



The month of May is always a busy time of year, and it's no exception here at the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. As you read this, the 21st Annual Jewish Film Festival will be wrapping up, and summer is around the corner. Plans are underway for an even bigger Annual Community Picnic on Sunday, August 25 – please mark your calendars!

This month, we also say goodbye to Marisa Reed, who will be stepping down as the Federation's Executive Director in order to work with her sister, in her late father's law practice. Fortunately, Marisa is staying in Grand Rapids, and she plans to serve as an active volunteer.



Marni Vyn

In reflecting with the JFGR staff on Marisa's leadership, I'd like to showcase some of the ways Marisa has made a lasting impact on our organization.

Since joining the Federation more than two years ago, Marisa has brought an unwavering enthusiasm for our mission – her energy inspires the staff, volunteers, Board members, and everyone who meets her. She has strengthened relationships within the organization and also externally with the broader community. She introduced creative programming that provided engaging educational and cultural Jewish experiences. A few highlights include:

- Reactivating our involvement with the Partnership2gether (P2G) initiative through the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. Sandi Simms and I traveled to Israel in April 2018 and are excited to bring the impactful P2G program to Grand Rapids.
- Securing a co-sponsorship with the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project to send 11 women to Israel in November 2018. These moms returned to Grand Rapids with an increased engagement in the Jewish community, and another trip is planned for November 2019.
- Organizing JFGR's first mission to Israel since 2005 in January 2019, sending 16 community members (half of them first-time visitors) on a guided, educational tour of Israel that strengthened their Jewish identity and deepened their knowledge of the Federation's important work in Israel.
- Coordinating a moving presentation in October 2018 by Father Patrick Desbois, the Catholic priest who has devoted his life to researching the Holocaust, fighting anti-Semitism, and furthering relations between Catholics and Jews. More than 400 people attended this program.

If you know Marisa, I am sure you will agree that she is dedicated to excellence and has gone above and beyond to make our Jewish community the best we can be. We thank Marisa for her leadership, passion, and dedication to JFGR.

B'shalom,
Marni Vyn
JFGR Board Chair

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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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MATCHING GIFTS

We are pleased and grateful to announce that we have met our match this year!

Campaign 2018 qualified for the \$30,000 challenge grant from the Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation, and \$5,000 from the Hy and Greta Berkowitz. Thank you to everyone who increased your giving.

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Annual Community Picnic

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 25

We are planning a bigger and better experience for all ages this year!!!!

PICNIC

LIMITED SPACE! YAD Evening Out



Our YAD-Young Adult Division- ages 21-35, will be having a night out at the Epicurean, **Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm!** We will be cooking our own three course meal with the help of a professional Epicurean instructor and enjoying each course with some wine after we cook! Our menu is going to be Black Olive Pesto Caesar Salad, Vegetable Risotto with your choice of vegetables, and Chocolate Tiramisu. *Advanced paid reservations are a must!* Please purchase tickets online at <https://www.picatic.com/event15555153815977> or via phone by Wed. May 15 to Markay@jfgr.org or call Marisa K. at 616-942-5553, ext. 205. The Local Epicurean is located at 1440 Wealthy Street SE in Grand Rapids. Cost: \$20 per person

BETZALEL ART GROUP

Thursdays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm at Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan NE.
For further information contact Pat Weller: 616-453-2954 or patandfred@tds.net



INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

Tuesday mornings 10:00am at Temple Emanuel.

Please join women of all ages (and handcraft abilities) from all faith and non-faith traditions to build friendships while our hands are engaged in creating items for ourselves, our families and/or charitable organizations. Bring knitting/crocheting supplies that you have to use for yourself or to share. We are currently accepting donations of knitting and crocheting supplies and washable yarn. For more information please contact Deet at deetnewman@gmail.com



The Council on Aging of Kent County is hosting their annual Aging Well Conference Thursday, May 9 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Cultural Center at St. Nicholas, 2250 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids. Attendees will enjoy a free gourmet lunch, games, prizes and a chance to learn about “Peace, Love, and Aging Well.” If interested or would like to car pool call Ann at 616-942-5553 by May 7, 2019 and she will arrange rides.



Ganders Restaurant
4747 28th Street SE
(Doubletree Hilton location)
Thursday, May 16
Time: 11:30am
Cost: \$10

RSVP to Ann at 616-942-5553 or ann@jfgr.org
Rides available upon request.



AGING WELL CONFERENCE
Thursday, May 9, 2019 10:00am - 2:00pm
The Cultural Center at St. Nicholas - 2250 East Paris Avenue SE

FREE LUNCH

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Dress in 60's Theme!

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Never a Bystander

Holocaust survivor Dr. Irene Butter and Filmmaker Evelyn Neuhaus



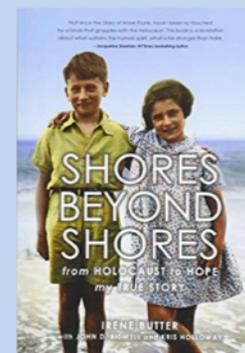
**Sunday,
May 5, 2019**
Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton
10:30am

Join us for a screening of a short documentary followed by a special program with two remarkable Michigan women who will share their uplifting message of compassion, forgiveness and the power of action.

