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Federation News

Chairman's Letter

We in the Jewish community in Grand Rapids have much for which to be thankful. In this season of Thanksgiving, permit me to use this space to thank and recognize Dan Hurwitz, my immediate predecessor.



Dan (with Stephanie, his wife) has been a great friend, generous benefactor, and passionate leader in philanthropic endeavors in Grand Rapids. Outside of the Jewish community, Dan has served for years on the GVSU Foundation Board and its Leadership Committee. In 2005, GVSU gave Dan its Leadership Award "to honor young leaders whose active commitment to public service, economic development, educational and cultural enrichment and whose ethical standards and integrity have contributed significantly to the quality of life in West Michigan".

Elsewhere in Grand Rapids, Dan has served on boards and in leadership roles for Goodwill Industries; Young Presidents Organization (where he chaired the Michigan West Chapter and served as Regional Vice Chair for 9 Chapters and 800 members); the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital; the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Parent Project; and the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation. Dan and Stephanie are the recently named Chairs of the DeVos Children's Hospital Annual Campaign.

In the Jewish community, Dan and his family have been major donors to most of the Jewish organizations individually and through the Greta and Hy Berkowitz Foundation. Dan's family belongs to Temple Emanuel, where Dan has served on the Board. Dan has served on the JFGR Board and Executive Board, most recently completing a three-year term as Chair. Dan's passionate, personal, and principled leadership guided us through some challenging economic times and sensitive issues, including the relocation of the office to the Ahavas Israel building and a transition in our professional leadership (had Dan done nothing more than bringing Mike Present to the Interim ED role, *dayenu!*).

Dan likes to repeat something his grandfather, Hy, taught him as a child: "When you have only two pennies in your pocket, you have one for charity." This both puts things into perspec-

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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.

One Community

Federation is now on Facebook!

Become a fan of Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids

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Federation News

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tive and speaks to the profound importance of the dignity of being a donor. Dan believes that building relationships and friend-raising precede and enable results and fund-raising, and I find that a wise statement of both strategy and values. And Dan's performance has taught me that, no matter the challenges or demands on a great leader's energy or resources, it is possible to find time for friends and for causes that matter.

I go on in such length not to make this letter read like an introduction to a keynote speaker, but to inspire and point to what is possible. Dan lives the value of "one community"—one Jewish community and one larger community, comprising citizens of all religions and races—showing us how to be a better community and showing the rest of Grand Rapids the Jewish community when we are at our best. Thank you, Dan.

I wish you and your families a meaningful holiday season and health, happiness, and fulfillment in 2012.

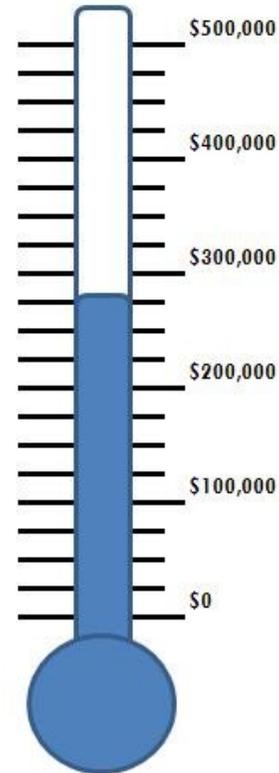
B'shalom,

Greg Kaufman

Campaign Update:

Our campaign is off and running, and we are more than half way to our goal! Pledges to date total:

158 Donors pledged \$276,503



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



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Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THE SUM OF: \$ _____

DONOR'S SIGNATURE

Method of Payment: Check Stock

Please Charge my: Mastercard Visa
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Name _____

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Card Number _____
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Federation News

Interim Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write to you, our Federation has just concluded the second of two wonderful programs in our Jewish community. The first, at the beginning of November, brought to us Linda Hurwitz, a dynamic, hopeful voice for Jewish Federation and community. It has been inspiring to hear the reactions from many of you who listened to her talk and experienced her Jewish optimism.



The second event featured the Grand Rapids Symphony performing to a full house in the sanctuary at Temple Emanuel. This event, the first of five for the Jewish Cultural Council Spectrum Series in 2011-12, was exciting not only for our community, but also the many symphony lovers from greater Grand Rapids invited in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Year of *Interfaith Understanding*. The concert, a mixture of Jewish music and works by Jewish composers, is part of the Symphony's Sacred Dimension Series in which the Symphony visits houses of worship in West Michigan to perform pieces meaningful to that community. This concert, their first outside of the local Christian community, attracted nearly 350 people.

