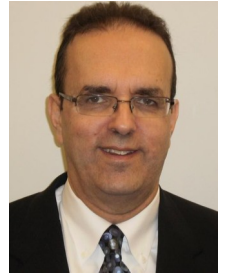




Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

The world's attention last month moved to France following the terrorist attacks in Paris. The assassinations at the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine were appalling not only for the heinous act, but also for its direct assault on our fundamental freedom of speech value. The murders at the Hyper Cacher ("Super Kosher") supermarket, while just as horrible, was perhaps more personal to us as Jews since it reeked of anti-Semitism.



Sadly, this latter attack was not surprising. As discussed on these pages from time to time over recent years, anti-Semitism has been on the rise in Europe. This new anti-Semitism from Islamists with ties to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State is making life more and more difficult for European Jews who are also trying to cope with the old anti-Semitism of Nazi-lovers.

It is also not surprising that France, home to the largest population of Jews in Europe at 500,000, is where the attacks occurred. Due to the rise of anti-Semitism, 7,000 Jews from France made aliyah to Israel in 2014, the most ever and double from 2013. That trend is expected to continue.

No doubt this rising tide of Jews leaving France is due in large part to an increasing loss of a sense of security. Therefore, it is apparent a primary challenge is to help Jews in France and throughout Europe regain their security or, for those who so choose to leave Europe but cannot afford to do so, to help them leave.

There are 250 Jewish day schools and 300 synagogues in France. If you have visited Jewish synagogues, schools or community centers overseas, you are probably familiar with the hardening of security in various countries, including guards, metal detectors, advanced screening of visitors, etc. It would be hard to imagine such security precautions in Grand Rapids, so it is understandable that many Jews in France are reluctant to change their lifestyle, including the ease of access to their institutional buildings, not to mention the so-called soft targets such as the Hyper Cacher supermarket.

What can we do in West Michigan and the U.S. to help the French Jews? No doubt our expressions of solidarity, by signing letters or messages online, are appreciated.

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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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 Any new gift or increase is matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant

\*Total does not include matching grants.

**Matching Grants Campaign 2014**

The **Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation** has made a dollar-for-dollar matching grant commitment for all new gifts and increases in contributions. In addition, the **Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation** has made a similar matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions from donors age 45 and under.

**L'dor Vador**

**Endowment Update**

*Growing the Community's Endowment Funds*

The L'dor Vador Endowment Committee met recently and reviewed the investment policy statement and results for 2014. The committee discussed the economy and markets and elected to make no changes to the investment policy. The L'dor Vador endowment funds totaled \$4,344,142 as of December 31, 2014, growing from \$4,097,810 at the end of 2013. Of note, the funds' balances have increased by contributions, and reduced by annual distributions requested by many of the funds' beneficiaries. The funds generated a weighted average return of 4.63% during 2014.

Please consider forming a new fund or contributing to an existing fund. 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 or [mike@jfgr.org](mailto:mike@jfgr.org).

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

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I'd like to believe we can do more, so would like to invite your ideas. As an example, how might we use social media in a creative manner to connect with French Jews who are feeling vulnerable?

There will be financial needs to be met as well, mainly in the areas of: 1) aiding in the hardening of security; and 2) helping to pay for the relocation costs for French Jews who choose to make aliyah and cannot afford it. If you wish to help in either way, please visit our website at [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org).

If there can be anything positive to come out of the horror in France, this may be a “canary in the coal mine” moment in which Europe finally awakens to the Islamist threat. While European anti-Semitism has been rising for years, the concurrent attacks at the satirical magazine and Jewish grocery have brought attention to the threat to Jews as we have not seen before. The French President Hollande and Prime Minister Valls, along with other European leaders such as Angela Merkel of Germany, are to be commended for speaking out against the violent hatred of Jews. Seventy years after the liberation of Auschwitz, let me conclude by simply saying – it’s about time.

Best regards,

Mike

[mike@jfgr.org](mailto:mike@jfgr.org)

## CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALREADY TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS!

