbe, Amy shares her endeavors in the world of Jewish cooking on her website, *What Jew Wanna Eat*. Amy's videos and blog posts are fun, inspiring and meaningful. Her recipes are absolutely delicious!

For more information, visit Amy's blog: [www.whatjewwannaeat.com](http://www.whatjewwannaeat.com)



Come join us for a night of noshes and light refreshments, while getting creative with some desserts from Amy's new cookbook, *Sweet Noshings*, that she will be signing. Explore how to pair desserts with wines and cocktails at Shabbat or holiday meals!



**When: Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Where: Temple Emanuel**

**1715 East Fulton**

Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5 for college students and kids under 18 are free.

RSVP requested

For more information visit: [www.Jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.Jewishgrandrapids.org)

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## Scams Victimizing Older Adults

In this article you will read about common tactics that scammers use to separate seniors from their money. These scammers prey on vulnerable older adults because of cognitive problems that can impair judgement. Isolation and sometimes loneliness can also make seniors too trusting.

### Scam 1: the Grandparents Scam

You receive a call from someone claiming to be your grandchild and in need of financial help. Scammers will place a call and when the elderly pick up, they will say something to the effect of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer then establishes this identity and proceeds to claim to be in trouble. The scammer may say that he or she needs money for rent or bail or something of this nature. The scammer will often ask that the money be sent to Western Union.

**How to Avoid:** If you receive a suspicious call from someone claiming to be a relative in need of help, say you will need to call back in a few minutes. Then, proceed to check out the story with other relatives. Sometimes the scammers have background information from social media, so don't be fooled if a suspicious caller references details from your or another relatives' life. Again the better approach is to tell them you will need to call them back.

### Scam 2: Investment Schemes

Watch out for pyramid schemes, such as, your friendly neighbor selling cheap plots of land as a "sure-fire" investment opportunity, or a member of the community who gets too persuasive when trying to get people to invest in this "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity", or to spend their savings on penny-stock in an up and coming company.

**How to Avoid:** Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Be suspicious of anyone who promises large returns and only deal with reputable institutions.

### Scam 3: Email Scams

Email scams are often a variation of the investment scam or the lottery scam. Many emails claim to be from a rich individual that wants to give you a share of their fortune if you will just offer them a bit of help. These are known as 419 Scams or Nigerian email scams (even though the country of origins is not always Nigeria). Other email scams include "phishing" scams, whereby an email will look like an official email from

a legitimate institution. The email may link to a website that looks legit but is actually fake, for example it may look like your bank's website. The goal of this is to get you to enter passwords, bank account information and other personal data.

**How to Avoid:** Be distrustful of unsolicited emails and never disclose private information online except to a trusted organization. If you have questions about whether a communication is real, call the organization directly.

### Scam 4: Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams

This scam has been around for a long time and the only thing new is that it is common among the email scams. Basically a victim is told that they won a sweepstakes or lottery and only need to make a "payment" to unlock their winnings. Often, the victim is sent a check that initially appears to have great value, and only a few days later it bounces. During the lag time, the scammer will quickly collect money for supposed fees or taxes on the prize.

**How to Avoid:** Be wary of what seems to be too good to be true. If you have won a sweepstakes, you should not have to pay fees within a day or two of the award.

### Scam 5: Charity Scams

This scam tends to happen in the wake of major disasters. Callers claim to be representing a charity seeking funds to help pay for disaster recovery or aid for the victims. Some charity scammers will send emails to solicit these funds.

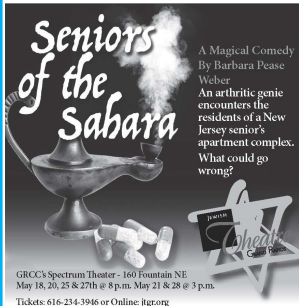
**How to Avoid:** Do not make donations to an organization that cold-calls you, when you are not familiar with them.

### Scam 6: Repair Fraud

This one is all too common. A friendly neighbor may charge exorbitant amounts of money for simple household chores, yardwork or routine auto maintenance. This happens all too often, and may be a sign that your loved one has developed dementia.

