



Executive Director’s Letter

Dear Friends,

This summer is a time of change for our Federation staff. Our long-time programming director, Sari Cohen, is leaving Federation to begin a new adventure in her life along with her husband Boaz.

Sari came to Grand Rapids sixteen years ago from Buenos Aires via Israel, as well as various locales in the United States. She joined Federation in 2001 and, as an architect by education and prior experience, she went about the task of building Federation’s community programming with a passion and commitment that has been her hallmark during her tenure with JFGR.

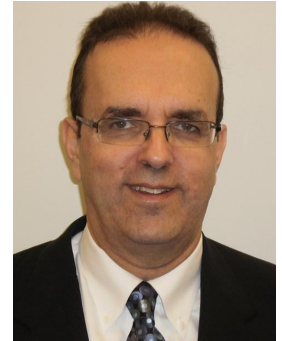
Many of you know Sari through our annual Jewish Film Festival, which she has lead since its infancy to its current status as a Jewish Grand Rapids institution, now approaching its *chai*, or 18th anniversary next year. The work Sari did on the Film Festival exemplifies her work for our community, and why Federation programming has become the unifying force it is today.

Sari has been excellent at building relationships in our community, instinctively understanding that through listening and consensus, whether with her fellow Film Festival committee members, Jewish Cultural Council, members of our congregations and community, or colleagues in the Federation office, our community could become stronger, and a more appealing place for Jews to live. Sari’s skill at her job was buttressed by her positive persona. As one of our staff members said to me upon learning the news about Sari, “she never had a bad day at work.”

While Sari contributed to our community in so many ways – too numerous to adequately discuss in the limited space here – it is the ‘can do’ and caring spirit she brought to our Grand Rapids Jewish community that I will miss most.

Sari and Boaz will leave soon for Israel for six months, then may or may not return to Grand Rapids. Please join us at by Celebration Cinema North on Thursday, July 30, 4-6 pm, to say farewell to them. You may also post messages on our Facebook page to Sari. On behalf of Federation board and staff, and I’m sure many of you, we wish Sari and Boaz all the best! You can read Sari's farewell note on page 3.

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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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on Facebook!**

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L'dor Vador Endowment Update

Growing the Community's Endowment Funds

The L'dor Vador Endowment Committee met and reviewed the investment policy statement and results for the first half of 2015. The committee discussed the economy and markets and elected to make no changes to the investment policy. The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$4,479,397 as of June 30, 2015, growing from \$4,323,015 at the end of 2014. Of note, the funds' balance has been increased by contributions, and reduced by annual distributions requested by many of the funds' beneficiaries.

The L'dor Vador endowment assets generated nearly \$200,000 through 2014 that are available to local Jewish organizations for their discretionary use to fund their charitable missions. The funds generated an annualized weighted average return of 4.32% for the first six months of 2015.

Please consider contributing to, or setting up, a **L'dor Vador Endowment Fund** to help ensure the future of our Jewish community. To donate or if you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Mike at the Federation office at (616) 942-5553 or mike@jfgr.org.



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



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Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.

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DONOR'S SIGNATURE

Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please Charge my: Mastercard Visa
 Discover American Express

Please consider a 10% increase

Card Number
Exp. Date: _____

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We are very fortunate that Leigh Rapaport has joined our Federation staff to replace Sari. As many of you are aware, Leigh grew up in Grand Rapids. She holds a B.A. in Religious Studies from Gratz College, the oldest pluralistic institution of higher Jewish learning in North America. Leigh's background includes over four years at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, a leading progressive congregation in New York City, where she worked at the religious school and implemented programming.

I am excited to welcome Leigh to our Federation team, and look forward to working with her. She brings a young adult's vision and commitment to our future. I invite you to stop by the Federation office to say hello to Leigh and offer your thoughts and ideas for our community programming as we move forward.

