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**Mark Your Calendars!**  
*JFGR Women's Community  
Campaign Event*

**Wednesday, October 6**

**Temple Emanuel**

1715 East Fulton

**7:00 pm**

**Dessert Reception**

Cost: \$10.00

*Guest Speaker:*  
**Joan Wolfberg**



Delighting audiences with her compelling portrayals of famous women, Joan Wolfberg has traveled throughout the country for the past decade, weaving a tapestry of drama and history into an educational, entertaining and inspirational tale.

Her performance background includes professional regional and dinner theaters, including The Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater, The Actors Repertory Company, and The Royal Palm Dinner Theater. She appeared in such films as *MAD LOVE*, with Drew Barrymore, as well as many national and regional TV commercials. Bill Daily, of "*I Dream of Jeannie*" and "*The Bob Newhart Show*" describes her as "one of the finest actresses I have ever worked with".

**RSVP to 942-5553 or [Cathy@jfgr.org](mailto:Cathy@jfgr.org)**

## From Refugee to Communal Professional

by Valerie Khaytina

Early nineties. We are on the train from Kiev to Moscow for the biggest event of my life – an interview in the American embassy to go to the United States. We have to prove that we were persecuted as Jews in order to get into the country as refugees.



This is not difficult to do. I remember all the names my classmates call me just because I'm Jewish. The bomb in Brodsky syn-

agogue that was discovered shortly after my dad and I have left the place. The swastika by our apartment door. Grandma says not to pay attention to it.

Long lines in the U.S. embassy. Families are anxiously waiting to get in. We are interviewed by a woman with a heavy American accent. Waiting again outside the embassy until the results are out. My family has been given the refugee status. We are going to America!

John F. Kennedy International Airport. We are greeted by representatives from NYANA. They are handing my parents an envelope with some paperwork and money to get by for the first few weeks. Shortly thereafter, a truck pulls up by our new apartment building on Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn and furniture is brought in. It's from NYANA, to help us save some money and to feel at home.

I am one of many Russian-Jewish students in E.R. Murrow High School. We are learning English and are trying to navigate the American culture. It's not easy. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" – my Hebrew language teacher asks. "Well... I want to do something that will allow me to work with the former Soviet Union and Israel." I do not really know how to explain that I want to work with Jewish people around the world. The words "nonprofit" and "Jewish communal field" are not in my English vocabulary.

The year is 2001. Freshly out of college, I am interviewed in the United Jewish Communities for an administrative assistant position. As I walk out after the interview, I know that's the job I want. It is a dream come true – a place that will allow me to work with Jews all over the world! I get the job. There is a huge learning curve. The department I work in is called Planned Giving and Endowments. I don't even know what it means. I am timid of all the people that give me the tasks. And what's a lay leader?

But I want to learn. I sense that this is the place where I want to "grow up". I enroll into Master's program majoring in non-profit management. And I listen. There are incredible people to listen to at UJC and federations. They become my mentors, and friends. And, they tell me the story.

The story of how I really came to America. The story about

lobbying, volunteering and fundraising. The story about thousands of people rallying on the Capitol Hill for my family, relatives and friends to come to this country. The story about passion, dedication and commitment to Jewish people. Because of these people – this powerful Jewish community – I am here now.

How can I thank these people enough and show the extent of my gratitude? I can commit to have a career in the Jewish community. I can tell my story so that the people behind it know their efforts are not forgotten. They helped bring up the next generation of young Russian-American Jews just like me who contribute to this country's society in many different ways.

I now work for World ORT, JFNA's overseas partner agency. World ORT helps Jewish students all over the world get the best education possible. We help the students stay Jewish. I know how important it is from personal experience. How being Jewish enriches your life in many ways and helps you find an amazing extended family that is there for you to support in good and bad times.