I'd like to thank Cathy Winick and Sari Cohen in our office for all the work they did on both programs. There were also many volunteers, too numerous to name here, who helped make these programs happen. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for all of your efforts that have infused such a positive spirit in our community.

Speaking of positive Jewish experiences, I'd also like to share with you an exciting opportunity that came about in a recent meeting with our Partnership 2000, or P2K, colleagues from metropolitan Detroit and the Central Galilee area in Israel. For those of you unfamiliar with P2K (now renamed as Partnership 2Gether, or P2G), this program was established over ten years ago by the North American Federations to create "sister city" relationships in Israel. The purpose, in addition to working on specific aid projects for our assigned regions, was to facilitate 'people-to-people' connections between Jews in Michigan and our distant relatives in Israel. The project adopted by our Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids was the Hafuch al Hafuch teen center in the city of Migdal HaEmek. Many of us had the opportunity to visit the teen center and meet people in that community in the years immediately following the creation of P2K, but to be honest, the energy around those efforts have since fizzled.

Therefore, the purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to rekindle the original 'people-to-people' connection strategy. The executive director of the Jewish Federation of Ann Arbor Jewish community, also in attendance, described their exchange program with the Central Galilee. Teens aged 13-18 travel for one to two weeks around spring break to live with their Israeli peers, go to school and other activities in order to briefly experience living in a majority Jewish environment. In turn, during the fall around Sukkot, Israeli teens travel to Ann Arbor to participate in similar activities and experience Jewish life as a minority. This exchange program has grown steadily over the past few years.

Can a similar program work here in Grand Rapids? We agreed to find out. The outcome of that meeting was a commitment on our part to see if there are a few families with teenage children, say a minimum of three, who would be willing to explore creating such an exchange program with our P2G friends in Israel. If you are interested, or you have a suggestion of someone who might be interested, please contact Sari or me in the Federation office. We are very excited about the possibilities of such a program, our relationship with Israel, and how it could add to the positive spirit in our community.

Thank you to those of you who participated in last month's uplifting programs. I'd also like to express my gratitude to all who have contributed so generously to our annual campaign this fall. If you have not yet made your campaign pledge, please remember Federation as the year 2011 draws to a close. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Happy Hanukah!

With warmest regards,

Mike Presant
mike@ifgr.org

Senior News

Lunch Bunch



Please join Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids for a
SOUP-ER LATKES LUNCHEON.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who approached and asked if they could make a celebratory Chanukah lunch for our Senior community members.

Thursday December 15, 2011

11:30 am

Ahavas Israel Social Hall

2727 Michigan NE

Cost: \$8.00

**Please RSVP by December 12, 2011
to Ann Berman 616-942-5553**



Save the Date!
Future Lunch Bunch
Dates:

Thursday, January 12

Smokey Bones

Thursday, February 16

PF Changs

Thursday, March 15

Location TBD

Senior Mah Jongg:

Anyone interested in learning or playing Mah Jongg, please contact Aleta Katonak, by email, alekatsr4u@juno.com (preferable) or by phone 616-281-5917. These are daytime lessons, and games are at no cost. Then, of course, if there is anyone looking for a game, join the fun!
MahJ on..

Transportation available.



ATTENTION: DO YOU NEED A RIDE? If you or someone you know would like to attend Jewish Federation events but do not have transportation just call the Federation office. Ann is willing to arrange rides for any and all Federation events. Call 616-942-5553 or Ann@ifgr.org.

Community News

Rediscovered *by Mark Neistat*

In 2001, I arrived in Grand Rapids for the first time for an interview with a large telephone company. The company had spent millions building a fiber-optic network and needed an experienced marketing person to get the word out. The four hour interview took place in one building. My only exposure to Grand Rapids was when we went to lunch at, of all places, Hooters. (A local told us that “you can always get a good meal at Hooters” – obviously, not Jewish). The interview went well, they made an offer, I accepted.

I had arrived not knowing a soul and I carried the baggage of a freshly busted engagement. Although, I had not been in a Synagogue since my Bar Mitzvah, I called the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. I figured I would meet the other four Jews in town.

