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Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write to you, it's been a few days since our Jewish community's Chanukah bowling party. The turnout was once again fantastic, and the community spirit was even better!

Who knew so many Jews like to bowl? Of course, I say this half-kidding. The popularity of this annual gathering is certainly something to consider.

We estimated the attendance somewhere between 175 and 200 people. This figure is probably 8% to 10% of our total Jewish community in the greater Grand Rapids area. If New York City tried to hold a similar event, Yankee Stadium could not come close to holding the same percentage of Jews living in Metro New York.

So -- why do so many of us show up for Chanukah bowling?

Thinking about the old line that 'if you put ten Jews in a room, you'll get 15 opinions', I suspect the reasons are more numerous than the number of people at the bowling alley. That said, I'd like to share a few of my thoughts with you, and invite you to do the same.

First, it may be as simple as that it's a lot of fun for all ages. It's just a great time for families and friends to get together to play, eat and schmooze.

Second, the time of year may have something to do with its popularity. Starting with Thanksgiving, this is of course the traditional time for Americans to be together with friends and families.

Lastly, while the ubiquity of Christmas no doubt plays some role, this desire to get together appears connected to a feeling, perhaps a need, for collective Jewish identity.

These are challenging times for the last five letters of Jewish "community", i.e. unity. As most evident last summer, Israel has become a divisive issue among American Jews. In addition, divisions can occur between those of us on the left and right politically, between members of our religious denominations, as well as between religious and secular Jews. Sometimes I think it's a miracle that we continue to talk with each other (just kidding).

As I have written previously in this column, our community has evolved over many years to the point where our various groups and denominations work together in a

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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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*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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positive, healthy manner that did simply did not happen in past generations. The partnership of Federation with the United Jewish School and Chabad House in co-hosting the bowling party exemplifies this trend. This is something for which we should not only be proud but also, in my view, feel an obligation to ensure this sense of community-wide unity, whenever possible, continues to grow.

Chanukah bowling is a yearly opportunity for us to keep strengthening our bonds of unity. I see the bowling party as just one example where Federation can serve our community by assuring such opportunities continue to occur and, most importantly, enabling our Jewish community to thrive.

What do you think are the reasons for the success of the Chanukah bowling party? Please feel free to call or email me. I'd appreciate your thoughts on what has and will continue to keep us together as a Jewish community.

Best wishes for a healthy 2016 for you and yours.

With warm regards,

Mike
mike@jfgr.org



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Please consider a 10% increase

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Did you know?

What has Federation done locally lately? Well, we have had some exciting programming presentations such as *The Story Behind the Woman in Gold* by Donald S. Burris, *Voices of the Generations* by Julie Kohner. We also hosted the annual Community Chanukah Bowling event, winter break family pottery event, a family fun Ice skating gathering and our ever popular Jewish Film Festival held every May at Celebration Cinema! North, and the list goes on.

We also have more personal services we offer to our local community. We have the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship fund (see page 8 for more information). We offer interest free emergency loans to those who qualify. We offer case management services for individuals and families struggling with various life obstacles. This can be a one time phone call where Ann Berman helps someone find local services to assist a family or individual who has relocated here or ongoing advocacy with various organizations.

Then there are the scenarios of families in crisis. Below is a story written by Sharon Pettigrew, whose parents are members of our community. She lives out of state and her parents were in need of "support" until she could make arrangements to be here with them.

Here is her story:

I recently reached out to The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for help when my mom was in the hospital after we suspected she suffered a small stroke. She has a severe traumatic brain injury from a car accident and was experiencing weakness on her right side.

I live 650 miles away in Virginia, have a young son, and could not get away. My dad is elderly and easily overwhelmed. I reached out to the Jewish Federation to see if they could help advocate for my mom at the hospital.

I was running up against brick walls with the hospital, social worker, nurses, and doctors. Calls

were not returned. I could not get my concerns addressed.

On top of all this, we had to move my mom into an assisted living facility.

It was Ann Berman and the Jewish Federation to the rescue. Ann went to the hospital, met with my dad and the social worker to advocate for us and work out where to send my mom after getting out of the hospital.

She helped us navigate through the red tape. She even went with my dad over to the assisted living facility where my mom would be placed.

The Jewish Federation also helped out when I was looking to buy used furniture for my mom's new assisted living apartment by sending out an email blast to members. We were able to get some furniture at a good price for my mom's apartment. And of course no one would take any money for it, everyone was kind enough to donate.

I will be forever grateful to Ann and the Jewish Federation for their kindness and compassion.

