



Chairman’s Letter

Dear Grand Rapids Jewish Community,

We live in challenging times. As our brothers and sisters in Israel are living through what feels and looks like a war, our thoughts and prayers are with them. The Jewish Federations of North America, in conjunction with both the Conservative and Reform movements, have started a *Stop the Sirens* campaign to raise funds for humanitarian purposes in Israel. The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids met and accepted the challenge of an emergency campaign. More details on the campaign can be found on the next page. Please contribute what you can to this important mission.



Speaking of missions, there are a number of solidarity missions going to Israel. Please call the office if you are interested in traveling to Israel. There are a number of missions planned by the national organizations. I remember a number of years ago after the second Intifada in 2003, the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America held their annual meeting in Jerusalem. I had the honor and privilege of attending and it was one of the most moving experiences of my life. The participants at the conference were some of the first people to travel to Israel in quite some time. The Israelis treated us as heroes as we marched through the city streets of Jerusalem to clapping, cheering and horn-blowing. The shop owners were especially happy since we brought activity, support and money with us, and the desire to use all of those resources. They saw us as heroes and we see them as heroes to this day.

As I watch and listen to the various news channels and read articles, it is hard to believe all you see and hear. If you see or hear something that does not make sense or is slanted, take the time to write or call. We need to advocate for Israel now more than ever.

As *The Shofar* details, there are a number of activities going on, so please partake and get involved. I just wrote out my contribution to *Stop the Sirens*, still old school. Please consider making a gift in this time of need.

Claude Titcher
Chairman of the Board

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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STOP THE SIRENS

JFGR Joins National Effort to Support Israel

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is raising money to assist with the large and growing humanitarian needs in Israel due to the conflict with Hamas. We ask all of our community members to consider making a tax deductible donation to this emergency effort. To do so, send a check payable to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids and note *Stop the Sirens* on the check. Or, visit our website at www.jfgr.org and click on the *Stop the Sirens* banner to contribute by credit card.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact our office: 616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org

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 the first half of 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 \$4,323,893 as of June 30, 2014, growing from \$4,097,810 at the end of 2013. Of note, the funds' balance has been increased by contributions and reduced by annual distributions requested by many of the funds' beneficiaries. The funds generated an annualized weighted average return of 7.97% for the first six months of 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



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



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Live Generously.

Name _____

Address _____

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: \$ _____

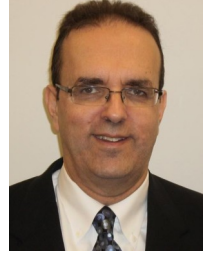
DONOR'S SIGNATURE

Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please Charge my: Mastercard Visa
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Please consider a 10% increase

Card Number
Exp. Date: _____

Executive Director's Letter

August 2014

Dear Friends,

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Annual Report can be found inside this *Shofar*. I'd like to talk with you about the past fiscal year that ended June 30 as well as look forward to next year.

The final results of our 2013 fundraising campaign and the allocations of these funds made by the Federation board are included in the Annual Report. You can also see the campaign's contributors and solicitors, to whom we are sincerely grateful, along with the endowment funds of the Federation, the legacy of both past and current community members to whom we are deeply appreciative.

Our 2013 campaign was down by 3% versus 2012 due primarily to the passing of a few major donors. This small decline in campaign was offset by lower office expenses in order to maintain our local and overseas allocations at the same levels. Nonetheless, coupled with a small drop in the number of donors to Federation, these are reminders of the work we have to do to keep our community's financial resources strong.

The allocations and expenditure decisions made by our JFGR board reflect our community's commitment to the Jewish people locally and around the world. Locally, the largest allocation remains our financial and administrative support to the United Jewish School since our children's Jewish education is an imperative for our future. This allocation continues to match the contributions of Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel. As noted earlier, due primarily to a drop in administrative expenses, other local allocation amounts remained similar to prior year. This is consistent with our policy guidelines for percentage distribution of allocations among the categories of local, national, international, programming and services, and operations and campaign. Other board allocations to local Jewish cultural and social service organizations, as well as nationally and overseas (primarily to support Israel's social service needs), were also approximately the same as last year.

