



In this month's *Shofar*, I'd like to share with you two of the many reasons why I support the Jewish Federation.

1) On October 28, JFGR's Cultural Council welcomed Father Patrick Desbois to speak on *The Hidden Holocaust* and his life-long work to raise awareness about the sites where Jewish and Roma mass executions were carried out by the Nazis in World War II. Father Desbois has devoted his life to fighting anti-Semitism, all forms of mass violence, and to furthering relations between Catholics and Jews. The full-house presentation was a collaborative effort, spearheaded by the Jewish Federation – and involved numerous underwriters and sponsors throughout the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, including Henry Pestka Charitable Fund, the Ravitz Foundation, and Joseph Stevens Freedom Endowment of Grand Valley State University.



Marni Vyn
Board Chair

This Cultural Council event represents one of the many reasons why I support JFGR: the program **educated and engaged our community – addressed anti-Semitism – strengthened interfaith relationships – and explored issues from history that are still relevant today.**

THIS is our Jewish Federation.

2) Later this month, I will be traveling to Israel with 10 women from our Jewish community. JFGR has partnered with the International Jewish Women's Renaissance Project to offer this low-cost trip to mothers with Jewish children under 18. I'm honored to be serving as the City Leader, representing the Jewish Federation and playing a leadership role within our group. The trip is designed to enrich our personal identities as women and mothers, increase our Jewish knowledge, and bring renewed energy back to our families and community. (Please be on the lookout for future *Shofar* newsletters showcasing participants of this program and their experiences in Israel.)

JFGR's co-sponsorship of this unique, 9-day Israel trip is another reason why I support JFGR: this experience will be **an investment in our future and current leaders – deepen connections to Israel – and strengthen the fabric of our community.**

THIS is our Jewish Federation.

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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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Because of you, we are able to support the Jewish community in West Michigan, Israel, and around the world.

Your support enriches lives, builds community and fosters a thriving Jewish future.

Your impact is extraordinary.

- Lives are touched, changed and saved.
- Friends, families and neighbors are connected to one another and to Jewish life.
- The elderly are supported and nurtured.
- Youth are inspired to discover their Jewish identities.
- Volunteers are doing good and giving back.
- Individuals of all abilities and backgrounds in the community are welcomed and included.

During the next 100 days, we invite you to explore the Federation's impact locally, in Israel and around the world. From September 26, 2018 - January 4, 2019 we will highlight different themes Federation addresses and individuals whose lives are changed by our work. We hope you will get involved with Federation at events and be inspired to make meaningful contributions to Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign.

One gift, YOUR gift, can change the world.

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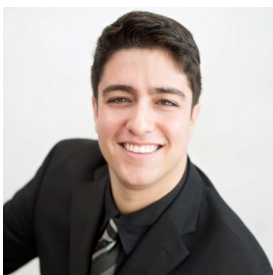
TESTIMONIALS FOR 100 DAYS OF IMPACT



Monte & Mitzi Cohen
Sharon's parents

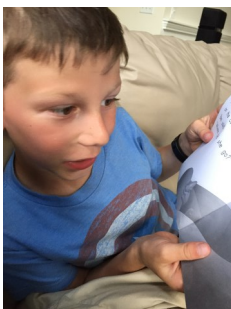
Sharon Pettigrew

I am so grateful to the Jewish Federation. My elderly parents live in Grand Rapids and I live in Northern Virginia - too far away to ferry them to doctor appointments and such. My dad no longer drives and my mom is in assisted living. The Federation has stepped up to give my dad rides to doctor appointments and has referred them to a transportation company for my mom to take her to Friday night services and other events at the temple. They even pick her up to join "The Lunch Bunch" for a meal at a local restaurant now and then. I feel a sense of relief knowing the Federation supports my folks as they are increasingly dependent upon others. Ann Berman and her staff are rock stars in my eyes. Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.



Josh Cohen

Having grown up in a strong Jewish community in Detroit, Jewish day school, temple every Saturday morning, moving to Grand Rapids was a challenge. I didn't realize how much my Jewish identity meant to me, until I spent a year or two in West Michigan without ANY Jewish connections or culture! It was at this point that I reached out to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. Immediately I was hooked up with young Jewish adult programming, business networking events for members of the community and the opportunity to help JFGR develop more events to bring young Jewish adults together! Since then, we have put on a couple of young adult networking events, have begun a partnership with Onetable.org, bringing Shabbat into the homes of young Jews in the community AND I have started attending Wednesday morning services at Ahavas Israel! Without the Jewish Federation in West Michigan, I don't think I would have any cultural or spiritual ties to Judaism, and for that I am eternally grateful. Through my partnership with the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, I'm looking forward to planning more networking events and hosting a few Shabbat dinners in the months to come! See you there! Shalom!



