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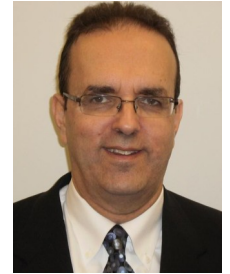
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THE **POWER** OF COMMUNITY.

The Shofar

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Dear Friends,

Much of the world’s attention in regard to Israel during the past six months has been on the conflict with the Palestinians, from the Gaza war to terrorist attacks, most recently the horrific attacks on Jerusalem. While important, I’d like to return this month to what in my view remains the greatest risk for Israel – the prospect of a nuclear Iran.



As most of you are aware, the United States along with the other permanent members of the UN Security Council, as well as Germany (together the ‘P5+1’), has been involved for many years in discussions and negotiations with Iran to eliminate their nuclear weapons programs. This cat and mouse game has been replete with obfuscations and delays, leaving many in the West and the Middle East convinced that Iran is committed to having nuclear weapons. Carrots and sticks have been employed, notably via employing, then loosening, economic sanctions to influence Iran’s decision-making.

The latest round of talks ended around Thanksgiving with yet another extension in the negotiations until June, 2015. Will this lead to a peaceful resolution, or merely buy time for the Iranians to achieve their nuclear goals? I am not optimistic.

An early December article in *The Washington Post*, penned by Dennis Ross, the experienced Middle East negotiator, along with two others, makes a compelling case that the underlying assumption in the negotiations, varying levels of financial stress on Iran will change its negotiating stance, is flawed. Falling oil prices are currently being looked upon in a similar vein.

As Ross et al explain, Iran has not changed because it is a revolutionary state controlled by “highly ideological rulers” who find “the notion of integration into the global economy frightening”. Western diplomacy has also failed to recognize that, despite Iran’s 2013 election of a less extreme (at least publicly) new president, Hassan Rouhani, Iran is controlled by mullahs. Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is not going to allow Iran’s elected officials to make concessions based on finances alone.

The authors conclude, short of war, “Iran must face pressure across many fronts” so that its leaders “see that the price – as they measure it – is high.” In addition to economic and financial pressure, this includes a strategy to isolate Iran from its neighbors, notably Iraq. “The purpose of this new, robust and coercive strategy is to signal our readiness to compete, to show that we don’t need a deal more than Iran does and to raise the price to Tehran of its objectionable policies.”

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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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Michigan's newly elected senator, Gary Peters, understands this. Following the latest P5+1 delay, he issued a statement which included the following: "For the past year, Iran has received economic relief and Congress has refrained from passing increased sanctions in a good faith effort by the United States and our allies to enhance the chance of a diplomatic solution....What was clear to many of us before should now be clear to everyone — Iran is not negotiating in good faith. We need tougher sanctions to empower tougher diplomacy against a regime intent on building nuclear weapons that would threaten the United States, destabilize the region and pose an existential threat to Israel."

I recently attended a conference organized by the Israel Consulate office in Chicago. Of note, Iran was emphasized as the priority of the Israeli government over the conflict with the Palestinians. The reason should be clear: Israel is a small country in a part of the world afflicted with terror and religious hatred. Nuclear weapons in Iran are an existential threat to our brethren in our ancient homeland. For those of us who love Israel, let's not forget about Iran.

Best regards,
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MY RECIPE FOR A LONG, HAPPY LIFE

by Anne Wepman

We are very fortunate in our community to have three healthy centenarians - June Horowitz, Lillian Klein and Anne Wepman. As Anne turns 101 this month, joining the other two women at this marvelous age, she agreed to share with us her story on aging successfully. We invite June and Lillian to add to this recipe.