Finally, I'd like to direct your attention to pages 7 - 10 where our Annual Report is published. The financial results, including campaign funds raised and allocations made, are comparable to recent years. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Best regards,

Mike

mike@jfgr.org

Dear Grand Rapids Community,

As many of you may know, I am leaving my position at the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in order to take on a new adventure spending part of the year in Israel and closer to family.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Programming Director of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. I started 15 years ago as a volunteer at Camp Shalom and the Programming Committee. A year later, I became the programming director for the Federation. Stepping up to this position was a new challenge and a great opportunity for a mother who was new to the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Grand Rapids Jewish community for their support and collaboration. In the past 15 years, I have seen the creation of the United Jewish School, participated in the community missions to Israel, the rallies for Israel, the Film Festival, the Scholar in Residence program, the Cultural Council series, Purim Carnivals, the Year of Interfaith Understanding and so much more.

I want to give a special thanks to the present and past JFGR boards, the Film Festival and Cultural Council committee members and, in particular, to my co-workers for backing me on all the programs we have put together. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

Lehitraot (see you soon) and Best Regards,

Sari Cohen





Join us as we say farewell to Sari Cohen and thank her for her commitment to our community

Thursday, July 30, 2015
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
The Wave Room
Celebration Cinema North
East Beltline at Knapp



After 15 years with the Jewish Federation, organizing family programs and holiday events, screening hundreds of films, bringing in musicians, speakers, entertainers, and so much more, Sari is bidding us adieu. She and her husband Boaz are planning some new adventures, including spending the next six months in Israel. Please stop by an open house reception for a toast to Sari!

If you cannot attend, but would like to send a note to Sari, you may email her at Sari@jfgr.org.

MISSION TO ISRAEL!

Are you thinking of going on a trip to Israel?

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is in the process of organizing a mission to Israel. We would like to invite anyone interested to meet and brainstorm possible dates and areas of interest. If you are interested, please contact our office: 616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org

IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

Stay informed!

Go to the Federation home page at www.jewishgrandrapids.org

Click on Update: Iran Nuclear Agreement link on our website

UPDATE: IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

CLICK HERE

IRAN



Thursday, August 13
The Old Goat
 2434 Eastern Ave SE
 Grand Rapids (Alger Heights)
Time: 11:30am
cost: \$8.00

Please call the JFGR office to make a reservation 616-942-5553 by Tuesday August 11.
 Please let us know if you need a ride.



Frederick
 Meijer
 Gardens
 July
 2015

Lunch Bunch Outing



SAVE THESE DATES
 For Future Lunch Bunches...

- **September 10 (Annual Apples and Honey Luncheon),**
- **October 15 - tbd**
- **November 19 - tbd**
- **December 10 (Chanukah lunch)**



Extreme Heat Is Most Dangerous Weather Emergency for Seniors

Article courtesy of Right at Home In Home Care & Assistance , CaringNews newsletter.

Every summer, we read of heat waves that take the lives of vulnerable elders. Geriatricians have long known that while high air temperatures can be dangerous for people of any age, seniors are at highest risk.

As we grow older, our bodies are less able to regulate temperature, and we perspire less. Some of the medications we take can interfere with fluid balance. We are less able to tell when we are overheated. It may be hard for seniors to get out of a dangerously warm house or apartment. They may struggle to pay energy bills to cool their home.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has long stated that in all likelihood, heat-related illness and deaths of older adults have been underreported. Now, in what is being called the most comprehensive study of heat-related illness to date, researchers from Harvard School of Public Health have analyzed data on the relationship between extreme heat and the hospitalization of older adults. The research team examined 127 billion daily hospitalizations of 23.7 million people on Medicare over the course of a decade in almost 2,000 counties of the United States. They coordinated the data with more than 4,000 temperature monitors from around the country.