Looking forward, we will continue to seek opportunities, including creative and innovative programming, to inspire more community members to engage in Jewish life. As the Pew Study of American Jews released last fall details, our local Jewish community has changed in comparison with prior generations. Changes and evolution of our people is nothing new in our long Jewish history. Recognizing this, our primary communal challenge is to identify and develop meaningful Jewish activities to younger generations to assure their engagement in the future. The PJ Library program implemented a year ago is one example of such activity, engaging to date over 40 young families with approximately 70 children ages six months to eight years old. We will continue to listen and work with them and other young Jews to meet their needs so we are able to involve broadly the next generations in Grand Rapids Jewish life.

Support for Israel will always remain a central part of Federation's work. The current conflict with Hamas in the Gaza Strip is the latest case in point of this commitment to our extended family in our ancient homeland. You will find on the opposite page information about an emergency *Stop the Sirens* campaign to aid Israel's growing humanitarian needs. Recognizing circumstances may change significantly from the time of this writing to when you read this, I ask you to be generous in your assistance to our fellow Jews and all Israelis in the region. Let us pray for peace and quiet for Israel and her neighbors.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Best regards,

Mike

mike@jfgr.org

Lunch Bunch:



Thursday, August 28
Time: 11:30am cost: \$8.00

Blue Water Grill
5180 Northland Drive.
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Please call the JFGR office to make a reservation
616-942-5553 by Tuesday August 26 .

SAVE THESE DATES
For Future Lunch Bunches...



September 18

**Our Annual Rosh Hashanah
luncheon**

October 23 - tbd

Community



Corners of the Field Garden needs your help! We need volunteers to help us pick produce on a regular or one-time basis beginning in mid July. If you are interested please contact Allyson Strauss: 616-406-6536 garden@ahavasisraelgr.org

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS STILL NEEDED!

Some members in our community need rides! They struggle to get groceries, go to a medical appointment, etc. Might you be willing to drive a senior on an 'as needed basis'? For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206



PJ LIBRARY FAMILY!

You are invited!

Sunday, August 3 - 11:30 a.m.

**Congregation Ahavas Israel playground
2727 Michigan St. NE**

Great opportunity to meet other PJ Library families with children ages 6 months to 8 years, build long lasting friendships and connect to the Jewish community.

If you aren't a PJ Library member, this is a good opportunity to subscribe!

Join the rest of the community for the annual picnic

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Jewish Federation invites you!

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, August 3 – 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rain or shine!

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the lawn in back of *Congregation Ahavas Israel (2727 Michigan NE)* with your family and friends.

Lunch (hot dogs and veggie dogs, salads, corn on the cob, cookies and fruit): \$5 per person, \$15 max per family

Games for all ages



The ***“Tzofim (Israeli scouts) Friendship Caravan”*** will entertain us with their dance and music.

For additional information and

RSVP call [616-942-5553](tel:616-942-5553) or

e-mail: info@jfgr.org

The blind leading the (sort of) blind

JULY 13, 2014 SHILUV written by Elizabeth Chipkin

"This is a beautiful piece written by Sol's aide in Israel, Elizabeth Chipkin. She is phenomenal and my son Sol is lucky to have her!" writes Marisa Krishef, wife of Rabbi David Krishef at Congregation Ahavas Israel, on her Facebook page. And so Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids would like to share excerpts of this blog post with our readers.

As many of you are aware, there is a bit of a security situation here in Israel. Because of this security situation, we have been in the northern part of Israel for longer than expected and hence planning extra days of sightseeing. We learned that in Kibbutz Lavi, just a short walk from where we are staying in Hadayot, there is a garden designed specifically for blind people. There are many plants with clear smells and touches. All the plants have signs indicating the plant name in Hebrew, English, and Hebrew braille*. Railings surround most of the garden to guide you, and there is a 3D map of the views from the garden. Obviously, we had to check it out.