Melissa's son Sully

Melissa Popour

Each month, our family receives a new book from PJ library. Getting mail is always fun, but when it's a book, it adds that extra bit of excitement. Our family is filled with avid readers, and a new book is always thrilling. It's a chance for my son and I to hang out and read together, to learn more about our faith and Israel. It's fun to ask him questions about what we're reading, and get his take on it. (Most times I am blown away at the insight of someone so young!) I have received a couple books myself. It is nice to be able to show my son that I enjoy reading books from PJ Library as well. And it also helps to instill in him that love for reading and our Judaism. It's nice to have another way to connect to Judaism and Israel. I tend to learn at least one new word with each book. I also teach 2nd grade Sunday school. When I bring in a PJ Library book that's pertinent to my class, it warms my heart to hear a student say that they love the book I'm reading because it's one they have at home. These books are a way to bring us together, especially in a world where finding those commonalities and personal interactions can be a struggle and not made to be a priority. PJ Library has created a community within our communities, and it's a great way to keep those ties strong.



On November 27, the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is participating in a national initiative called GivingTuesday. Its timing, amidst a period of retail frenzy, is to help charities' bottom line.

GivingTuesday was initiated in 2012 by New York City's 92nd Street Y. 92Y is a robust Jewish cultural center established in 1874.

92Y conceptualized GivingTuesday as a way of linking individuals and causes to strengthen communities and encourage giving. Truly a Jewish concept!

So, do not be surprised if a volunteer in our community calls you Tuesday, November 27. They may ask if you are familiar with the Jewish Federation. They may ask what you especially like about the programming and services we provide.

They may ask what kinds of things you would like to see, or what we could do better. You will also have an opportunity to make a pledge if you wish. Of course, you can also make your pledge before or on November 27 without being contacted, if you prefer, as part of our *100 Days of Impact* campaign.

Thank you for joining us in this global conversation!

Stop in our office on GivingTuesday, 2727 Michigan Street NE.

We will be open 8 am to 8 pm with bagels and coffee.

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As we approach year-end, I encourage you to remember JFGR in your charitable giving. You likely know that we've launched the new *100 Days of Impact*, a shortened fundraising campaign that began on September 26, 2018 and will conclude on January 4, 2019.

In last month's *Shofar*, Campaign Chair Daren Shavell explained that this focused appeal will allow us to concentrate on the important work of engagement, education, and service the remainder of the year.

You can make a pledge or donation by contacting the Federation office (616-942-5553) or online at www.jewishgrandrapids.org.

Thank you for your generous support of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

Marni Vyn
Board Chair



**Happening in Grand Rapids
(and over 100 other places)
on**

November 11th!!

**Be a part of something amazing and
join us next month!**

Our coordinator in Grand Rapids is Sophie Reed.

For more information or the link to register, see www.danceforkindness.com or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/516224528821279



Sunday, Dec 9th

12:30pm - 2:30pm



This event is free for all UJS students & staff

Children: \$5.00 for lunch & bowling (up to 18 years old).

Adults: \$6.00 *kosher lunch

\$4.00 bowling

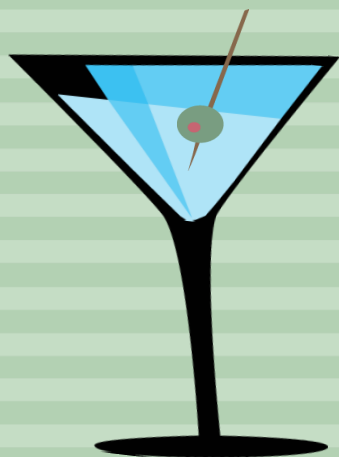
To RSVP and for additional information contact our office: 616-942-5553 or markay@jfgr.org.

Location:

**Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center
3335 Fairlanes Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418**

*Generous support for this program from
The Ravitz Foundation.*

Co-Sponsored by United Jewish School and Chabad
*The Kosher lunch is prepared by Chabad House of West Michigan.



