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# The Shofar



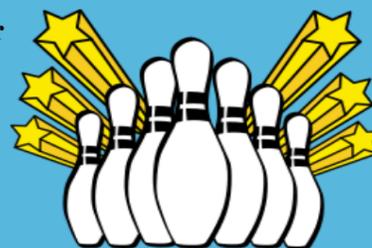
Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Chabad House of West Michigan, and United Jewish School

## Chanukah Bowling Party

**Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

**Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

**Location: 3335 Fairlanes Ave SW**  
**Grandville, MI 49418**



Meet friends, have lunch, enjoy bowling in a family atmosphere. Our entertaining emcee, Avi Forstein, will be there to keep the ball rolling.

This event is free for all children up to 18 years old.

Adults: \$6.00 for kosher lunch

\$4.00 bowling and shoe rental

To RSVP and for additional information, call or email the Federation office:  
616-942-5553 or info@jfrg.org

\*\* UJS Students: Buses will pick up at Temple Emanuel at 12:30pm and take students to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center. Parents must pick-up from Fairlanes by 3:00pm

This is a Ravitz Foundation and PJ Library supported event.



Chabad House of West Michigan

### Our Mission

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids unites the local Jewish community to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in Israel, and around the world.

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

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Hello from the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. As we move forward with Jewish New Year reflections of 5778, we prepare for our anticipated promises, commitments and changes for the upcoming 2018 calendar year. The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids looks forward to a year of exciting community events as we work diligently to educate, inspire and better our community. Our local federation also reaches out to others far away to assist with hurricane relief efforts and the needs of our brethren in Israel, many of whom are on government assistance. We know that many of you have already given your charitable spends. We ask that you dig deep into your hearts and even deeper into your vision of what you hope for our community in the coming year. Please find it in your hearts to help make this year even better than the last. The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids sincerely appreciates your donations and your involvement.

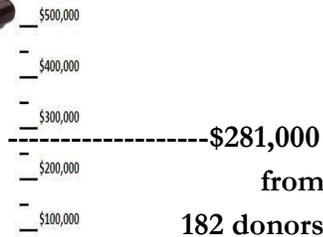


Daren Shavell

To a meaningful and prosperous 2018!

Daren Shavell, CFA  
JFGR Campaign Chairperson

**Campaign 2017**



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Any new gift or increase is matched dollar for dollar by a challenge grant

\*Total does not include matching grants.

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The **Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation** has made a dollar-for-dollar matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions. The **Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation** has also made a matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions from donors age 49 and under.

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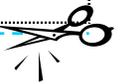
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## Make Charitable Donations from your IRA from Beene Garter LLP Tax Planning Guide

IRA owners and beneficiaries who have reached age 70 ½ are permitted to make cash donations totaling up to \$100,000 per individual IRA owner per year - \$200,000 per year maximum on a joint return if both spouses make QCDs of \$100,000 - to IRS-approved public charities directly out of their IRAs. These so-called Qualified Charitable Distributions, or QCDs, are federal-income-tax-free to you, but you get no itemized charitable write off on your Form 1040. That's okay because tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to an immediate 100% federal income tax deduction without having to worry about restrictions that can delay or reduce itemized charitable write-offs. It also reduces your AGI. QCDs have other tax advantages, too. Be careful – to qualify for this special tax break, the funds must be transferred directly from your IRA to the charity.

## Adopt a Family for Chanukah!

Dear Community,

On behalf of Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, we are once again asking for financial donations toward our Adopt-A-Family at Chanukah program. The goal is to raise \$1,500 in cash donations, earmarked for our Adopt-a-Family Chanukah program. This will enable us to help those families who are struggling financially to purchase foods, candles and gifts for their families without the *embarrassment of going door to door*.

Please consider helping Federation reach this goal by December 10, 2017 by mailing your pledge to JFGR at 2727 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 earmarked "Adopt-a -Family". Chanukah begins December 12, 2017 at sundown.

Please email or call Ann if you have any questions or referrals regarding the program: [Ann@jfgr.org](mailto:Ann@jfgr.org) or 616-942-5553 x206.

Let's All Celebrate,

Ann Berman, Director of Social Service Resources



*Happy Hanukkah*

## Jewish Federation Playgroup

The Jewish Federation Playgroup is a great place to connect with new friends! The play group will be Wednesday, December 13, at 11:00am for family story time, crafts and open play. This program is for parents and grandparents with children 6 and under. Please RSVP to [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org) (location for the playgroup is TBD)

## Family Fun - Winter Break Activity

**Date:** Thursday, December 28, **Time:** 10am to 12pm

**What and Where:** Pottery painting at: **Mud Room,**  
1971 E Beltline NE.

Just pick out and pay for what you want to paint.

