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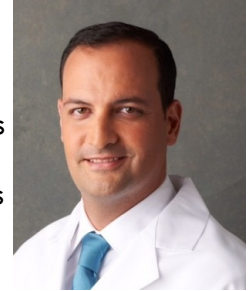
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THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

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The Shofar

Chairman's letter

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss an issue that we, and our family members, will likely encounter at some point in the future. The *BDS* movement, which stands for *Boycott, Divest, and Sanction*, has gained notoriety over the past few years through various outlets in the media, and has employed tactics such as forcibly removing Israeli products from store shelves and intimidating customers of stores that stock Israeli products. Although proponents of the movement claim it is merely an attempt to pressure the Israeli government to “end the occupation” and improve the lives of the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza, it has a much more nefarious intent. The movement is essentially a domestic form of anti-Semitism, in that it stigmatizes Jewish communities by demonizing the Jewish State. This places American Jews in the precarious position of essentially having to dissociate themselves from, and condemn the state of Israel, in order to validate themselves to supporters of the movement.



Recently, the highest appeals court in France upheld fines imposed upon anti-Israel activists for inciting “hate and discrimination” during a demonstration promoting the boycott. The power of this ruling is immense as it effectively states that, despite robust freedom of speech laws, speech that “provokes discrimination, hatred, or violence towards a person or group of people on the grounds of their origin, their belonging, or their not belonging to an ethnic group, nation, race, or religion” runs counter to hate speech laws. The French ruling stems from an incident that I described earlier where groups descended on markets throughout France, many of them Kosher establishments, and forcibly removed products, and intimidated customers. The French court has wisely elevated the BDS movement in its current form to hate speech.

As recently as last month, a group of Grand Rapids citizens used the City Commission meeting as a forum to promote the BDS movement to our local elected officials. We can only hope that the officials are able to see through the biased rhetoric and take no action in regards to the protesters. It remains critically important that we counteract this speech wherever we may encounter it, either locally or nationally. Our Federation will be discussing ways of effectively combating the BDS movement and providing educational resources for members of our community as well as addressing issues with relevant local government officials. As always, we welcome our community input and involvement in regards to dealing with this movement.

Sincerely,
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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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.
#GIVINGTUESDAY
December 1, 2015

On December 1st, the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is participating in a national initiative called GivingTuesday. Its timing is after Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday, all of which help retail merchants' bottom line. The purpose of GivingTuesday is to help charities do the same thing.

GivingTuesday was initiated four years ago by New York City's 92nd Street Y. 92Y is a robust Jewish cultural center established in 1874. 92Y conceptualized GivingTuesday as a way of linking individuals and causes to strengthen communities and encourage giving. Truly a very Jewish concept!

So, do not be surprised if a volunteer in our community calls you Tuesday, December 1st. They may ask if you are familiar with the Jewish Federation. They may ask what you especially like about the programming and services we provide. They may ask what kinds of things you would like to see, or what we could do better. You will also have an opportunity to make a pledge if you wish. Of course, you can also make your pledge before or on December 1 without being contacted, if you prefer.

Thank you for joining us in this global conversation.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

A volunteer solicitor may be calling to ask for your pledge to our Annual Campaign. If you would like to make your gift or pledge without receiving a phone call, please mail in the card below. Or, you may donate now at www.jewishgrandrapids.org You may also make your pledge over the phone by calling 616-942-5553, or email info@jfgr.org

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Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

This is the time of year the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids seeks your financial support. Many of you have been long time contributors to our annual campaign. Thank you for all you do, not only for our Grand Rapids Jewish community, but also for our extended Jewish family around the world.

If you have not made a contribution to Federation in the past, or perhaps previously though not in recent years, I write today to explain why it is vital for all who are concerned about the future of our community to join with your fellow Jews in West Michigan in support of Federation and our community.

The work of Federation for the Jewish community is broad and varied, and can be typically categorized into local and national/international efforts. As you may be aware, the Federation's historical roots date back to the Holocaust and the founding of the State of Israel, and certainly overseas support, notably for humanitarian needs, remains a major allocation of our community's funds. Locally, our largest allocation is to the United Jewish School, now over 10 years old. Federation's funding amount matches the contributions of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel, making UJS a great example of how community resources working together can enhance the programs and services provided by our Jewish community.