Do you know a child who plans to attend a Jewish summer camp? They may qualify to apply for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. Applications are available on line at [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org) or upon request, and are due by March 3, 2015. Please contact the Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553.

-Ann Berman

Director of Social Service Resources

*Note: All applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee and held in the strictest confidence.*



Camp Gan Israel was founded in 1956 by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory.

Today the Camp Gan Israel network serves the Jewish World with chapters in more than forty countries.

## Senior

### Lunch Bunch! Thursday, February 19 at Pietros

2780 Birchcrest Drive SE (28th St.)  
11:30 am

Cost: \$8

RSVP by Tuesday February 17  
to Ann at 616-942-5553  
or email [ann@jfgr.org](mailto:ann@jfgr.org)



### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA?

Ann would like to look at alternative ideas for gatherings that the elder members of our community might enjoy in addition to a monthly luncheon. She is open to ideas from the community members as to what type of programs they would like. Please call Ann at 616-942-5553 extension 206 or email her at [ann@jfgr.org](mailto:ann@jfgr.org).



## Religious Liberty Call to Action Event

By Guest Contributor, Sheryl Siegel

Over 200 people streamed into Congregation Ahavas Israel on Sunday, December 7th for a Religious Liberty Call to Action. The event was held in solidarity with persecuted Middle East religious minorities. The forum drew people from across West Michigan in protest of the genocide against Christians and Muslim minorities in the region and to pray for an end to their slaughter.

Three guest speakers provided compelling testimony about the murderous assault on Middle East Christians and Muslim minorities by religious militants. Dr. Sharif Sahibzada, Imam of the Islamic Center of West Michigan, gave an impassioned speech condemning the murder of religious minorities by the radical faction within his faith and prayed for an end to the violence against innocents of all religions.

Keynote speaker George Michael, an Egyptian Christian and consultant to US government agencies on Arab language and culture, presented documentation of the horrific brutality against Christians throughout the Middle East and North Africa by Islamist groups. Mr. Michael stated that 2,000 year old Christian communities in Iraq have been decimated and that over half a million Christian Arabs have fled militant forces in Syria after being forced from their ancient homeland in Iraq. His talk culminated with the startling fact that there are more Iraqi Christians living in Chicago today than in Iraq.

The third speaker, Iraqi Christian Joseph Aboosh, spoke about his war-torn childhood growing up in Iraq. Mr. Aboosh contrasted the terrifying childhood he had with the peace that his children enjoy in this country. Joseph held back tears of gratitude as he blessed America for the freedoms afforded his family.

Congregation Ahavas Israel boldly led the wider community in a solidarity event for persecuted

people of other faiths. Synagogues across America should do the same. Jews united against religious oppression helped liberate Soviet Jewry, and collective Jewish influence can be a formidable force today in fighting the murderous rampage against innocent Christians and Muslims.

No people understand as deeply the consequences of silence in the face of evil than Jews. And no group has suffered more from religious bigotry. Jews, of all people, should stand on the frontlines of fighting for religious liberty for others.

As bearers of the commandment, "Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is being shed", Jews have a moral obligation to fight evil. Who better to lead a movement against religious intolerance than the group who has been history's most persistent victim of it?

### MISSION 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 [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org)





Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
invites the entire community to a  
**FAMILY FUN EVENT**



Join us for ice skating fun, or just watch the skaters from the warmth of the observation room overlooking the rink. (We'll have board games). Complimentary light refreshments.

Sunday, February 8, 2015

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Patterson Ice Arena

2550 Patterson Ave SE

(between Burton and 28th Street)

\$5.00 per skater RSVP to Cathy

616-942-5553 or Cathy@jfgr.org

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids

Invites the entire community



**PURIM  
CARNIVAL**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

**12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Temple Emanuel

*Remember to wear a costume...*

*\*Lunch \* Hamantashen \* Games \* Moon Walk \*Cotton Candy \* Arts  
& Crafts \* Face Painting \*Costume Contest and Lot of Surprises*



Celebrating Purim with Kids

**FUN FOR  
ALL AGES!**

\* Lunch \$ 4.00  
Children up to 18 years old FREE  
RSVP for lunch  
by February 26  
to [sari@jfgr.org](mailto:sari@jfgr.org)  
or 616-942-5553