*Valerie Khaytina is Deputy North American Representative/Head of New York Team for World ORT; this article was provided courtesy of the organization.*

JP note: In 1989, with the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, the gates were opening to an exodus the likes of which we had not previously seen. The United Jewish Appeal – then the umbrella fund-raising arm of North America's Jewish federations' campaigns – launched the Passage to Freedom campaign to resettle Soviet Jews in Israel and the United States. The campaign was less than successful, only raising \$50 million.

The next year, UJA increased its efforts with another emergency campaign, Operation Exodus, which ultimately collected in excess of \$900 million and allowed almost 1 million Jews to immigrate to Israel and 150,000 more to come to the United States. Operation Exodus became the largest emergency fund-raising event in Jewish history.

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### OUR MISSION

*Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids supports cultural, social and financial needs of Jews locally, in the State of Israel, and around the world.*

*This mission is accomplished by providing services to the community and through fundraising and allocation efforts.*

***Free and Open to the  
Entire Community  
On behalf of the  
2010 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN***



**Thursday, October 28, 2010**

**7:30 pm**

**Temple Emanuel**

**1715 East Fulton**

***Guest Speaker***

***Ralph Nurnberger***

**U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS:  
THE VIEW FROM WASHINGTON**

Dr. Ralph Nurnberger is a widely acclaimed speaker who brings humor, current political insights and historical background to his presentations.

He is a Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University, and was named Professor of the Year by the Graduate School of Liberal Studies in 2003. He is currently teaching graduate seminars at Georgetown on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**RSVP by October 22 – 942-5553 or e-mail [Cathy@jfgr.org](mailto:Cathy@jfgr.org)**

***Ready to go to New Orleans?***

**New Orleans will host both the Jewish Federations of  
North America 2010 General Assembly (GA)  
and International Lion of Judah Conference (ILOJC).**

**The GA is slated for Nov. 7-9 and the ILOJC is slated for Nov. 8-10.**

**For more information, visit [www.jewishfederations.org](http://www.jewishfederations.org) or call the Federation office at 942-5553**

## It's a powerful story



As one of America's most trusted names in charitable giving, the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is an incredibly responsive grassroots effort dedicated to strengthening and supporting our Jewish community from the ground up.

Yet even during these difficult economic times, when our highest priority is helping people in financial crisis feed their families, pay their rents and get back on their feet, the Jewish Federation continues to ensure that the programs and institutions that enrich Jewish life here at home, in Israel and overseas, remain vibrant and strong.

It's your story.

**Get involved. Donate. Volunteer.**

Make a gift to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

It's what being Jewish feels like.

## FACT of the week

United Jewish Communities

The Jewish Federations support HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which has brought more than 400,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union to the United States in the 40 years since the Soviet Jewry movement began. HIAS develops lifelong relationships with the people it assists and recently launched myStory, the first Russian-English social media website, where former HIAS clients can tell their immigration stories and connect with others about their shared experiences.

*Live Generously.™ It does a world of good.*

**'What's Your #ish?'**  
visit: [whatsyourish.com](http://whatsyourish.com)



# SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .



## Annual Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey Luncheon

Wednesday, September 1 • 12 p.m.

at Ahavas Israel in the Social Hall



**Cost: \$8.00**

*Musical entertainment by Bill Marfink and the Shir Shalom Choir*

**Please RSVP to Ann by Wednesday, August 25th**

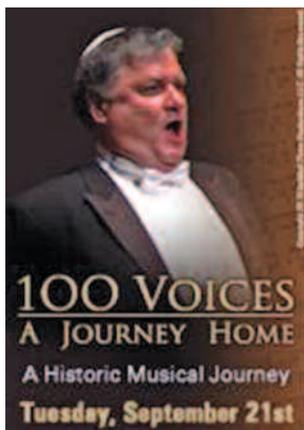
**at 942-5553 ext 206**

*Transportation is available*

### SENIORS - MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, September 21

Movie starts at 7:00pm



#### 100 VOICES: A JOURNEY HOME

NCM Fathom and Mod Three Productions present "100 Voices: A Journey Home," a musical documentary that highlights the history of Jewish culture in Poland. The film will be preceded by a mini-concert with the Cantors from the documentary. "100 Voices" will offer a look at Polish/Jewish

history and culture and highlight its current resurgence. The story is told through the personal reflections and musical performances of a group of Cantors and acclaimed composer Charles Fox. The documentary provides an opportunity to learn about and re-embrace the Jewish culture that produced one of the most artistic and educated societies in Europe. The Program will celebrate the resilience and the power of Jewish life. This event should be treated as PG.