**How to Avoid:** If you find yourself making poor purchasing decisions, talk to a younger family member about getting help and possibly a financial power of attorney. If a younger relative has financial power of attorney, sometimes the costs of the fraudulent charges can be reversed.

*To stay on top of the very latest scams hitting seniors, sign up for Scam Alerts from the National Consumer Protection Bureau.*



Seniors: lets go to  
Jewish Theatre of Grand  
Rapids  
Sunday matinee  
Of  
**Seniors of the  
Sahara**

**Sunday, May 21st**

**3:00 pm show**

We will meet at Temple Emanuel at 2:15pm to car pool down! You must make a reservation by Wednesday, May 17th for the car pool and ticket.

Call 616-942-5553 to RSVP

Cost: \$18

## **Lunch Bunch!** **Taqueria El Rincon Mexicano**

Grand Central Plaza, 2055 28th St SE

**Thursday, May 25th**

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$10

RSVP by Tuesday May 16 to Ann at  
616-942-5553

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

Transportation available by calling our office.



## Community

### Temple Emanuel presents



*In a world resonating with discord and distrust, we propose The Pursuit of Harmony: dedicated to meaningful contact between Jewish Americans and Palestinian Muslims.*

#### **May 5 Friday Shabbat Services**

**5:30 p.m. Social Hour**

**6:15 p.m. Services**

#### **May 6 Saturday Program**

**9:30 a.m. Brunch**

**10:00 a.m. Program**

Generously sponsored  
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Tom & Mickie Fox Family Endowment Fund

#### **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Peace**

In a non-threatening humorous and enlightening presentation, Alaa and Michael share their insights on the conflict. With slides of political satire cartoons rarely seen in the West, and through fascinating stories, you will see the conflict through the lens of the other. Alaa will share some of his music videos which offer a funny, insightful, and critical commentary on the internal Palestinian politics, along with his famous Obama video, enjoyed by the President himself. Alaa does a personal account of coming of age in Gaza and moving to the West Bank for more freedom of expression and a more liberal society which will leave a lasting, touching impression. Michael and Alaa will field questions

**Hear Ye Hear YE!!  
The updated Jewish Community Roster are now available!**

You can purchase your copy at a cost of \$10 from the following places: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, or contact the offices of Congregation Ahavas Israel or Temple Emanuel.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JFGR Community Picnic  
Sunday, June 25th**



On the lawn of Ahavas Israel  
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
games, food and fun for all ages!

**Now infant through age 12!  
Thank you to the Ravitz Foundation and  
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**Seniors of the Sahara**  
A Magical Comedy  
By Barbara Pease Weber  
An arthritic genie encounters the residents of a New Jersey senior's apartment complex. What could go wrong?

GRCC's Spectrum Theater - 160 Fountain NE  
May 18, 20, 25 & 27th @ 8 p.m. May 21 & 28 @ 3 p.m.  
Tickets: 616-234-3946 or Online: jtgr.org

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**Hadassah Book Club**  
**When:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
**Time:** 7:15pm  
**Location:** Diane Broomberg, 2865 Lake Drive SE  
Please RSVP to Diane at 616-949-6084 or email: [larryb2829@gmail.com](mailto:larryb2829@gmail.com)  
**Book:** *An Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff  
Looking forward to seeing all of you. We are as always your "BOOK ENDS."  
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Join members of the Michigan Pro-Israel Community at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Michigan Annual Event on May 3rd at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center (400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243) The featured speaker is former Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Ron Proser, and special remarks from Governor Rick Snyder and AIPAC CEO Howard Kohr. The program is open to the community, admission is \$75 per person and \$500 for a table of 10. There is a community reception at 5:30pm and the main program begins at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Adrienne Kaplan at [akpalan@aipac.org](mailto:akpalan@aipac.org) or at 312-253-8988.

