



Chairman's letter

Dear Friends,

As this edition of *The Shofar* goes to print we are entering the latter half of the summer. For many people summer is an opportunity to relax a bit more and take a break from the hectic academic school calendar. It also provides an opportunity to look ahead for the next year and think about a fresh start to the academic school year. I have been able to reflect a bit this summer as to the status of our Jewish Community and how it has changed over the last eight years since my family and I moved here. I am convinced that we have one of the most active, diverse, and passionate small communities around. When I speak to people and describe what we as a community have been able to accomplish in terms of fundraising, programming, and the creation of a United Jewish School, they are amazed and a bit jealous.



All of these great achievements don't happen by chance, it takes dedicated, passionate community members to ensure that we continue to grow and remain inclusive and welcoming.

As I look ahead to the new campaign year this fall I am excited about the opportunities we will provide to enhance Jewish life in West Michigan. I hope to inspire you to become involved in some of our activities this upcoming year. I am confident that our programming and fundraising efforts will appeal to our broad and diverse group of community members and help motivate involvement. I look forward to seeing all of the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones this upcoming campaign season.

Sincerely,
Dr. David R. Alfonso

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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HEBREW FREE LOAN PROGRAMS SPEAKER - DAVID CONTORER

Saturday, August 20th, David Contorer, executive director of Hebrew Free Loan Programs (HFL), will be at Ahavas Israel to help Jewish community members learn how to benefit from interest-free loans. He will provide resource information that can be used in many circumstances.

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 2016. The committee discussed the economy and markets and elected to make no changes to the investment policy.

The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$4,386,963 as of June 30, 2016, growing from \$4,358,995 at the end of 2015. 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 over \$200,000 through 2015 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 4.64% for the first six months of 2016.

Please consider contributing to, or setting up, a L'Dor Vador Endowment Fund to help ensure the future of our Jewish community. To donate, contact the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Congregation Ahavas Israel or Temple Emanuel. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mike in the Federation office at [\(616\) 942-5553](tel:6169425553) or mike@jfgr.org.



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

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THE SUM OF: \$ _____

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: _____

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Sunday Morning

September 25

for the

GREAT BAGEL DEBATE

Version 2.0



CULTURAL COUNCIL EVENT

**Remember THOSE
Classic Jewish TV
Comedians OF THE
50's & 60's?**

LOWELL FOX BRINGS THEM TO LIFE!

Lowell Fox, creator and moderator of the Classic Comedians series, revives their genius. He's assembled 45 and 90 minute laugh-filled presentations about the golden age of TV's brightest comedic stars. They're guaranteed to stir hilarious memories.

His anecdotes are accompanied by scores of historical photos and the best samples of the comedians' works from their vaudeville, radio, Broadway, Silver Screen, TV, and personal appearances.

If you're over 50 - or even under - you'll laugh, learn, and laugh some more.

Come for the bagel debate, and stay for the laughs as we explore the life and comedy of The Marx Brothers.

Lowell Fox, creator and moderator of the Classic Comedians series, revives their genius. He's assembled a laugh-filled presentation about some of the brightest comedic stars, guaranteed to stir hilarious memories.

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Sunday, September 25
Following the Jewish Federation's Great Bagel Debate (see ad above).



What's the Difference between Medicare and Medicaid?

Posted by Medicare Made Clear, brought to you by United Healthcare

The words “**Medicare**” and “**Medicaid**” are so much alike that it’s easy to get confused. To add to the confusion, both are government programs and both help people pay for health care. But that’s where the similarities end.

Medicare and Medicaid are two completely different programs. The main difference is that Medicare is generally for people who are older or disabled, and Medicaid is for people with limited income and resources. The table provides more information about each program and how they compare.

