



Shana Tovah and Happy New Year!

I am honored to write to you as the new Chairperson of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.



During this time of introspection as we approach the High Holidays, I'd like to share with you some reflections on our Jewish Federation.

I've always been inspired by the phrase, "think globally, act locally." First, it empowers us to think about and care for the world beyond our neighborhoods and borders. It also encourages us to take action wherever we are, trusting that our actions will create a ripple effect and make a larger, wider impact into the world.

The Jewish Federation embodies the "think globally, act locally" philosophy. You likely know that our organization is part of a larger network of 147 Federations across North America, providing a full range of social service programs and lifesaving humanitarian relief in the United States, Israel, and 70 countries around the world.

Did you also know that the Jewish Federation makes a difference in the lives of so many people right here in West Michigan? Here are some of the many ways that JFGR serves our local community:

**Social services:** Confidential, goal-oriented support, referrals to community resources, advocacy, short-term case management, family and aging issues, housing, financial crisis, physical/mental health concerns, and long-term care. The Adopt-A-Family Program providing Hanukkah gifts to those in need.

**Seniors:** Educational and social programming throughout the year for senior citizens.

**Arts and culture:** A wide range of programs, speakers, and the annual film festival that appeal to broad audiences.

**College students:** Financial support for Hillels at universities and colleges throughout Michigan.

**Young adults:** Social and community-building activities for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.

**Families:** The PJ Library sends free, age-appropriate books to children ages 6 months to 8 1/2 years. Fun holidays celebrations, such as the Hanukkah Bowling Party and Purim Carnival.

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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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**Lunch Bunch: Thursday, September 13, 2018**  
**Annual Apples Honey Luncheon goes downtown for a Scavenger Hunt!**



Nothing brings people together like a game! GO Scavenger Hunts is bringing the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids a fun-filled scavenger hunt activity.

You'll play as a team to win points and learn more about your friends while exploring and learning more about Grand Rapids.

Whether you're striking your favorite yoga pose (don't worry - the quality of your downward dog doesn't matter) or finding your favorite coffee spot in downtown, you're guaranteed to have fun. No running involved unless you want to. All challenges will be walking distance of the central downtown area.

**How it works:** Participants download an app that lists a variety of challenges, ranging from the creative to the thoughtful. You have 60-90 minutes to complete all the challenges in whatever way works best for your team. Following the hunt, at lunch, you will have access to a slideshow with all the photos.

We will have a hunt coordinator kick off the hunt, explain how to play and use the app. Even if you are not tech-savvy don't let that stop you from joining the fun.

Cost: \$20 per person includes lunch

**RSVP by Thursday, September 6 by 5:00pm to learn details** to (616)942-5553 or ann@jfgr.org.

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**United Jewish School (UJS):** Financial and administrative support for UJS, our community's combined religious school with Temple Emanuel and Congregation Ahavas Israel.

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids serves an important role in West Michigan and beyond. Thank you for being our partner as we continue to strengthen our community and help those in need around the world.

Please join us as we welcome our annual kick-off campaign speaker, president and CEO of Jewish Federation of North America, Jerry Silverman. Jerry will discuss how Jewish Federation is working on a global level to strengthen world wide Jewry.

Looking forward to thinking globally and acting globally with you!

Shana Tovah,  
 Marni Vyn

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**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
invites you to a special speaker event with  
Jerry Silverman**



**Jerry Silverman**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**The Jewish Federations of North America**

Frequently named among the most influential Jewish leaders in the world by *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Forward*, and *Ha'aretz*, Jerry Silverman serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Jewish Federations of North America. He has the ears of Prime Ministers and Presidents around the world. Hear what he has to say about the state of Jewry today. An outspoken advocate for Jewish peoplehood, Mr. Silverman is widely known for his views on enhancing religious pluralism in Israel and strengthening Jewish communities worldwide.

**Wednesday, September 26**

**7:00pm**

***Watermark Country Club***

***5500 Cascade Road SE***

***Grand Rapids, MI 49546***

*There is no charge for this event. Complimentary refreshments will be served.  
RSVP to [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org) or by calling 616-942-5553*

## Meet the new faces at JFGR

### Dafna Kaufman, our new Film Festival Chair

We are so excited, thrilled really, to introduce you to the new chair of the Film Festival, **Dafna Kaufman**. Many of you already know Dafna. A little introduction is below. She is so looking forward to working with you to plan and execute a successful 21st Annual Jewish Film Festival!