## Hope Against Hate: Building Resilient Jewish Communities in the Face of Threat.

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit is co-sponsoring this with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

This is going to be a fascinating and timely event – and very meaningful to anyone who is concerned with the future of our Jewish communities. The full program includes an afternoon conference with a variety of incredible speakers and break-out sessions, a special screening of the film *Denial* and an evening discussion with Deborah E. Lipstadt, author of *Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*.

If anyone is interested, please contact Marisa Reed at [marisa@jfgr.org](mailto:marisa@jfgr.org) to arrange for free registration or contact Jennifer Levine directly. See her information below.

### Jennifer Levine

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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301  
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## What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

### May 2017 Calendar of Events

1	<b>Jewish Film <i>My Hero Brother</i></b> at Celebration! Cinema North 7:30pm
2	<b>Jewish Film: <i>Fanny's Journey</i></b> at Celebration! Cinema North 7:30pm
3	<b>Film Festival Dinner</b> 6:00pm in the Wave Room at Celebration! Cinema North <b>Jewish Film: <i>Rock in the Red Zone</i></b> 7:30pm AIPAC Michigan Annual Event 7:00pm Detroit Marriott - Renaissance Center
4	<b>Jewish Film: <i>Harmonia</i></b> At Celebration! Cinema North 7:30pm
6	Michael Ochs & Alaa Alshaham Program 10am at Temple Emanuel
8	Hope Against Hate Program in Southfield Michigan
14	Your Opinion Matters & Brunch 10:00am at Temple Emanuel Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ - Chabad House 4:00pm
16	Chabad Kids Club 4:30pm
17	TE Food Bank distribution day at 8:00am Hadassah Book Club 7:15pm
18	Cultural Council event: <b>Jewish Cooking with Arm Kritzer</b> 7:00pm at Temple Emanuel Cteen Junior at Chabad 4:00pm
21	Seniors Group to Matinee of <i>JTGR Seniors of the Sahara</i> 3:00pm TE - Spring Gala 6:00pm
25	Seniors Lunch Bunch Taqueria El Rincon Mexicano 11:30am
30	Shavuot with Ahavas Israel Potluck 6:30pm
31	Shavuot Events - Temple Emanuel 6:15pm Chabad House 5:00pm

**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.

*Congregation Ahavas Israel***Torah Study Shabbat, Abbreviated Shabbat service, May 13:**

The schedule is:

9:30 a.m. Torah study, 10:30 a.m. Service, 11:55 a.m. (approximately) Kiddush

**Tot Shabbat/Young Junior Congregation, Saturday, May 13, 11:00 am**

Please let Marni Vyn know that you are coming - [marnivyn@gmail.com](mailto:marnivyn@gmail.com).

**Celebrate Shavuot with Ahavas Israel. Tuesday evening, May 30 - Thursday, June 1**

Please join us for our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual potluck dinner and Tikkun Leil Shavuot study session, "A Torah of Justice: A View from the Right, A View from the Left," on Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.

Call the synagogue office for the location of the program. If you would like to come to dinner, please contact Marisa ([MarisaRBK@gmail.com](mailto:MarisaRBK@gmail.com) or 459-4627) and let her know what you would like to bring. If you want to come for the study sessions only, no RSVP necessary (although feel free to contact Marisa if you want to bring some dessert).

Schedule:

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - dinner

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Study session

9:00 - 9:45 p.m. candlelighting, ma'ariv, and dessert

9:45 - ? Study sessions

Shavuot Yom Tov services - Wednesday and Thursday, May 31 and June 1, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday - Torah Reading - "The 10 Commandments"

*Temple Emanuel*

**Your Opinion Matters & Brunch.** Each month Jim Siegel prepares a delicious meal and a juicy topic for debate. Join us on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Lewis Social Hall to enjoy both. This month's topic is: *How do you get society to abandon old policy when change is seen as an attack on the cause?* This question can be applied to many longstanding efforts and organizations including : Foster care System, U.S. Navy, Public Education, Poverty, Jails & Prisons. This event is free of charge, but Jim needs to have a head count for the meal. Contact Jim Siegel at [jims@siegeljewelers.com](mailto:jims@siegeljewelers.com) to reserve your spot!

