

Free and Open to the Entire Community
**2009 Community Campaign
Event**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

7:30pm

Temple Emanuel

Dessert Reception



Guest Speaker

Shlomit Daniel

Shlomit Daniel migrated to Israel from Gonder, Ethiopia, as part of Operation Solomon, which rescued the Ethiopian Jewish community in 1991.

She arrived in Israel as a 13-year-old and became the first person in her family to learn Hebrew. She attended Kaduri High School, becoming the first Ethiopian student of this renowned institution.

After completing her high school studies, she then served in the IDF becoming one of first female officers of Ethiopian origin. Upon completing three years of military service, she attended Hebrew University and then went on to the David Yellen Teachers College in Jerusalem, to focus her studies on special education.

Shlomit moved to the United States in 2002 and lives in New Haven, CT where she is a special education teacher at the Solomon Schechter Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Woodbridge, CT. She also teaches Hebrew at the Slifka Center, Yale University.

Free Child Care Available • Advance Registration Required

Please RSVP to 942-5553

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK . . .



The change of season always brings new happenings and changes to our community and this year is no exception. From office moves to our annual campaign, social services and community programming – something is always going on at the JFGR.

The JFGR staff and volunteers have been busy coordinating our move to our new offices within Ahavas Israel. We hope to have construction completed and be moved in before the end of December.

Once again, Andrew Samrick has agreed to chair our annual campaign. Last year's campaign was conducted during the difficult time of the stock market falling and economic uncertainty. With the tremendous support of the community we managed to raise \$545,000 in 2008. This year we are looking to increase our campaign by 10% to \$600,000. This will equal the amount raised in 2007 and allow the JFGR to provide support and programming within our community and around the world.

Our global Jewish community has a legacy of leading, against all odds, throughout history. Just as last year's fundraising campaign exceeded expectations, we are determined to once again defy the odds and meet the needs of the community.

I would like to share a quote from Mark Twain:

“If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning

are also away out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers.” *Mark Twain - Concerning the Jews, Harper's Magazine, March, 1898*

It is with this in mind that I remind you of the need to support our own people and community with your financial gift.

A recent study of charitable giving by Jews throughout the country reported that of all the charitable giving by Jews, only 25% went to Jewish charities. This means that 75% went to non-Jewish organizations. If we are not there to participate in the lives and needs of our fellow Jews, who will? Who will be there for each of us when we have a need?

I wish you and your families the best and thank you for your continued dedication to our global community of Jews.

Please visit your Jewish Federation website at www.jfgr.org.

Dan Hurwitz

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.

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Federation set to Launch 2009 Campaign

Each year following another High Holiday season, I look back and reflect on the events of the previous year and hope to gain some reflection and insight into living a Jewish life. One of the most unique aspects of our day of repentance is the concept of practicing self-denial, or fasting. Each year when I discuss this concept with my gentile friends they always seem amazed at the concept of fasting. The notion that we must abstain from food and water for over twenty four hours seems, in the least, extreme to many of them. Admittedly, after about twenty hours of fasting I start to agree with their viewpoint.



One of the many things that make the fasting worthwhile is the reminder of how abundant food is in our society and culture. Most of us have the luxury of opening a pantry or refrigerator and having an abundant supply of food from which to choose. Naturally, we lose very little sleep worrying about having enough to eat or where our next meal will come from. Unfortunately, we know that not everyone is as fortunate as us, as there are Jews all over the world that simply do not have access to food and to them every day is a Yom Kippur fast. Imagine for a moment that everyday you have to search

and or beg for the most meager of rations. It is a hard concept for most of us to empathize with because we live in a society of such abundance.

One of the great things about Jewish federations around the world and here in Grand Rapids is the fact that the dollars you give truly do travel the globe. It is always amazing and gratifying to think about money raised in Grand Rapids finding its way to far off corners of the world, all in order to help our Jewish brothers and sisters in need. It may feel like a million miles away to see images of poor and hungry Jewish immigrants or elderly in places like Russia, Israel, and South America.

I had this opportunity a few years ago when my wife and I traveled to Israel. On our trip we were able to visit a day care center that federation dollars helped subsidize. The feeling of gratitude among the staff and children was overwhelming and sincere. Donations to Federation give you and me the ability to help those very people who seem so far away. Your dollars can literally put food on their tables and assist them in many ways to help improve their lives. As we all reflect back on the past year lets remind ourselves that for many Jews throughout the world self-denial is an all too common reality.