A pleasant and very direct woman named Rosalie Stein answered the phone. I explained my situation and she said, “You’re in luck.”

“I am,” I said.

“It just so happens that tomorrow night YAD is getting together for dinner.”

“What is “YAD”?”

“It is the Young Adult Division of our Jewish community.”

“I don’t think I qualify. I’m forty-four years old.”

Without a second’s hesitation I heard, “You qualify, you qualify.”

It sounded like desperation to fill the thin ranks of single Jewish males in Grand Rapids. Why not, I thought. The positive sign was that the gathering was at an Asian restaurant. If no one complained about where the table was located or no food was sent back, then I would know I’d been had.

That dinner was wonderful and fateful. I met Marni Vyn, Jack Gordon and his soon to be fiancée Ellen Taub. Also, I met Tracy Miller and Tom Ryder (who are now married). I am friends with all to this day. And, most importantly, I had my first look at Melissa Hillman. We exchanged phone numbers. I made her sweat by not calling until the next day.

I fell hard for Melissa and she fell for me. We now have a beautiful eight year-old daughter, Zoey Grace. And, I did not know it then, but I also fell for the Grand Rapids’ Jewish community. Through Melissa, I was introduced to Congregation Ahavas Israel and its wonderful Rabbi David Krishef and Hazzan Stuart Rappaport.

My Jewish experience growing up in Chicago can be characterized as perfunctory and furtive. In retrospect, it appears the main goal of the Hebrew school I attended was to teach enough skills to successfully chant your Haftorah. The structure and meaning of the service was glossed over to the point that the Bar or Bat Mitzvah did not lead the service. In fact, I now feel I was little more than a prop for a large, wedding-like celebration after the service which was held in an expensive hotel banquet room. Watching Bar and Bat Mitzvah’s at Ahavas showed me the importance of this ancient ritual and how it sets the tone for creating a Jewish life.

Although there were thousands of Jews where I lived, I was taught not to flaunt my religion. This stems from my father’s experience growing up in the 1930’s and 1940’s where he felt the sting of anti-Semitism both in his ventures outside his neighborhood and in the Army. One example of how I was taught to not broadcast my faith was when he took me to buy shoes for my Bar Mitzvah. When asked the occasion for the new shoes, he told the sales woman they were for my Confirmation.

Becoming more integrated into the local Jewish population has shown me how special it is to be a Jew. I have never felt a stronger kinship with my fellow Jews and marvel at everyone’s genuine concern for the well being of each member of the community. I never had this in Chicago. I now attend Shabbat services regularly, as well as minyan, and I am a member of the boards of Ahavas and the United Jewish Schools. There is not a person I met who is afraid to declare their “Jewishness” - in a good way. As an example, several years ago, I saw Ed Miller wearing a t-shirt which sported the phrase: “I Survived Sam’s Bar Mitzvah.”

I recently lost the job that brought me to Grand Rapids. It was, as you might imagine, shocking. I have my family’s unconditional support as we work through this difficult time. But, I also have something else: 2000 people who are also looking out for me.

So, I end this piece with a heartfelt thank you to all and I have never been prouder to be a Jew.

Editor’s Note: From time to time we invite our readers to share their inspirational Jewish stories. Please contact the Federation office to discuss a personal story you would like to share with our Jewish Community.

Community News

SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL

Chanukah

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM!



by purchasing scrip from Ahavas Israel or by making a donation to the JFGR office earmarked as

“Adopt-A-Family” on or before December 12, 2011.

We also need to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support. Please call or email Ann to make a donation or suggest a family for adoption.

616-942-5553 or Ann@jfgr.org



WINTER BREAK FAMILY FUN TIME

Thursday, December 29

9:30 to 11:30 am

GYMCO

*2306 Camelot Ridge Court SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
East off East Paris, south of Burton. It sets back off the road.*

\$8 per child (maximum \$16 per family)

All ages are welcome. There will be 75 minutes of supervised gym play (9:30 to 10:45 am) while Moms and Dads nosh and chat, or you can join the kids too! Refreshments served for the kids after playtime.

RSVP 616-942-5553 or info@jfgr.org



Community News



Jewish Cultural Council

2011-2012 Spectrum Series

Last opportunity to sign up to perform!

We are looking for either Jewish performers, or Jewish material to be performed by people of all ages who would like the opportunity to work in a fun and professionally produced variety show.