We brought that whole kvutza (group) to the garden, asking campers to pair up; one partner to cover their eyes and the other to be the leader. About half way through, they would be asked to switch. I'm sure this was not a new activity to many of them. Whether it was a conversation about people with disabilities or a trust exercise, this is a common activity to have done.

However, it was most interesting to watch Sol. Sol had a partner who covered her eyes and was led by him. In the words of Sol, "the blind leading the sort of blind." Sol guided his partner through the garden, reading the names of the plants with ease due to his fluency in braille (both English and Hebrew). He carefully narrated what he was doing and explained to his partner how to interact with her environment. He was the only person to correctly identify the hadas plant (known in English as the myrtle) from the lulav used on Sukkot. Sol was in his element.

After the partners switched and finished the activity, we sat together to discuss and process the experience. Here were some of the responses:

- I felt scared.
- I felt anxious.
- I felt uncertain because I didn't know what was coming.
- I felt assaulted when X poked me! Or grabbed my hand. Or led me into a tree. (usually followed by laughing)**
- I felt weird. My sense of touch and sound were heightened.
- I felt more introverted because I didn't really know what was going on around me.
- I felt more extroverted. I just kept wanting to talk to everyone around me so I knew who was there.
- I felt confused.
- Sol I don't know how you do this. This was so hard!

Then the camper who had been led by Sol raised her hand. She said she didn't experience any of the negative emotions such as scared, anxious, uncertain, or confused. She trusted Sol, she followed his directions, simply enjoying the garden for the smells and touches and sounds. I ended by reminding the campers that we didn't take them somewhere dirty or negative; we took them to a beautiful garden, overlooking the Galilee and Kneret. While they may have had challenging emotions, ultimately this wasn't about seeing how negative or impossible it was to experience the world without sight. This was about experiencing something beautiful in a different way, the way Sol experiences it.

At dinner, word spread that our group had gone on a special trip to the blind garden, led by Sol. Other campers in other kvutzot (groups) were interested in this experience as well. Sol offered a second tour on Shabbat afternoon. So Saturday afternoon Sol led a group of 6 campers through the blind garden. With this small intimate group, led entirely by Sol, the reactions were very similar to the girl who had partnered with Sol. They felt safe, secure, and open to this new experience. They were amazed by Sol's ability to read the Hebrew braille. They listened to Sol's advice on how to find the Kneret on the 3D map (feel for the deepest hole!).

As an educator of both students with disabilities and typically developing students, I felt truly in honored to witness these interactions. Sol comfortably took on his role as a leader, a role he does not get to assume very often. His peers willingly took on the role of followers, taking Sol's advice and guidance naturally. Anyone who works regularly with teenagers knows that asking them follow directions can be challenging at best. Yet these teenagers clearly had profound trust and respect for Sol as he introduced them to his world. And that trust was not misplaced. He led them through the blind garden with grace, poise, and confidence.

2013 Annual Report

General Campaign

\$25,000 or more

Herman Foundation
Padnos Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Greg Kaufman
David Samrick
Jerome P. Subar Foundation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

David Hecht
Julian Joseph
Claude Titche

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Tom Fox
Mark & Barbara Gerson
Charles Olender
Henry Pestka Charitable Fund
Leo Schlesinger

\$1,000 - \$2,499

David Alfonso
Leon Ash
Stuart Berman
William Boorstein
Bruce Cohen
Peter Dennen
Jeffrey Frank
Harvey Gendler
Robert Goldberger
Daniel Hurwitz
Stuart Jacobson
Albert & Shirley Lewis
Bill Lewis
Daniel Mankoff
Steve Pestka
Michael Present
Jeff Rush
James Siegel