Federation also provides programs and services directly to our community. Most important are the essential caring services coordinated by our compassionate social service resource director, Ann Berman. Due to your financial support, you make it possible for our small Jewish community to offer appealing programming such as our annual Cultural Council series and Film Festival, both run by our resourceful programming director, Leigh Rapaport. JFGR's staff, all part-time, including our committed campaign and donor relations director Cathy Winick, and our financial administrator Jennifer Stanton, is essential to making our programs and services run smoothly at Federation. For other examples, I invite you to look over this *Shofar*, our website (www.jfgr.org) or visit our Facebook page for more information about JFGR's work.

While these specific examples are important, I ask you to not lose sight of the big picture when considering, *Why Federation?* As printed every month on the front page of this newsletter, our mission is to "sustain and strengthen Jews" in our local community and elsewhere. That's why the Federation movement exists, and in my opinion, why it is essential for the future of American Jews and the Jewish people around the world. Therefore, as you consider your pledge of financial support to JFGR, please think about these two time-honored questions: *If not us, who? And if not now, when?* (For more information about Federations, see pages 4 and 5 in this *Shofar*).

Don't forget that your donation to Federation is tax deductible. Payments may be made by check, credit card, online at our website or by stock. (Of note, stock donations have become increasingly popular for tax reasons). You can also pledge your donation now, then pay later (many in our community pay before calendar year-end, also for tax reasons) the full amount or in periodic installments. This year we continue our year-old program that provides all donors who increase their gifts over 2014 the ability to direct up to one-half of their increase to preferred Federation funding areas. Feel free to contact our office at (616) 942-5553 or info@jfgr.org for more information.

Finally, we are trying something new this year for our Campaign. You may be aware that *GivingTuesday* on December 1st, the day after *Black Friday* and *Cyber Monday*, has become a day to consider your charitable contributions. We will be making calls that day, and hope you will consider a gift to Federation.

I hope you will participate in Federation's Campaign 2015. Please try to make a contribution that is meaningful to your family and our community. Thank you.

With warmest regards,

Mike

mike@jfgr.org



What Do Jewish Federations Do?

(Source: Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) Online - October 29, 2015)

- **What's a Jewish federation? It sounds like something from Star Trek.**

Jewish federations are centralized charities run by local Jewish communities around the United States. In each community, the federation raises money from local sources and then funds a variety of local, national and international needs – everything from elder housing for local Jews to Jewish identity programming in Russia to reinforcing bomb shelters in Israel. Federation charity supports programs in 70 countries. Non-Jews are among the beneficiaries of federation-supported programs.

- **Is there a Jewish federation where I live?**

Probably. There are 151 in the United States and Canada, and they cover pretty much every place with a significant Jewish community, from San Diego to New Hampshire (but not Vermont). About 300 smaller communities don't have federation offices or staff but have associations that raise money and are part of the federations' national network, such as the community in Augusta, Maine. Some federations have intuitive names, like the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, while others do not: Baltimore's is called The Associated; Boston's is Combined Jewish Philanthropies. The national umbrella organization for the federations, which is supported through federation member fees, is called the Jewish Federations of North America.

- **Why were federations created?**

Historically, federations were established by local communities to be the central address for Jewish giving. Rather than figure out which charities to support, Jews simply would send checks to their local federation, and the federation would dole out the money according to the needs it assessed — supporting both well-known and little-known causes. In the old days, Jews supported their local federations as a matter of civic duty. Today, fewer Jews feel that way, giving instead to non-Jewish causes or directly to Jewish charities of their choice, and most federations have shrinking donor bases. The number of federation donors has declined by about one-third since 2000, according to sociologist Steven M. Cohen. Nevertheless, many federations have been able to maintain or increase their fundraising by extracting larger gifts from smaller numbers of people. The tradeoff is that many large donations come with strings attached — directed to specific projects, rather than available for general distribution.

- **Are federations and UJA the same thing?**

Historically, federations focused solely on local and domestic needs while local chapters of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) raised money for overseas giving (United Israel Appeal was the UJA arm focused on Israel-related giving). Federations and UJAs began merging their efforts in the 1970s, and in 1999 the national federation organization, the Council of Jewish Federations, formally merged with national UJA to become United Jewish Communities. In 2010, that entity was renamed the Jewish Federations of North America (sometimes called JFNA). United Israel Appeal still exists as its own legal entity, but mostly serves as a pass-through for federation-raised funds destined for Israel.