Olive's Restaurant Guest Bartender Night!

With Tapsters: Rabbi Krishef and Rabbi Schadick
Benefiting Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
Wednesday, November 7, 2018

6-9 pm

Olive's Restaurant

2162 Wealthy Street SE in Gaslight Village

eatatolives.com

Join us at Olive's restaurant for an evening of socializing with other adult Jewish community members.

Staff will be available to answer any questions about Federation programs including PJ Library, Cultural Council, Onetable.org and other programs. This will also be a great opportunity to let us know what other programs you might like to see for our community.



Celebrate the First Night of Chanukah

Sunday, December 2nd

The Entire Jewish Community is invited



4:15 PM Chanukah Party at Calder Plaza
sponsored by Chabad House of Western Michigan

5:00 PM Community Menorah Lighting at Calder Plaza

5:30 PM Concert by Nefesh Mountain at Temple Emanuel

The amazing musicians of *Nefesh Mountain* are coming to Temple Emanuel for a bluegrass Chanukah concert!

Throughout their music you can hear the foundational similarities between bluegrass and Jewish traditions, notably the lure of "home," the love of nature and the comforts of a like-minded community. Jerusalem Ridge, Rocky Top, Flint Hill and Nefesh Mountain are clearly parts of the same eternal chain.

We thank the Mickie and Tom Fox Family Endowment Fund for underwriting the cost of this concert.

6:30 PM Brisket & Latkes Dinner

Following the concert we invite everyone to bring their menorahs and 2 candles to join us for a latke and brisket dinner and menorah lighting at 6:30 PM. Kosher (cooked at Chabad) & Vegetarian meals available upon request!

\$20 Adult

\$10 Children (ages 6 to 13)

Children under age 6 are free

\$50 maximum per family

RSVP to Temple Emanuel 616-459-5976 or info@grtemple.org

Be sure to specify if you would like a kosher or vegetarian meal when you reserve!

The Crises Facing Jewish Existence in the Contemporary Period and their Educational Implications

Yossi Turner, Padnos Visiting Professor

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

10:00 AM

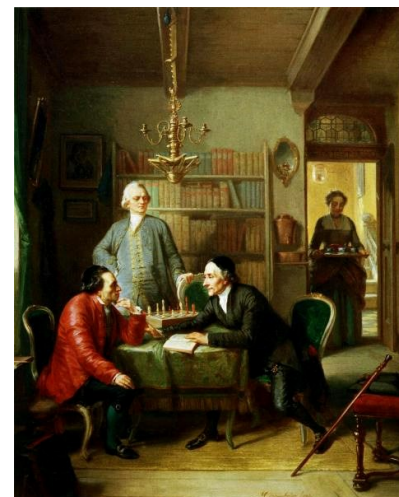
Temple Emanuel, Grand Rapids

This lecture frames some of the central challenges currently facing Jewish education in the contemporary digital age.

Yossi Turner is associate professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Schechter Inst. He did his graduate work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where he was awarded an MA and a PhD in Jewish Thought.

We will meet for bagels and coffee at 10 AM.

Professor Turner will begin teaching at 10:30.



In 1987, Stuart Padnos established the Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professorship in memory of his parents. His generosity has funded more than 20 visiting faculty at University of Michigan. When Padnos presented his gift to U-M, he stipulated that the visiting professor must travel to Grand Rapids annually to share a lecture with alumni and friends at Temple Emanuel.

“Shalom Grand Rapids”

A Service of the Jewish Federation

If you know someone new to the Grand Rapids Jewish community, please let us know! “Shalom Grand Rapids” would like to welcome them! Or, if you’d like to become an ambassador for “Shalom Grand Rapids” and help to welcome people who are new to the community or not currently involved, let us know that too!

To sign up or receive additional information about the program, contact Marisa Krishef at the Federation office: 616-942-5553 or markay@ifgr.org



Hadassah Book Club

Our Book Club will be Meeting In December of 2018

When: Wednesday, December 12th

Time: 4:00pm

Where: Karen Haight's
130 Maryland N.E.

Phone #.....616-304-4946

(Please call Karen and let her know you will be coming) Thank you!



Book to Read: *THE TEA GIRL* of *HUMMING BIRD LANE*
By LISA SEE

Where to find the Book.....Schulers Books (616-942-2561) or your Local Library.