*David Alfonso,
Maimonides Chair*



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2009

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
4127 Embassy Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-5553 email: info@jfgr.org
www.jfgr.org

Live Generously.

Name _____

Address _____

Please consider a 10% increase

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

Card Number

Exp. Date



I am:

- DEPRESSED
- COLD
- SICK
- RETIRED
- UNEMPLOYED
- A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
- WORKING PART TIME
- MARRIED
- DIVORCED
- WIDOWED
- HUNGRY
- SCARED
- BROKE
- ON A PENSION
- AN IMMIGRANT
- A REFUGEE
- ESTABLISHED
- STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY
- JEWISH

Though the economic crisis may have affected each of us differently, the Jewish Federation is the one place we can all turn to for help. In fact, more of us are relying on the services of Federationfunded agencies to help make ends meet, feed our families, and pay our mortgages than ever before. Yet for every story of hardship and despair, there are countless stories of love and hope that you can be a part of. You can help. You can make a difference. You can make the world a better place.

- Yes, I can help. I want to make a donation
or learn more at www.jfgr.org

SENIOR PROGRAMMING . . .

Mitzvah Specialists!

Here is your schedule through March 2010!

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

November 24

December 22

January 19

February 16

March 16

Call Liz at 942-5553 with any questions or to request transportation

LUNCH BUNCH!

Monday,
November 16th

11:30 a.m.



Mangiamo!

1033 Lake Drive, S.E.

*Easy entrance *without stairs* is found in the back of the building.

Cost: \$8.00

Please RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206
Free transportation is available!



JFGR Chanukah Luncheon

Wednesday,
December 9th
at 12 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

*Featuring fish or
vegetarian entrée choice*

*and entertainment provided by
Gan Yiladim preschool class!*

RSVP with your Entrée choice to
Liz at 942-5553, ext. 206

Cost: \$8.00

Jewish Theatre!

Sunday, November 1st

THE VALUE OF NAMES

"Celebrated comic, Benny Silverman, was blacklisted in the fifties by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a result of testimony from his friend Leo Greshen. Now many years later...Benny meets with Leo and the resulting confrontation and passionate exchange of ideas makes for a compelling and engrossing story."

2:15 pm Taxis will depart from Temple Emanuel enroute to Spectrum Theatre.

Cost: \$8.00

Please RSVP to Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206
Free transportation is available!

*If you are single, married,
with children or without...
In your 20s, 30s or 40s...*



You are invited to YAD's 2009 Kick-Off Event

*See old friends & get to know others
in our growing community!*

YAD Shabbat Potluck Dinners

Hosted at the homes of several YAD members

Friday, November 20 • 6:00 pm

Children are welcome.

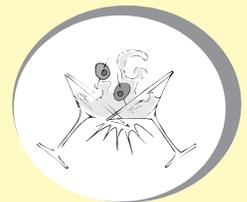
**Please RSVP to the Jewish Federation at yad@jfgr.org or
942-5553 by November 13**

**and indicate which vegetarian/dairy dish you will bring
(salad, side dish, dessert or drinks).**

Hosts will provide the entrees.

Upon receipt of your RSVP, you will be
contacted by a host family

Looking forward to seeing you!



Making the Most of your Campaign 2009 Dollars

Young Leadership Challenge Grant

If you are under 40 years of age, any new gift or increase to last year's gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, thanks to the generosity of the Hurwitz and Thodey families through the Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation.

The Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation Invites you

Sunday, November 15th, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Congregation Ahavas Israel
2727 Michigan NE

TOVA MORDECHAI

*From Christian asceticism to
Jewish observance – a personal story*



Tova Mordechai was born Tonica Marlow to a British evangelist minister father and an Egyptian Jewish mother. At the age of sixteen, Tova was accepted as the youngest student at a noted theological college, and within four years she had become an ordained minister. Yet, with all of her success, she could not explain the deep pain she felt inside. She began to wonder about church teachings and practice as well as her mother's heritage. In her autobiography *Playing with Fire* she describes her painful ordeal and transition from Christian asceticism to Jewish observance.

Tova resides in Safed, Israel with her husband and four children.