The first ingredient required for a long, happy life is family—everything starts with family. My parents came here from Russia in the early 1900's. My father, Abraham Hoffman, paved the way and settled in Grand Rapids in 1906. Grand Rapids was the destination of choice because of his cousins who lived here, the family link. About a year later, my father, having saved enough, sent for my mother, Sarah Malishkevicz Hoffman and my two brothers, Hy and Sam, to join him. Once settled, the family grew when two more of my brothers, Jack and Morris, were born. I finally arrived at Lafayette Street on January 23, 1914. My father made a living as a peddler of fruits and vegetables. We all attended different high schools—Central High School, the old Union High School on Turner, and the old Ottawa Hills High School on Iroquois, and during our school years, everyone worked hard for the family. My parents had a secondhand store on Ottawa NE in the heart of the Jewish neighborhood along with the Kosher meat market, Weiner's delicatessen, and a small Eastside Orthodox shul to which we belonged, with the men downstairs and the women upstairs. My brothers sold newspapers after school, worked in a cookie factory (and got to bring home the broken cookies that we so enjoyed!), and in a grocery store. Later my brother Jack worked for the old *Grand Rapids Press* selling ads; my brother Hy bought the grocery store he had worked in from John Leff, and brother Morrie worked with him there. When I started working in the 1930's, I was lucky enough to get a job in the cosmetic department at Wurzburg's Department Store.

The family grew as my wonderful brothers married and started to raise their own families. I joined the ranks when I met Joseph Wepman, a pharmacist, and married him in 1939. The Eastside shul had joined with the Westside shul, and we became members of the Westside shul on Scribner Street after we got married. We started our family when Robert was born in 1941, and Barbara was born in 1944. Luckily my second child was a daughter so I didn't have to have four sons first!

All of our families have stayed very close, and through the years of child rearing and beyond, we have spent many holidays, simchas, and celebrations together. Even when some of the families have moved away over the years to Ohio and Illinois, we have kept in close contact and come together for sad occasions as well as the happy ones, like my 100th birthday celebration at Ahavas Israel of which I have been a member for 75 years.

In addition to family, the next important ingredient for a long, happy life is a very wonderful community. I have lived in Grand Rapids all my life, a century plus! And I have always loved it. I always say it is the best place to live in the whole world! I have seen many changes in GR, but even so the changes still make it a wonderful place to live. As a child I remember Mr. Allen with his bakery truck delivering bread. And milk was delivered to the homes daily.

I remember when we had the wonderful downtown where we did our shopping at all of the department stores—Wurzburg's, Steketee's, Herpolsheimer's, Houseman's, May's, Jacobson's; the dime stores—Woolworth's, Kresge's, Grant's; and the small locally owned stores—Gantos' and Beverly's; there were no malls! There were even many opportunities for going downtown to enjoy the various entertainment venues: movie houses such as the Savoy, Keith's, and the Majestic, which is now Civic Theatre! There were dances and fundraisers hosted by Hadassah or B'nai B'rith at the local hotel ballrooms at the Pantlind and the Rowe.

In addition, there was a wonderful amusement park located across from Reed's Lake – Ramona Park. We would take the streetcar to the park where we would ride the little trains, the merry-go-rounds, and the ponies. We'd play different amusement park games, see live stage shows, and dance at the ballroom dance hall with music provided by popular bands of the times. Across the street at Reed's Lake there were boat rides around the lake. We would bring our lunch and eat on the boat for an enjoyable afternoon.

The Westside Synagogue on Scribner, which my husband and I had joined when we married, had moved to Lafayette Street by then and was named Congregation Ahavas Israel, a conservative synagogue. I belonged to the Sisterhood, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and enjoyed many wonderful friendships and activities. I even taught Sunday school there. One special student was 5-year-old Stuart

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Rapaport! From Lafayette, Ahavas Israel moved to its present location on Michigan Street in 1970.

A third important ingredient for a long, happy life, which you may have more control over and may be the most important, especially as you get older, is to keep busy, active, and involved. Abundant opportunities can be found with family, the community, and various organizations. What makes it even better and more worthwhile is doing everything with a very positive attitude. Doing things and staying active fills me with such satisfaction, nachas and joy! That's why I do it! I always liked being busy and enjoyed being with people. The beginnings of my volunteer activities started when my children, Bob and Barbara, were in Sigsbee Elementary School. I was active in the PTA and was president in the 1950s. I helped the teachers with some of the programs and chaperoned various field trips.