Free studio time and refreshments thanks to Ravitz, PJ Library.

For more info or to RSVP: [info@jfgr.org](mailto:info@jfgr.org) or call: 616-942-5553



## The Senior Guide to Millennial Lingo

Posted on 17 Nov 2017 By: Jylne Derrick on the  
a Place for Mom Senior Living blog.

As the holidays approach, baby boomers may find themselves at family functions with millennials. Millennials – especially the youngest members of the generation – use phrases in conversation, social media and text that can sound like a foreign language to everyone else.

Read this senior guide to Millennial lingo, featuring the definitions of some of the top millennial slang words and how to use them in conversation, just in case you get an opportunity to throw one in.

You have come to this family gathering prepared. You have studied up. You are determined to make it through this celebratory meal without having to lean over to ask someone to translate. That was last year. This is a new year and you plan to participate, surprising the young people. We've written your cheat sheet, featuring Millennial lingo, their definitions and how to use them in conversation:

- 1. Bae:** A cutesy reference to one's significant other. As in, "How's your bae and will we see him at Christmas?"
- 2. Basic:** Lacking any interesting characteristics. As in, "She's great, but her husband? Basic."
- 3. Catfish:** To be wooed online by someone pretending to be someone else. As in, "My widow friend tried online dating and wasted 3 months corresponding with a charming man she never met. He turned out to be a catfish."
- 4. Conversation walling:** When you're trying to text or talk to someone and they give you one word responses. As in, "You're conversation walling again. Hit me up when you're ready to talk."
- 5. Ghosted:** When someone you're dating simply disappears without a reason or a goodbye. As in, "Did I ever tell you about the time I was ghosted by the guy I dated before I married your grandpa?"
- 6. JK:** Short for just kidding. As in, "Well, that was a terrible dessert. JK!"
- 7. JOMO:** Like "FOMO," or the fear of missing out, this is an acronym for joy of missing out. Used to show you're cool with not joining in on a trend. As in, "I'm not on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. Because, JOMO!"
- 8. Let's Bounce:** This means it's time to go. As in, "That was fun but it's past my bedtime. Let's bounce."
- 9. Lit:** To be popular, hot, on fire. As in, "That new album by Taylor Swift is lit."

## Senior Chanukah Lunch Bunch At:



Thursday, December 14

11:30am

Cost: \$10

### Charley's Crab

We will have private dining and custom menu for our luncheon along with members from Shir Shalom Choir to entertain us with Chanukah songs.

**RSVP by December 11th a must!** - Seating is limited.

Call the Federation office 616-942-5553

or email: [ann@ifgr.org](mailto:ann@ifgr.org)

Transportation available by calling the office.

- 10. Mean-tweet:** When someone tweets something cruel and demeaning about a person, usually a celebrity. As in, "Anyone catch JLo reading her mean tweets on Jimmy Kimmel last night?"
- 11. Meta:** Self-referential, especially in art. As in, "My book group is reading a novel about a novelist writing a novel. It's so meta."
- 12. Obvi:** Short for obviously, typically used in texting. As in, "Hey Grams, did you enjoy your meal?" "Obvi."
- 13. On fleek:** To adopt a trend and to do so with perfection. As in, "My goodness, your eyelashes are on fleek. Where do you have them done?"
- 14. Phubbing:** To snub someone(s) in favor of a smartphone. As in, "Grandboy must find our conversation boring because he's been phubbing us the entire dinner."
- 15. Sorry not sorry:** A passive-aggressive way of showing you really meant the offensive thing you just said. As in, "Bell bottoms. Not attractive then. Not attractive now. Sorry not sorry."
- 16. Spilling tea:** Give me the gossip. As in, "Okay, spill the tea."
- 17. The struggle is real:** An ironic response when people are complaining about lame things. As in, "I jumped in the pool with my iPhone. I need a new one, but mom won't buy me one." "The struggle is real. The struggle is real."
- 18. Thirsty:** Someone who's desperate for attention. As in, "Whenever I see someone taking a selfie, I can't help but think, 'thirsty much?'"
- 19. Woke:** Being aware of important current affairs. As in, "You're all read up on tax reform. That's woke."
- 20. YOLO:** An acronym for you only live once. As in, "I think it's a smart idea to take a year-long sabbatical from work or a gap year after high school. After all, YOLO."