Book sale and signing after the presentation

Dessert reception to follow

Free child care available, advance reservation required

Ticket price: \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door, \$5.00 students

For more information and advance tickets call the Federation office 942-5553

Cultural Council of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids **Spectrum Series 2009 – 2010 Membership Form**

Please send me season tickets for **Spectrum 2009 – 2010**

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 2009 – 2010

4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

BOOK FAIR



Sunday, November 1st

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Temple Emanuel

1715 East Fulton

**BOOKS
GAMES
MUSIC**

Browse and order books from a variety of
Judaic Literature for all ages.

Get books for yourself, your family, your friends
or the religious school.

Great ideas for Chanukah gifts and more.

**WE WILL HAVE FOR SALE
“CALVIN COLLEGE FESTIVAL OF FAITH
AND WRITING” JEWISH AUTHORS BOOKS.**

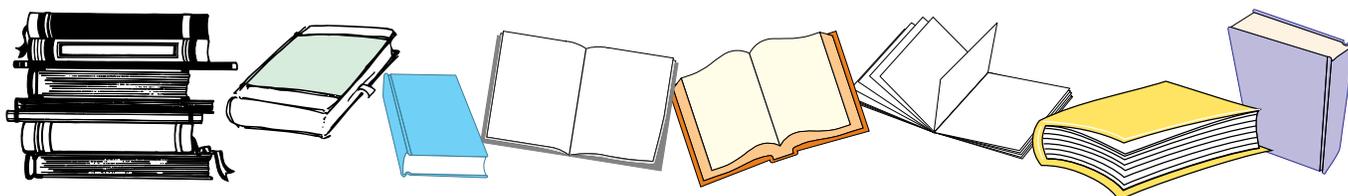
20% DISCOUNT

*Sale and book signing with Rabbi Lewis
and his new book “Soul Sounds”*

CAN'T ATTEND THE BOOK FAIR?

Come in to the Jewish Federation office, 4127 Embassy
Drive SE, to preview and order your books.

October 26th – 29th • 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.



COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



JEWISH BOOK MONTH **STORIES** WITH GUEST READERS AT SCHULER BOOK 2660 28th Street



NOVEMBER 8TH

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ages: 0 to 6

Book: *Something From Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback

Reader: Judy Subar

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12

Book: *You Never Know:*
A Legend of the Lamed-Vavniks by Francine Prose

Reader: Larry Cieply

NOVEMBER 15TH

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ages: 0 to 6

Book: *The Matzo Ball Boy* by Lisa Shulman
The Teeny Tiny Yarmulke by Aydel Lebovics

Reader: Sue Douglas

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12

Book: *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach

Reader: Kris Siegel

CAMPAIGN NEWS . . .

Our Recent Women's Campaign Event



Guest Speaker Sue Fishkoff and
Women's Campaign Chair Karen Reifler



L-R: Sue Fishkoff, guest speaker, Eileen Newman, Bluma Herman,
dinner hostess, Sharyl Titche, Karen Padnos, Lanny Thodey, Marilyn
Leven, Judith Joseph

Other Lion of Judah women not in attendance are Jean Barkin, Peg
Finkelstein, Peg Padnos, Susan Samrick, Judy Subar

Free and Open To The Community

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation

Maimonides Society

Dr. David Alfonso, Program Chair

Sunday, November 8, at 7:00 pm

EVENT TOPIC:

*Exposing the role of German physicians
in the Holocaust and the ongoing effort
to bring them to justice*

Special Guest Speaker:

Herbert Hochhauser, PH.D.

Professor, author, film producer and Emmy Award winner

Dr. Herbert Hochhauser was born in Berlin in 1935. After his parents were sent to a labor camp he spent four years in orphanages in Switzerland and France. He was reunited with his parents and immigrated to the United States in 1944.

He received his BA from Ohio University in German history, his Masters degree from Middlebury College in German Literature, and his PhD from Akron University and the University of Innsbruck Austria in 19th century German Literature. He taught German Literature and Jewish studies at Kent State University for 35 years.

Dr. Hochhauser has served as the director of The Ohio council on Holocaust Education and director of Kent State Universities Ethnic heritage program. In addition to his academic career, he has produced numerous films about the holocaust and has worked with such notable survivors as Elie Wiesel and Robert Clary. He recently won

his seventh Emmy award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his documentary "Beyond the Fence" the story of two survivors of Buchenwald and the American G.I. that helped in their liberation.

His recent work has focused on helping expose German physicians and corporations that conducted unethical medical experiments on prisoners of war. He has traveled to Germany extensively to assist in the research and translation of Nazi documents implicating numerous prominent physicians who assisted in the Nazi war effort.