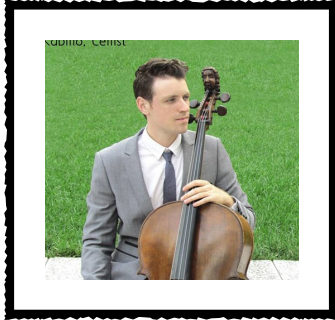
The program is sponsored by Ahavas Israel, Chabad House, JFGR,  
Temple Emanuel and United Jewish School

Cultural Council invites you to

# MUSIC TALKS

**Cellist Elad Kabilio**

*Accompanied by Pianist Ben Laude*



*Music Talks* aims to bring classical music to an informal setting and break down the barriers between musicians and their audience by taking advantage of the ambiance that chamber music provides. With engaging and interactive conversation, the listener is given an experience that truly makes music talk. Israeli cellist Elad Kabilio is an active soloist, chamber musician and a teaching artist. He has recently performed at Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Morgan Library, and the Joyce Theater in New York City. In 2011, Mr. Kabilio was appointed Music Director of Ballet Next, New York's new top Ballet Company, to critical acclaim. Join Cellist Elad Kabilio and Pianist Ben Laude as they explore the fantastic colors and textures of the great French Impressionist composers Debussy and Ravel. This intimate concert talk program will put a spotlight on the depiction of water in Impressionist works, as well as its sheer beauty.

**Saturday,**

**February 28, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

Temple Emanuel  
1715 East Fulton

Tickets to event are \$15 for adults,  
\$5 for college students

And children up to 18 are free.

Tickets available at the door or by  
contacting Sari at [sari@jfgr.org](mailto:sari@jfgr.org) or  
616-942-5553

Dessert reception to follow

## Film Festival

### JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

OF GRAND RAPIDS

May 3-7, 2015

#### FILMS

**\*HAVANA CURVEBALL**

**\*HANNAH COHEN'S HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*APPLES FROM THE DESSERT**

**\*JOACHIM PRIN: I SHALL NOT BE SILENT**

**\*ABOVE AND BEYOND**

**\*24 DAYS**

**\*MR. KAPLAN**

## ENJOY THE FILM FESTIVAL BECOME A SPONSOR

The 2014 Jewish Film Festival is once again bringing special movies to the Grand Rapids community. The committee has been previewing movies and planning special programs. As in previous years, the Film Festival will be held at Celebration! North Cinemas. Watch for more details about the festival events in our community mailings.

The Film Festival is offering special rates through a **flex pass** (eight admissions): the flex pass is **\$36.00**. Flex pass ticket holders will have seats reserved until **THIRTY MINUTES** prior to the movie beginning. At that time, tickets will be sold for all seats.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY.** That means even if you are holding a flex pass ticket, seats are not guaranteed later than thirty minutes prior to movie time. **Flex pass tickets are only available until May 2nd.**

The Film Festival also offers members of the community an opportunity to become an individual sponsor of the Jewish Film Festival. Please read about the benefits of becoming a financial supporter below.

### Individual Sponsors Get Great Benefits!

**Director: (\$500.00)** receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications, and four admissions to all private receptions, dinners and events.



**Producers: (\$250)** receive two flex passes (16 admissions), recognition in all publications and two admissions to all private receptions, dinner, and events.

**Actor: (\$100.00)** receive one season punch card (8 admissions) and recognition in the program booklet.

**Film Fan:** If you would like to financially support the Jewish Film Festival and do not see an amount that interests you, please feel free to send a contribution in any amount to the Federation office. You will be listed in the program booklet.



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### *I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Director (\$500.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Producer (\$250.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Actor (\$100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Film Festival Fan

\_\_\_\_\_ Flex Pass (\$36.00)

Mail this form and your check to:  
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

## 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](mailto:marnivyn@yahoo.com) or phone 616-774-8644.



Wednesday, February 4

12:00pm

Olive's

2162 Wealthy Street Southeast

## Jewish Community Business Forum

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

Thursday, February 19

12:00 -1:00pm

El Barrio Restaurant

545 Michigan NE

Everyone is Welcome!