The study, which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association, confirmed that "extreme heat is the most common cause of weather-related mortality in the U.S." The greatest risk was from heat stroke (defined below). Extreme heat also was associated with an increase in the number of seniors who were hospitalized for fluid and electrolyte disorders, kidney failure, urinary tract infections and severe blood infections (sepsis).

One important finding: Though the risks were highest on heat wave days, they remained elevated for close to a week after the hottest days had passed.

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Protect Older Loved Ones During Summer Heat

Check on elderly loved ones during heat waves just as you would during any emergency or natural disaster. Take these steps to keep them safe:

- If the home has air conditioning, be sure it is in good working order. If your loved one is worried about cooling costs, look into resources that help seniors pay their energy bills. If the air conditioner is an older model, it might be worthwhile to get a new energy-efficient one that is cheaper to operate.
- If the home is not air-conditioned, open windows to let in cooler air during early morning and evening hours. Close drapes and blinds to block out the sun and use fans to circulate air.
- If it is impossible to adequately cool your loved one's home, get them to a place that is air-conditioned. This might be a great day to take Mom on an outing to the mall, or to see a movie! If your loved one uses in-home care services, work with the agency to find resources to help manage the temperature in the home or to transport your loved one to a cooler place.
- Many communities offer daytime cooling centers, located in community centers, libraries, senior centers, schools and fire departments. Learn about these shelters ahead of time. If your loved one has a pet, find out if there are pet-friendly centers in the area.
- Encourage your loved one to drink plenty of fluids. Our thirst mechanism is less sensitive as we grow older, so offer fluids even if your loved one doesn't seem thirsty. (People who are on a fluid-restricted diet should consult their physician before changing their fluid intake.) Fresh fruit also is a good source of fluids. Avoid caffeine and alcohol, which can increase dehydration.
- Help your loved one dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Natural fabrics, such as cotton and linen, are coolest. Many synthetic fabrics trap heat and perspiration against the body.



Signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Be alert for signs that your loved one could be suffering from heat-related illness:

Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating; cold, pale, clammy skin; weakness; fast pulse; nausea; and fainting.

Heat stroke is a serious condition; the symptoms include body temperature higher than 103°; hot, red skin, either dry or moist; rapid and strong pulse; and possible unconsciousness. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 911 immediately, and move the person to a cooler environment. Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or a bath. Do not give fluids

2014 Annual Report

General Campaign

\$25,000 or more

Herman Foundation
Padnos Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Greg Kaufman
Norman Leven
David Samrick

Jerome P. Subar Foundation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Michael & Roberta Jacobson
Julian Joseph
Claude Titcher

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Willam Boorstein
Tom Fox
Mark & Barbara Gerson
David Hecht
Henry Pestka Charitable Fund
Leo Schlesinger

\$1,000 - \$2,499

David Alfonso
Anonymous
Stuart Berman
Bruce Cohen
Peter Dennen
Raleigh Finkelstein
Jeffrey Frank
Harvey Gendler
Robert Goldberger
Daniel Hurwitz
Stuart Jacobson
Marc Leven
Bill Lewis
Daniel Mankoff
Charles Olender
Steve Pestka

Michael Present
Jeff Rush
Larry Selig & Ellen Levey
James Siegel
Marc Silverstein
Richard Stevens

Wayne Titcher
Chad Zagel

\$500 - \$999

Anonymous
Leon Ash
Glenn Barkan
Leon Blum
Bradley Friedland
Richard Gaffin
Keith Javery
Joel Krissoff
Albert Lewis
Stuart Rapoport
Michael Schadick
Douglas Siegel
Doug Singer
Richard Sorota
John Winestone

\$250 - \$499

Gary & Barbara Adelman
Mario Atias
Charles Caldwell
Larry Cieply
Stuart Citron
Boaz Cohen
Izak Dimenstein
Carl M. Fink
Jack Finn
Sanford Freed
Stephen Goldberg
Michael Halprin
Dennis Hammond
Harold Hollander
Morris Kleiman