- **Why do federations still exist?**

In addition to their annual fundraising and ongoing communal planning for a wide range of causes, Federation leaders contend that federations remain the only way to harness the collective power of the Jewish community— enabling North American Jewry to respond more effectively to sudden crises like wars in Israel and natural disasters, or slower-moving challenges like Jewish assimilation in America. Over the last year or two, federation emergency campaigns have raised \$55 million for Israel following its 2014 war in Gaza, \$5.2 million for Ukrainian Jews and \$1 million for French Jewish security.

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- **How much money do federations raise?**

Collectively, about \$900 million per year in annual campaigns, plus another \$1.5 billion in foundation money, endowments and emergency campaigns focused on crises like wars or natural disasters. The biggest federation in the country, UJA-Federation of New York, raised \$208 million in its last fiscal year: \$151 million through its annual campaign, \$34 million in planned giving and endowments, and \$23 million for capital projects and special initiatives. That money supported such diverse projects as refurbishing a sauna at a Brooklyn Y, supporting educational leaders on Israeli kibbutzim and providing needs-based scholarships to local Jewish day school students. Overall, federations across the continent manage some \$16 billion in endowment assets.

- **How is federation money distributed?**

In 2014, federations gave away approximately \$2.4 billion, according to JFNA. Every community decides its own funding formulas. Of money raised from the annual campaigns, approximately 75 percent is spent locally and 25 percent is sent overseas, JFNA officials say. In 2014, \$225 million of the \$900 million raised from annual campaigns went overseas. In addition, a minor portion of the \$1.5 billion allocated from endowments, foundations and donor-advised funds went overseas.

- **How is federation money distributed overseas?**

Most federation overseas money is transferred to the federations' two main overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, with the Jewish Agency getting three to four times as much as the JDC (a JFNA spokesman declined to specify the precise proportions, saying it was a "sensitive" issue). Those two overseas partners then spend the money on individual programs and infrastructure in Israel and elsewhere around the world. In addition, many federations make their own allocations directly to overseas programs, such as to sister cities in Israel. Overall, the share of money federations provide for overseas giving has shrunk in recent years, prompting the Jewish Agency and JDC to do more aggressive fundraising from other sources.

Written by **Uriel Heilman**, JTA's senior writer and former managing editor.

Photos from the Cultural Council event: *Voices of the Generations* presented by Julie Kohner. We had a great turnout for our event that was held on Sunday November 15 at Temple Emanuel. Information, including book & DVD purchase, can be found at www.vogcharity.org.



Sunday, December 13

Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

United Jewish School, Chabad House and
the Jewish Federation invite the entire community

CHANUKAH BOWLING PARTY

Fairlanes

Family Entertainment Center



3335 Fairlanes Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418 616-534-2695

Meet friends, have lunch, enjoy the game in a family
atmosphere

UJS Students:

Buses will pick up at Temple Emanuel at 11:10am and take them to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center. Parents must pick-up students from Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center by 1:30pm

This event is generously sponsored
by the Rosenszweig-Coopersmith Foundation

This event is free for all children up to 18 years old.

UJS staff: Free of charge

Adults: \$6.00 for kosher lunch
\$4.00 bowling and
shoe rental

Admission includes: bowling, shoe rental, kosher lunch, arts & crafts.

For RSVP and additional information call the Federation office 616-942-5553 or
Leigh@jfgr.org or
pam@templemanuelgr.org

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids



LUNCH BUNCH

Our Annual Chanukah Senior Luncheon



This year we will be at

Ahavas Israel

2727 Michigan NE

Thursday, December 10

11:30am to 1:30pm

\$8.00

Please RSVP by calling

616-942-5553

Entertainment:

Gan Yiladim Preschool

SAVE THESE DATES

For Future Lunch Bunches...

- **January 14, 2016 - tbd**
- **February 18, 2016 - tbd**
- **March 17, 2016 - tbd**



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@jfgr.org

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Becoming Dr. Ruth

By Mark St. Germain

September 9-20, 2015

For this Moment Alone

By Marcia Kish

April 7-17, 2016

TWO JEWS WALK INTO A WAR

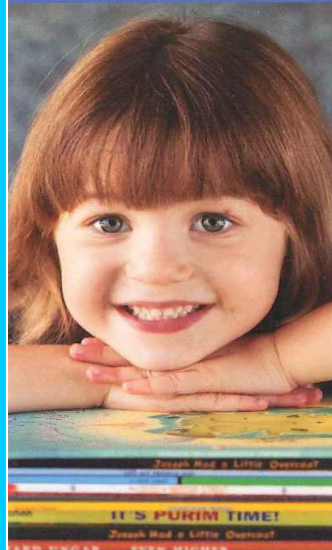
by Seth Rozin

June 16-26, 2016

PJ Library is here!