**Spectrum Series  
2017-2018**

Sunday, October 29, 2017

**Jewish Genealogy**  
Jennifer Alford

Sunday, January 21, 2018

**Tikkun Olam Through the  
Power of Kindness**  
Orly Wahba

Saturday, February 3, 2018

**Jewish Comedy Night**  
Avi Liberman

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Behind the Headlines: Middle  
East & Israeli Politics**  
Micah Halpern



*Cultural Council Spectrum Series Membership Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Membership Benefits and Privileges***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Underwriter \$500 and up:**

**Includes admission to all programs  
for five adults.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patron \$250-\$499:**

**Includes admission to all programs for  
four adults.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsor \$125-\$249:**

**Includes admission to all programs for  
three adults.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family \$100:**

**Includes admission to all programs for  
two adults.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual \$60:**

**Includes admission to all programs for  
one adult.**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to The Jewish Cultural Council

Please mail this form with payment to:

**Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids Spectrum  
Series, 2727 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids MI  
49506**

Tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of your  
check. For questions regarding your tickets, please  
call the Jewish Federation office at 616-942-5553.

Tickets to individual events are \$15 for adults,  
\$5 for college students, children up to 18 are free.

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mary Free Bed YMCA  
5500 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids 49546

Join us for a night  
of fun to engage our  
Jewish community



Swimming • Basketball • Volleyball • Climbing Wall  
• Indoor Track • Sauna • Food • And More

Sunday  
December 3rd

.....  
6:15-9:15pm  
.....

kids are free  
\$5/adult (suggested)

RSVP asap to  
Stephanie Jesin  
stephaniejesin@gmail.com  
or 616-633-5309



This program has been made possible by a generous grant from the Ravitz Foundation and the co-sponsorship of the Jewish Federation of GR. Due to a generous donation, children are free and \$5/adult is a suggested donation.

## Jewish Business Network Lunch

The Jewish Business Network, JBN, meets monthly for lunch on the third Thursday (except holidays) for networking and socializing. Throughout the year, we will occasionally invite guest speakers to present on relevant topics in our local and Jewish communities.

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

### Palio Grand Rapids

545 Michigan Street NE  
12:00pm

We will have a private meeting room there to accommodate the speakers we have scheduled. There is ample free parking adjacent. If you use the parking ramp bring your ticket for validation at the restaurant.

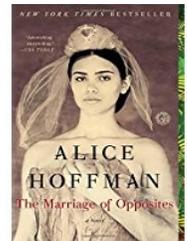
Future dates: January 18, 2018

## Hadassah Book Club

Thank You to Diane Broomberg for hosting our November Book Club gathering!  
We will be taking a winter break and returning on April 11th, 2018.  
See you all in the Spring!!

Meeting date..... April 11th, 2018  
Where..... Karen Haight's home  
130 Maryland N.E.  
RSVP to .....Karen ( 616)304-3117  
Book to read.....*The Marriage of Opposites*  
By Alice Hoffman

Find your books at the Library or Schulers at their 28th Street store.  
Looking forward to see you in the Spring time.  
We are always your loyal Book Ends  
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## Now infant through age 12! Thank you to the Ravitz Foundation and Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation

### WHAT?

PJ Library® in Grand Rapids offers the gift of free, high quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 12 years all across North America.

### WHY?

Our books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished stories.

### HOW?

Signing up is easy! To sign up for PJ Library, visit [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org)

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## Fairlanes

Family Entertainment Center

### December 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm–3:00pm “Winter Fun Bowling Ball”

<http://www.fairlanesgrandville.com/>

3335 Fairlanes Ave SW Grandville, MI 49418 616-534-2695

What a fun way to celebrate with the community! The UJS children will receive lunch, shoe rental and enjoy many fun activities. All parents and guests are welcome. This event is free for all students and staff of UJS.

**UJS Students and staff: Free of charge**

**Adults: \$ 6.00 lunch / \$4.00 bowling and shoe rental**

Admission includes: *Kosher lunch*



UJS Students will be bussed from Temple at 12:30pm. Parents must pick up from Fairlanes Lanes by 3:00pm

For additional information [ujshasiamonselise@gmail.com](mailto:ujshasiamonselise@gmail.com) : cell: 914-774-4403

Thank you - Hasia Monselise, Director of UJS



## UJS ANNUAL MITZVAH MALL

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10  
11:45 – 12:30**



David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund



Instead of buying gifts this holiday season that collect dust or are put in a closet and forgotten, parents and their children will have the opportunity to “shop” at the Mitzvah Mall. Various organizations will be represented, selected by our older students including local, national or international non-profits. Families will shop together and make donations on behalf of friends, family or others on their holiday gift list, “buying” a gift that keeps on giving. All donations are \$5, and a great way to say “Thank you” or “have a great year”. Shoppers receive decorative gift cards to present to the person in whose honor the gift was purchased. The card will indicate that a donation has been made to provide a specific service. Children learn about philanthropy and what constitutes a “good” charitable organization, while discovering the value in a gift that can help others.