	Medicare	Medicaid
What is it?	A federal health insurance program for people who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •65 or older •Under 65 with certain disabilities •Of any age and have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) or Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS) 	A joint federal and state program that helps pay health care costs for certain people and families with limited income and resources. Different programs under the Medicaid umbrella are designed to help specific populations.
Who governs it?	Federal government	State governments
What does it cover?	Depends on the coverage you choose and may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Care and services received as an inpatient in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (Part A) •Doctor visits, care and services received as an outpatient, and some preventive care (Part B) •Prescription drugs (Part D) <p>Note: Original Medicare (Parts A and B) does not include drug coverage. The coverage must be added as a stand-alone Part D plan. Some people opt for a Medicare Advantage plans (Part C). Part C plans combine Part A and Part B coverage, and often include drug coverage (Part D) as well—all in one plan. Part C and Part D plans are offered through private insurance companies.</p>	Each state creates its own Medicaid programs, following federal guidelines. There are mandatory benefits and optional benefits . Mandatory benefits include, in part: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care and services received in a hospital or skilled nursing facility • Care and services received in a federally qualified health center, rural health clinic or freestanding birth center (licensed or recognized by your state) • Doctor, nurse midwife and certified pediatric and family nurse practitioner services • And more
What does it cost?	Depends on the coverage you choose. Costs may include premiums, deductibles, copays and coinsurance.	Depends on your income and the rules in your state. Costs may include premiums, deductibles, copays and coinsurance. Certain groups are exempt from most out-of-pocket costs.
How do I get it?	Most people are enrolled in Parts A and B automatically when they turn 65. Contact your local Social Security office to see if you are eligible.	Eligibility depends on the rules in your state. Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to see if you qualify.

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Can I Get Both Medicare and Medicaid?

People who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid are said to be “dual eligible.” If you qualify and enroll in both programs, then sometimes the two can work together to cover most of your health care costs.

Medicare Savings Programs are the Medicaid programs designed to help with the cost of Medicare. There are four different programs with slightly different qualifications and benefits.

Like all Medicaid programs, Medicare Savings Programs are governed by the states. Qualifying income and resource levels are set by the federal government, but each state decides what counts when calculating this for an individual.

For information about dual eligible programs, you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, TTY 1-800-325-0778, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, or contact your state Medical Assistance or Medicaid office.

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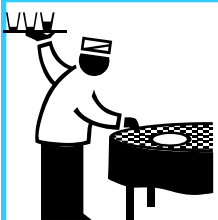
For more information, explore **MedicareMadeClear.com** or contact the Medicare helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY 1-877-486-2048.

Resources:

What is Medicare? What is Medicaid?: Medicare.gov

Financial Help with Medicare: MedicareMadeClear.com

Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP): Medicaid.gov



Lunch Bunch goes Dutch!

We are headed out to Holland
for lunch at

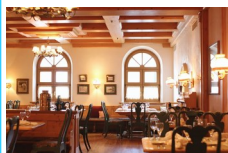
Alpenrose

4 E 8th St, Holland, MI 49423

\$10

RSVP to Ann by
August 18th. 616-942-5553.

There will be either a bus or carpooling out
to Holland from Ahavas Israel's parking lot,
leaving at 10:45am so RSVPs
are a must!



SAVE THESE DATES

For Future
Lunch Bunches...

September 29, 2016

(Apples/Honey)

October 20, 2016

(Sukkot)

November 17, 2016



As always, I take recommendations for restaurants.

Call or email Ann: 616-942-5553 or
ann@ifgr.org

A BOUNTIFUL BAR MITZVAH PROJECT!

Arend V.'s Bar Mitzvah projects included planting and harvesting onions for the Corners of the Field Garden. He was quite successful in harvesting fresh onions that were donated to the Temple Emanuel Food bank! Thank you Arend for helping our wonderful gardeners.

If you would like to help please contact Allyson Strauss: 616-406-6536 or garden@ahavasisraelgr.org



Chasing Dreams
BASEBALL & BECOMING AMERICAN
SEASON OPENER
A GRAND SLAM EVENING OF
BASEBALL, HISTORY, FOOD AND
FUN TO BENEFIT THE JEWISH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, SEPT. 8, 2016
5:30 PM
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PRESENTED LOCALLY BY

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Major support for Chasing Dreams has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the Human Endeavor; Major League Baseball; The Jewish M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Foundation; Washington National; The Marc and Dana Spitzer Foundation; Leah Wexler Horrel and Lang Weiss; Jody and Fred WiponNY Men; and Sarah Wilens. Additional support is provided by Macy's.

Logo for Jewish Historical Society of Michigan (founded 1954) and Detroit Historical Society.

Logo for National Museum of American Jewish History.

The Peg and Mort Finkelstein Archives of the local Jewish community have quite the extensive information about local



military veterans, up through the Korean War era. They are requesting the community's help in receiving information and photos of veterans who have served since the Korean War, to the present time. Please send any information to Megan Finkelstein Yost at fordgirl22m@gmail.com, or mail or drop off items at Temple Emanuel, 1715 East Fulton, GR MI 49503.