Dafna was born and raised in Israel, a place she holds near and dear to her heart. After completing her IDF service, she earned Bachelor's (biology) and Master's (pharmacology) degrees from Tel Aviv University and, shortly thereafter, moved to the US to join her (future) husband, Greg. Living in New York and Chicago, Dafna's

professional life continued in the science world at Mt. Sinai Medical Center and Merck. When Greg joined the family business, they relocated to West Michigan, where they also became proud parents to JJ (now 23) and Daniel (21). In 2002, Dafna joined the newly founded Van Andel Research Institute, where she remained for 15 greatly rewarding years. In her longest role there (Laboratory Manager), Dafna was responsible for multidisciplinary coordination and management of multiple research projects (focusing on the development of targeted cancer therapeutics) in collaboration with academic centers and pharmaceutical companies worldwide. In the past year, as those projects have come to a close, Dafna decided it was the right time to begin a new phase in her professional life and to pursue endeavors that will allow her to reconnect with her roots and heritage. Dafna has always loved all aspects of arts and culture. Film has been important to Dafna and her family: Greg worked at New Line Cinema, and Daniel is an aspiring cinematographer. She looks forward to working with the committee, to applying her diverse experience and skill-set in assisting the legendary Jewish Film Festival to continue to shine and to further showcase our rich culture to the Grand Rapids community at large.



### Jessica Gillespie, Our new PJ Library Professional

Jessica recently relocated to Grand Rapids from Ann Arbor. Jessica comes with a wealth of experience having worked for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor Early Childhood Center for 16 years in a variety of roles including pre-school and toddler educator, JCC Family Programs Coordinator and PJ Library Professional as well as PJ Our Way Professional. Jessica will be reaching out to PJ Library families to introduce herself and to share upcoming new PJ library social events. Jessica, will also be at our community family events. Please welcome her to the community and feel free to ask her any questions about PJ Library and how to enroll your child in the program.



# Cultural Council



Cultural Council is assembling another inspiring year of programming for our 50th!

We welcome 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.*

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## **Membership Benefits and Privileges**

\_\_\_\_\_ Underwriter, \$500 or more: Free admission to all programs for five adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Patron, \$250 - \$499: Free admission to all programs for four adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor, \$125-\$249: Free admission to all programs for three adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Family membership, \$100: Free admission to all programs for one two adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual, \$50: Free admission to all programs for one adult

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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 for adults, \$5 for college students and children up to 18 are free.**

*\*Admission prices may vary for some events*

## **What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids September 2018 Calendar of Events**

1	Selihot at Ahavas Israel Film is at 9:30pm / Services about 11:30pm
9	Ahavas Israel Kever Avot cemetery visit 10:00am Ahavas Israel / 10:45am Greenwood
10	Rosh Hashana dinner at Chabad House 7:45 service 8:45 dinner
13	<b>Lunch Bunch - Apples and Honey luncheon</b>
16	Opening Day of United Jewish School 9:45am
23	Your Opinion Matters at Temple Emanuel 10:00am CTeen and CTeen Jr. 7:30pm at Chabad House
25	Shir Shalom Choir practice at Temple Emanuel 7:00pm
26	Temple Food Bank distribution 9:00am <b>Jerry Silverman at Watermark CC 7:00pm</b> Sukkah Celebration at Chabad House 4:00-7:00pm
30	Ahavas Israel Sukkah Hop 2:00-5:00pm



# The Hidden Holocaust



Presented by special guest...

## Father Patrick Desbois

A French Catholic priest, Vatican Consultant,  
& Founder and President of Yahad-In Unum

Sunday, October 28, at 2p.m.  
Cathedral Square Center  
260 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Free Parking

**Free event. Limited space. Please register.**

[www.bit.ly/HiddenHolocaust](http://www.bit.ly/HiddenHolocaust)

Not recommended for children under the age of 13.

While much has been documented about the genocide of Jewish people in Nazi concentration camps during World War II, French priest, Father Patrick Desbois, has worked for more than a decade to shed light on the "hidden Holocaust" in other places throughout Europe.

Father Desbois is a sleuth of sorts, who has uncovered sites in Ukraine, Russia, Moldova and Lithuania where 1.5 million Jews were executed. He has devoted his life to fighting anti-Semitism, all forms of mass violence, and to furthering relations between Catholics and Jews.