Marc Silverstein
Richard Stevens
Wayne Titche
John Winestone
Chad & Eleonora Zagel

\$500 - \$999

Glenn Barkan
Leon Blum
Richard Gaffin
Jozef Kaneti
Norman Kravitz
Joel Krissoff
Stuart Rapaport
Michael Schadick
Larry Selig
Douglas Siegel
Doug Singer
Stephen Turner

\$250 - \$499

Mario Atias
Scott Berman
Larry Cieply
Stuart Citron
Boaz Cohen
Izak Dimenstein
Carl M. Fink
Jack Finn
Sanford Freed
Bradley Friedland
Stephen Goldberg
Michael Halprin
Dennis Hammond
Harold Hollander
Gunther Jacoby
Morris Kleiman
Michael Margulus
Mark Rapoport
David Reifler
Daniel & Nancy Rosen

Philip Rotenberg
Alan Siegel
Joel Siegel
Bart & Kathy Steindler
Gregory Sundstrom
Douglas Wachter
Norman Weber
Dana Winniman
Gilbert Wynn

\$100 - \$249

Gary & Barbara Adelman
Robert Arbetman
David Balas & James Sellman
Izidor Bass
Owen Baxter
David Bernstein
Roger Beutner
David Blandford
Len Cottrell
Douglas deLange
Stephen Duchemin
Fairlanes Family Entertainment
David Finkelstein
Raleigh Finkelstein
Thomas Fox
Jonathan Golden
Gerald Gordon
Jack Gordon
Mike Greengard
Mark & Lynn Hoenke
David Hutchings
David Kagan
William Katz
Jeffrey Kommit
Sheldon Kopperl
Steven Levenburg
Robert Lipshutz
Richard Lovy
Stephen Margulis
Randy Meisner

Sam Miller
Jack Novick
Hal Ostrow
Ethan Powsner
Rand Putterman
David Rapaport
Leonard Robinson
David Rosen
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Bennett & Jacqueline Rudolph
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Shalom Solomon
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Scott Vyn
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Michael Wiegand
Jeffrey Zheutlin
Charles Zickus

Up to \$99

Ron Arnon
Niels & Jane Bach
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Melvin Brenner
Joe Chrenka
Abraham & Jennifer Cohen
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Jason Cook
Robert Doniger
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Mark Esterman
Michael Faden
Jeff Gartner
Sam Gendler
Yakov Gesin
Joel Goldberg
Robert Gould
William Hoffinger
Mort Hoffman
Ran Kampel

Anatoly Kapustin
Rich Kogelschatz
David Krishef
Harry Kутten
Jack Lalo
David Levitt
Sholom Liberow
Samuil Margolin
Hezi Marx
Mark Neistat
Alex Nisanov
Samuil Olevskiy
Eddie Parach
Vilen Rapeyko
Tom Rider
Evan Rossio
David Sauer
Milton Sernick
Cliff Shekter
Rick Siegle
Michael Silverstein
Matt Simms
Slava Sokolovsky
Julian Stroh
Robert Swietek
Lewis Turetsky
Dan Voorhees
Aron Weiner
Manes Weingarten
Yosef Weingarten
Nelson Wilner
Anatoly Yantovsky
Marc Zuppke

Women's Campaign

\$10,000 or more

Ruby Lion of Judah
Marilyn Leven
Judy Subar

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Lion of Judah
Peg Finkelstein
Bluma Herman
Judith Joseph
Myrna Kirschner
Karen Padnos
Peg Padnos
Susan Samrick
Lanny Thodey
Sharyl Titche

\$1,800 - \$4,999

Pomegranate
Linda Albert
David Dennen
Machelle Hammond
Dafna Kaufman
Anita Silverstein
Flory Silverstein
Marilyn Titche
Tziporah Winestone

\$1,000 - \$1,799

Heather Alfonso
Jean Barkin
Phyllis Gendler
Stephanie Hurwitz
Sandra Last
Jan Lewis
Deborah Mankoff
Carol Present
Pam Rush
Margit Sarne
Helayne Sherman
Sheryl Siegel
Mary Stevens
Audrey Sundstrom