Looking Forward to seeing you in the Chill's of Winter! Please don't forget to call Karen Haight, Thanks so much.

Your Book Ends side buy side,
Sue Remes.....(616) 949 3505
Flory Silverstein..... (616) 949-5766

Cultural Council



Cultural Council has assembled another inspiring year of programming for our 50th Season!

We are also welcoming new members who would be interested in joining this committee which plans and carries out events during the year.

Our mission statement: The Jewish Cultural Council of Grand Rapids aims to foster greater awareness of Jewish culture in West Michigan by providing a vast range of quality programs with Jewish content. These programs highlight the arts, learning current events, Jewish traditions and ideas and their impact on universal values. The programs are intended to appeal to Jews and non-Jews alike.

Name _____

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Membership Benefits and Privileges

_____ Underwriter, \$500 or more: Free admission

to all programs for five adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults

_____ Patron, \$250 - \$499: Free admission

to all programs for four adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults

_____ Sponsor, \$125-\$249: Free admission

to all programs for three adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults

_____ Family membership, \$100: Free admission

to all programs for two adults

_____ Individual, \$60: Free admission

to all programs for one adult

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Payable to **The Jewish Cultural Council**

Please mail this form with your check to:

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids

Cultural Council - Spectrum Series

2727 Michigan St. NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

***Admission to individual events are generally \$15 and up for adults, \$5 for college students and children up to 18 are free.**

**Admission prices may vary for some events*



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

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Heidi Levy

Liz Samrick

November Calendar

Jewish Book Month

Nov 4 - Guest reader for Pre-K through 4th grade/ Padnos Lecture.

Nov 11- Guest reader for Pre-K through 4th grade/Mitzvah Mall/Music with Marc Rossio.

Nov 18 - Guest reader for Pre-K through 4th grade/Mitzvah Mall.

Nov 25 - No School/ Thanksgiving.

Unaffiliated students accepted for 1 year. Classes for ages 2 years through 12th grade. To enroll please go to the school website unitedjewishschool.org.

**We would like to thank
Barbara Wepman for her
generous support of United
Jewish School.**



REMNANTS**HENRY GREENSPAN****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018, 2:30****MARY IDEMA PEW LIBRARY**

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HONORS COLLEGE

CONTACT: PROF. ROS FRANCIOSI / 616-331-3069 / FRANCIOR@GVSU.EDU

**Remnants: A Performance
by Henry Greenspan****Thursday, November 8, 2:30 pm****Mary Idema Pew Library: Multi-Purpose
Room, Grand Valley State University**

The Play Remnants reflects what is now more than forty years of Henry Greenspan's conversations with Holocaust survivors. Rather than gathering one-time "testimonies," the author's approach has been to meet with the same survivors multiple times—over weeks, months, years, and—with a few survivors—even decades. The piece recreates special moments

from those deepening conversations: moments of unusual candor when survivors struck on an image or memory that seemed to nail something essential about living through and after such destruction. Originally produced for radio on NPR, it has since become a staged performance which the author has presented at more than 300 venues worldwide. The play has received more than a dozen national and regional awards. "There are no elaborate sets, no orchestral movements to stir the soul. But to those who watch it, Remnants is as memorable and moving as other major Holocaust works....The work is renowned." The Detroit Jewish News "Each monologue encompasses the Holocaust's unspeakable, inexplicable horror within what amounts, in most instances, to a simple anecdote....Anything more would be redundant." The Philadelphia Inquirer "Remnants says more about the Holocaust in fewer words than just about anything I know. Its lean, minimalist format is powerfully affecting. This is Holocaust theatre at its best." Alvin Rosenfeld, Emeritus Chair, Academic Committee, U. S Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Adopt a Family for Chanukah!!

Dear Community,

On behalf of Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, I am once again asking for financial donations toward our Adopt-A-Family at Chanukah program. The goal is to raise \$2000 in cash donations, earmarked for our Adopt-a-family Chanukah program. This will enable us to help those families who are struggling financially to purchase foods, candles and gifts for their families without the "embarrassment of going door to door".

So please consider helping Federation reach this goal by November 23, 2018 by mailing your pledge to: JFGR at 2727 Michigan NE, earmarked "Adopt-a -Family".

Chanukah begins December 2, 2018 at sundown.

Please email or call Ann if you have any questions or referrals regarding the program: Ann@jfgr.org or 616-942-5553 x206.