*Regards,
Sharon Pettigrew*

I work and live in a great Jewish community. In fact, I see my role here at JFGR as one that helps bring out the best in all who live here. I could not do this work without the community's help and support. In addition to Sharon story we also have so many caring individuals who come forward to help with our annual Adopt-a-Family at Chanukah campaign. They send in additional funds to help JFGR provide struggling families with a little extra "gelt".

We have a unique and caring Jewish community that I look forward to serving in 2016. May everyone have a happy and healthy 2016.

Sincerely,
Ann Berman

SENIORS

CHANUKAH LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 10, 2015

The senior Chanukah luncheon, held at Ahavas Israel, was well attended this year. We enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Marla Tulett. We had adorable entertainment provided by Gan Yiladim preschoolers. And everyone went home with homemade dreidel-shaped frosted cookies to enjoy. (Thank you Abigail Berman for frosting all those cookies for Mom.)

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped transport, set up and serve our seniors: Burt Bach, Sheryl Cunningham, Sandi Heistand, Mary Kaneti, Rhonda Reider, Karen Reifler, Susan Wolfsen and JFGR staff. Without your service to our community such an event would not be possible - todah rabah!! I look forward to seeing many of you at future events in 2016!

Shalom -- Ann Berman



LUNCH BUNCH



3883 28th Street

Thursday, January 14

11:30am

Cost: \$8

RSVP by Tuesday, January 12

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...

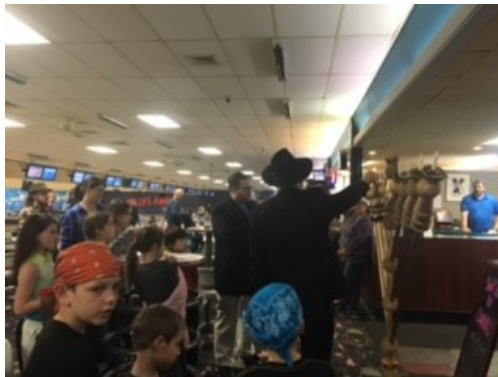
- **February 18, 2016 - tbd**
- **March 17, 2016 - tbd**
- **April 14, 2016 - tbd**





Did you miss out on the Annual Chanukah Community Bowling Event?

We had a great turnout of celebrants of all ages! On behalf of our co-sponsors, Chabad House of West Michigan and United Jewish School, thank you for another successful event.. We can't forget to thank our Trivia-Master-Emcee - our very own Avi Forstein! Check out www.facebook.com/Jewish-Federation-of-Grand-Rapids for more photos.



Coming to West Michigan!!!

2016 JWI and Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Community Roster!

The Roster is a directory of all in the Jewish community in West Michigan, mainly Grand Rapids, but also includes 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.



Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, January 21

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.



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 6

12:00pm

Olives

2126 Wealthy St, EGR





Jewish Cultural Council 2016 Spectrum Series

Ari Silver - Jewish Cocktails

Saturday, January 23, 2016

7:30 pm

**Grand Rapids Yacht Club
740 Lakeside Drive SE,
East Grand Rapids**



Ari Silver made his way into mixology out of a passion to serve others, to have fun, and to be expressive and creative. In 2008, Ari became a Certified Mixologist* through Southern Wine's Academy Of Spirits and Fine Service. Currently, Ari is an educator with a Masters in Education and continues to consult with other mixologists and industry professionals regarding the craft cocktail movement. Ari has presented on Jewish-themed cocktails connecting to Jewish holidays and history. Ari is also an author and speaker on the subject of mixology.

**A mixologist is a "cocktail historian" who creates innovative cocktails.*

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+ (up to 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.

FAMILY FUN EVENT

For All Ages

Join Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids community for ice skating fun, or just watch the skaters from the warmth of the observation room overlooking the rink.

Complimentary light refreshments.

Sunday, January 31, 2016

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@jfgr.org



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:
616-942-553
Or
info@jfgr.org



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visit us on or www.jtgr.org
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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 or 616-485-5394



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 for a camp scholarship through the David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund. Applications are available online at www.jewishgrandrapids.org or upon request, and are due by March 15, 2016. 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.



Hadassah Book Club

When: February 10, 2016

Where: Sue Remes: 3403 Burton Ridge Rd Apt. B Phone: 949-3505 or suthenan@aol.com

Time: 4:00pm till after dinner (dinner at Rose's) Please RSVP and let Sue know 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



PJ Library is here! Thank you! To the Ravitz Foundation and Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation

A GIFT for
JEWISH CHILDREN
and their families.

WHAT? The PJ Library ("PJ" for "pajamas") program offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years all across North America. The program is also available to children ages 6 through 8 in some communities.

WHY? PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories.

HOW? Signing up is easy! To sign up for PJ Library visit www.pjlibrary.org.