\$500 - \$999

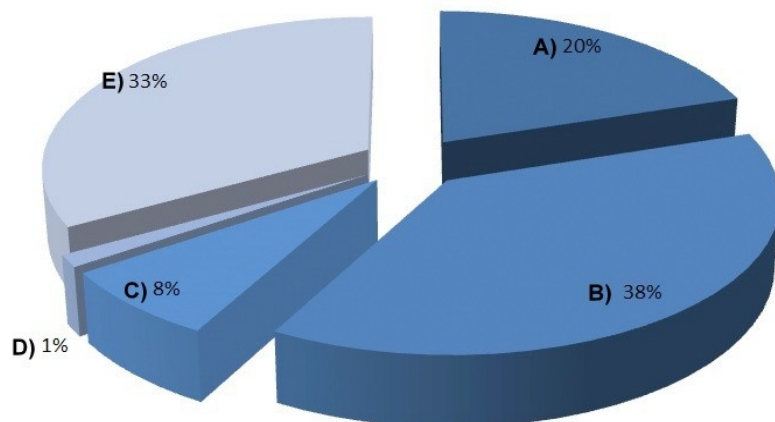
Kathi Barkan
Sally Blum
Sari Cohen

Mickie Fox	Elizabeth Christopherson	Susan Kopperl	Sherry Rosenthal	Sylvia Belfer	Cindy Kogelschatz	Karen Silverstein
Sheila Frank	Corinne Cottrell	Amy Landman	Marilyn Roth	Evelyn Berkowitz	Marisa Krishef	Sandi Simms
Doris Griffith	Gloria Dennen	Ellen Levey	Sandra Roth	Roza Blekman	Jan Kutten	Lynne Simon
Diane Hammerman	Jackie Dennen	Pam Levy	Luba Samrick	Sylvia Blum	Stacey Levitt	Nancy Smith
Mary Kaneti	Toby Weiner Dolinka	Karen Libman	Janice Schoenfeld	Diane Broomberg	Chana Liberow	Nella Sokolovsky
Barbara Kravitz	Suzanne Douglas	Elaine Lipshutz	Mary Schwartz	Tracy Chrenka	Mariana Margolin	Ally Stein
Madelon Krissoff	Barbara Duchemin	Sharlena Lovy	Sherry Singer	Mitzi Cohon	Ilanit Marx	Debra Swietek
Sylvia Krissoff	Jeanne Englehart	Beverly Manes	Irene St. Louis	Cheryl Currier	Lesley Mayer	Gertrude Turetsky
Nancy Olender	Sandy Faulkner	Barbara Marcus	Allyson Strauss	Rachel Lutwick Deaner	Tracy Miller Rider	Karen Warren
Henry Pestka Charitable Fund	Barbara Freed	Sharon Margulis	Ellen Taub	Rebecca Donald	Barbara Myers	Ida Weiner
Barbara Rapaport	Jeanie Friedland	Lisabeth Margulus	Susette Tauber	Cynthia Doniger	Leah Nisanov	Sarah Weingarten
Edith Rashewsky	Pam Goldberger	Jeanne Moss	Diane Titche	Jessica Elin	Nina Olevskiy	Yelena Yavich
Maxine Shapiro	Christine Golden	Beverly Niedelson	Marni Vyn	Kim Esterman	Diane Rayer	Michele Young
Kristin Siegel	Sandra Gordon	Amy Noyes-Klein	Deborah Wachter	Sherri Faler	Nancy Reider	Suzanne Zack
	Karen Haight	Amy Ostrow	Susan Wakefield	Julie Gendler	Barbara Remes	Judy Zupke
	Mary Herbach	Enid Packard	Anne Wepman	Alison Gervat	Eve Rider	
\$100 - \$499	Melissa Hillman	Alicia Pestka	Barbara Wepman	Diane Ginsburg	Vicki Rosenberg	
Georgiann Arbetman	Phyllis Hochberg	Cynthia Powsner	Debbie Wiegand	Susan Gould	Julie Rossio	
Sonia Ashendorf	Lynn Hollander	Pam Putterman	Cathy Winick	Sylvia Hoffinger	Leah Sauer	
Talia Atias	Syma Hutchings	Marlene Rapaport	Susan Wolfsen	Geraldine Hoffman	Judy Sernick	
Susan Bass	Ilse Jacoby	Lisa Rapoport	Barbara Wynn	June Horowitz	Nancy Shane	
Leigh-Ann Baxter	Bev Kagan	Rhonda Reider		Phyllis Horowitz	Jean Shekter	
Ann Berman	Shirley Kleiman	Lori Reineke	Up to \$99	Lori Jacobs	Helen Shibley	
Julie Bernstein	Lillian Klein	Susanne Remes	Deborah Ankney	Elisa Joseph	Arlene Siegel	
Debra Blandford	Irene Konrad	Barbara Robinson	Kate Bandos	Michele Kanig	Jean Silbar	