## January's Hadassah Book Club RESCHEDULED

When: March 11th, 2015

Where: Flory Silverstein's Home: 2930 Bonnell SE,  
East Grand Rapids, Phone: 616-949-5766

**RSVPs are a MUST!** Thank you so much.

**Book to read...."A Guide for the Perplexed" by Dara Horn**

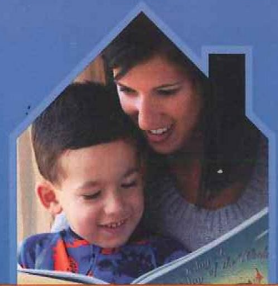
The book will be at Schuler Books on 28th Street.

As always,

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766



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**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](http://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 Sari at the Federation office:  
616-942-5553 or [Sari@jfg.org](mailto:Sari@jfg.org)

# WELCOME



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

### **UJS Calendar**

- 2-1-15 Marc Rossio
- 2-4-15 Midweek Tu'b'shevat seder

School closings:  
Please tune in to WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8 for UJS closings. It will be listed as United Jewish School. You may also check their websites.

*Plant Your Roots in Israel with trees for Tu B'shevat*

*On Tu'B'shevat we celebrate the New Year for trees. We eat*

*wonderful fruits that grow in Israel and we pray for a fruitful year. Please join students all over the world by planting a tree in Israel through Jewish National Fund. Tzedakah monies at UJS for the month of January and February will be sent to Israel to plant trees. [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) for more info.*

**The UJS annual Mitzvah Mall was on Sunday December 14.**

**We collected \$1700**

What a beautiful lesson for all of us.

We should always "give back".

### Organizations:

Chai Lifeline, Comprehensive Therapy Center, World Wildlife Fund, March of Dimes, Mazon, Ronald McDonald House, Anti-defamation League, Heifer International, Literacy Center of W Michigan



**COMING SOON!**

**Deli Delight Luncheon March 8**  
**UJS Fundraiser**  
**Details to follow!**

A contribution has been made to the UJS scholarship fund  
In Memory of Leslie Siegel  
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Lipshutz

Please remember UJS with your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple 'thank you'

## *Congregation Ahavas Israel*

### **Introduction to Judaism:**

Taught by Rabbi David Krishef

Time: Monday evenings, 8:05 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., beginning February 9 - March 18 (15 sessions)

Cost: \$50/members and B'nai Noah affiliates, \$75/non-members

A basic introduction to Jewish history, beliefs, rituals, holidays, and life cycle celebrations. The syllabus is available for download from AhavasIsraelGR.org under Adult Education Programs (or call the office to have it mailed/emailed to you). 616-949-2840

### **Sanctuary Shabbat:**

**February 7 - Tom Dilley**, "The distinction between Jewish and non-Jewish burial sites"

Thomas R. Dilley is a retired attorney and frequent lecturer on cemetery history in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author of several books of local history, and he is a member of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission, trustee of the Grand Rapids Historical Society, past chair of the Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation, and trustee of the Grand Rapids Public Museum Foundation. He has recently published "In The Art of Memory: Historic Cemeteries of Grand Rapids, Michigan." In it, he details the history of Grand Rapids' park cemeteries, finding that their development mimicked national trends and changing cultural beliefs about honoring the dead.

## *Temple Emanuel*

### **Wednesday March 4 - Purim**

Brrr...

Expect to be chilled this Purim!

We invite the community to join us at Temple Emanuel on **Wednesday, March 4** for a "Frozen" Purim.

Come at 5:30 PM for some cold crafts and some icy pre-dinner art projects.

Our Frozen Dinner will be filled with lots of surprises and will be most family-friendly.

The costs for dinner is \$5 for children under the age of 13, and \$8 for adults. RSVP requested by Friday, February 27, at 616-459-5976.

Beginning at 7:00 PM we will tell the story of Purim with a newly written "Frozen" shpiel complete with holiday lyrics for some of the Disney movie's most well-known songs.