PJ Library is a gift from your Jewish community in partnership with local philanthropists and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

www.PJLIBRARY.org

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SHALOM GRAND RAPIDS !!

A program of the Jewish Federation

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

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

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

616-942-5553 or Leigh@jfgr.org

WELCOME



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School
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Pam Rush, School Director 616-459-5976
pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org



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.

December 13, 2015

Thank you to Chabad and JFGR for making our last day of Sunday School so fun. The Hanukah community bowling event was a great success!

Thank you to Temple Emanuel and the Tom and Mickie Fox fund for bringing the "Kids Klezmer Band" to UJS. What a talented group of young students. Check out the UJS Facebook page for all the latest pics and info updates. Look for United Jewish School. A private page just for UJS and approved members.

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. go to www.jnf.org for more info.

Please the time to remember the school in 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'.

The UJS annual Mitzvah Mall - Sunday December 6.

We collected \$2095

What a beautiful lesson for all of us. We should always "give back".

Organizations:

Devos Children's Hospital, Comprehensive Therapy Center, Guide Dog Foundation, Heifer International, Make a Wish Foundation, Mental Health Foundation of W. MI, St. Jude's Research Hospital, CHAI Lifeline,

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

UJS Calendar

January 3 No school Winter Break

January 10 Marc Rossio

January 17

January 24 Tu'b'shevat/UJS Open House /PJ Library

January 31

A contribution has been made to the
UJS endowment by
Barbara Wepman

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, January 17 -

Your Opinion Counts & Brunch - Sylvia Herman and Len Robinson will be guests hosts for the discussion this month while Jim Siegel is on vacation. The topic of debate will be the Refugee Crisis: If we open our doors to immigrants, do we compromise our security? RSVP to the Temple office. 616-459-5976

Sunday January 24 -

Author Barbara Stark-Nemon will discuss her new novel *Even in Darkness*. Based on a true story, the novel highlights the intimate experience of Kläres Kohler's reinvention as she faces the destruction of life as she knew it during World War II, and traces her path beyond survival to wisdom, meaning and most unexpectedly - love.

Chabad House of West Michigan

Kids Club- Friends Forever, Bring a Friend - Create a heart-shaped pillow. Play an awesome friendship game and learn about friendship with a Jewish twist. Tuesday, **January 5th** 4:00pm - 6:00pm (Ages 5-11)

Cteen - Come celebrate Tu B'Shvat by making edible fruit arrangements! Sunday **January 10.** 4:00pm - 6:00pm (High School Students)

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 Jr - Destination: Alaska. Brrr!!! Chill out with some delicious snow cones made by you. Warm the hearts of GR's Homeless and poor, make cookies for them to munch on. Thursday January 14 4:00pm - 6:00pm (Grades 6th-8th)

For more information or to RSVP for Kids Club, Cteen or Cteen Jr call Rivka at 616-206-9654.

Art Class - After school program, for children age's 6-13. Multi Media class with canvas, pastel, water colors, clay, wood and more. Six Wednesdays beginning January 6. Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Chabad House of West Michigan. 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 at 914-774-4037

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 through February 17. Time: 7:00pm - 7:45pm, at the Chabad House of West Michigan. Fee: \$50 for the six-week session. For more information or to reserve a spot, please call Hasia at 914-774-4037

Jewish Women's Circle - Holistic Approach to 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** - 7:30pm. 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

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**

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 him at RabbiHaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

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 please contact Sarah at 616-375-9404 or Shsarahw@gmail.com

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Family Promise - Congregation Ahavas Israel is a volunteer congregation, part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, helping to staff a shelter program for homeless families four times a year. We will be providing meals and support to our partner congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 Fulton St. E, on Tuesday and Thursday, **January 5 and 7.** Please help - we need volunteers to bring part of a meal, participate in organizing children's activities, and stay overnight at the church. If you have any questions about the program, contact Mort Hoffman, 616-949-6088 or 616-361-2738 or Jack Finn at Finnj3432@hotmail.com

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

Woman of Valor Endowment Fund

In honor of Sylvia Belfer's birthday
from Lee and Sheryl Cunningham and
family.

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

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 Presant in the Federation office at 616-942-5553 or mike@jfgf.org to learn more.



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:
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A heart felt *Thank You* goes out to Meijer Corporation, Jonathan Stevens Mattress Co, Glen & Kathi Barkan, Eileen Enoch, Roberta Jacobson, Julian & Judith Joseph, Karen Padnos, Claude & Sharyl Titche, Barbara Wepman, Anne Wepman, Susan Wolfsen, who donated to our annual Hanukkah Adopt-A-Family gift program.

Thanks to you, JFGR was able to assist several families with a little extra "gelt" to celebrate the festivities of Hanukkah with their loved ones.

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