Singers, dancers, comedians, solo or group acts, bands, jugglers, whatever you do, please contact: Larry Broomberg at 616-949-6084 or lolondi@egl.net for an audition.

THE ART OF BEING

JEWISH # 4

Back again by popular demand!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 pm

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton



Our own Jewish Cultural Council Showcase of local Grand Rapids talent performing the work of Jewish composers and writers. We will be featuring acts and musical numbers by professionals and gifted amateurs in a 90 minutes extravaganza of lights, music and dance. From the Classics to Jazz, from Rock and Roll to Swing with some Dixie and Klezmer thrown in for good measure. As a famous Brooklyn Jewish critic once wrote: "Until you seen dis, you ain't seen nuttin"

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for college students

18 and under are free

For additional information and reservations

call 616-942-5553 or email Sari@jfg.org



Community News

Jewish Cultural Council

GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY

Saturday, November 19

A huge success for everyone to remember!



Community News

Thank you to The Grand Rapids Symphony, Temple Emanuel, Jewish Cultural Council sponsors and members, special sponsors for the Symphony concert, and all the volunteers that helped out with ushering, reception set-up and clean-up. This successful night was possible only with your help.



Community News

Federation's November event with Linda Hurwitz was a success!

Below are photos of some of our Lions and Pomegranates with Linda Hurwitz, at one of many gatherings held during Linda's visit to Grand Rapids for our Annual Campaign Event. Lions and Pomegranates are major gifts donors in the Women's Division of Jewish Federations throughout North America. We are very fortunate to have so many of these special donors (some of whom are not pictured here) in our community.



From left, back row: Linda Hurwitz, Judith Joseph, Marilyn Titcher, Flory Silverstein
Front row: Stephanie Hurwitz, Karen Padnos, Anita Silverstein, Judy Subar



Lions: Linda Hurwitz, Karen Padnos, Judith Joseph, Judy Subar

Community News

Ari's Vision....

Dear Grand Rapids Jewish Community members,

Last February, I had the amazing opportunity to provide a bone marrow donation to a 64-year-old woman with bone cancer. This experience, one of the most meaningful in my life, was possible because I took a quick mouth swab test to enter the international bone marrow registry.

The chances of being a match for a one marrow recipient is 1 in 30,000 for the general population, but 30 times higher for the Jewish population*. National bone marrow initiatives in large cities have a gap in their registries from smaller Jewish communities, such as Grand Rapids, so it is crucial to have good participation.

I have a vision for the Grand Rapids Jewish community that every eligible (healthy 18-60 year old) member will enter the bone marrow registry and potentially provide a second chance at life for someone.

There is nothing more important than saving a life and there are few opportunities better to actualize the Jewish belief in the inherent holiness of life than to enter the registry for the possibility of donation.

L'Chaim,
Ari Siegel

**Data from the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry*

If you would like to learn more about what it takes to become a bone marrow donor, please stop by the Michigan Blood Bus on Sunday December 4th, 2011 between 10:00a and 2:00p. or call Ann Berman at 616-942-5553. I will have pamphlets that explain how to get on the registry. Also, please let me know if you think the community would be interested in a bone marrow drive in the Spring of 2012.

Let's help Ari with this vision!

Thank you,
Ann Berman
ann@jfgr.org



JFGR BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday

December 4

Temple Emanuel

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Call or email Ann to reserve a time,
Ann@jfgr.org or 616-942-5553

Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, December 14, 7:15 pm
at Karen Haight's home:

130 Maryland NE
RSVP to 616-454-9910

Book to read:

Arc of Justice by Kevin Boyle

Facilitator: Sue Remes

Book available for purchase at
Shulers Books at 28th Street



Book ends by choice...
Flory Silverstein, 616-949-5766
Sue Remes, 616-949-3505

Business Forum

The Jewish Community Business Forum is a good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available within our community.

Next meeting: Thursday

December 8, 2011

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

El Barrio

545 Michigan NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Everyone Welcome



There will not be a featured speaker this month, but we will have to time to share successes for the past year and potential goals for 2012.