**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

William Boorstein
Tom Fox
Mark & Barbara Gerson
David Hecht
Marc Leven
Leo Schlesinger

\$1,000 - \$2,499

David Alfonso
Leon Ash
Stuart Berman
Bruce Cohen
Peter Dennen
Mark Finklestein
Raleigh Finklestein
Jeffrey Frank
Harvey Gendler
Daniel Hurwitz
Stuart Jacobson
Daniel Mankoff
Steve Petska
Michael Presant
Jeff Rush
James Siegel
Marc Silverstein &
Tonya Sparks
Doug and Sherry Singer
Richard Stevens
Wayne Titcher
Chad Zigel

\$500-\$999

Glenn Barkan
Leon Blum
Bradley Friedland
Richard Gaffin
Harold Hollander
Keith Javery
Joel Krissoff
Albert Lewis
Andrew Samrick
Michael Schadick
Douglas Siegel
Richard Sorota

\$250-\$499

Gary & Barbara Adelman
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Larry Cieply
Stuart Citron
Izak Dimenstein
Carl M. Fink
Jack Finn
Sanford Freed
Stephen Goldberg
Michael Halprin
Dennis Hammond
Morris Kleiman
Bill Lewis
Michael Margulis
Stuart Rapoport
Mark Rapoport
David Reifler
Len Robinson
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Joel Siegel
Bart Steindler
Gregory Sundstrom
Scott Vyn
Douglas Wachter
Dana Winniman
Ron Zigel

\$100 - \$249

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Michael Cagen
Len Cottrel
Stephen Duchemin
David Finkelstein
Thomas Fox
Jonathan Golden
Gerald Gordon
Jack Gordon
Mike Greengard
David Kagan
William Katz
David Klein
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Sheldon Kopperl
Steven Levenburg
Richard Lovy
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Dennis McMurray
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Up to \$99

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Abraham & Jennifer Cohen
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Anatoly Yantovsky
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 Thodoy
Sharyl Titcher

\$1,800 - \$4,999

Pomegranate
Machelle Hammond
Dafna Kaufman
Anita Silverstein
Marilyn Titcher

\$1,000 - \$1,799

Linda Albert
Heather Alfonso
Jean Barkin
Davida Dennen
Phyllis Gendler
Pam Goldberger
Stephanie Hurwitz
Mary Kaneti
Sandra Last
Peggy Leven
Pam Levy
Deborah Mankoff
Abbé & Ken Mortimore
Carol Presant
Pam Rush
Helayne Sherman
Flory Silverstein
Mary Stevens
Audrey Sundstrom

\$500 - \$999

Dorothy Armstrong
Kathi Barkan
Sally Blum
Mickie Fox
Sheila Frank
Jeanie Friedland
Doris Griffith
Diane Hammerman
Lynn Hollander
Madelon Krissoff
Shirley Lewis
Edith Rashewsky
Karen Reifler
Elizabeth Scheibe Samrick
Maxine Shapiro
Kristin Siegel
Abby Sorota
Susan & Dale Wolfson

\$100 - \$499

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Talia Atias
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Debra Blandford
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Corinne Cottrell
Mary Davis
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Jackie Dennen
Toby Weiner Dolinka
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Barbara Freed
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Lori Greengard
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Susan Kopperl
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Jan Lewis
Karen Libman
Elaine Lipshutz
Sharlena Lovy
Mei Mah
Barbara Marcus
Lisabeth Margulus
Jeanne Moss
Beverly Niedelson
Kathleen Osborn
Amy Ostrow
Enid Packard
Alicia Petska

Cynthia Powsner
Pam Putterman
Barbara Rapaport
Marlene Rapaport
Lisa Rapoport
Rhonda Reider
Lori Reineke
Susanne Remes
Sherry Rosenthal
Julie Rossio
Sandra Roth
Margit Sarne
Susan Schadick
Janice Schoenfeld
Judy Sernick
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Sylvia Herman
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Lori Jacobs
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Cathy Winick

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

Men's Special Gifts	\$218,746
Men's General	\$38,431
Women's Division	<u>\$148,581</u>

Total Regular Campaign

\$405,758

Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$14,984
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$2,068
Interest	\$300
Loan Repayments	\$1,328
Available for Re-allocation	\$10,949
General Endowment Fund	\$19,010
Art Fund	\$11,355
Weiner Fund	\$2,613
Woman of Valor	<u>\$1,635</u>