Let's All Celebrate,

Ann Berman Director of Social Service Resources



RELIGIOUS IDENTITY: DIVIDING OR UNITING?

The 2018 Jewish/Christian/Muslim Triennial Interfaith Dialogue

NOVEMBER 14-15

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY



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Eboo Patel is Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core. He received his doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. He has authored many books

including *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* and *Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise*.



Jennifer Howe Peace is Professor of Interfaith Studies at Andover Newton Theological School, now affiliated with the Yale Divinity School.

She received her doctorate in the Historical and Cultural Study of Religions from the Graduate

Theological Union. She is co-author of *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation*.



Elliot J. Cosgrove is Senior Rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue, the largest Conservative synagogue in New York City. Ordained at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Cosgrove earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Divinity

School. He is the author of *In the Beginning*.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

PRE-CONFERENCE

Wednesday: November 14

Kirkhof Center on GVSU's Allendale campus in the Grand River Room

5:30pm Introductions to the conference theme:

"*Religious Identity: Dividing or Uniting?*" followed by discussion and audience questions.

7:00 pm Conclusion

ALL-DAY CONFERENCE

Thursday: November 15

GVSU's downtown campus in the Eberhard Center

8:45 am Registration and coffee

9:30 am Conference begins

9:45 am Welcome by Sylvia Kaufman and President Thomas Haas

10:00 am **Session I**

Jewish Presentation by Elliot J. Cosgrove
Responses by Jennifer Howe Peace and Eboo Patel

Audience Questions

11:45 am Lunch

1:00 pm **Session II**

Christian Presentation by Jennifer Howe Peace
Responses by Eboo Patel and Elliot Cosgrove
Audience Questions

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm **Session III**

Muslim Presentation by Eboo Patel
Responses by Elliot Cosgrove and Jennifer Howe Peace

Audience Questions

4:45 pm Conclusion

This event is free but registration is required.

www.gvsu.edu/interfaith/triennial-dialogue-29.htm



2018-2019 Season

presenting quality theatrical productions with Jewish themes that are universal in appeal



MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET
by Tom Dudzick
Oct 10 - 21, 2018



BAD JEWS
by Joshua Harmon
Feb 28 - March 10, 2019



CHURCH & STATE
by Jason Odell Williams
June 13 - 23, 2019

INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Tuesday mornings 10:00am

Interfaith and Interwoven meets at Temple Emanuel, 1715 Fulton St. SE.

We need knitters and crocheters to join us to help make mittens, hats and scarves for a classroom of 10 & 11 year old children at Godfrey Elementary. According to the census they also have the highest poverty

level, many children live in homes where it is not uncommon to have the heat turned off. We have been requested to deliver mittens, etc. personally to the children. Please join us in this wonderful project. We will teach those who do not already know how to knit or crochet and can provide the yarn. For more information email 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



Senior Lunch Bunch will meet again in December for the annual Chanukah luncheon.

Please Save the date for Thursday December 6th.

More information in December Shofar.

What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

November 2018 Calendar of Events

4	Padnos Visiting Lecturer Temple Emanuel 10:00am
6	CKids club 4:30pm - 6:00pm Election Day - get out and vote
7	JFGR Night out at Olive's With Guest Bartenders 6:00pm - 9:00pm Open Mic Night at Ahavas Israel 7:00pm
8	Remnants at GVSU 2:30pm
9	CTeen TGIS 5:07pm
11	Dance for Kindness 2:00pm Cteen Junior 4:00pm - 6:00pm Your Opinion Matters & Brunch
14	Kaufman Interfaith pre-conference 5:30pm
15	Kaufman Interfaith conference 8:45am
17	Deli Night Two at Temple Emanuel 6:30pm
27	GIVINGTUESDAY
Dec 2	Nefesh Mountain Concert at Temple Emanuel 5:30pm
Dec 9	Annual Chanukah bowling party 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Ahavas Israel

Dance For Kindness is a worldwide event in celebration of World Kindness Day. Groups from across the globe join together to perform a Kindness Freeze mob/Flash mob to the same song, same dance, all happening on the same day --- Sunday, November 11.