**Thank you! To the Ravitz Foundation and
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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.



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Chanukah Celebrations with Shir Shalom Chorus

Shir Shalom Chorus has a very busy performance schedule for Chanukah this year. We hope you will join in the experience:

December 4th, Friday evening service at Temple Emanuel; musical sermon

December 6th, Sunday at Frederik Meijer Gardens, 6PM and 7PM (First Candle)

December 9th, Wednesday evening at Ahavas Israel (Fourth Candle)

We hope to see you there.



Hadassah Book Club

Grand Central: Original Stories of Post War Love and Reunion edited by Karen White

Call your local library or Schuler Books on 28th Street.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 Time: 7:15pm

Where: Flory Silverstein's Home - 2930 Bonnell SE

Please call Flory and let her know if you will be at the meeting or not able to attend, so she can plan her setup!

Thank you so much! Our Board will provide a light Supper for all attending!

Looking forward to another great book discussion!

We are your Loyal Book Ends

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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@ifgr.org

Betzalel Art Group

Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:00pm, Where: Ahavas Israel In the meeting room.

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



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

Wednesday, December 2, 12:00pm

Where: Olives, 2162 Wealthy St SE



Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, December 17, 12:00 -1:00pm,

Where: 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.

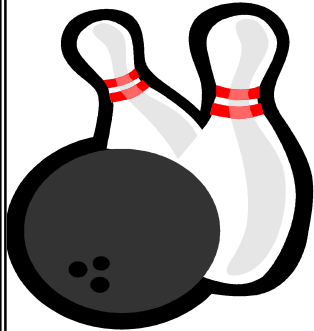




Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
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pam@templemanuelgr.org

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December 13 11:30pm–1:30pm “Chanukah Fun Bowling Ball”

<http://www.fairlanesgrandville.com/>

3335 Fairlanes Ave SW Grandville, MI 49418 616-534-2695

Fairlanes
Family Entertainment Center

What a fun way to celebrate with the community! Buses will transport students from religious school to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center.

They will receive lunch, shoe rental and enjoy many fun activities. All parents and guests are welcome.

UJS Students and staff: Free of charge

Adults: \$6.00 lunch / \$4.00 bowling and shoe rental

Admission includes:

Kosher lunch

Bus pick-up Temple to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center: 11:10am

Parent pick-up from Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center: 1:30 p.m.

For RSVP and additional information pam@templemanuelgr.org

UJS Mitzvah Mall – December 6 12:00pm till 12:30pm

Instead of buying gifts this holiday season that collect dust or are put in a closet and forgotten, parents and their children will have the opportunity “shop” at the Mitzvah Mall. Various organizations will be represented, selected by our older students including local, national or international non-profits. Families will shop together and make donations on behalf of friends, family or others on their holiday gift list, “buying” a gift that keeps on giving. All donations are \$5, and a great way to say “Thank you” or “have a great year”. Shoppers receive decorative gift cards to present to the person in whose honor the gift was purchased. The card will indicate that a donation has been made to provide a specific service – i.e. A donation to Kids Food Basket will help provide a dinner for a Grand Rapids child who might otherwise go to bed hungry. What is a *mitzvah*: resisting holiday consumerism, doing good deeds, bestowing a wonderful gift and having fun doing it. Honor your friends and family *and* the others you will be helping. Together we can help Repair the World – Tikkun Olam

Chabad House

Grand Menorah Lighting Downtown @ the Calder Plaza Sunday, December 6 - 5:00pm

Come celebrate the first night of Chanukah together! Lively Chanukah music, Sufganiot (donuts), Hot delicious latkes, Chanukah gelt, Exciting entertainment and more!! Fun for the whole family!

Daily Menorah lighting downtown at the Calder Plaza Sunday, Dec.6 thru Thursday, Dec.10, 5:00pm.

Friday, December 11, 3:00pm & Saturday December 12, 7:00pm, Sunday, December 13. 5:00pm.