Michael Margulus
Hal Ostrow
Mark Rapoport
David Reifler
Daniel & Nancy Rosen
Philip Rotenberg
Andrew Samrick
Charles Shapiro
Alan Siegel
Joel Siegel
B. Miller Siegel
Bart Steindler
Gregory Sundstrom
Douglas Wachter
Dana Winniman
Ron Zagel

\$100 - \$249

Anonymous
Robert Arbetman
David Balas & James Sellman
Izidor Bass
Scott Berman
David Bernstein
Roger & Marcia Beutner
David Blandford
Len Cottrell
Douglas deLange
Stephen Duchemin
Nadav Dujovny
Fairlanes Family Entertainment
David Finkelstein
Thomas Fox
Jonathan Golden
Gerald Gordon
Jack Gordon
Mike Greengard
Jacob Heglund
Homewatch Care Givers West Michigan
David Kagan
William Katz

David Klein
Jeffrey Kommit
Sheldon Kopperl
Steven Levenburg
Robert Lipshutz
Richard Lovy
Stephen Margulis
Sam Miller
Honorio & Tina Murua
Jack Novick
Ethan Powsner
Rand Putterman
David Rapoport
Leonard Robinson
Jeffrey Rosenthal
Bennett & Jacqueline Rudolph
Mark Schwartz
Milton Sernick
Eric & Carolyn Shapiro Shapin
Sanford Simon
Shalom Solomon
Julian Stroh
John Tully
Scott Vyn
Michael Wiegand
Gilbert Wynn
Jeffrey Zheutlin

Up to \$99

Paul Arnold
Niels & Jane Bach
Daniel Belfer
Jeffrey Bootzin
James Brains
Abraham & Jennifer Cohen
Richard Scott Cohen
Dan Druker
Michael Faden
Ezra Fechtner
Max Fechtner
Jeff Gartner
Sam Gendler

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Rich Kogelschatz
David Krishef
David Levitt
Sholom Liberow
Hezi Marx
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Mark Neistat
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Samuil Olevskiy
Eddie Parach
Vilen Rapeyko

Tom Rider
Evan Rossio
David Sauer
Daren Shavell
Cliff Shekter
Rick Siegle
Michael Silverstein
Matt Simms
Eric & Amy Singer
Slava Sokolovsky
Robert Swietek
Lewis Turetsky
Dan Voorhees
Aidan Vyn
Arend Vyn
Aron Weiner
Manes Weingarten
Yosef Weingarten
Nelson Wilner
Anatoly Yantovsky
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Zach Ziegler
Morton Zukerman

Women's Campaign

\$10,000 or more

Ruby Lion of Judah
Marilyn Leven
Judy Subar

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Lion of Judah
Peg Finkelstein
Bluma Herman
Judith Joseph
Myrna Kirschner
Karen Padnos
Peg Padnos
Susan Samrick
Lanny Thodey
Sharyl Titcher

\$1,800 - \$4,999

Pomegranate
Linda Albert
Heather Alfonso
Machelle Hammond
Dafna Kaufman
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Flory Silverstein
Marilyn Titcher