**Cost: \$11.50**

**RSVP to Ann at 942-5553 ext 206 by Thursday Sept 16th**

*Transportation is available by calling Ann*

*~ Save the Dates ~*

October:

**Lunch Bunch:**

Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Senior Social**

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

**Flu Clinic at Temple Emanuel**

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

### Senior Outing to Meijer Gardens -

**You don't want to miss the  
Chihuly Exhibit!**

Tuesday, September 14th

1:00 to 3:30 pm

**Cost: \$10**

*We will take a guided indoor tour  
and outdoor tram tour.*

**RSVP to Ann at 942-5553 ext 206**

**by Monday September 13th**

*Please let me know if you have a Meijer Garden  
membership when making your reservation!*

# COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

Dozens of children and adults turned out recently for the Jewish community picnic. It was a beautiful day at Cascade Park - perfect for meeting old friends and making new ones.



## Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan was enjoyed by all!



*Special Thanks to the host families:*  
Stu & Ann Berman,  
Ralph & Shlomit Harris,  
Rabbi David & Marisa Krishef,  
Evan & Julie Rossio,  
Ron & Karen Sigal,  
Scott & Marni Vyn



### Recipe For A Quality Jewish Preschool

For Jewish children Ages 2½ - 5

#### Ingredients

Creative Children  
Warm Atmosphere  
Brightly Decorated classrooms  
Joy and pride in being Jewish  
Nurturing your child's mind and soul  
Curriculum includes the Multiple Intelligences  
Loving and Experienced Teachers  
Field Trips and more



**Mix Lovingly together.**

**Simmer & Stir for 10 months**

**Yield: A Happy and Content Child**

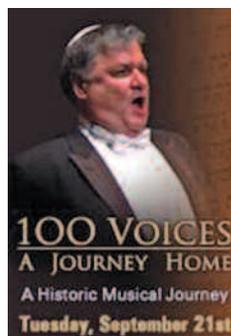
This wonderful recipe is cooking  
Monday Thru Friday 9AM-1PM

Contact: Morah Sarah  
at 616-949-6788  
or 616-957-0770



### Movie Night at Celebration! Cinema North

#### 100 VOICES: A JOURNEY HOME



*100 Voices: A Journey Home*, a Historic event celebration of song and the re-uniting of two cherished cultures. Jewish Cantors from around the Globe return to Poland for the first time since World War II to perform 3 concerts in a story of remembrance, healing, resilience and rebirth.

**September 21, 7:00 pm**

**Ticket price is \$11.50 each.**  
**What a monumental event!**  
Seniors - Transportation Available -  
Call Ann at 942-5553

## JFGR's Annual Immunization Clinic

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, October 24th

from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

*\*Taking place during the Padnos Book Fair.*

**Flu vaccinations are \$30.**

*Children over the age of 5 are eligible for vaccination.*

Medicare can be billed for the full expense—bring your insurance card.

Cash and personal checks are accepted.

No need to RSVP.

Contact Ann at **942-5553 ext. 206** with any questions.



## On the second Tuesday of every month, families depend on food donations from the **Food Bank at Temple Emanuel.**

Drop off food donations between 10am - 2pm Monday through Friday at Temple Emanuel  
or mail checks payable to Temple Emanuel and specify the donation is for the Food Bank.  
Temple's Address: 1715 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

## JEWISH COMMUNITY ROSTER

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around here thanks  
to our loyal  
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We are currently working  
on the 2011-12 edition of the  
Jewish Community Roster.  
Your help is needed and  
greatly appreciated to insure  
the success of this  
biennial directory published  
since 1965.