Ahavas Israel is hosting the Grand Rapids DWK event. 10% of the money raised locally will go to Kid's Food Basket here in Grand Rapids, Together, we participate in an event that empowers participants to experience the true reach of World Kindness! Our coordinator in Grand Rapids is Sophie Reed. For more information or the link to register, see www.danceforkindness.com or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/516224528821279

First Open Mic at Ahavas Israel, November 7th. The Open Mic nights of July and August were very successful and the program will continue! Now called *First Wednesday Open Mic* at Ahavas Israel, join us the latest and tastiest spoonful of song, reading, poetry, comedy and other forms of open mic madness, limited to ten minutes per performer. Starts at 7:00pm

Ahavash Israel's Corners of the Field Garden Thank you to all those who worked in Ahavas Israel garden, especially to Allyson Cole-Strauss and Mary Kaneti from Temple Emanuel. We distributed fresh produce to the Temple Emanuel Food Bank and the Baxter Community Center.



Ahavas Israel Reading Group. The next meeting of the Ahavas Israel reading group will be Thursday, February 21.

For more information, please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778; leahsauer@live.com.

Our next book selection is *People of the Book* by **Geraldine Brooks**

In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war. Priceless and beautiful, the book is one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with images. When Hanna, a caustic loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—she begins to unlock the book's mysteries. The reader is ushered into an exquisitely detailed and atmospheric past, tracing the book's journey from its salvation back to its creation.

In Bosnia during World War II, a Muslim risks his life to protect it from the Nazis. In the hedonistic salons of fin-de-siècle Vienna, the book becomes a pawn in the struggle against the city's rising anti-Semitism. In inquisition-era Venice, a Catholic priest saves it from burning. In Barcelona in 1492, the scribe who wrote the text sees his family destroyed by the agonies of enforced exile. And in Seville in 1480, the reason for the Haggadah's extraordinary illuminations is finally disclosed. Hanna's investigation unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics. Her experiences will test her belief in herself and the man she has come to love.

OneTable.org has arrived

Ahavas Israel and the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids team up to bring OneTable.org into Grand Rapids. OneTable is a national organization dedicated to helping people in their 20's and 30's, with no children, to slow down, unplug, join together, and have a meal on a Friday night

Check out their FAQ page for all of the OneTable details. More questions? Reach out Rabbi Krishef (Rabbi@AhavasIsraelGR.org); Marisa Reed, Jewish Federation Grand Rapids (Marisa@ifgr.org); or Associate Director, National Community Expansion Sara Fatell at sara@onetable.org.

Or maybe you want to think about hosting a Shabbat dinner yourself. OneTable.org will match you with a Shabbat Coach, provide you with ritual guides, a potluck organizing feature, recipes, playlists, Nourishment Credits, and more. Details <https://dinner.onetable.org/landing/others> (search for Grand Rapids).



Temple Emanuel

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch

Join us in November for a Special Edition of Your Opinion Matters! **Bag It: Reducing Plastics Use** will be presented in collaboration with Jim Siegel and Emma Rose Starner.

We invite the Jewish Community to discuss single use plastics and plastic bags on:

Sunday, November 11 from 10am-11:45am.

The presentation will begin at 10am with the Middle and High School UJS students joining the community event for a teaser from the feature film "[Bag it](#)", along with a delicious breakfast made by our very own Jim Siegel.

Emma will share her views on the religious imperative that we have as Jews to be good stewards of our Earth's resources and how she felt strongly to bring this into focus as her Bat Mitzvah project. An expert Panel Q&A will also be featured at this time, which will share knowledge about the lifecycle of plastics and offer us information about how we can make better decisions for both our families and the earth. Afterward, the conversation will continue with members of our congregation following the students' return to their classrooms.

RSVP to Jim Siegel at jims@siegeljewelers.com so that we can get a relatively accurate head count for breakfast and seating.



Deli Night Two

Saturday, November 17th at 6:30 PM

\$36/person

Come for the amazing food—knishes, chopped liver, corned beef, salami, turkey, coleslaw, pickles, rugelach, mandelbroit, and more!

Come for the amazing silent auction with over 40 items, plus musical entertainment, and prize drawings will round out the night's entertainment.

Do you have something great to donate to the auction? Contact the Temple Office!

Make your reservations today 616-459-5976 or Cat@grtemple.org

_____ **Yes!** Make my reservation for _____ people at Deli Night!

_____ **Sorry!** We can't make it to Deli Night, but our supporting gift is \$ _____

Deli To Go Order!