Congregation Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan, NE

Reception to Follow

This program is suitable for older teens and adults.

Please RSVP to 942-5553 by October 30

Free Child Care Available • Advance Registration Required



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS . . .

Congregation Ahavas Israel

Here's what's happening at Congregation Ahavas Israel. All events and services are open to all who are interested.

Sanctuary Shabbat Speaker November 7

Diane Rayor

“Antigone - personal responsibility vs. responsibility to the collective”

Tot Shabbat Service
November 21, 10:45 a.m.
designed for children ages 2 - 5
(approximately) and their parents.

Breakfast Lecture at Temple Emanuel November 1 Abubakar

Please mark your calendars for an important upcoming community event at Temple Emanuel on Nov. 1st. We have an opportunity to learn more about the situation in Darfur from someone who has experienced it firsthand.

Abubakar lived in Darfur until the situation became so unstable that his mother pleaded with him to leave. He walked alone through 5 countries and settled in Ghana, where he lived in a refugee camp for 5 years. On the first day of Spring, he arrived in Grand Rapids with two other men from the camp and began his new life.

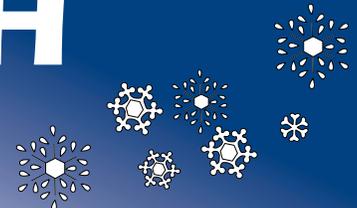
Abubakar is an amazing young man with a gift for words, who received his B.A. in Arabic Literature while in Africa. During his time in the refugee camp he taught himself English and helped others in the camp to learn it as well. He will be speaking on Sunday Nov. 1st. @10:00 A.M. Please join us for a breakfast of bagels, juice, coffee, and some traditional African foods. There is no cost and the event is open to the community. Please come and invite your friends and family to share in this rare and meaningful experience.

Please RSVP by Thurs. Oct. 29th, to sherri@templemanuelgr.org or call the Temple Emanuel Office at 459-5976.

COMMUNITY NEWS . . .



~ SAVE THE DATE ~ **CHANUKAH ON ICE**



A community event for the entire family!

December 13th

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation, United Jewish School and the Chabad House

More Information to come

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Some senior citizens in our community no longer drive their cars. They struggle to get their groceries and run necessary errands.

This difficulty is a profound source of stress for some of these individuals.

If you might be willing to take a senior shopping once a month or more, please let me know!

Chances are that you already know the person who needs your help!

I am committed to ensuring the experience is fulfilling for both parties!

For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206.

In the unthinkable event of your hospitalization or death... Would a loved one be able to locate the following?

- Insurance documents, including health insurance policies
- Social security number
- Wishes regarding extraordinary medical measures
- Important documents, including birth certificate, power of attorney, physician's directive, vehicle title
- Names and phone numbers of relatives and friends
- Will/Living Trust
- Estate executor, attorney, accountant or financial planner
- Outstanding loans or debt owed
- Income sources
- Bank/investment accounts, valuable asset information
- Safety deposit box location and key
- Wishes regarding funeral arrangements

If you need assistance preparing for any of the above, please contact Liz for community referrals.

*This list was developed in collaboration with Chad Zagel of Edward Jones.

JFGR's Annual Chaunkah Adopt-a-Family Program

Please begin to consider whether you can volunteer to sponsor a family/individual or make a monetary donation towards this important cause.

In addition, JFGR would like to identify members of our community who could benefit from this extra support.

This program will begin in early October, and gifts will be delivered by Friday, December 11th – the day before Chanukah begins.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Liz at 942-5553 ext. 206 or liz@jfgr.org.

Donors and recipients are matched anonymously.

Confidentiality is strictly upheld.

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

JFGR's Annual Immunization Clinic

Temple Emanuel

Sunday, November 1st
from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Taking place during the 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 Liz at **942-5553**
ext. 206 with any questions.



HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

December 9



at the home of Sue Remes

3404 Burton Ridge Road, S.E.

Phone: 616-949-3305

Book to read:

“The Madonnas of Leningrad”

by Debra Dean

Available at Schuler's Books on 28th St.

Facilitator: Sylvia Krissoff

Next Meeting: February 10

at Flory Silverstein's home

Book to read:

“Ten Green Bottles”

by Vivian Jeanette Kaplan

*Thank you,
Mitzi Cohon, for
hosting the
October meeting*

We are your loyal “Book Ends”

Sue Remes – 949-3505

Flory Silverstein – 949-5766

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 Liz Scheibe, Director of Social Services, at 942-5553.