Call: Eileen 949-6444  
Janice 676-8141

## A Patient Advocate Designation...

allows you to select a Patient  
Advocate who can have access to  
your medical records and represent  
your wishes for medical care in case  
you are too sick to do so.

\*Please note that spouses do not  
automatically become one another's  
Patient Advocate.

To receive a FREE Patient Advocate  
Designation, please contact Ann Berman,  
Director of Social Services, at 942-5553.

*Cultural Council of the  
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
2010-2011 Spectrum Series*

*Saturday, November 20, 2010*

**DUO DMITRI**

Luba & Dmitri, piano and flute performers with a personal story

*Saturday, January 22, 2011*

**CHICKEN FAT KLEZMER ORCHESTRA**

Chicago based Klezmer group

*Saturday, February 19, 2011*

**CHARLES SMALL**

“Understanding the challenges of Iran and Anti-Semitism”

*Saturday, March 12, 2011*

**AMIR GWIRTZMAN**

Jazz Musician – “The Pied Piper of Israel”

*Summer, 2011*

**ISRAEL SCOUTS FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN**

Back by popular demand

**KEEP THESE DATES, MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

This series is sponsored by The Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation



Cultural Council of  
The Jewish Federation  
of Grand Rapids

**Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
Spectrum Series 2010 – 2011 Membership Form**

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

- I/We would like to be an Underwriter – \$500 and up
- I/We would like to be a Patron – \$250 – \$499
- I/We would like to be a Sponsor – \$125 – \$249
- I/We would like a Family membership – \$75
- I would like a Single membership – \$50
- I would like to be a Cultural Council Volunteer, please contact me

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Payable to **The Jewish Cultural Council**

Please mail this form with your check to:

**The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids  
Spectrum 2010 – 2011**

2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1240



## Beit Sefer B'yahad/ United Jewish School

1715 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616-459-5976 • Fax: 616-459-6510

Pam Rush - School Director

pam@templemanuelgr.org www.unitedjewishschool.org

### UJS celebrates 5 years

Opening Day – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

9:45 a.m. – Temple Emanuel

10:00 a.m. classes begin

Internationally renowned

*Michael Ochs*

11:30 a.m. concert with lunch to follow



<http://ochsongs.com/bio>

### “Something for Everyone”

Join UJS throughout the year as we commemorate 5 wonderful years as a combined school. We have planned many classes and events throughout the year to celebrate.

- Classes for all ages (Pre-K through 12th)
- Sunday Hebrew program for K through 6th grade
- Wednesday Hebrew program 2nd through 7th grade
- “Gan Katan” (Little Garden) class for 2, 3 and young 4 year olds with parent(s)
- 9th/10th/11th/12th grade L’taken trip
- 11th/12th grade – Class and madrichim program
- Adult Education
- Special musical guest Mark Bloom [www.markbloom.com](http://www.markbloom.com) will visit with classes throughout the entire year
- November Jewish Book month – Special author presentations all month
- December 5 – Special Hanukkah program
- February 6 – UJS Israeli restaurant
- May 1 - Yom Hashoah service featuring Aquinas College Chamber choir

Unaffiliated students accepted for 1 year. Classes offered for ages 2 years through 12th grade.

To enroll please go to the school web site: [www.unitedjewishschool.org](http://www.unitedjewishschool.org)

contact: [info@unitedjewishschool.org](mailto:info@unitedjewishschool.org) • 459-5976 x3

## The West Michigan Academic Consortium Presents **Islam Beyond the Headlines**

Prince Conference Center, Calvin College  
1800 East Beltline Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI  
**Thursday, October 7, 2010**

This day-long conference will feature Omid Safi, Ph.D. as the guest speaker. Dr. Safi is a leading Muslim public intellectual and a Professor of Islamic Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He specializes in contemporary Islamic thought and medieval Islamic history. He is also the Chair for the Study of Islam at the American Academy of Religion, the largest international organization devoted to the academic study of religion.