Father Desbois is the founder and president of Yahad-In Unum (meaning "together-in one"). This international organization works to raise awareness about the sites where Jewish and Roma mass executions were carried out by Nazi mobile-killing units during World War II. The work he has done is remarkable. With the help of more than 5,300 eyewitnesses, he has identified more than 2,100 execution sites in Eastern Europe. Father Desbois will discuss his humanitarian mission during this special event.

### Underwriters and sponsors:

This program would not be possible without the generous support of the Ravitz Foundation, the Henry Pestka Charitable Fund, and the Joseph Stevens Freedom Endowment of Grand Valley State University. The event is also co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, the Jewish Cultural Council Series, the Diocese of Grand Rapids, the Catholic Information Center, the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, and the Kaufman Interfaith Institute.



Father Patrick Desbois is a French Catholic priest, head of the Commission for Relations with Judaism of the French Bishop's Conference and a Vatican consultant. He is the founder of Yahad-In Unum, an organization dedicated to locating the sites of mass graves of Jewish victims of the Nazi mobile-killing units in the former Soviet Union. He received the Légion d'honneur, France's highest honor, for his work documenting the Holocaust. In 2016, he joined the Center for Jewish Civilization at Georgetown University as a fulltime professor.

Father Desbois has been a guest speaker at the United Nations and was featured on 60 Minutes. Many news articles have been written about his mission, including by the New York Times. Father Desbois is the author of several bestselling books including, *The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews*, *Terrorist Factory: ISIS, the Yazidi Genocide, and Exporting Terror*, and *In Broad Daylight: The Secret Procedures behind The Holocaust by Bullets*.

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For more information, please contact Marisa Reed, [marisa@jfg.org](mailto:marisa@jfg.org) tel. 616-942-5553

### INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Wednesday 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](mailto:deetnewman@gmail.com)

### Hadassah Book Club

Hadassah Book Club met on the 8th of August 2018. Marilynn Lystad was our hostess of the month.

### Hadassah Book Club Next Meeting October 10, 2018

Location: Diane Broomberg  
2865 Lake Drive SE,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

### Book to read..... Hillbilly Elegy Written by.....J.D. Vance

Looking Forward to seeing you soon.  
Books will be available at Shulers  
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Flory Silverstein..... 616-949-5766  
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### 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](mailto:patandfred@tds.net)



**Learn Conversational Hebrew with an expert Israeli instructor!** Hebrew Reading and Immersion Lessons for the Parents of the Religious School Students. Are you interested to familiarize yourself with what your child is studying? Would you like to be able to read Hebrew? Study Hebrew with Michal Ravid, every Sunday, prior to the end of the Religious School, from 11:15AM to 12:15PM, at Congregation Ahavas Israel. Michal Ravid introduced, managed and conducted a new Conversational Hebrew Program for the JCC of Houston, and was Hebrew Specialist from 2006 till 2017 at the Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, TX. Classes will meet at Ahavas Israel beginning Sunday, October 7, for 15 Sunday sessions. Charge: \$225 per student. Text: **Hebrew: A Language Course Primer**, available on Amazon here: <https://www.amazon.com/Hebrew-Language-Course-Lois-Rothblum/dp/0874414636> For more information or to register, contact: Michal Ravid, [benibu@aol.com](mailto:benibu@aol.com), 832-641-5926.



**Shir Shalom Chorus is entering its thirty-third year,** and is the only Jewish-themed chorus in Western Michigan.

We will begin our rehearsals Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00pm and held at Temple Emanuel.

Throughout the years we have performed at many venues, churches, interfaith meetings, Thanksgiving programs, and retirement homes as well as at Temple Emanuel and Ahavas Israel.

We are reaching out to many groups as we represent the Jewish community.

**Surprisingly, there are many Michiganders who are unaware of our Jewish presence. It has become our mission to let them know about us.**



We welcome new members and encourage you to check us out. We need new singers to bolster our sound. **We need you!**

Questions?

Call Toby: 616-949-6528

or [tobykatlover38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tobykatlover38@sbcglobal.net)





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## Opening Day, September 16, 2018

I can't believe that it is already August. We are excited to have a new assistant director, Melissa Weinhaus, who was with us last year as our Gan Katan teacher. Melissa has been in Grand Rapids for one year and brings many years of teaching experience to her new position here at UJS. She is looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful parents and children in our community. This year we also have several new teachers and many exciting new programs...details to come!