Community News

Please join MIBB at their Networking Lunch in Grand Rapids to hear

Doing Business with Israel: Why and How

With **Yariv Becher**, Israeli Economic Consul to the Midwest

Tuesday, December 6, 2011, 12:00 -1:30 pm

University Club, 111 Lyon NW—10th Floor

Fifth Third Center, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MIBB members \$25.00

Non-MIBB members \$35.00

For more information phone 248-642-1701 or email info@michiganisrael.com

The Michigan Israel Business Bridge (MIBB) is a non-profit organization established to facilitate business opportunities between Michigan and Israel for their mutual economic benefit. MIBB brings new business and jobs to Michigan by encouraging Israeli businesses to establish their North American business centers in Michigan. You can learn more at Michiganisrael.com

Shir Shalom Hanukah Concert

Shir Shalom Chorus will present their annual Hanukah concert at Schuler's Books and Music 28th Street store on

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm

This is always a great way to greet the Happy Hanukah Season!!!!

Jewish Women International invites you to a reception celebrating the opening of the new JWI children's library at Safe Haven Ministries' Ramoth House Shelter in Grand Rapids, Michigan in partnership with Verizon Wireless.

**Wednesday December 14, 2011 10:30 am
Ramoth House Shelter**

(address to be given following RSVP)

RSVP by December 7 to Lauren Levine,
[202-857-1300](tel:202-857-1300) or LLevine@jwi.org

JWI is proud to have created a children's library and study area accessible to the moms and kids living at Safe Haven Ministries' Ramoth House Shelter.



YAD Mah Jongg

Join us at our

next game!

For information about the ongoing Mah Jongg games, please contact Michele Young at 616-828-4806 or youngml1967@gmail.com.

Beginners welcome!

No experience necessary.

United Jewish School and Congregational News



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 Winter program:

The "Macaroons" are coming

<http://www.facebook.com/themacaroons>

<http://www.themacaroons.com>

The Macaroons love big harmonies, irresistible melodies and a guitar-based sound that recalls everything from the Kinks to Queen to the Shins. A spin-off of the critically acclaimed band, The LeeVees, the Macaroons bring the catchy pop-rock with tunes like "Hurry up and Light the Candle" and "Mezuzah." It's super-fun music for the young ones that parents will love too.

Sunday December 11,
Temple Emanuel, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
FREE for EVERYONE

Thank you to the Leah Dennen enrichment fund for sponsoring this fun event.

Don't miss

Sufganiyot (traditional jelly donuts for Chanukah)

UJS Mitzvah Project

UJS is collecting: Winter clothing. Gently used boots, blankets, sweaters etc.

Donations made to

In the Image and

Women's Domestic Crisis Center

(no cost to recipients).

Collection bins at Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel.

Calendar

- 12-04-11 Music with Marc Rossio
- 12-11-11 UJS Winter program "The Macaroons"
- 12-18-11 No school – Winter Break
- 12-21-11 No midweek – Winter Break
- 12-25-11 No school – Winter Break
- 12-28-11 No midweek – Winter Break
- 01-01-12 No school – Winter Break

Chabad House of West Michigan

Warm up your winter with
Gan Israel
Winter Camp



Thursday, December 22
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

and

Friday, December 23
 9:00 am -1:00 pm

\$45 both days

Chanukah fun, Activities, Baking Games, Hot Lunches, Arts & Crafts, Music, Songs & More
 For all Jewish children Ages 4-12

Why wait for summer to experience the excitement of the Camp Gan Israel? Bring the fun of Gan Izzy right into your winter break! For more information or to register contact Chana @ (616) 570-1742 or email imnotsheina@gmail.com



Chabad Kidz club! MINI CHEFS
December 20
Chanukah Assorted Donuts
For kids ages 5-12
\$8 cover charge

CHABAD KIDZ CLUB IS A PLACE FOR JEWISH CHILDREN TO HAVE A GREAT TIME, BE PROUD OF THEIR JUDAISM & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
R.S.V.P or for more information call Chana (616) 570-1742 or email imnotsheina@gmail.com

Festive Latka Party

AT THE CHABAD HOUSE
 Saturday night December 24 at 8:00 pm
Chanukah Music, Chanukah crafts, Hot Delicious Latkes, Sufganiyot, Dreidel games, Menorah lighting & lots more.....
Fun for the whole family!!
 For more information or to R.S.V.P., Call (616) 957-0770

Congregation News

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Chanukah Dinner and a Movie, Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 pm

The main feature in the Social Hall on the big screen will be "The Frisco Kid" Gene Wilder stars as a Polish rabbi who wanders through the Old West on his way to lead a synagogue in San Francisco. On the way he is nearly burnt at the stake by Indians and almost killed by outlaws. It is rated PG, and contains some occasional (and usually indistinct) mild profanity. Also playing in the Library will be "Evan Almighty," a clever modern day retelling of the story of Noah and the Ark. It is also rated PG for mild rude humor. For more information and reservations, see AhavasIsraelGr.org

Learn@AhavasIsraelGR's Judaic Studies Institute: Introduction to Judaism

The Introduction to Judaism course will begin on Monday, January 2, 2012, and meet every Monday evening through May 21, 2012.