When the children were in Junior High school and at Ottawa Hills High School, I worked as a salesperson at Hansen's Drug Store during school hours in the school year. This way I had summers off so I could be home with my family and do some traveling. When my mother moved in with us, I gave up the job at the drug store so I could be home more to take care of her, but I still got out and worked selling Avon Products a few hours a day in my neighborhood. I was also active at Ahavas Israel, i.e., helping with the monthly luncheon meetings for Sisterhood, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and preparing the weekly Shabbat Kiddush for many, many years. I still enjoy seeing a beautiful laid out table. During the early years at Ahavas Israel on Michigan I also worked with Evelyn Rosenfeld catering Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

There are many other ways to keep busy and active, and I am lucky enough to find them and participate. I have been an active participant in community activities. I enjoy going to the Theatre, especially the plays my daughter directs, as well as those produced by Civic Theatre, Circle Theatre, and Jewish Theatre. I have gone to programs sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, the Cultural Council, and Frederik Meijer Gardens. My favorite saying is, "Don't ask me to go if you don't mean it because I will say yes."

This enthusiasm even applies to my traveling and trips. I have seen a good many places from coast to coast. I spent my summers as a teenager with my aunt

and cousins who lived on Henry Street in New York City's lower East Side. NYC was also a destination for Joe and me to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. I went once again with my daughter while she was in college; we saw Barbra Streisand on Broadway in *Funny Girl!* I have been to California and the National Parks with family on several occasions. Joe and I took an unexpected trip to Hawaii. I have been on two cruises and am planning my third for my 101st birthday in January 2015! It is wonderful to see the beauties of our country and share it with fellow travelers.

Some of my most memorable trips have been the eight trips I have taken to Israel. The first trip was to meet two cousins and their families, the only survivors of all their family from the Holocaust, and to attend the wedding of one of their sons. Then in 1970 I went with Joe so he could meet the family and see the country. In 1972 I went with my daughter; in 1982 I attended a Hadassah convention in Israel with Molly Wepman, and I made another trip in 1987. In 1989 I took a trip to Budapest with my best friend Lillian Klein and her husband Bill, and from there I went to Israel once again while the Kleins stayed in Hungary. Then in 1992 I spent two months in Israel in a B'nai B'rith volunteer program working in Netanya, and I tutored three delightful Russian high school students – two girls and one boy. I kept in touch with them for many years and often think of them. In 1994 for my 80th birthday, Barbara surprised me by bringing two of my cousins, Fania and Shimon, from Israel to Grand Rapids for a visit. My final trip to Israel was in 1997 with Barbara and Hermie. I would I love to go again, but I am 100 after all.

A little closer to home, I have spent many enjoyable years volunteering here in Grand Rapids. Lil Klein, my best friend for at least 60 years, and I began our volunteer work together (since she could do the driving) at Butterworth Hospital delivering flowers to patients. I got my driver's license when I was 63 so I was able to go out on my own and volunteer at Kent Community Hospital on Fuller (when it was called Kent Community Hospital). I have also volunteered for God's Kitchen, making sandwiches. Lil and I joined up again to continue our joint ventures in volunteering by ushering at Circle Theatre when it was in the pavilion at John Ball Park and volunteering at Michigan Blood, a very special place. I stayed a little longer than she did with Michigan Blood, continuing for somewhere between 40 to 50 years and moving with them from

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Fulton Street to their new location on Cedar Street. They very generously helped me celebrate many milestone birthdays. Sadly, I just recently retired last spring, March/April of 2014. My weeks are not the same. It was a joy to work there with so many wonderful people, including staff, volunteers, and donors.

In retrospect, it is quite clear how and why I have had a very long and happy life. I had a very good husband for 46 happy years. I have a wonderful family—two wonderful children, Bob and Barbara, and a special “adopted daughter,” Hermie; a dear daughter-in-law, Brenda; three special grandchildren, Sarah (Joel), Josh (Laura), and Luke, and a great-grandson, Harry; as well as many loving nieces and nephews, and a very special great-nephew, Craig Lamm. I have lived 100 plus years in a beautiful city and wonderful community, and all that I have done has given me great pleasure. I recommend this “recipe for life” for everyone. Happy New Year to you all, and I wish you a long, happy life.

SUNDAY THEATER MATINEE

Seniors to the Jewish Theatre Matinee of
"One Night with Fanny Brice"

Sunday January 11th

2:15pm we will meet at Temple Emanuel parking lot to car pool down for the 3:00pm performance.

Please RSVP by January 7th for discounted group tickets.

616-942-5553 OR email ann@jfgr.org

Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, January 15

12:00 -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.



Lunch Bunch!

Lunch Bunch will be on hiatus until spring. Ann will spend the winter months planning and looking 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.

