



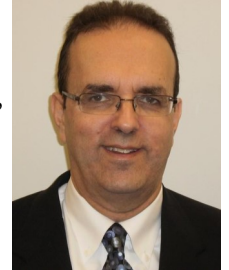
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Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

As you may be aware, *The New York Times* recently published a list of its recommended *52 Places to Go in 2016* around the world. Lo and behold, right there at #20, between the Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Garzon, Uruguay, is Grand Rapids, Michigan!



When I started to share this information with family and friends here in town and around the country, the most common response was, well, maybe someone at the *Times* had a little too much to drink when compiling this list. All kidding aside, this recognition along with others in recent years is something we can all feel very good about...and proud!

From ArtPrize and Frederik Meijer Gardens to the Downtown Market and our craft breweries, the *Times* notes that Grand Rapids has become an attractive place to visit and live (and no, I'm not getting paid by the local Chamber of Commerce to say this).

So what does this have to do with being Jewish? Good question – I'm glad you asked! The short answer is Grand Rapids and West Michigan is also becoming a more attractive place for Jews to visit and live.

A question we often get in our office is, 'how many Jews live in greater Grand Rapids?' While our typical response of around 2,000 has been the same for many years, the truth is no one knows exactly, nor if the numbers are increasing or decreasing. We estimate this figure based on the number of donors to Federation, number of members at our congregations, and like figures. (Note – it's too costly to survey the Jewish community to get more precise data.)

What we can't measure is the number of Jews living in or moving to West Michigan who, for whatever reason, are not connecting with our Jewish community. These motivations, like the reasons that brought them to Grand Rapids in the first place, are as various as the Jewish people differ.

That said, it is in our interest – all of us who comprise the Grand Rapids Jewish community – to welcome those new to our area, as well as those who do not participate in our community. While some of these Jews may have no interest whatsoever in connecting,

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The Shofar

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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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**\$360,583 Total**

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You can even pay online at [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org) Any new gift or increase is matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant

\*Total does not include matching grants.

### Matching Grants Campaign 2015

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.

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### Live Generously.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
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I suspect many would if they were exposed to what our community has to offer.

Take a minute to consider these offerings. For a practicing Jew, our religious communities of reform, conservative and orthodox provide a wide range of services and practices from which to choose. For a secular Jew, we offer cultural events ranging from film and theatre to bowling to tasting Jewish cocktails. And of course, there is much, much more, as regular readers of *The Shofar* well know.

When our Federation went through a strategic planning process a few years ago, I recall one of the participants suggesting a ‘no wrong door’ approach to invite community members to participate in our programs and activities, as well as to utilize our services. One size doesn’t fit all in Grand Rapids, nor in our Jewish community.

So, if you meet someone around town who is Jewish and they are not connected to our community, please think of yourself as a Federation and community ambassador. Welcome them to the Grand Rapids Jewish community. Invite them to participate in a time and place and manner that work for them.

After all, the Grand Rapids Jewish community is a great place to live!

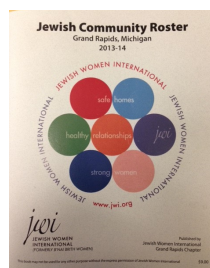
Best regards,  
Mike  
mike@jfgr.org

## Coming to West Michigan!!!

### 2016 JWI and Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Community Roster!

The Roster is a directory of the Jewish community in West Michigan, mainly Grand Rapids, but also including the surrounding communities such as Holland, Grand Haven and other nearby cities. There are about 900 listings.

**Is your business or organization interested in placing an advertisement in the roster?** If yes, please contact Eileen at 616-949-6444 or Phyllis at 616-247-7963.



## LUNCH BUNCH

# KITCHEN 67

## A MICHIGAN BISTRO

1997 E. Beltline

Thursday, February 18

11:30am

Cost: \$8



RSVP by Tuesday, February 16  
to Ann at 616-942-5553

Transportation is available by calling Ann.  
\*If a cancellation is necessary, you will be notified by phone by 10am.

## SAVE THESE DATES

For Future Lunch Bunches...

- **March 17, 2016 - tbd**
- **April 14, 2016 - tbd**
- **May 19, 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

# WELCOME

## 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 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 \$4,357,711 as of December 31, 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.

L'dor Vador funds are invested for income and long term growth, with conservation of principal an important objective so that perpetual income may be available to our community organizations. The funds generated a weighted average return of -0.23% during 2015, which compares in general to the -0.09% weighted average return last year of the broad, market-based S&P 500 stock index and Barclays US Aggregate bond index.

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](mailto:mike@jfgr).

Have you ever thought about contributing to, or setting up, a **L'dor Vador Endowment Fund** to help ensure the future of our Jewish community?

Please contact Mike Present in the Federation office at 616-942-5553 or [mike@jfgr.org](mailto:mike@jfgr.org) to learn more.



## ENJOY FILMS? BECOME A JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL SPONSOR

The 2016 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 Festival events in our community mailings.

Film Festival is offering special rates through a **Flex Pass** (eight admissions): for **\$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 April 30th.**

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.



**Producer: (\$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 a sponsorship 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.