\$1,000 - \$1,799

Jean Barkin
David Dennen
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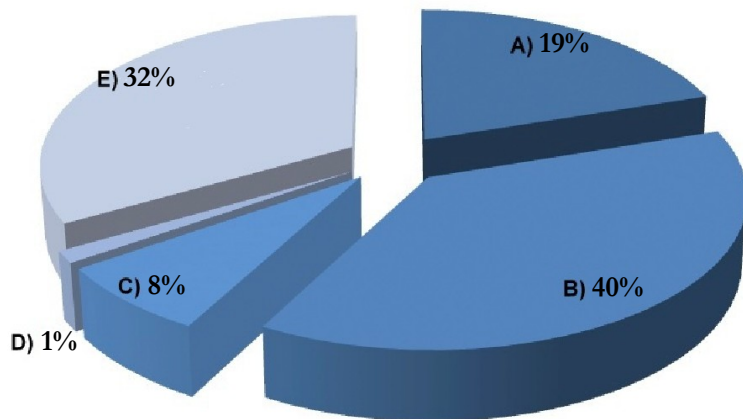
\$500 - \$999	Talia Atias	Shirley Kleiman	Sandra Roth	Susan Wolfson	Sylvia Herman	Julie Rossio
Dorothy Armstrong	Susan Bass	Lillian Klein	Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick	Barbara Wynn	Colleen Hillard	Leah Sauer
Kathi Barkan	Leigh-Ann Baxter	Susan Kopperl	Margit Sarne	Up to \$99	Geraldine Hoffman	Nancy Shane
Sally Blum	Marie Berlin	Amy Landman	Susan Schadick		Ronit Hoffman	Valerie Shavell
Sari Cohen	Julie Bernstein	Karen Libman	Debra Schaefer		June Horowitz	Jean Shekter
Mickie Fox	Debra Blandford	Elaine Lipshutz	Janice Schoenfeld		Phyllis Horowitz	Helen Shibley
Sheila Frank	Lucy Caldwell	Sharlena Lovy	Mary Schwartz		Lori Jacobs	Jean Silbar
Jeanie Friedland	Elizabeth Christopherson	Barbara Marcus	Judy Sernick		Cherri Johns	Karen Silverstein
Doris Griffith	Corinne Cottrell	Sharon Margulis	Leslie Siegel		Michele Kanig	Sandi Simms
Diane Hammerman	Mary Davis	Lisabeth Margulus	Sherry Singer		Cindy Kogelschatz	Lynne Simon
Madelon Krissoff	Gloria Dennen	Jeanne Moss	Irene St. Louis		Marisa Krishef	Nancy Smith
Peggy Leven	Jackie Dennen	Beverly Niedelson	Jennifer Stanton		Stacey Levitt	Nella Sokolovsky
Pam Levy	Toby Weiner Dolinka	Nancy Olender	Allyson Strauss		Chana Liberow	Ally Stein
Shirley Lewis	Barbara Duchemin	Kathleen Osborn	Ellen Taub		Diane Broomberg	Debra Swietek
Barbara Rapaport	Karen Dujovny	Amy Ostrow	Susette Tauber		Mitzi Cohon	Gertrude Turetsky
Edith Rashewsky	Jeanne Englehart	Enid Packard	Diane Titche & Heather Cooper	Cheryl Currier	Lisa-Kate Warmels	
Karen Reifler	Sandy Faulkner	Alicia Pestka	Marni Vyn	Rachel Lutwick Deaner	Diane Wechter	
Maxine Shapiro	Barbara Freed	Cynthia Powsner	Deborah Wachter	Sherri Faler	Tracy Miller Rider	
Kristin Siegel	Pam Goldberger	Pam Putterman	Susan Wakefield	Melinda Frank	Jamie Motola	
Abby Sorota	Christine Golden	Marlene Rapaport	Anne Wepman	Barbara Lynn Freedman	Liat Okanin	
Tziporah Winestone	Sandra Gordon	Lisa Rapoport	Barbara Wepman	Julie Gendler	Nina Olevskiy	
	Karen Haight	Rhonda Reider	Debbie Wiegand	Alison Gervat	Lisa Rashewsky	
\$100 - \$499	Phyllis Hochberg	Lori Reineke	Cathy Winick	Diane Ginsburg	Diane Rayer	
Anonymous	Lynn Hollander	Susanne Remes		Carolyn Goldman	Barbara Remes	
Georgiann Arbetman	Bev Kagan	Sherry Rosenthal			Vicki Rosenberg	

Our campaign would not have been a success without our campaign volunteers:

Chad Zagel, Campaign Chair

David Alfonso	Machelle Hammond	Mike Present	Claude Titche
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Sari Cohen	Julian Joseph	Jim Siegel	Cathy Winick
Davida Dennen	Greg Kaufman	Ally Stein	
Toby Dolinka	Moe Kleiman	Judy Subar	
Mort Finkelstein	Shirley Kleiman	Audrey Sundstrom	
Jeff Frank	Bill Lewis	Susette Tauber	
Sandy Freed	Karen Padnos	Lanny Thodey	

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	
Men's Special Gifts	\$230,220
Men's General	\$29,043
Women's Division	\$152,060
Total Regular Campaign	\$411,323
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$20,809
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$4,451
Interest	\$267
Loan Repayments	\$700
Available for Re-allocation	\$8,811
General Endowment Fund	\$18,458
Art Fund	\$11,091
Weiner Fund	\$2,529
Woman of Valor	\$1,561
Total Additional Income	\$68,677
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	\$480,000
JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:	
Campaign	\$42,795
Family Services / Adult Programming / Social Services	\$90,126
Community Programs / YAD / Family/Youth Programs	\$102,607
Uncollected Pledges	\$7,375
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,400
FICA & Medicare	\$13,500
Sub-total	\$258,803
JFNA Fair Share	\$15,988
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$6,000
Sub-total Operational Expenses	\$26,988
LOCAL ALLOCATIONS:	
United Jewish Schools	\$18,000
Chabad of West Michigan	\$4,750
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$4,750
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,574
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$1,800
Interfaith Dialogue	\$2,500
Sub-total Local Allocations	\$35,374
TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS	\$321,165
NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:	
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$200
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500
GVSU Hillel	\$750
MSU - Hillel	\$500
U of M Hillel	\$500
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	\$750
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	\$4,550
INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:	
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$1,500
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$152,785
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	\$154,285
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$480,000



- A) Operational: Campaign, FICA & Medicare, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, JFNA Fair share, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, Missions & Leadership Development
- B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs.
- C) Local: United Jewish School, Chabad of West Michigan, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Shir Shalom Choir, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Interfaith Dialogue.
- D) National: ADL, Birthright Israel, GVSU Hillel, MSU Hillel, U of M Hillel, Israel Action Network, JCPA, Michigan Israel Business Bridge.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD

*We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds,
Totaling almost \$4.5 million*

Woman of Valor Fund

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

Federation General /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 supports Jewish education for our youth.

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund

To support Jewish social services locally.

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.

Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Fund

To support Cultural Council programming of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation also provided a separate grant to support the Jewish Film Festival.

The Ravitz Foundation Michigan Small Communities Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to strengthen small Jewish communities throughout Michigan with high quality Jewish education and programming for its community members.



Betzalel Art Group
Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Ahavas Israel
Classroom #1

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. Please come and enjoy.

For further information contact Pat Weller
616-453-2954 or patandfred@tds.net

Corners of the Field Garden needs your help!

We need volunteers to help us pick produce on a regular or one-time basis beginning in mid July. If you are interested please contact Allyson Strauss: 616-406-6536
garden@ahavasisraelgr.org



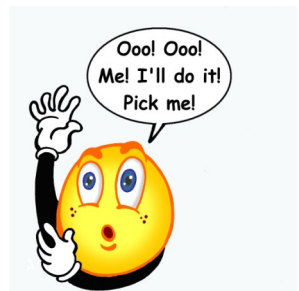
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT JFGR!



Some members in our community need rides! They struggle to get groceries, go to a medical appointment, etc. Might you be willing to drive a senior on an 'as needed basis'? Gas reimbursement cards are available.