*Our campaign would not have been a success
without our campaign volunteers:*

David Alfonso	Mort Finkelstein	Julian Joseph	Julie Rossio	Susette Tauber
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Ann Berman	Christine Golden	Shirley Kleiman	Jim Siegel	Wayne Titche
Sari Cohen	Machelle Hammond	Amy Noyes-Klein	Ally Stein	Marni Vyn
Jason Cook	Sylvia Herman	Karen Padnos	Bart Steindler	Barbara Wepman
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Jessica Elin	Judith Joseph	Sue Remes	Audrey Sundstrom	

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	
Men's Special Gifts	\$216,222
Men's General	\$30,778
Women's Division	\$161,273
Total-Regular Campaign	\$408,273
Matching Grant - Padnos Foundation	\$21,037
Matching Grant - Hy & Greta Berkowitz Foundation	\$4,970
Interest	\$400
Car loan repayment	\$1,200
Available for re-allocation	\$10,163
General Endowment Fund	\$17,551
Art Fund	\$10,559
Weiner Fund	\$2,388
Woman of Valor	\$1,459
Subtotal Additional Income	\$69,727
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	\$478,000
LOCAL	
JFGR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	
Campaign	\$40,795
Family Services/Adult Programming/Social Services	\$83,569
Community/YAD/Family/Youth Programs	\$97,950
Uncollected Pledges	\$12,000
Bank and Bankcard Charges	\$2,400
FICA & Medicare	\$13,500
Subtotal Operational Expenses	\$250,214
JFNA Fair Share	\$15,699
Missions & Leadership Development	\$5,000
L'Dor Vador Community Endowment	\$6,000
Subtotal	\$26,699
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS	
United Jewish Schools	\$18,000
Chabad of West Michigan	\$4,750
Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids	\$4,750
Shir Shalom Choir	\$3,700
Temple Emanuel Food Bank	\$2,000
Interfaith Dialogue	\$2,500
Corners of the Field Community Garden	\$200
Subtotal Local Allocations	\$35,900
TOTAL OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL ALLOCATIONS	\$312,813
NATIONAL	
American Jewish Committee	\$200
Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$200
Birthright Israel (JFNA)	\$1,500
GVSU Hillel	\$1,200
HIAS	\$250
MSU - Hillel	\$500
U of M Hillel	\$500
Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan	\$750
Israel Action Network (JFNA)	\$250
Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)	\$100
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	\$750
TOTAL NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	\$6,200
INTERNATIONAL	
Partnership 2Gether (JFNA)	\$1,500
ONAD (Overseas Need Assessment)	\$157,487
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATIONS	\$158,987
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$478,000