*Yes! I would like to be a Film Festival Sponsor*

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

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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Cultural Council 2016 Spectrum Series

## Professor Steven Gold

### Lecture on

### Latin American Jewish Immigrants in the U.S.



Date: Sunday, March 6, 2016

Time: 11:30am

Place: Temple Emanuel - 1715 E. Fulton

Steven J. Gold, who was educated at University of California, Santa Cruz, University of California, Berkeley, and Brandeis University, is a professor and associate chair in the Department of Sociology at Michigan State University. His interests include international migration, ethnic economies, Jewish studies, qualitative methods and visual sociology. The past chair of the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association, Professor Gold is the author, co-author, or co-editor of seven books.

Light noshes will be served



### Become a Cultural Council Member Spectrum Series 2016 – Membership Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to **The Jewish Cultural Council**  
**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids,**  
**2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

Please send me season tickets for Spectrum 2016

I/We would like to be an Underwriter: \$500+ (5 tickets per event)

I/We would like to be a Patron: \$250 - \$499 (4 tickets per event)

I/We would like to be a Sponsor: \$125 - \$249 (3 tickets per event)

I/We would like a Family membership: \$100 (2 tickets per event)

I would like a Single membership: \$50 (1 ticket per event)

I would like to be a Cultural Council volunteer, Please contact me.

Cultural Council Mixology Event, Saturday, January 23, 2016.



**MISSION TO ISRAEL!**

*Are you thinking of visiting 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



**2015-16 SEASON**



Presenting quality theatrical productions with Jewish themes that are universal in appeal.

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FOR SEASON PASS INFORMATION

visit us on or [www.jtgr.org](http://www.jtgr.org)  
or call 616-234-3595

All performances are held at GRCC Spectrum Theater  
Thursdays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.  
Additional Wednesday shows at 8 p.m. for "Becoming Dr. Ruth"

*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

**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](mailto:albertmlewis@att.net) or 616-485-5394



**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 3, 2016

12:00pm

Anna's House

*(Please note location)*

2409 E. Beltline SE

**Jewish Community Business Forum**

Thursday, February 18

12:00pm - 1:00pm

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.

**Betzalel Art Group**

Thursdays 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Ahavas Israel

(in the meeting room)



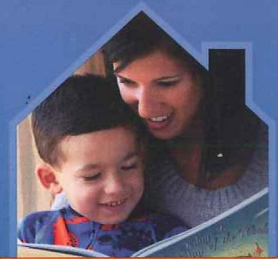
Have some art fun with any painting or craft you enjoy doing.

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](mailto:patandfred@tds.net).

**PJ Library is here!** Thank you! to the Ravitz Foundation and Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundations.

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](http://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](http://www.PJLIBRARY.org)

A PROGRAM OF THE  
HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

**Hadassah Book Club**

**When:** February 10, 2016

**Where:** Sue Remes:

3403 Burton Ridge Rd Apt. B

Phone: 949-3505 or [suthenan@aol.com](mailto:suthenan@aol.com)

**Time:** 4:00pm till after dinner (dinner at Rose's)

Please RSVP and let Sue know if you will be present! We will be eating dinner out so we will have to know numbers for reservations. Thank you so much!

**Book to read.... "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfore.**

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

We are as always your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766

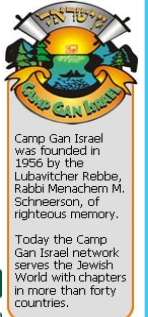


## CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALREADY TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

Do you know a child who plans to attend a Jewish summer camp? They may qualify for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. Applications are available upon request or online at [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org) and are due by March 15, 2016. Please contact the Jewish Federation at 616-942-5553 or email [ann@ifgr.org](mailto:ann@ifgr.org).

Ann Berman, Director of Social Service Resources

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



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



### UJS Calendar

February 7	Marc Rossio
February 14	No school Mid-winter break
February 21	UJS Open House
February 28	

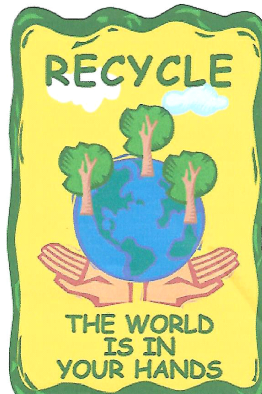
School closings: Please tune in to WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8 for UJS closings. It will be listed as United Jewish School. You may also check their websites.

### Middah for February

## BAL TASHCHIT – בַּל תַּשְׁחִית

*do not destroy or waste.*

"Look at My works! How beautiful and praiseworthy they are. Everything that I have created, I created for you. Take care not to damage and destroy My world for if you damage it, there is no one to repair it after you."  
 (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13)



On Tu B'Shvat we honor the trees for their gifts-

- ♣ Trees turn carbon dioxide into oxygen to help us breathe
- ♣ Trees reduce air pollution and prevent erosion
- ♣ Shelter and shade from the hot sun
- ♣ Wind and noise is blocked by trees
- ♣ Animals and other wildlife use trees as a place to live
- ♣ Trees look beautiful and smell good



**טו בשבט**

What a great example of Bal Tashchit

How can you perform this Mitzvah?