Along with numerous articles, Dr. Safi has written three books: *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*; *Memories of Muhammad: Why the Prophet Matters*; and *The Politics of Knowledge in Premodern Islam: Negotiating Ideology and Religious Inquiry*.

Dr. Safi's complete bio can be found on our website at [www.interfaith-mi.org](http://www.interfaith-mi.org)

The public is cordially invited to all events. Advance registration and admission is free to all sessions. An optional \$10 lunch and \$20 dinner will be available with pre-registration. Details about the event, including a complete schedule and online registration, will be on our website later this summer. Registration and further information online at: [www.interfaith-mi.org](http://www.interfaith-mi.org)



For more information, please e-mail [interfaith@gvsu.edu](mailto:interfaith@gvsu.edu) or call 616.331.5702.

*This event is sponsored by the West Michigan Academic Consortium and the Kaufman Interfaith Institute.*

### West Michigan Academic Consortium

Aquinas College	Cornerstone University	Kuyper College
Calvin College	Grand Valley State University	Western Theological Seminary
Calvin Theological Seminary	Hope College	

#### **Schedule (Please note: a more detailed schedule will be available online in September.)**

9:30-10:30 a.m.	Registration
10:30-12:30 p.m.	Welcome by Sylvia Kaufman, Kaufman Interfaith Institute; West Michigan Academic Consortium <i>Morning Keynote Address by Omid Safi, Ph.D.</i> <b>Where is the Love? Where is the Justice? Muslim Reflections for Today</b>
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Lunch (\$10.00 by reservation only; details available online soon)
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions I – Speakers and topics announced early September
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Refreshments
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions II – Speakers and topics announced early September
4:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner (\$20.00 by reservation only; details available online soon)
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Evening Keynote Address by Omid Safi, Ph.D. <b>Memories of Muhammad: The Prophet We Never Knew</b>
8:30 p.m.	Dessert Buffet

## Community Welcome . . .

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## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

Thank you to Sylvia Krissoff for her hospitality and opening her home at our last gathering in August!



The next book club meeting is:

**October 13, 2010, 7:15 pm**

at Karen Haight's home

Phone # to RSVP: 454-9910 • 130 Maryland, N.E.

Book to read: *All Other Nights*  
by Dara Horn

Facilitator: Flory Silverstein

Books can be purchased at *Schulers Books*  
28th Street store!

We are as always . . . Your Loyal Book Ends  
Sue Remes – 949-3505  
Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

JEWISH Theatre GRAND RAPIDS 2010-2011

18 Chai Life

### Our 18<sup>th</sup> Season

Nov. 11-21, 2010 <b>DIVIDENDS</b> by Gary Richards	April 28-May 8, 2011 <b>BITTER FRIENDS</b> by Gordon Rayfield	June 16-26, 2011 <b>45 SECONDS FROM BROADWAY</b> by Neil Simon
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Season Pass Info **616.234.3595** [www.jtgr.org](http://www.jtgr.org)  
Don't Delay...\$40 Early Bird pricing available through October 4!

**Federation is now on Facebook!**  
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**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**



## Shir Shalom Choir



Shir Shalom Choir is looking for new voices for the 2010-11 year. We meet Tuesday evenings @ 7:30 at Temple Emanuel beginning in September and going to June. During the year we present 4 or 5 separate concerts, but basically we get together because we love Jewish music and find a regular dose of it keeps us happy. Call either Toby Dolinka 949-6548 or Barbara Robinson 949-4986 for information or questions.



Consider this. In 1990, the year Israel celebrated its 42nd birthday, Israel's population stood at about 4.8 million. Today, 20 years later, there are almost 7.6 million people living in Israel. For the record, that's a 58 percent increase—the equivalent of the United States adding 143 million people over the same period.

This surging growth, of course, was largely due to immigration—especially the million or so who arrived from the former Soviet Union. This large wave of aliyah transformed Israel, its economy, its culture, its politics, its society. In fact, when the history books are written, it will not only be the great aliyah that will be remembered—but the great klitah, the miracle by which Israel absorbed so many people in so short a time.