### Opening Day Schedule

- 9:45 am** - Meet the teachers, kibbitz with friends, and have a nosh.
- 10:00 am** - Students head off to class.
- 11:45 am** - We invite all the parents to come and join us to Assembly followed Picnic and Mobil Zoo, and fun.

**Sign-up to volunteer for different school events. Get involved!!!!**

### Why parents should get involved:

- Better behavior.** Kids develop better social skills and show improved behavior when their parents are involved at school.
- Improved education.** Research shows that parent involvement can help improve the quality of schools, raise teacher morale, and improve a school's reputation in the community. Involved parents gain the respect of teachers; as a result, teachers have higher expectations of their children. Involvement pays off in the long term.
- Increased confidence.** When students feel supported at home and school, they develop more positive attitudes about school, have more self-confidence, and place a higher priority on academic achievement. Children of involved parents are more likely to feel that they're accepted, included, and respected and at school.
- Parents benefit, too.** When parents become involved in their children's education, they become more comfortable in the school building, gain confidence in their parenting skills, and feel more capable of helping their children learn. They're also more likely to continue their own education.

**Be a Room Parent** for your child's classroom **\*NEW\***  
Room Parents serve as the liaison between the teacher and the parents in each classroom, helping to recruit volunteers for special events and provide general support.

## Calendar

- September 16 - Opening Day
- September 23 - Erev Sukkot
- September 30 - Hoshana Raba



Happy New year!

## Chabad House

### Rosh Hashana Dinner

Chabad House of Western Michigan warmly invites you to join us for. A *Rosh Hashana Dinner*  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Evening Services 7:45pm followed by Dinner at 8:45pm.  
Enjoy the tastes and traditions with family and friends.  
Our delicious four-course dinner is spiced with great food, song and meaningful holiday insights.  
Kindly RSVP by September 3<sup>rd</sup> | 616-957-0770

### CTeen & CTeen Jr "Sukkot Under the Stars"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018  
You're invited to our 4th annual "Sukkot Under the Stars" dinner in the Weingarten's Sukkah. Celebrate this beautiful Holiday in style, along with our family and friends! Services begin at 7:30pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal at 8:00pm. It all takes place at the largest Sukkah in town! Looking forward to seeing you there! For more Info or to R.S.V.P. Call Rivka at 616-206-9654

### SUKKAH-BRATION!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 • 4-7PM  
Hot dog dinner • shake the lulav & esrog • exciting booths • games • moonwalk • face painting • lively music • grand raffle! A fun Sukkot celebration for the whole family! At Chabad House: 2615 Michigan St NE | Admission \$5

### Simchas Torah Celebration with Dancing & Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> • 7:30PM  
Dance the night away with L'chaim, flags for the kids, and a delicious buffet Dinner! Celebrate the completion of the Torah reading! Come receive a free dosage of Jewish Pride and joy that will last you the rest of the year!

### Gan Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten

Registration is open for the fall of 2018! 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.

### Operation Thunderbolt ~ The Miracle at Entebbe

**SAVE THE DATE:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018 | 7:00pm Join us for an exclusive evening with Elite IDF Commander **Sassy Reuven**.  
*Sassy was one of the first commanders to land in Entebbe. He will share with us his first hand account of how Israel pulled off the greatest hostage rescue in history.*  
For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sarah at 616.375.9404.

*Ahavas Israel***Saturday, September 1 - Selihot**

**Selihot film - 9:30 pm, followed by the Selihot service (1/2 hour) at about 11:30 pm** *L'enfant* (The Child, 2005, Belgian, subtitled) Bruno and Sonia are attractive, fun, charismatic young people in love, living in a gritty, industrial area, surviving any way they can. It doesn't seem like a bad existence, but Bruno is more and more revealed as uncomprehendingly amoral. Will he be able to grow into a responsible adult and join the human family? Or will he take the easy way out and stay a child? Coming from such an environment, is it even possible for a twenty-year-old like Bruno to recognize his own flaws and be redeemed?

**Sunday, September 9** - Kever Avot cemetery visits

It is customary to visit the graves of parents and other relatives at the season of the Yamim Nora'im, Days of Awe, and recite a memorial prayer. Rabbi Krishef and Cantor Stuart will be available to say personal memorial prayers at the graves of your loved ones.

10:00 am, Ahavas Israel cemetery.

10:45 am Greenwood cemetery.