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*Temple Emanuel cont.*

Frozen desserts will follow.

Costumes are encouraged. Come as Anna, Olaf, Kristoff, Hans, Elsa, or in any kind of disguise you like. Prizes awarded for everyone who comes in costume.

**On Saturday, February 21st** Temple Emanuel will host **Shall We Dance?** A dance for young adults in the Grand Rapids area who face mental and physical challenges. We will need volunteers to help the Social Action Committee make this event a success! Contact Sarah Clymer in the Temple Office, 616-459-5976

*Chabad House of West Michigan*

**Jewish Women's Circle: Healthy Body, Healthy Soul**  
**Monday Feb 2**

Get ready for Tu B'Shvat -the new year for the trees,with the JWC health event!

Hear Dr. Valerie Shavell share with us the latest research on women's health at every stage of life.

Enjoy a fruit carving demo and make your own refreshing drink at our smoothie bar.

Hostess: Marni Vyn 1330 Cornell SE

Chair: Michele Young

Events begin 7:30 p.m. • Cover Cost: \$10 | Friend: \$18 | Sponsor: \$54

For more information, to sponsor an event or to RSVP please contact us at 616-828-2340

or Nechamy8@gmail.com

**Chabad Kids Club - Jewish Heroes**

Come have a blast at the coolest Kid's Club around as we learn all about the Jewish heroes from our history and discover our own extraordinary super powers!

**Friday February 6th**

5:30pm - Sarah

Learn from Sarah and Avraham's amazing hospitality-

Enjoy a scrumptious Shabbat dinner.

Bring along a Jewish friend.

Save the date:

**March 3rd - Mordechai**

Believe in the miracles like Mordechai and the Jewish people. Watch a breathtaking magic show. Partake in an array of exciting Purim activities and create a unique Mishloach Manot package for someone who can use more JOY.

Location: Chabad of W Michigan: 2615 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Boys & Girls Ages 5-12 Time: 4pm-6pm

\$10 per session (includes light dinner). To book or for more info call Chana: 616-570-1742

**Cteen:** Come join us **Sunday, February 8th** for My Big Fat Jewish Wedding!

To find out more or to join Cteen

call Chana @ 616-570-1742 or check us out on

Facebook @ Cteen Grand Rapids

**Cteen Junior:** Come join us **Thursday, February**

**12th** for another awesome event!

To find out more or to join Cteen Junior call Chana

@ 616-570-1742 or check us out on Facebook @

Cteen Grand Rapids

**What Went Wrong in the Middle East?**

Please join us for an evening with

Dr. Mordechai Kedar

on **Wednesday, February 18th,**

6:30 p.m.

at the

Crown Plaza

Grand Rapids

5700 28th Street SE

Admission \$10

Refreshments will be served

~

Mordechai Kedar, born 1952 in Tel Aviv, is an Israeli scholar of Islam and Arabic history and a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University. He holds a PhD from Bar-Ilan University.

Kedar is an academic on the Israeli Arab population.

He served for twenty-five years in ID Military

Intelligence, where he specialized in Islamic groups, the

political discourse of Arab countries, the Arabic press

and mass media, and the Syrian domestic arena. The

Los Angeles Times' Edmund Sanders described him as

"one of the few Arabic-speaking Israeli pundits seen on

Arabic satellite channels defending Israel". A project

of the Chabad House of Western Michigan.

**Purim**

Save the date:

**Thursday, March 5th**

Annual Purim Celebration Dinner

Five Thirty o'clock

at the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St

5:30 Megillah reading & hors d'oeuvres

6:00 Dinner

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.

**Charles 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 honor of Ann Berman  
From Mimi Sarne

### **Woman of Valor Endowment Fund**

In honor of Anne Wepman's birthday  
From Josh Wepman

In honor of Ann Berman  
From David Sarne

### **Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund**

In memory of Sheldon Kahn  
From Carol & Mike Present

In memory of Leslie Siegel  
From Carol & Mike Present

In memory of Sharon Margulis  
From Carol & Mike Present

In memory of Len Robinson's father Eli  
From Carol & Mike Present



## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your donation and this form to:  
2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

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