In the meantime, if you have time and would like to be matched up with an elderly person who lives alone, let Ann know. You could become a phone buddy, bring the person a special meal, or just visit once in a while. Let us know.

Phone: 616-942-5553

Or email ann@jfgr.org



YAD

(Young Adult Division)

Welcomes young adults (21-35 years old) to participate at monthly social events!

Havdalah and Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey Game - Saturday, January 10. Havdalah at 6:15pm, game vs Chicago Wolves at 7:00pm. Post-game open skate, and free hat give-a-way!



For more information and RSVP check us out on Facebook or email laurenevetter@gmail.com

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, January 7

12:00pm

Gravity Tap House*

3210 Deposit Drive

Corner of East Beltline & I-196

*Note change in Location.





Jewish Cultural Council

2015 Spectrum Series

Thursday, January 22, 2015

KOSHER WINES! THE WINE REVOLUTION

MICAH HALPERN, Kosher Wine Expert

Saturday, February 28, 2015

MUSIC TALKS

Cellist ELADK KABILIO, and Pianist BEN LAUDE

Sunday, May 17, 2015

STAND-UP COMEDY

Rabbi BOB ALPER

Sunday, June 7, 2015

GROWING UP JEWISH IN PAKISTAN

HAZEL KAHAN

Save the dates, more information to follow.

This series is sponsored by The Rosenzweig – Coopersmith Foundation and private donors.

Become a Cultural Council Member

Spectrum Series 2015 – Membership Form

First Name _____

Please send me season tickets for Spectrum 2015

Last Name _____

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

Address _____

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

City/State/Zip _____

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

Phone (____) _____

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

Enclosed is my Check for \$ _____

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

Payable to The Jewish Cultural Council

I would like to be a Cultural Council Volunteer, please contact me.

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids,

2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

First Cultural Council Event of the Year
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015

6:00pm

RICHARD APP GALLERY

910 Cherry Street SE

KOSHER WINES!

**THE WINE
REVOLUTION**

Micah Halpern, Kosher Wine Expert



Learn how to
taste wine
and what
makes wine kosher!

L'chayim!



Not long ago the expression "good kosher wine" was an oxymoron. No more. Today there are some exceptional kosher wines. California, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, France, Italy, Spain, even the Republic of Georgia, and especially Israel are producing exciting, quality wine. Kosher wines are becoming a craze. Kosher wines are making their way to wine lists in fine restaurants throughout the USA.

Micah D. Halpern lectures frequently, both in the United States and Israel, on issues relating to terror, foreign affairs, Israel and the Middle East, as well as wine history and popular culture. He is the author of the recently released, best selling book *Thugs*. Micah is the only exclusively kosher wine reviewer in the Western world. A native of Annapolis, he currently divides his time between Jerusalem and New York City.

Cost: \$15 for adults / \$5 for college students -
(for membership options see page 6)

Wine and cheese included.



**FAMILY FUN
EVENT**

For All Ages

Join us for ice skating fun, or just watch the skaters from the warmth of the observation room overlooking the rink. 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 email Cathy@jfg.org

**Cultural Council
MUSIC TALKS
Cellist Elad Kabilio**

Accompanied by Pianist Ben Laude



Saturday, February 28, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton

Another Successful Community Bowling Event!

Check out more photos on our facebook page and website!



Hadassah Book Club

When: January 14th, 2015

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

Please RSVP and reserve your place so that Flory knows you will be there! 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.

Until January when we meet again,

We are.....As always, your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766



SHALOM GRAND RAPIDS !!

A program of the Jewish Federation

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

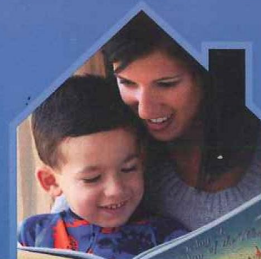
*** If you know about somebody new to the Grand Rapids community, please let us know. "Shalom Grand Rapids" would like to welcome them.**

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

616-942-5553 or Sari@jfg.org

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JEWISH CHILDREN
and their families.



Pj Library

www.PJLIBRARY.org

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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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



2014/15 - our 22nd Season
JEWISH Theatre GRAND RAPIDS

One Night with Fanny Brice

by Chip Deffaa

January 7-18, 2015
Wed., Thurs., & Sat. at 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m.