**Order your Lulav and Etrog for the celebration of**

**Sukkot!** Blessing and shaking the Lulav and Etrog are the Jewish way to thank God for the blessings of the earth and its bountiful harvest. It is a mitzvah to own a lulav and etrog, and shake it each day of Sukkot (except for Shabbat) in all six directions around us to remind us that God's presence encompasses our entire lives. This mitzvah is an integral part of the celebration of Sukkot, which begins this year on Sunday night, September 23.

Basic set \$30.00

Standard set \$36.00

Muvhar (choice) \$45.00

Order through the Synagogue office. Payment must accompany order, and be received by noon on Friday, September 7. -- **No exceptions.**

**Sunday, September 30, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, "Sukkah**

**Hop"** Hop from the Sukkah of Valerie and Daren Shavell between 2:00 and 3:30 pm (2570 Red Clover Dr. SE, in Ada) and to our new Ahavas Israel Sukkah (on the patio behind the social hall) between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. If you can contribute a dairy or parve soup, appetizer, casserole, or other treat, please text or email Valerie at (616) 550-1355 or [vshavell@gmail.com](mailto:vshavell@gmail.com), or Karen Reifler at 975-9577, [kereifler@yahoo.com](mailto:kereifler@yahoo.com).

**Ahavas Israel reading group**

The **Ahavas Israel Book Group** has decided to read "And After the Fire" by Lauren Belfer as its next book selection. We will discuss it at our next meeting, on Thursday

October 18th 6:30-8:00 PM.

For more information or to let us know you are coming, please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778; [leahsauer@live.com](mailto:leahsauer@live.com). The author, on her website [laurenbelfer.com](http://laurenbelfer.com), has links to purchase the book as well as a reading group guide and a link to listen to music from the book. Also mark your calendar for Thursday, February 21, book to be determined at the October meeting. Please contact Leah Sauer if you are interested. 616-805-3778, [Leahsauer@live.com](mailto:Leahsauer@live.com).

**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 together on Friday night. Sign up at OneTable.org to scroll through open dinners, or create and post your own. From a traditional Shabbat experience to a picnic or Karaoke Shabbat, OneTable will help you make it happen. Coming soon, you will see dinners hosted by people in Grand Rapids posted on OneTable.org. Sign up and meet some new people. Or create a OneTable account and register as a host. They'll match you with a Shabbat Coach, provide you with ritual guides, a potluck organizing feature, recipes, playlists, Nourishment Credits, and more.

If you are not in this age group, we encourage you to let someone who is know about it. This means you, Bubbes and Zaydes, looking to make a shidduch!

*his program is made possible with partial funding from the Ravitz foundation.*

*Temple Emanuel***Your Opinion Matters and Brunch**

Sunday, September 23rd at 10:00 am. Every month Jim Siegel cooks a hot meal and moderates the debate of a hot topic. The topic for September is World Trade. Media reports are distorting the principals of trade between nations. We will take away the politics to understand the issues better.

RSVP to Jim Siegel at [jims@siegeljewelers.org](mailto:jims@siegeljewelers.org)

**Temple Emanuel Food Bank**

The next food bank distribution will be Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. In addition to distributing the bounty of fresh produce from the Ahavas Israel Corners of the Field Garden, we provide pantry staples, personal care items, and other fresh foods for over 60 families each month. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Mary at [mcubed4300@gmail.com](mailto:mcubed4300@gmail.com) or Burt at [bbach2137@gmail.com](mailto:bbach2137@gmail.com) for more information.

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  
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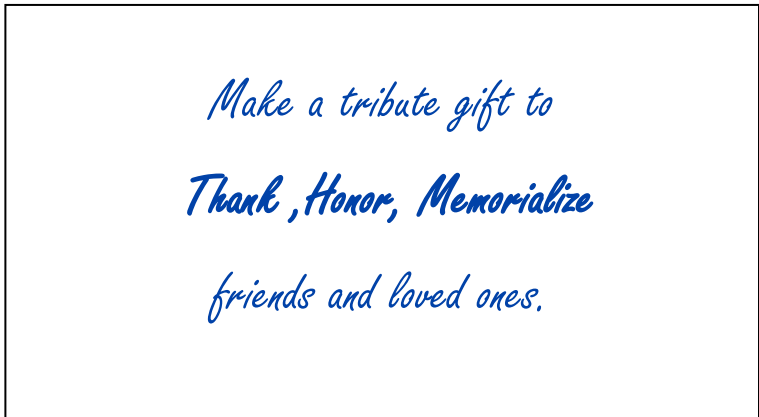
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