Total Additional Income

\$64,242

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION

\$470,000

JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:

Campaign	\$45,897
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$83,593
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$102,253
Uncollected Pledges	\$5,000
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,400
FICA & Medicare	<u>\$13,000</u>

Sub-total

\$252,143

JFNA Fair Share	\$15,537
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000
Reserve for Mission to Israel	\$49,646
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	<u>\$6,000</u>

Sub-total Operational Expenses

\$76,183

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

United Jewish School	\$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	<u>\$2,500</u>

Sub-total Local Allocations

\$35,374

TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS

\$363,700

NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS:

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$200
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500
GVSU Hillel	\$750
HIAS	\$250
MSU - Hillel	\$500
U of M Hillel	\$500
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	<u>\$750</u>

TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS

\$4,800

INTERNATIONAL

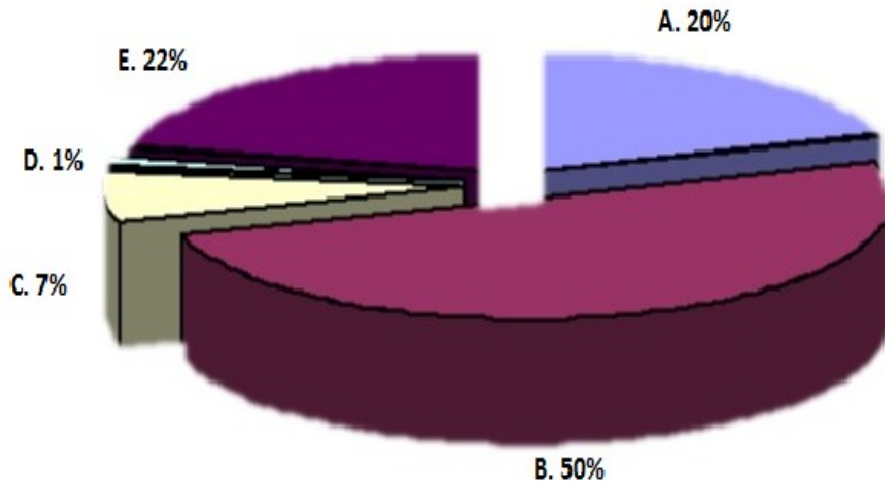
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$1,500
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	<u>\$100,000</u>

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS

\$101,500

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS

\$470,000



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., Reserve for Mission to Israel.

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, HIAS.

E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds, Totaling almost \$4.4 million

Woman of Valor Fund

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

L'Dor Vador Fund/ Federation General 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 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.

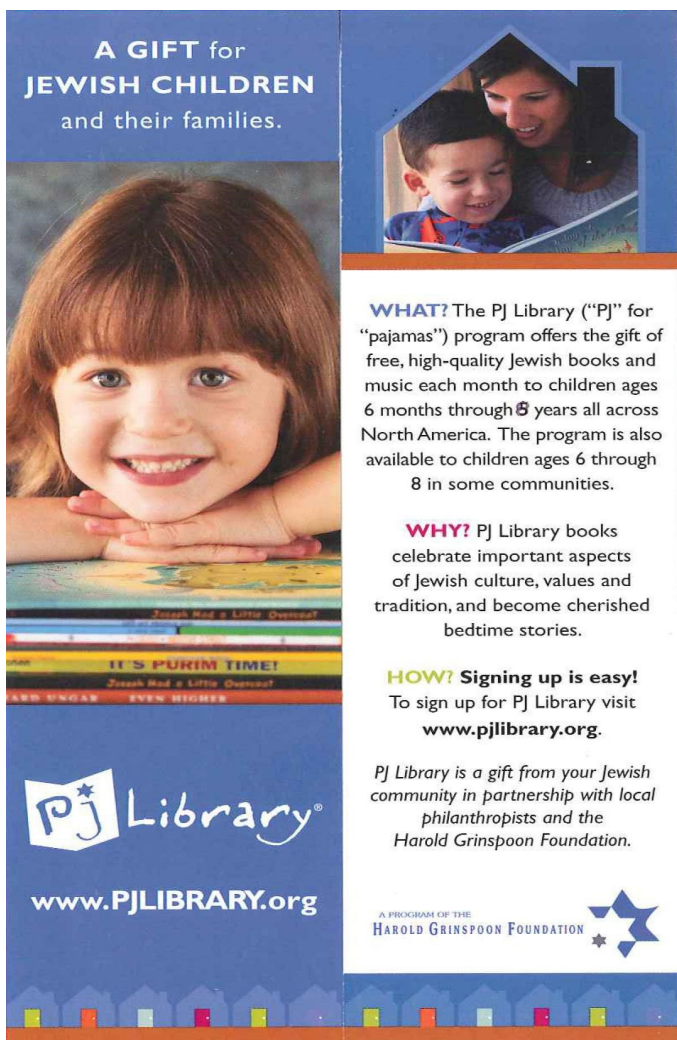
Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Fund