- A) Operational: Campaign, FICA & Medicare, Uncollected Pledges, Bank/Bankcard Charges, JFNA Fairshare, L'Dor Vador Community Endowment, Missions & Leadership Development.
- B) Programming & Services: Family Services, Adult Programming, Social Services, YAD, Community Programs, Family/Youth Programs.
- C) Local: United Jewish School, Chabad of West Michigan, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Shir Shalom Choir, Temple Emanuel Food Bank, Interfaith Dialogue, Corners of the Field Community Garden
- D) National: American Jewish Committee, ADL, Birthright Israel, GVSU Hillel, HIAS, MSU Hillel, U of M Hillel, Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan, Israel Action Network, JCPA, Michigan Israel Business Bridge.
- E) International: Partnership 2gether, ONAD.

***We gratefully acknowledge our L'Dor Vador Funds,
Totaling over \$ 4.3 million***

Woman of Valor Fund

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

Federation General /L'Dor Vador Fund

To help ensure the continued work of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for now and the future.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund

To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to Jewish sleep away camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund

To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund

To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

Leven Family Fund

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

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund

To support Jewish social services locally.

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.

Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Fund

To support Cultural Council programming of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation also provided a separate grant to support the Jewish Film Festival.

The Ravitz Foundation Michigan Small Communities Fund The purpose of the Fund is to strengthen small Jewish communities throughout Michigan with high quality Jewish education and programming for its community members.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

September 12-14, 2014

Prof. Yael Aronoff

Chair of Israel Studies, Michigan State University

Everything you wanted to know about Israel, but were afraid to ask!



Topics:

- * ***Why should American Jews care about Israel?***
- * ***What does it mean for a state to be Jewish in 2014?***
- * ***How can we reconcile humanitarian values with media reports on the treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank/Gaza?***

No cost to attend!

More information to follow!

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:

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Please Pay Attention!!!

**August meeting
cancelled!!!**

Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:15pm

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette"

By Marie Semple

Host: Karen Haight - 130 Maryland NE

RSVP: 616-454-9910

Facilitator: Sheila Frank

Please call Karen to let her know if you will attend or not!!

Books available at SCHULER BOOKS,

2660 28th Street SE

As always, your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

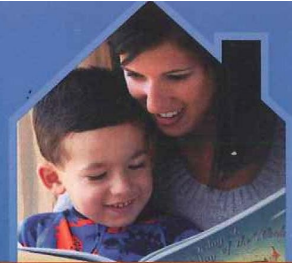
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PJ Library is here!

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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.



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Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids



is pleased to announce our 2014-15 season. We have three great shows scheduled for our 22nd season, and we hope that you will join us! Our first production will be **ONE NIGHT WITH FANNY BRICE** by Chip Deffaa, in January 2015 in

Spectrum Theater's Black Box. Our second production will be **DEATH OF A SALESMAN**, by Arthur Miller, on the main stage in April 2015. We will close our season in June 2015 on the main stage with **THE TRIANGLE FACTORY FIRE PROJECT**, by Christopher Piehler, in collaboration with Scott Adam Evans.

Mark your calendars!

YAD

(Young Adult Division for 21-35 year olds)

For information contact

Lauren at laurenevetter@gmail.com.

Take Note.. Vote August 5th

Kent County Senior Millage is on the ballot. The senior millage services are available to Kent County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Service recipients are asked to donate toward the programs to help offset the cost of services. Many programs are resources to which JFGR refers community members in need. If you have questions as to what programs are available, you can log onto www.kentseniormillage.com/services to learn more.

SHALOM GRAND RAPIDS !!

A new 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@jfgr.org**

WELCOME

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, September 3

12:00 p.m.

Olives

2162 Wealthy St SE

Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, August 21

12:00 -1:00 p.m.

El Barrio Restuarant

545 Michigan NE



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



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



UJS Opening Day! September 7, 2014

- Classes for all ages (Gan Katan through 12th)
New digital Hebrew program

Online enrollment begins

August 1, 2014

www.unitedjewishschool.org

Please remember
UJS in your contri-
butions.