### UJS welcomes new teachers:



*Sheila Bates*  
 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade  
*Rick Rinzler*  
 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
*Noelle Gauss*  
 Hebrew

### UJS Contribution:

by  
**Paul and Geri Stein**  
 In honor of  
**Brandon Weiskopf**  
**Andrew Weiskopf**  
 In memory of  
**Michael Sament**

### UJS Board:

The school board is comprised of representatives from Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel.  
 Co-Chairs  
 Rhonda Pappas & Amy Winkelman  
 Allyson Strauss  
 Rick Rinzler  
 Elisabeth Rosewall  
 Amy Singer  
 Erica Wikander

*Chabad House of West Michigan***Cteen International NYC Shabbaton**

**February 26-28th** - SIGN UP NOW! The International CTeen Shabbaton is an annual weekend retreat for Jewish teens from around the world. For the past eight years, thousands of teens have forged new friendships while experiencing a meaningful Shabbat, all in one of the most exciting cities in the world - New York City. To find out more about this amazing trip or to get a \$25 promo code call or message Chana at 616-570-1742

**Cteen****Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm-6:00pm (High School Students)

**Cteen Jr****Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Destination: Jerusalem our home

Israeli fest: Enjoy a falafel dinner, meet an Israeli soldier, Israeli arts and crafts and more.

Package goody bags to be distributed to Israeli soldiers

4:00pm-6:00pm (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>)**Kids Club****Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

A Taste of Shabbat-

Make Challah, learn to twist and braid the loaves, Shape Matzah balls- just like Bubby, Make an art project and discover the beauty of Shabbat.

4:00pm-6:00pm (Ages 5-11)

**For more information or to RSVP for Kids Club, Cteen or Cteen Jr**

Contact Rivka at RivkahWeingarten@gmail.com or (616) 206-9654

**Gan Israel Day Camp** -

A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime!

Dates: **June 27 to July 15, 2016**

Main Division: Boys & Girls ages 5-12, 9:00am-3:30pm | Kiddy camp Boys & Girls ages 3-4, 9:00am - 3:30pm. Tuition fees cover all activities, snacks and trips. 3 week session: \$500, per week: \$180. For registration or for more information contact Sarah at 616-375-9404 or Shsarahw@gmail.com.

**Jewish Women's Circle - Save the date!**

"Behind Enemies Lines" - An evening with Marthe Cohn. Join us as we hear Marthe share her fascinating story as a French Jewish spy in Nazi Germany. Wednesday **March 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Jewish Women's Circle****Kugels and Knishes!**

Experience the joy of kosher cooking with these traditional delights!

Learn about the power of positive thinking and how to season your life with more positivity.

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30pmAt the home of Chani Liberow  
2277 E. Fulton St.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Cover Charge: \$10

For more information or to RSVP contact Nechamy at (616) 828-2340 or Nechamy8@gmail.com.

**JLI - Jewish Learning Institute** - "The Jewish Course of Why" A remarkable new six-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. Six Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday, **February 10** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Chabad House of West Michigan. Fee: \$99 (textbook included), \$79 early bird special if registered by February 2, \$180 if you would like to be a sponsor. For more information please call Rabbi Haller at 269-903-7916 or email RabbiHaller@chabadwestmichigan.com.

**Congregation Ahavas Israel**

Shabbat at Ahavas Israel is about creating community. Please join us for Saturday morning services, which begin at 9:30am (Torah service, approximately 10:30am), and stay for Kiddush at about 11:45am. Bagels and coffee are available early on the first Shabbat of the month. Junior Congregation is typically the third Shabbat of the month. See AhavasIsraelGR.org for more information

**Temple Emanuel**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** The Jewish Men's Book Club will meet in the Temple Library to discuss Not in God's Name by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** Temple will host "A Place for Us" Dance for young adults in the Grand Rapids area who face mental and physical challenges. Please contact Sarah in the Temple Office for more information or to volunteer to help with this important and fun event!

**Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** Your Opinion Counts and Brunch. Join chef and moderator Jim Siegel to discuss hot button topics! This month we will debate: What is our vision for Judaism in Grand Rapids in 25 years, and what is our path to getting there?

# 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 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*

### **JFGR General Endowment Fund**

In honor of Ann Berman  
From Marilyn Perlman

In honor of Rabbi Lewis  
From Marilyn Perlman

In memory of Carolyn Singer  
From Sari Cicurel

### **Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund**

In honor of Judith Joseph's birthday  
From Elisa Joseph and Steve Anders

### **Charles and Maxine Shapiro Endowment Fund**

In memory of Carol Singer  
From Chuck & Maxine Shapiro

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

In honor of Ann Berman  
From David Sarne

In memory of Rabbi Krishef's father, Robert  
From Diane Ginsburg

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

From Mitchell & Minda Kahn

*Make a tribute gift to Thank,  
Honor or Memorialize friends and loved ones.*



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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Send your donation and this form to:**

**2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

# The Shofar

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**David and Susan Samrick Youth Camp Scholarships**



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