Can't get enough of a good thing? Place an order of delicious deli meat to pick up either at the event **or** at Temple on Sunday, Nov. 18th between 10:00 AM and 12 noon.

_____ lbs. Kosher Style Corned Beef at \$15/lb

_____ lbs. Kosher Salami at \$15/lb

_____ lbs. Kosher Style Turkey Breast at \$15/lb

_____ pick up Saturday, 11/17 _____ pick up Sunday, 11/18

Reservations & Deli to go orders must be received in the Temple Office no later than November 14th.

Name _____

Phone Number _____ \$ _____ Check Enclosed **or**

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*Chabad House***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.

CTeen Grand Rapids Upcoming Events:**The place for ALL Jewish high school teens!**

Part of the Fastest Growing Teen Network in the World!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH • TGIS (Thank G-d it's Shabbat) Shabbat Dinner – Delicious foods, challah and good times with friends are waiting for you at the Weingarten's!

Candle lighting **5:07pm**, Dinner **6:15pm**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH • 2:00PM

CTeen Day ~ Dance for Kindness

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND • 2:00-4:00PM

CTeen Chanukah Bash followed by the Grand Menorah Lighting, downtown at the Calder Plaza! (Pickup downtown)

CTeen Junior Upcoming Events: (Grades 6TH-8TH)

Take off for our journey of flying around the world to make a difference!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH 2018 • 4:00-6:00PM

Destination: Africa | Join the jungle and experience the sights and sounds of Africa with an exciting, hands on presentation. Learn the mitzvah of treating animals kindly.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2018 • 4:00-6:00PM

Destination: Greece | Get "grecy" and oily as we get into the Chanukah spirit and enjoy delicious donuts and latkes. Bring a gift to be delivered to the sick children in Helen Devos Children's Hospital wrap it up and decorate with your creativity and love.

Learn how we can make a difference!

CKids Club Upcoming Events: (Jewish boys & girls, Ages 5-11)

Experience the joy of Kosher Cooking!

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 hand-made creations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

"Bubby's Best Rugelach" - Roll them, fill them, and of course eat them!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

"Latke Making" - Learn the tricks of Latke making just in time for Chanukah!

Experience the joy of Kosher Cooking!

Location: The Chabad House | **Time: 4:30-6:00PM** | \$10 Donation per session (includes light dinner)

For more information about CTeen, CTeen Junior, or Kids Club, please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654

Grand Menorah Lighting Celebration Downtown @ Calder Plaza (351 Ottawa Ave NW)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND • 4:15PM

Come celebrate the FIRST night of Chanukah together! Lively Chanukah music, Sufganiot (donuts), Hot delicious latkes, Chanukah Gelt, Exciting entertainment, and more!!

Menorah lighting at **5:00pm** | Fun for the whole family!

Followed by Temple Emanuel's Chanukah concert at 5:30pm! (1715 E. Fulton St)

Menorah at Woodland Mall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND - MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Latkes & Laughter/ Chanukah Party Join us for our Annual Latke Party!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH | 7:30pm

Come celebrate the 7th night of Chanukah with the whole Family! Hot Delicious Latkes, Sufganiot (donuts), Chanukah music, Chanukah crafts, Dreidel ride, games, Menorah lighting and more!

At the Chabad House | 2615 Michigan NE

Cover charge: \$5 | for more info or to RSVP call 616-957-0770.

Menorah workshop at the Home Depot

4646 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018 • 2:00PM-4:00PM

Get ready for Chanukah by building your very own Menorah!

Free Workers Apron! | Music & Refreshments! | Fun for the whole family! | No Charge

For more information or to RSVP call 616-375-9404.

Chanukah Story Time at Barns and Nobles

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2018 • 4:00PM

Join us in the Children's stage area to hear the Chanukah story! At the Woodland Mall - 3195 28th St SE

CTeen International NYC Shabbaton

FEBRUARY 22RD - 24TH

The International CTeen Shabbaton is an annual weekend retreat for Jewish teens from around the world. For the past nine years, thousands of teens have forged new friendships while experiencing a meaningful Shabbat, all in one of the most exciting cities in the world - New York City.

To find out more about this amazing trip or to sign up, call or message Rivka at 616-206-9654.

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.

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

Federation General Endowment/L’Dor Vador Fund

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from JM and family

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

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from Michael Sarne
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