Cteen - Sunday, December 6 Come celebrate Chanukah together with our Cteen family! 4:30pm-5:30pm (High School Students). For more information or to RSVP call Rivka at [\(616\)206-9654](tel:6162069654)

Kids Club Tuesday, December 8 Dreidel and Donuts! Celebrate Chanukah, mold clay dreidels, then challenge your friends and try to win the whole pot of chocolate coins. 4:00pm-6:00pm (Ages 5-11) For more information or to RSVP call Rivka at [\(616\)206-9654](tel:6162069654)

Cteen Jr Thursday December 10 Destination: Greece. Get "grecy" and oily as we get into the Chanukah spirit and enjoy delicious donuts and latkes. Bring a gift to be wrapped with your creativity and love for the children at Helen Devos Children's Hospital. 4:00-6:00pm (Grades 6th- 8th) For more information or to RSVP call Rivka at [\(616\)206-9654](tel:6162069654)

Deli & Donuts Saturday, December 12, 8:00pm Fun for the whole Family @ the Chabad House

Deli Dinner Hot Delicious Latkes, Sufganiot (donuts), Chanukah music, Chanukah crafts, Dreidel ride and games, Menorah lighting and more! Cover charge: \$5. For more information or to RSVP call [\(616\)957-0770](tel:6169570770).

Art Class After school program for children age's 6-13. Multi Media class with canvas, pastel, water Colors, Clay, Wood and More. When: 6 Wednesdays beginning January 6th Time: 4:30-5:30pm @The Chabad House 2615 Michigan NE Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Fee: Art classes only \$60 (includes all Materials). Art lessons are instructed by Hasia Monselise. A well acclaimed artist who has been teaching art for the past 24 years. Hasia is known for her commitment to teach the excitement of art to her students. For more information or to reserve a spot, please call Hasia @[\(914\)774-4037](tel:9147744037). *more events listed on page 11*

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Reading Psalms for Spiritual Development and Meditation Reflection

Mondays, 7:00

December 7, 14, 21, 28

We're reading and studying one or two Psalms a week. Participants are encourage to share a brief reflection, poem, or chant, about the previous week's material.

If you or anyone you know are interested in an Introduction to Judaism course beginning in January, please contact Rabbi Krishef, Rabbi@AhavasIsraelGR.org

Temple Emanuel

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00pm. The Temple Men's Book group meets to discuss the book Killing A King by Dan Ephron

Sunday December 13, at 10:15am. Temple Emanuel welcomes Kidz Klez for a concert of Chanukah and Klezmer music! Wear your dancing shoes and party with our UJS students. Kidz Klez of Michigan, founded by Cantor Stephen Dubov in 1996, consists of students in grades 6-12 in the metropolitan Detroit area. Upon acceptance, students undergo training in the style of klezmer music and the band maintains a steady schedule of high caliber musical performances. This concert is free of charge, thanks to underwriting from the Tom & Mickie Fox Family Fund.

Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 pm The Temple Book Club will be discussing the book Even in Darkness by Barbara Stark-Nemon. This book is based on true events. The author will be at Temple Emanuel to talk about her work on Sunday, January 24th at 10:00am.

Sunday, December 20th at 10:00am. The Next *Your Opinion Counts* & Brunch. This month moderator, Jim Siegel, will examine why some issues move people to action while others don't. RSVP to the Temple Office.

The Temple Office will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st and on January 1st.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for supporting the Grand Rapids Jewish Community

Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of Senora Lucie Jacobsohn
from Margit and Mimi Sarne



Chabad House continued

Learn to speak Hebrew Conversational Hebrew class for adults. This beginner class is for those interested in learning conversational Hebrew. Instructor: Hasia Monselise This session will run for six weeks. Starting Wednesday, January 6 - February 17 7:00-7:45pm @The Chabad House, 2615 Michigan NE Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Fee: \$50 for the six-week session. For more information or to reserve a spot, please call Hasia @[\(914\)774-4037](tel:9147744037).

Jewish Women's Circle Holistic Approach to Winter Wellness. Join herbalist and wellness expert Lisa Rose to learn tips and tricks to maintain health through the winter months. Herbal recipes will be shared. Discover the health benefits of Israel's seven species. Monday January 25 - 7:30 pm. At the home of Sandi Simms 2515 Blackberry Lane NE. Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Donation: \$10 For more information or to RSVP call Nechamy at [\(616\)828-2340](tel:6168282340)



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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