

Josh Cohen

Having grown up in a strong Jewish community in Detroit, Jewish day school, temple every Saturday morning, moving to Grand Rapids was a challenge. I didn't realize how much my Jewish identity meant to me, until I spent a year or two in West Michigan without ANY Jewish connections or culture! It was at this point that I reached out to the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. Immediately I was hooked up with young Jewish adult programming, business networking events for members of the community and the opportunity to help JFGR develop more events to bring young Jewish adults together! Since then, we have put on a couple of young adult networking events, have begun a partnership with Onetable.org, bringing Shabbat into the homes of young Jews in the community AND I have started attending Wednesday morning services at Ahavas Israel! Without the Jewish Federation in West Michigan, I don't think I would have any cultural or spiritual ties to Judaism, and for that I am eternally grateful. Through my partnership with the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, I'm looking forward to planning more networking events and hosting a few Shabbat dinners in the months to come! See you there! Shalom!