To support Cultural Council programming of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation also provides 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.

A GIFT for JEWISH CHILDREN 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.

PJ Library®
www.PJLIBRARY.org

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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 Leigh at the Federation office: 616-942-5553 or Leigh@jfg.org

WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE!


Thursday, October 27, 2016

YAD
(Young Adult Division)

An evening of wine and painting at

BRUSH

2213 Wealthy St. SE
East Grand Rapids



Hadassah Book Club

Our Next Meeting is:

When: Wednesday August 10, 2016

Where: Flory Silverstein's Home
2930 Bonnell SE
Phone: 949-5766 or 540-0460


Time: 7:00pm Potluck Supper begins at 5pm

Please call Flory to RSVP and let her know what dish you are bringing to pass. Thank you.

Book to read: "EUPHORIA" by LILLY KING

Call Schuler Books on 28th Street, or your library for a copy.

We are 'as always' your loyal bookends,
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Community

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.

For more information, please email marnivyn@yahoo.com or phone 616-774-8644



See You in September

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2016-2017 Season

You don't have to be Jewish to Love Jewish Theater

All performances are at GRCC Spectrum Theater
Thurs. & Sat. at 8 p.m.
Sundays at 3 p.m.
Tickets: 616-234-3946 or jtgr.org




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Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, August 18

12:00 -1:00 pm

E1 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.



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](tel:616-942-5553) or info@ifgr.org



Betzalel Art Group
Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

Rabbi Al Lewis & Pastor Nelesen

tour of: Israel

Scheduled Dates: November 2 - 14, 2016

For more information on this interfaith trip: contact Rabbi Lewis at albertmlewis@att.net or 616-485-5394.



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Pam Rush, School Director 616-459-5976
pam@templemanuelgr.org

... to give the children of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel the best possible Jewish education we can envision."



Enrollment is OPEN
Register at

www.unitedjewishschool.org

United Jewish School established 2006

UJS was established in 2006 as a combined school between Temple Emanuel and Congregation Ahavas Israel. Enrollment is at 138 students ranging from Gan Katan (2-4 year olds) to 11th/12th grade. We have a staff of 29 teachers and 6 high school madrichim (aides). On Sunday, school is located at Temple Emanuel while the Wednesday midweek Hebrew program is housed at Congregation Ahavas Israel. There is an additional location for our midweek Hebrew program in Holland, MI. The supplemental Hebrew program has an enrollment of 53 students.

Check out the United Jewish School Facebook page. It is a closed group. Teachers post pictures and comments pertaining to their classes every week. What a great way to bring the school into your home.

Board of Directors

Amy Winkelman; co-chair, Rhonda Pappas; co-chair, Allyson Cole-Strauss, Elisabeth Rosewall, Amy Singer, Rick Rinzler, Erica Wikander

Ex-officio

Pam Rush; School Director,
Barb Duchemin; Curriculum Director,
Rabbi David Krishef, Rabbi Michael Schadick



What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

August 2016 Calendar of Events

5	Summer cooler concert 5:30pm Temple Emanuel
7	Your Opinion Matters & Brunch 9:00am Temple Emanuel
17	Girls Night Out 5:00 - 7:00pm at Houlihan's
21	Meyer May House Tour 2:00pm
23	Ethical Living Wills with Rabbi Lewis 7:00pm Temple Emanuel
25	Senior's Lunch Bunch - Alpenrose 10:45am carpooling to Holland from Ahavas Israel lot. RSVP a must!

Editor's Note – 'What's Happening' is a new calendar that includes Jewish programming open to *all* members of our West Michigan Jewish community, whether offered by Federation, one of our congregations, cultural organizations, or others. More information about these events can be found in *The Shofar*, on the Federation website, or from the other Jewish organizations.