GRCC Spectrum Theater - 160 Fountain St. NE
Second Floor Black Box Theater

Tickets: **616-234-3946** or www.jtgr.org

available December 8 for Subscribers; December 15 for all others.
Box office closed 12/24/14 through 1/4/15. Online sales will remain open.

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 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.



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pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

UJS Calendar

- 1-7-15 midweek
- 1-11-15 Sunday School/Marc Rossio
- 1-14-15 midweek
- 1-18-15 UJS open house
- 1-21-15 midweek
- 1-25-15 Sunday School
- 1-28-15 midweek/UJS board meeting 7pm

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'

Chabad House of West Michigan

Jewish Women Circle

Women's Self Defense II

Sunday January 11

Back by popular demand-Join Sharon Spungen from Big Dog Taekwondo for round two! This is a practical hands-on class in self defense where you will learn the techniques and gain the confidence in a fun way!

Location: Big Dog Taekwondo

6504 28th St SE

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](tel: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.

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](tel:616-570-1742)

Cteen

Come join us January 21st for My Big Fat Jewish Wedding!

To find out more or to join Cteen call Chana @ [616-570-1742](tel:616-570-1742) or check us out on Facebook @ Cteen Grand Rapids

Cteen Junior

Come join us January 8th for another awesome event!

To find out more or to join Cteen Junior call Chana @ [616-570-1742](tel:616-570-1742) or check us out on Facebook @ Cteen Grand Rapids

Jewish Learning Institute

As parents, we worry about the well-being of our kids; about their future, and about our role in shaping it. How do we keep them safe, while encouraging their independence? When should we motivate them by incentive, and when by establishing firm consequences? And how do we build their self-esteem to prepare them mentally and emotionally for the long road ahead?

In *The Art of Parenting*, we scale the challenges that face us as parents and explore timeless insights from Jewish wisdom to instill values, foster independence, and ensure the long-term success and emotional well-being of our children.

Please join us for

The Art of Parenting

Option 1: Six Sunday Mornings, starting

Sunday, January 18 | 10:30am-12:00pm

Option 2: Six Tuesday Evenings, starting Tuesday

JLI continued

Tuesday, January 20 | 7:30pm-9:00pm

Location:

Chabad House of Western Michigan

2615 Michigan St. | Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Fee: \$99 (textbook included)

\$79 Early Bird Special. Register by January 9

\$180 Sponsor

For more information please call [269.340.0770](tel:269.340.0770)

or e-mail rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Shabbat morning Schmooze 'n Shmear

Complements of the Religious Life Committee, you are invited to come to shul a bit early to enjoy coffee and a bagel before coming into the service. Breakfast will be available on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Look for it in either the Library or the Meeting Room.

Junior Congregation

JCong will meet at 11:00 a.m. on January 3 & 17

Junior Congregation is about a creating a community in which you look forward to hanging out and having fun with your friends while learning and doing prayer, studying and arguing about Torah, and reinforcing Hebrew skills. Junior Congregation will be led by Marisa Krishef and Marni Vyn usually meeting on the first and third Shabbat of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel or classroom #6. Come join us!

Junior Congregation is primarily aimed at students who are reading, but younger students - with parental assistance - are welcome. Contact Marisa Krishef at MarisaRBK@gmail.com or 616-459-4627.

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, January 11th at 10 AM our Sunday School for Adults series continues with a discussion of health and nutrition with Amy Van Fossen, who is a registered dietician.

Friday, January 16th following Shabbat services there will be a Soup Shabbat Supper. Come in from the cold and enjoy a dinner of hot, homemade soup, fresh bread and dessert! \$5 per person, \$12 per family. RSVP to the Temple Office. Contact Sylvia Herman to volunteer to be a Soup Chef.

Sunday, January 18th Jim Siegel will host and moderate an ABC (argue, banter, compromise) brunch at 10:00 AM. Topics range from current events to politics and social issues. Enjoy a heated discussion on a chilly morning!

Wednesday, January 21st at 8:00 AM the Temple Food Bank will be open for monthly distribution. Contributions and volunteers are always welcome. Contact the Temple office for more information.

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

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In Memory of Leslie Siegel

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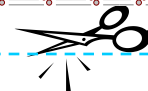
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In Memory of Donna G. Boorstein

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Honor
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JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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