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP HEAL THE WORLD  
TIKKUN OLAM**

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 11:45am -12:30pm

We will celebrate Pre Chanukah at  
Temple Emanuel,

Z'Miria with the UJS children and Shir Shalom Chorus, all parents, family and guests are invited.

**Pre CHANUKA**  
**Z'Miria**  
**Jewish Music Festival**

**DECEMBER 3RD**  
**11:45 AM-12:30 PM**  
**Temple Emanuel**

PJ Library  
A Program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

## What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

### December 2017 Calendar of Events

3	Pre-Chanukah Jewish Music Festival at Temple 11:45am-12:30pm Family Fun Night at the Mary Free Bed YMCA 6:15pm - 9:15pm
10	UJS Mitzvah Mall 11:45am - 12:30pm Menorah Workshop at Home Depot 1:00pm - 2:30pm
11	Jewish Woman's Circle - Donuts and Dreidles 7:30pm
12	Downtown Menorah lighting at Calder Plaza 5:00pm (for additional nights see page 10)
13	Ahavas Israel Hannukah dinner 6:00pm
14	<b>*Annual Seniors Chanukah Luncheon at Charley's crab - 11:30am - RSVP a must.</b> CTeen Junior 4:00pm-6:00pm
16	Chabad Deli & Donuts / Chanukah Party 7:30pm
17	<b>*Chanukah Community Bowling Event</b> <b>1:00pm - 3:00pm</b> CTeen Grand Rapids 3:00pm - 5:00pm Grand Menorah Lighting Downtown 5:00pm
19	Temple Emanuel's Brisket and Latkes Chanukah dinner and music 6:00pm Chabad Kids Club 4:30pm - 6:00pm
21	<b>*Jewish Business Lunch at Palio</b> <b>12:00pm</b>
25 26	Gan Israel Winter camp 10:00am-4:00pm
28	<b>Family Fun - Winter Break at the Mud Room</b> <b>10am to 12:00pm</b>

\* is a Jewish Federation sponsored event.

Editor's Note – 'What's Happening' is a calendar that includes Jewish programming open to *all* members of our West Michigan Jewish community, whether offered by Federation, one of our congregations, cultural organizations, or others. More information about these events can be found in *The Shofar*, on the Federation website, or from the other Jewish organizations.

## Ahavas Israel

### Se'udah Shelisheet

Please join us late on four Shabbat afternoons in December (the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 4:45 pm for the Shabbat afternoon service (*minha*) service, a little food, the evening service (*ma'ariv*), and havdalah. The evening will conclude about 15 minutes following the havdalah time for that week, approximately 6:15pm. As usual, Cantor Stuart and the Religious Life Programming Fund will be providing delightful and interesting food to enjoy!

### Tot Shabbat/Young Junior Congregation

Bring your children to the Tot Shabbat/Junior Congregation service for Hanukkah on December 16 at 11:00 am. RSVP to Marni Vyn at [marnivyn@gmail.com](mailto:marnivyn@gmail.com) or 774-8644 to let her know that you are coming so she knows how to prepare.

### Hanukkah dinner

Join Ahavas Israel on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 to celebrate Hanukkah with Latkas and fun! See [AhavasIsraelGR.org](http://AhavasIsraelGR.org) for more details.

## Temple Emanuel

### Brisket and Latkes at Temple

We invite the Grand Rapids community to join us for the 8th night of Chanukah, **Tuesday December 19**, for dinner and some wonderful music.

We are pleased to announce the musicians from Beit Tefillah Israeli will be joining us for candle lighting and for a concert following dinner. Musicians from Beit Tefillah Israeli are embarking on a Chanukah tour, and we have the wonderful opportunity to host them on the last night of the holiday. These musicians are part of a liberal community in Tel Aviv that has taken this city by storm. During Sukkot they built one of the largest sukkahs in all of Israel. During the summer they worship outside by the Mediterranean Sea. Rabbi Schadick heard them during his sabbatical in the summer of 2016.

We ask everyone to bring a menorah and nine candles to light at 6:00pm. Our guests will sing with us as we begin the final night of Chanukah. Dinner begins at 6:15pm. At 7:00pm these musicians will sing for us as we celebrate together.