*Temple Emanuel***Sunday, July 31**

Euchre Tournament & Pot Luck Dinner 5 PM to 8 PM in the Lewis Social Hall. There is a \$10 entry fee for tournament. All funds will benefit the GRTY Fund for programs and events for kids ages 12 to 18.

Friday, August 5

Summer Cooler Concert with Lori Jacobs 5:30pm – 6:15pm in the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 7

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch. Moderator and Chef Jim Siegel serves up brunch and controversy. At 9:00 am this month ONLY—join the discussion of topics from the news, current events, politics. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, August 17

Girls Night Out 5:00pm-7:00pm at Houlihan's in Breton Village Mall. Join Hostesses with the mostesses: Janice Fonger, Linda Zizos, and Sylvia Herman for an evening of socializing on the town!

Saturday, August 20

Bat Mitzvah 10:00am. Lunch following the service in the Lewis Social Hall.

Sunday, August 21

Meyer May House Tour 2:00pm at the Meyer May House. Join the guided tour of the Heritage Hill home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for one of the first Presidents of Temple Emanuel.

Tuesday, August 23

Ethical Living Wills with Rabbi Emeritus Albert M. Lewis at 7:00pm. Join Rabbi Lewis for a discussion of the purpose for and instruction on creating an ethical living will.

Friday, August 26

Summer Cooler Concert with Todd Wilke, Christine Golden & Michelle Benjamin 5:30pm – 6:15pm in the Auditorium.

Saturday, August 27

Bat Mitzvah 10:00am.

Sunday, September 11

The First Two Chapters of the Book of Genesis with Rabbi Emeritus Albert M. Lewis. Join Rabbi Lewis for an in-depth examination and discussion that starts with “In the beginning...”

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Congregation picnic ... date, time, and place to be announced. Contact the office 616-949-2840 or office@ahavasisraelgr.org for more information.

Zohar study ... 12:00pm every Monday

Tanakh study, book of Samuel

1:00pm every Thursday, meeting at Schuler Books and Music, 28th St.

*Chabad House***Caffeine for the Soul!**

Join other Jewish 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 a coffee, delicious pastries and great discussion!

Thursday mornings at 9:30am

2160 Romence Dr. NE

A Project of the Jewish Women's Circle.

The JWC of Grand Rapids is an evergrowing 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!

Gan Yiladim Preschool – Kindergarten

For Jewish children ages 2-6

Registration is now open for the fall of 2016!!

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 more information about our program, please feel free to contact Sarah at 616-375-9404

Pre Rosh Hashanah event at Chabad

Sunday, September 18th 2016 – 7:30pm

Shofar Factory

Sunday, September 25th 2016

Endowment

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

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

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

Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund To provide scholarships to Jewish sleepaway camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

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

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

Donna G. Boorstein Memorial Fund To help ensure funding for Jewish arts, culture and history in Greater Grand Rapids

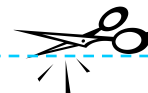
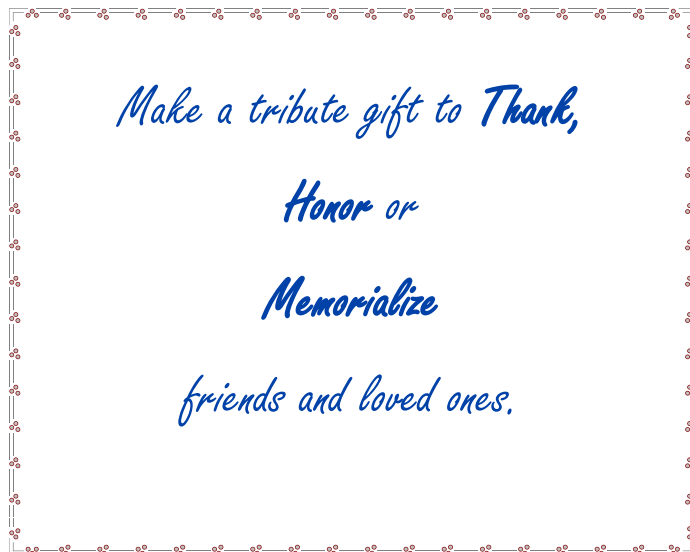
Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund To support health services for Jewish community members not covered by other financial resources

Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

Woman of Valor Endowment Fund

In honor of June Horowitz
from Phyllis Horowitz

In honor of Cathy Winick
from Margit Sarne



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:**
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The Shofar

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