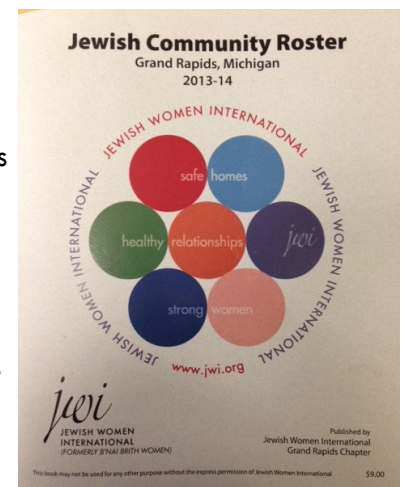
We also need help with a special publication project. See below for more information about volunteering for the Jewish Community Roster. This would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to sharpen their marketing or publications skills.

For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206.



News from Jewish Women International/ (Volunteers needed)

As you may know, I, Eileen Enoch, have chaired the Jewish Community Roster Project for the last many years. This is a project that was begun by B'nai Brith Women in 1965 as a bi-annual event and has continued until today. We are proud to announce that beginning this year, we will join with Jewish Federation Grand Rapids to produce the Roster. We have had a loyal group of volunteers who have worked hard on this project for many years, and a loyal group of advertisers that have been supportive. I would like to thank them all for a job well done! As we move forward, together with the Federation, the Roster can only be more successful! The next Roster should be available early next year. If any of you would like to volunteer to work on this important project, please contact Eileen Enoch (616-949-6444/Ewillow1@aol.com) or Ann Berman at the Federation (616-942-5553/ ann@ifgr.org).



Thank you for your continued support.

Eileen Enoch, Chair Jewish Community Roster (A Project of Jewish Women International)

Mega Challah Bake recipe

(makes two small loaves)

In mixing bowl, combine:

- 1 package yeast
- 1 1/3 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup sugar

Add:

- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 egg

Work in:

- 4 cups flour (about)

Work in slowly, a cup at a time

Knead the dough with your hands until it no longer sticks to the sides of the bowl. Brush the top of the dough with oil. Let rise until double.

Braid. If desired brush with a little (additional) egg and sprinkle with sesame or poppy seeds. Let rise again. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees



Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids 2015-16

Season begins earlier than in past years.

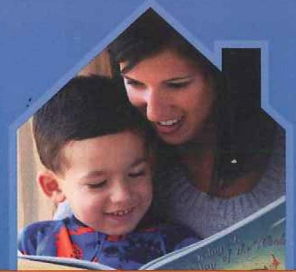
Our first show opens in September with a one-woman performance of "**Becoming Dr. Ruth**" starring Lori Jacobs as Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Our second and third shows are scheduled for April and June 2016, with "**For This Moment Alone**" and "**Two Jews Walked Into a War.**"

Season Tickets are now available, with an \$5 Early Bird savings through September 1, 2015. Season Passes are \$45 through this date, and will be \$50 after September 2015.

PJ Library is here!

**Thank you! To the Ravitz Foundation and
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and their families.



WHAT? The PJ Library ("PJ" for "pajamas") program offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years all across North America. The program is also available to children ages 6 through 8 in some communities.

WHY? PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories.

HOW? Signing up is easy!

To sign up for PJ Library visit
www.pjlibrary.org.

PJ Library is a gift from your Jewish community in partnership with local philanthropists and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

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Hadassah Book Club

AUGUST 26th - 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lystad's home, 2647 Cranwood S.W. Wyoming [616-531-1616](tel:616-531-1616)

We will car pool from D&W Breton Village to Marilyn's home. Meeting time: 6 p.m.

Please call Marilyn TO LET HER KNOW YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

BOOK TO READ....."THE ROSIE PROJECT" by GRAEME SIMSION

BOOKS CAN BE FOUND AT SCHULERS BOOKS ON 28TH ST S. E.

We are as always your grateful book ends,

SUE REMES... 949- 3505 and FLORY SILVERSTEIN... 949-5766



SHALOM GRAND RAPIDS !!