Dinner is brisket and latkes, salad and dessert. There is a vegetarian option. There is also a "kosher brisket option" for those who keep kosher. This brisket will be prepared at the Chabad House. The cost for dinner is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under the age of 13, and there is no charge for children under the age of 6. Please contact the office at 616-459-5976 to **RSVP. The deadline is Friday, December 15.**

**Chabad House****Menorah workshop at the Home Depot**

4646 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2017 • 1:00pm-2:30pm  
 Build your own Menorah! Free Workers Apron!  
 Music & Refreshments! Fun for the whole family!  
 No Charge. For more information or to RSVP Call us  
 @616-375-9404.

**Jewish Woman's Circle ~ Donuts And Dreidles**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH • 7:30PM  
 Unwrap the gifts of Chanukah. Banish the winter chill with  
 the warmth and lights of our Chanukah party. Discover the  
 mystical feminine aspects of this holiday.  
 Hostess: Michelle Young Chair: Tali Harris  
 For more Info or to RSVP contact Nechamy at  
 616-828-2340 or [Nechamy8@gmail.com](mailto:Nechamy8@gmail.com)

**Menorah Lighting times downtown at the Calder Plaza**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH – THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH •  
 5:00pm  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH • 3:00pm  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH • 7:00pm  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH (Grand Menorah Lighting!) &  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH • 5:00pm

**CTeen Junior**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 2017 • 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 Enrich your Jewish Pride & Explore Essential Milestones  
 within the Jewish Lifecycle while giving back to the  
 Community. The Teenage Years #We'reincredibles #power  
 #youth #potential  
 Giving back to #TheAlephInstitute #wearefamily

**Deli & Donuts/Chanukah Party**

Join us for our Annual Chanukah Party!  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH • 7:30pm  
 Come celebrate the fifth night of Chanukah with the whole  
 family! Kosher Deli, Hot Delicious Latkes, Sufganiot (donuts),  
 Chanukah music, Chanukah crafts, Dreidel Ride, Games,  
 Menorah Lighting and more!  
 At the Chabad House | 2615 Michigan ST | Cover charge:  
 \$10. For more information or to RSVP call 616-957-0770

**CTeen Grand Rapids**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH • 3:00pm-5:00pm  
 CTTeen Day- Chanukah Glow in the dark party followed by  
 the Grand Menorah Lighting downtown, at the Calder  
 Plaza! (Pickup downtown)  
*The place for ALL Jewish high school teens!*  
 Part of the Fastest Growing Teen Network in the World!

**Grand Menorah Lighting Downtown @ the Calder Plaza**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH • 5:00pm  
 Come celebrate the 6th night of Chanukah together! Lively  
 Chanukah music, Sufganiot (donuts), Hot delicious latkes,  
 Chanukah Gelt, Exciting entertainment and more!!  
 Fun for the whole family!

**Chabad Kids Club**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 2017 • 4:30 - 6:00PM  
 Chanukah Party – Yes We Can – Bring your canned goods  
 and contribute to a Grand Can Menorah. All the cans will  
 be donated to local needy families. Together we will  
 celebrate the miracle of the oil, with a great big Chanukah  
 Bash! Chabad kids club is a place for Jewish children to  
 have a great time, be proud of their Judaism & make a  
 difference! For Jewish girls & boys ages 5-11  
 For more information or to RSVP for CTeen, CTeen Junior &  
 Kids Club, please contact Rivka at 616.206.9654

**CAMP GAN ISRAEL WINTER CAMP**

DECEMBER 25TH & 26TH | 10:00am – 4:00pm  
 Why wait for summer to experience the excitement of camp  
 Gan Israel?! Bring the fun of Gan Izzy right into your winter  
 break! Camp activities include: Games, cooking, outdoor  
 fun, crafts, sports, Awesome Chanukah and CGI activities,  
 hunts and more!! For Jewish children ages 5-12 | \$60 both  
 days (including a hot lunch) For more information call Rivka  
 @616-206-9654

**CTeen International NYC Shabbaton**

SIGN UP TODAY!  
**FEBRUARY 23RD - 25TH**

The International CTTeen Shabbaton is an annual weekend  
 retreat for Jewish teens from around the world. For the past  
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- Community Bowling Event on Sunday, December 17
- Seniors Lunch Bunch Chanukah style (see page 4)
- Several community Chanukah Dinners (see pages 9 and 10)
- And don't forget to shop for those hard-to-buy-for friends and family members at the Mitzvah Mall (see page 8).

And many more activities listed through-out this edition of the Shofar!



*Happy Hanukkah*