But change doesn't always come easily. For most individuals, the immigration experience is an extraordinarily difficult one. Much depends on how old a person is when he or she arrives. Regardless, for many, pieces of the aliyah experience stay with them in some form for the rest of their lives, even if it's only a tell-tale accent in otherwise flawless Hebrew.

But if this transformation is difficult for any immigrant, it is perhaps hardest of all for those who come while in late childhood or early adolescence. At a time in their lives when social and cultural identities are formed, they are suddenly uprooted from an environment in which they are beginning to find acceptance and thrust into an alien one where they have to start over—learn a new language and culture and make new friends.

For many young olim, the emotional turmoil at so formative a point in their lives can leave lasting scars. The situation is even worse if they also have to grapple with issues that can confront any youngster, such as family problems or learning disabilities.

That's what happened to Uri. Now 24 years old, he was 10 when he came to Israel from the former Soviet republic of Georgia with his mother and brothers. His father had passed away. Uri faced language difficulties and also had undiagnosed learning disabilities. By the time he reached high school, it was all too overwhelming and he dropped out. He very much wanted to join the army, but was rejected due to multiple family problems.

Without a high school diploma or army service, Uri couldn't find a job. Instead he hung around the streets, bored and lonely—until the local social services referred him to the Center for Young Adults in his hometown of Ramla.

This Center is one of 30 that JDC-Israel has helped establish together with Israeli government ministries and private foundations. Young Adult Centers are “one-stop shops” that help both immigrants and native Israelis aged 18-35 complete requirements for higher education; secure employment and vocational training; become socially involved; and access leadership opportunities as well as cultural and leisure activities.

With guidance from the Center staff, Uri began participating

in social activities, succeeded in finding work, and enrolled in classes to complete his high school education.

Uri also joined a program that trains people to lead challenging sports activities and improve their inter-personal skills. At the end of the program, the graduates launched an initiative of their own: a program for Ramla's youth at risk. Uri is one of the initiative's leaders and has become an activist: he is a member of the Center's Youth Parliament and is among those who meet with Ramla's mayor to discuss issues of concern to young people in the city.

It has been three years since Uri first came to the Center for Young Adults, and his life is now on track. He has a job as a refrigeration technician and volunteers as a youth instructor. He plans to be married soon, as well.

This is just one success story—one young immigrant who was able to rebound from the turmoil he experienced as a new oleh to become productive and personally fulfilled while also serving as a role model for others. It's a story that is being repeated in towns and cities across Israel. In each of 30 locations, these Centers are giving young adults the guidance and support they need to overcome the disadvantage of having a troubled home, cope with a learning disability, or simply handle the dizzying upheaval of immigration.

At a recent meeting of the Youth Parliament, Uri said: “The Center for Young Adults changed my life. I know there are lots more young people out there like me. I recommend the Center to everyone I know—there are so many ways to succeed there and to be happy.”

Irv and I are immensely gratified to know that Uri feels so positive about life and about the future. We're proud that we've played a part in helping him shape his own destiny and comforted to know that our Jewish state is looking that much stronger in the hands of Uri and thousands of other young adults like him.

## DID YOU KNOW



*Immigrant youth at JDC-Malben's Youth Rehabilitation Center, which provided a basic education and vocational training to adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

*Jerusalem, Israel, 1957. Photo: JDC Archives.*

In the early years of the State, JDC-Malben helped Israel cope with the needs of its massive numbers of new immigrants, fewer than half of whom were able-bodied adults. Today, JDC is helping vulnerable immigrant groups overcome long-term challenges to absorption, with services that include Hebrew-language education, employment initiatives, and efforts to promote the economic and social integration of young adults.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS ♦ ♦ ♦

## Congregation Ahavas Israel

*Congregation Ahavas Israel wishes you a sweet New Year. Please join us for the fall holidays.*

### Order your Lulav and Etrog

More information on the synagogue website, [Ahavasisraelgr.org](http://Ahavasisraelgr.org). Order through the Synagogue office. Payment must accompany order, and be received by Tuesday, September 7.

### Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker

**September 11** - Len Robinson, President, Jewish Theatre of Grand Rapids, "Jewish Theatr - Centuries of Jewish Expression"

### Selihot

**Selihot program - 9:30 p.m., Saturday, September 4**, followed by the Selihot service at about 11:30 p.m. Our Selihot program features a viewing and discussion of the movie *A Serious Man*, focusing on the theme of "Why Bad Things Happen."

### Service Schedule

**Wednesday, September 8**, Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Ma'ariv 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 9**, Rosh Hashanah, 1st day  
Shaharit 9 a.m. • Minha 8 p.m. • Ma'ariv 8:45 p.m.

**Friday, September 10**, Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day  
Shaharit 9:00 a.m. • Minha 6:30 p.m. • Ma'ariv 6:45 p.m.

**Friday, September 17**, Erev Yom Kippur  
Kol Nidre 7:15 p.m.

**Saturday, September 18**, Yom Kippur  
Shaharit 9:00 a.m. • Study session 5:15 p.m.  
Minha/Ne'ilah 6:15 p.m. • Ma'ariv/Havdalah 8:31 p.m.

## Temple Emanuel

*10 Year Anniversary Celebration for Rabbi Schadick  
Friday, September 24, 2010 – 6:15 p.m.  
at Temple Emanuel*

*Temple Emanuel cordially invites you to a special Shabbat celebration honoring the 10th Anniversary of Rabbi Michael Schadick's tenure as spiritual leader of Congregation Emanuel.*

Services will be conducted by our Rabbi Emeritus and Rabbi Schadick's fellow colleague, Rabbi Albert M. Lewis, together with many musicians from the congregation.

*Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert Oneg Shabbat with musical accompaniment by the Hall Street Six Band will follow the service.*

Please RSVP to Temple Emanuel at 616-459-5976 by September 17.

*Please join us for this very special occasion.*

*Rabbi Schadick will be teaching an Intro to Judaism class on Tuesday nights this fall and winter, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM*

<i>The dates are</i>	November 2	December 7	January 25
October 5	November 9	December 14	February 1
October 12	November 16	January 4	February 8
October 19	November 23	January 11	February 15
October 26	November 30	January 18	

## Chabad House

### SUKKAH-BRATION

*Come join us for "Soup in the Sukkah" and a hot dog dinner*

**Sunday, September 26th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

*A fun Sukkos Celebration for the entire Family*

**at the Chabad House,  
2615 Michigan St NE**

*Shake the Lulav & Esrog - Exciting Booths - Games - Moon Walk  
Face Painting - Lively Music - Raffle & More  
Admission \$5*

**For more info. call 616-957-0770**

Our programs are open to the entire Jewish community regardless of background or affiliation.

### The Chabad House of Western Michigan

Invites you to

**A cooking Demonstration in honor of Rosh Hashana**

*Ladies come join us as we sample Rosh Hashana recipes from around the world you will have a chance to taste these delicious dishes and go home with great new recipes*

**Wednesday, Sept. 1st at 7:30 pm  
Cost \$10.00**

*at the home of Chani Liberow*

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*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

**RSVP by August 29th: Chani at 616-634-2732**

## Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowments

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$5 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:

- **The Woman of Valor Fund** - (\$10 minimum contribution). To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally, or nationally.

- **The 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Thank you for supporting the  
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

### The Julian and Judith Joseph Endowment Fund

To Rabbi Albert Lewis in memory of his father  
From Julian and Judith Joseph

### The Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To Ann Berman in appreciation of her help  
From Margit Sarne

To Rabbi Lewis in memory of his father  
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Wedding Anniversary  
With Love, From Zelma Kramer, Edith Rashewsky,  
Shirley and Morris Kleiman, Jean Barkin and  
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### The Federation General Endowment Fund

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