A program of the Jewish Federation

*** Would you like to become an ambassador to welcome people who are new to the Jewish community, or not currently involved?**

*** If you know about somebody new to the Grand Rapids community, please let us know. "Shalom Grand Rapids" would like to welcome them.**

To sign up or receive additional information about the program, contact the Federation office:

616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org

WELCOME

Jewish Women's Professional Network



We meet monthly for networking. All women are invited - whether working outside the home, thinking of returning to the workforce, in career transition, or a community volunteer. The group will be taking the summer off. See you in September!

Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, August 20

12:00 -1:00 p.m.

El Barrio Restaurant

545 Michigan NE



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



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

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UJS Opening Day! **September 20, 2015**

- **Classes for all ages (Gan Katan through 12th)**
New digital Hebrew program

Online enrollment begins

August 3, 2015

www.unitedjewishschool.org

Please remember UJS in your contributions.

We have a beautiful *"Tribute"* card that we can send to that special someone.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat - August 28

Join us for Pre-Shabbat Family Happy Hours (hors d'oeuvres and snacks wine, beer, and soft drinks) at 7:00p.m. followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45p.m.

Ahavas Israel Corners of the Field Garden

No experience is needed to work in the garden. You bring some gloves and your energy. Please email Allyson Cole-Strauss at allysoncoletrauss@gmail.com, or Mary Kaneti at markan43@yahoo.com for information about helping to feed the hungry. Thank you!

Learner's Minyan, August 15, 10:00a.m.

Increase your comfort, participation in, and appreciation of our services. Rabbi Krishef will unlock the secrets to understanding the Shabbat morning service.

Candlelighting / Havdalah

August 7/8 - 7:27p.m. 8:39p.m. 9:38p.m. August 14/15 - 7:19p.m. 8:29p.m. 9:26p.m.

August 21/22 - 7:10p.m. 8:19p.m. 9:16p.m. August 28/29 - 7:01p.m. 8:07p.m. 9:04p.m.

September 4/5 - 6:51p.m. 7:55p.m. 8:54p.m.

Temple Emanuel

Thursday Morning Walking Group is still going strong. If interested, please join Temple members and friends for a 1 mile to 1.25 mile walk on Thursday mornings. We meet in the Temple parking lot and stroll through Aquinas College campus. We then return to Temple for a cool-down walk inside, followed by coffee, breakfast bars and fruit. Please call Cathrin at the Temple office 616-459-5976 to sign up.

Chabad House

Gan Yiladim Preschool- Kindergarten

Registration is now open for the fall of 2015

Gan Yiladim is a Jewish preschool where we offer a stimulating and warm environment. 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.

For children ages 2 – 6

For more information about our program, Please feel free to contact us at [616-957-0770](tel:616-957-0770)

Caffeine for the Soul! Join other women for learning and inspiration and delve into the Torah's timeless wisdom. This class is based on the weekly Torah Portion, studied through the prism of Kabbalah to attain new insights into ourselves and the world around us. Enjoy coffee, delicious pastries and great discussions! **Thursday mornings at 9:30a.m.**, 2160 Romence Dr. NE. A project of the Jewish Women's Circle. The JWC of Grand Rapids is an ever growing group of women from the Grand Rapids area who come together to socialize, laugh, learn and discover the power of Jewish femininity in today's world. **JOIN US!**

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 supports Jewish education for our youth.

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund To support Jewish social services locally.

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

JFGR General Endowment Fund

In memory of Liz Samrick's mother, Maxine Scheibe
from Rick and Mary Stevens

Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

In honor of Ann Berman
From Michael and Laurie Sarne

Woman of Valor Endowment Fund

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In memory of Miller and Leslie Siegel
from Diane Ginsburg

Donna G. Boorstein Memorial Fund

In memory of Joseph Antonucci
From Nathan Berman



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____ Fund (pick from list) _____

Donor Address _____ In honor of _____

Donor City/St/Zip _____ In memory of _____

Send card to: Name _____ Notes: _____

Send card to address _____ **Send your donation and this form to:**

Send card to City/St/Zip _____ **2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

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