Taught by Rabbi David Krishef

Time: Monday evenings, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$50/members (including Temple Emanuel) and B'nai Noah affiliates, \$75/non-members

A basic introduction to Jewish history, beliefs, rituals, holidays, and life cycle celebrations.

Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker

December 3 - Dr. Daniel Behm, Superintendent of Forest Hills

Dr. Behm, the Superintendent of Forest Hills Public Schools since 2006, sets the vision and direction for the district. He also serves as the official spokesperson for the district and manages administrative staff. Dan is a graduate of the University of Michigan and served as Superintendent of Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools in Flint, Michigan prior to being appointed at Forest Hills Public Schools.

Se'udah Shelisheet

Please join us late each Shabbat afternoon in December at 4:45 p.m. for the Shabbat afternoon service (minha), a light supper, the evening service (ma'ariv), and havdalah. The mood of the third Shabbat meal, reflected in the nusach (liturgical music) of minha as well as the songs we will sing at supper, is quiet and meditative, as the sun begins to set and Shabbat comes to a close. The evening will conclude about 15 minutes following the havdalah time for that week. To sponsor a Seudah for \$36, please contact the synagogue office - all the work will be done for you! We look forward to your presence and participation.

PSSSST! Did you hear about the Big Pre-Chanukah Gift Shop Clearance Sale on Wednesday, December 7 and December 14 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Ahavas Israel? Contact Cynthia Doniger at 616-214-8475 for more information

Temple Emanuel

Shop for Chanukah at the Temple Emanuel Gift Shop

Our gift shop is filled with lots of great items for Chanukah. We have the most unique selection of items in all of West Michigan. Shop early for the best selection.

Our items include Dreidel shaped playing cards, Chocolate gelt by Elite, Laser Dreidels, L.E.D. light up dreidel decorations, Holographic Chanukah lights, Chanukah Bingo, Chanukah Dominos, Organic Chanukah Candles, 3-D Chanukah Stickers, Chanukah Window Clings, Inflatable Dreidels, Electric Menorahs, Chanukah Stuffed Bears, Gift Wrap, Chanukah Cupcake Decorating Kits, Boxed Chanukah Cards, "Happy Chanukah" Banners, Large plastic fillable Dreidels.

The gift shop will be open on Sundays: December 4, December 11, and December 18 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The gift shop can also be opened whenever the Temple office is open.

We Invite the Jewish Community of Grand Rapids to celebrate the Fourth Night of Chanukah at Temple on Friday, December 23

Join us for Services at 6:00 pm, filled with lots of Chanukah Songs

Stay for our Annual Chanukah Dinner at 6:45 pm
Brisket, Latkes, Salad, Challah, Wine, Juice, and Chanukah Cookies

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children under the age of 13

Your check is your reservation by Tuesday, December 20

And don't forget to Bring your Menorah to Dinner with 5 Candles to Light

The entire Jewish community is invited to join us for a pre-Chanukah concert on Sunday, December 11, at 11:30 am

We welcome, The Macaroons to Temple and to the United Jewish School. The Macaroons are a spin-off band from the LeeVeas (who came to Temple during Chanukah several years ago). The Macaroons love big harmonies, irresistible melodies and a guitar based sound that recalls everything from the Kinks to Queen to the Shins. The Macaroons bring catchy pop-rock tunes like "Hurry Up and Light the Candle" and "Mezuzah". Come and celebrate with us. This is sure to be a great concert for all ages.

We are indebted to the Leah Dennen Enrichment Fund for underwriting the cost of this program.

Jewish Federation 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 Charles 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.

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

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

The Louis & Louise Weiner Fund

In memory of our son, Nikolay
From Vilen and Lidiya Rapeyko



לדור ודור
L'Dor Vador
From Generation to Generation



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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