We have a beautiful
"Tribute" card that
we can send to that
special someone.

Congregation Ahavas Israel**Sanctuary Shabbat**

Learn how we can help protect Israeli's against rocket attacks: Our Sanctuary Shabbat speaker on Saturday August 2 is Shmuel Bowman, Executive Director of Operation Lifeshield. He'll be speaking during the Shabbat service, at approximately 11:15 am.

Operation Lifeshield is an emergency campaign to save innocent lives by providing Israel's threatened communities with the protected air raid shelters they so desperately need. Every donation of every amount goes to placing strong, steel-reinforced, pre-cast concrete fortified shelters in public areas, such as schools, kindergarten, parks and senior citizen centers. The shelters are above-ground, fully accessible structures, and meet the strictest standards of the IDF Home Front Command. Lifeshield shelters are transported by truck, and can be re-located to meet changing security needs.

Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat

Please join us for a Pre-Shabbat Family Hour (hors d'oeuvres and snacks, wine, beer, and soft drinks) On August 15 at 7:00pm, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45pm.

Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av -- a day of Lamentations, mourning, and fasting for the destruction of the Temple and subsequent exiles of the Jewish people.

Join us on: Monday night, August 4 at 9:00pm for Ma'ariv and the reading of the Biblical book of **Eikha (Lamentations)**: Tuesday morning August 5, 7:00am for morning minyan with special inclusions for Tisha B'Av. (Fast ends - 9:02pm.)

Chabad House**Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten**

Registration is now open for the fall of 2014. Gan Yiladim is a Jewish preschool where we offer a stimulating and warm environment. Our children learn the "specialness" of being Jewish through stories and discussions, the precious legacy of their uniqueness as Jews is transmitted. Gan Yiladim School takes the best of both worlds - secular and Judaic - and blends them into a program that is at once rich, fulfilling and stimulating. For Children ages 2 - 6 For more information about our program, Please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770

Temple Emanuel**On Rabbi's Patio**

Monday, August 4 at 7:00pm

An informal discussion of news and current events on Rabbi Schadick's patio

Summer Story Hour

Thursday, August 7 at 10:00am. Children stories read by Rabbi Schadick at the Temple Library - open to all!

Shabbat-Around

Saturday, August 16 at 10:00am.

Celebrate Shabbat Morning Service at the Grand Rapids Township Park - Beltline Ave, just south of Knapp, by the township offices.

ABC with Jim Siegel

Sunday, August 17, 10:00am.

Argue, Banter and Compromise over brunch. Topics of discussion moderated by Jim Siegel.

Food Bank Distribution Day

Wednesday, August 20 8:00am.

Volunteers are always needed! Contact Barbara Duchemin.

Upcoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah services

Saturday, August 23 at 10:00am. Joe Rosenthal

Saturday, August 30 at 10:00am Kayla Lebster.

"Caffeine for the Soul!"

Join other women for learning and inspiration and delve into the Torah's timeless wisdom.

This class is based on the weekly Torah Portion, studied through the prism of Kabbalah to attain new insights into ourselves and the world around us. Enjoy a coffee, delicious pastries and great discussion Wednesday mornings at 9:30. 2160 Romence Dr. NE, Grand Rapids. For more information contact Nechamy at 616-828-2340 or Nechamy8@gmail.com. A project of the Jewish Women Circle. Looking forward to seeing you!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

Federation General Endowment/L'Dor Vador Fund

In honor of Mike Present and Federation Staff
from Rachel Schreiber and Sam Foran

Woman of Valor Fund

In honor of the recovery of Barbara Robinson
from Julian and Judith Joseph

Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund

In memory of Bev Manes
from Michael and Carol Present



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation from: Name _____ Fund (pick from list) _____

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Send card to: Name _____ Notes: _____

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Send card to City/St/Zip _____ **2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

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