**Temple Food Bank.** The Temple Food Bank will have its May distribution on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Your gifts of cash, cleaning supplies and food are always welcome. We support between 50 and 60 families each month with essentials like soap and laundry detergent , diapers and wipes, as well as fresh food, and pantry supplies. Contact Barbara Duchemin or the Temple Office to assist with this mitzvah.

**Confirmation**

We invite you to share in the joy of our community as we celebrate the Confirmation of :

Gabriella Bates, Maia Cieply, Zoey Gendler, Kayla Lebster, Shira Schadick

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

**Celebrate Shavuot at Temple - Wednesday, May 31, 6:15 PM** Holiday Service that includes the reading of the Ten Commandments and Yizkor. **7:00 PM** No need to cook! Come for a traditional Shavuot dairy dinner featuring bagels and lox, kugel, fresh fruit, and cheesecake. **Free of charge, reservations required!**

Please contact the office to RSVP by Tuesday, May 30. 459-5976 **8:00 PM** An Introduction to Mussar

Come and learn what the Rabbi has been talking about all year

We cordially invite you to the Temple Emanuel **Spring Gala Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> At 6 o'clock in the evening** at Thousand Oaks Golf Club, 4100 Thousand Oaks Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Please join us for an evening of dining, entertainment and a final chance to bid on silent auction items!

**Reservations required no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.** Contact the Temple Office at 616-459-5976



*Chabad House of West Michigan***Chabad Kids Club - Mini Chefs****TUESDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> | 4:30-6:30pm****CHEESECAKE IN A JAR**

Experience the joy of Kosher Cooking!

Create a beautiful Cheesecake to go, for the holiday of Shavuot!

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 &amp; Girls ages 5-11

\$10 per session (includes light dinner)

For more information or to RSVP Contact Rivka at 616.206.9654

**Cteen Junior****Date: MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> | 4-6PM****Topic:** Body & Soul Mates**Activity:** Charity rap off**Giving back:** Car washing to raise funds for children at Camp Simcha.For Jewish Boys & Girls Grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>

Enrich your own Jewish pride while giving back to the community

**Cteen Grand Rapids**

Part of the Fastest Growing Jewish Teen Network in the world!

**SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> | 1:00-3:00pm**

Cteen Day- Learn about the holiday of Shavuot while making cheesecakes for the Jewish seniors in our community.

For more information or to RSVP for CTeen or CTeen Junior, Contact Rivka at 616.206.9654

**Lag B'omer Bonfire & BBQ****SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> | 4:00pm** at Chabad House

Join us for a Lag B'omer Celebration.

Celebrate Jewish Pride and Unity!

Fun for the whole family!

For more Info call 616.957.0770

**Jewish Woman's Circle****Sunday, May 21st****"The Three Gifts"****Jewish Woman's Circle ~ Spa and Luncheon**

A day of inspiration, relaxation and rejuvenation celebrating the Jewish woman.

For more Info or to RSVP contact Nechamy at 616.828.2340 or [Nechamy8@gmail.com](mailto:Nechamy8@gmail.com)**Celebrate Shavuot**

Come hear the 10 Commandments and enjoy a delicious dairy Kiddush and Ice Cream Party!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> | 5:00pm** at the Chabad House.**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 26<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:campganisraelgr@gmail.com)**Gan Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten**

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

**MISSION 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@jfg.org](mailto:info@jfg.org)

# Endowment/Seniors

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*

### **Louis & Louise Weiner Fund**

In memory of our son, Nikolay Rapeyko  
From Lidiya & Vilen Rapeyko

### **Woman of Valor Endowment Fund**

In honor of Barbara Lucas  
From Judith & Julian Joseph



### **Looking for Mahjongg players!**

Fridays 1:00pm-4:00pm

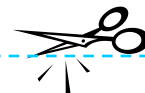
This a casual game, but somewhat competitive. Players do not have to commit to every week. For more information contact Arlene Siegel at 616-446-8547



### **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



## JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fund (pick from list) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Donor City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send card to: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send card to address \_\_\_\_\_ **Send your donation and this form to:**  
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