Please join the Grand Rapids Chapter of Hadassah for Bingo and Baskets at Ahavas Israel

Wednesday, November 18

\$18 for entry and one bingo card

\$5 for additional cards, unlimited

Come for an evening of fun and the chance to win one of many whimsical baskets including the Theatre Basket, the Jewish Basket, the Wine Basket, the Beauty Basket, even the Mystery Basket and many more.

Coffee and Desert Served

Please RSVP by November 13

Sandi Simms, 361-5070 or

sandi@simmselectronics.com

Bingo and Baskets is replacing the traditional Hadassah Gift Wrap Fundraiser.

Please come out and bring your friends, family and significant others.



Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

UJS held its annual Blessing of the Pets service on 10-18-09. Lots of dogs, cats, and other furry and not so furry animals were present to receive their special blessing.

10-25-09 UJS Open House - We have school open houses once a month for those that like to hang out during Sunday school. Come enjoy a “good” cup of coffee and a nosh. Kibbitz with friends, surf the internet (the building is wireless) or just watch and relax.

School Calendar

10-25-09 UJS Open House

November is Jewish Book Month

11-1-09 Book Fair/ Flu Shots

11-8-09 Guest readers at Schuler's 2:00-3:00pm

11-15-09 Guest readers at Schuler's 2:00-3:00pm

11-18-09 UJS Board Meeting – Temple Emanuel 7:00pm

11-22-09 UJS Open House 10:00-12:30pm

11-25-09 No midweek Hebrew – Thanksgiving

11-29-09 No Sunday School – Thanksgiving

UJS Contributions:

In Honor Melissa Rose Belfer bat mitzvah by Julian and Judith Joseph
Susan Schadick speedy recovery by Julian and Judith Joseph
Liz Scheibe, Stuart Rapaport, Carol Presant and Andrew Samrick
by Pam Rush

Please take the time to remember the school in your contributions. We have a beautiful tribute card that can be sent in memory of someone, in honor of a special occasion or just for a simple “thank you”.

Check out our new and improved website: www.unitedjewishschool.org

If you know of someone who would like information about the school please direct their inquiries to pam@templemanuelgr.org or call 459-5976 x3.

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.

*Thank you for supporting the
Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

The JFGR General Endowment Fund

In honor of Andrew Dennen in celebration of his marriage
From Daniel Terpsma

The Women of Valor Endowment Fund

To honor Liz Scheibe for all of her wonderful work
From Beverly Manes

לדור ודור
L'Dor Vador
From Generation to Generation

If

YOU HAVE THE WILL...
WE HAVE THE CAUSE

Protect the people you love. Create a lasting partnership with the Jewish community. Your will makes it possible. Leaving a bequest to the Jewish community enables you to create a permanent legacy that can help Jews in need forever. Learn how you can help preserve the Jewish community – for years to come.

The Jewish Federation Live Generously
www.jewishgrandrapids.org

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Endowment Fund Donation Form

Donation From: Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

In Honor Of: Name _____

In Memory Of: Name _____

Send Card To: Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Fund (please pick from list): _____

In Honor Of: Name _____

In Memory Of: Name _____

Send Card To: Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Fund (please pick from list): _____

Send your donation to:

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids
4127 Embassy Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Social Services Program

The Federation is available to support members of the community when the need arises. Families and individuals of any age are eligible for assistance.

Services available:

Assessment and Referral

Through conversation by phone or in-person, each community member's needs are assessed, and social services to alleviate specific concerns or stressors are identified.

Emergency Loans

Members of our Jewish community in Grand Rapids are eligible for an Emergency Loan when conditions are appropriate. The loan is interest free, and the repayment schedule is very flexible.

Advocacy

Assistance with navigating complicated systems, such as special education programs in schools or the health care industry is available, so that the community member's needs and wishes are addressed.

Please contact Liz, Director of Social Services, for more information.

Liz can be reached by phone at (616) 942-5553 or by email at liz@jfgr.org.

*Communication is always confidential.

Next Issue's Information Deadline: November 11, 2009

www.jewishgrandrapids.org

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Fax: (616) 942-5780

Phone: (616) 942-5553

Send articles to: 4127 Embassy Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2418

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