Director Evelyn Neuhaus, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, triumphantly overcame a challenging personal history while following a life-long dream of becoming a filmmaker. Five years in the making, Evelyn's award-winning documentary short, *Never a Bystander*, sheds light on another inspiring life journey, the one of her friend, Dr. Irene Butter, as she shares it with students across America. The film and its specially developed accompanying materials are now available as valuable tools for Holocaust educators. Neuhaus holds an MPH and an MBA from the University of Michigan and is currently exploring topics for her next film.

Dr. Irene Butter, a Holocaust survivor and professor emerita at the University of Michigan, has inspired thousands over the past three decades through her presentations, lectures and film. She reminds us all of our ability to make meaningful change through seemingly small gestures, and reminds us that by "never being a bystander" we can change the world. Irene will be speaking about her personal journey as poignantly told in her **2018 memoir *Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope, My True Story***.

This event is free and open to the public (for ages middle school and up).
We would appreciate RSVPs. Call 616-942-5553 or email info@jfgr.org



Book signing following
the event

Sponsors: Joseph and Mary Stevens Memorial Holocaust Education Fund at Temple Emanuel





Michigan author Irene Butter will be visiting Temple Emanuel, Sunday, May 5th at 10:30am, to tell her story. Her book is reviewed below.

Shores Beyond Shores, by Irene Butter

Shores Beyond Shores is a gripping holocaust memoir that juxtaposes a normal happy family life with a sudden shocking decent into the chaos of the concentration camps. As I was reading, I kept asking myself what I would do in that situation. Would I survive? I can't imagine.

Irene "Reni" Hasenberg had an idyllic early childhood in Berlin with her Pappi, Mutti, Opa, Omi (grandpa and grandma) and her beloved older brother Werner. When the Nazis came into power and Mr. Hasenberg was no longer allowed to work at his banking job, the family moved to Amsterdam, leaving everything behind, including Opa and Omi, who were not permitted to leave Germany. The plan was to wait out the war. When the Nazis then invaded the Netherlands, the Jews were forced to live with many restrictions, but they managed. Reni and her friends, including Anne Frank, biked and skated in Amsterdam's parks until it was forbidden for Jews to do so. They went to movies until it was forbidden. They went to school until it was forbidden. One of the things that struck me most as a reader was the slow creep of evil becoming normalized. Of evil becoming accepted.

Rounded up with the Jews of Amsterdam, the Hasenbergs miraculously managed to stay together as a family and stay alive, despite the horrific conditions of the concentration camps. Irene lived through heartbreak and tragedy. Her childhood was stolen from her, but she never lost her optimism.

Until 1986, Irene never spoke about her wartime experiences, instead focusing on her career as a professor at the University of Michigan, and her family. She overcame the fear of revisiting her past in order to bear witness to the atrocities of World War II. She says, "I knew that silence about what happened to me during the Holocaust was no longer an option. I thought of my parents, especially my Pappi, and all they had sacrificed for me. I had to exhibit that kind of courage and be the voice that others were denied. So I began to speak, and I haven't been quiet since." In addition to writing *Shores Beyond Shores* and speaking about her experiences, Irene co-founded the Wallenberg Lecture Series at the University of Michigan and Zeitouna, an organization of Jewish and Arab women working for peace. Irene encourages everyone to research social justice issues important to you and commit to volunteering four hours a month to something you care about.

As we all know, there aren't many Holocaust survivors left. Please bear witness by reading *Shores Beyond Shores* and attending Irene's lecture.

Kris Siegel

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

Thursday, June 6, 2019 at night, location TBD **Michael Masters**, National Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Secure Community Network, will be in Grand Rapids on Thursday, June 6.

Masters will share his expertise about the rise of anti-Semitism and security issues in today's Jewish community.

Friday, June 28, 2019

Author, Michael Craig Palmer, will discuss his book *Eric Mendelsohn's Synagogues in America*. Details in June Shofar.



Please join us in celebrating
25 years of David Krishef
providing spiritual leadership
as Rabbi and 125 years of
Congregation Ahavas Israel
as a *Kehillah Kedoshah*
(holy community).

Friday, May 31, 7:30p.m. -- Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Saturday, June 1, 9:30a.m. -- Shabbat services (child care provided),

12:00p.m. - catered Shabbat lunch (reservation required).

Sunday, June 2, 11:00a.m. -- under the white tent, Glatt kosher food truck

Klezmer music, kids entertainment and more (tickets available).

For more information, contact Ed Miller - 25.125ahavasisrael@gmail.com or 616-293-6064.

Film Festival



21st Annual JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

of Grand Rapids

28th April - 2nd May 2019

All Films presented at Studio C
(Celebration Cinema North)

Tickets: \$8.00 available in advance at
jewishgrandrapids.org/film-festival
or at the box office.

Sunday, April 28

The Last Suit

Drama / 90 min/ Argentina, 2017

Abraham Bursztein survived the Holocaust, made a successful life in a foreign land and now, at 88, isn't about to quietly fade away. Instead, he plots a secret one-way trip to Poland, where he plans to find the Christian friend who saved him, and to keep his promise to return one day. A comedic and poignant film which won several Audience Awards including the 2018 Jewish Film Festivals of Atlanta, Miami, Washington DC and others.



7:30pm

Monday, April 29

The Unorthodox

Drama / 90 min/ Israel, 2018

It's 1983 and Yakov, a printer in Jerusalem, is just a regular guy. He has no money and no political experience. But he does have passion to take action when his daughter is expelled from school because of ethnic discrimination against Sephardic Jews. Informal, full of love for fellow man, animated by a great sense of humor and a whole lot of rage, Yakov's grassroots effort marks the beginning of profound change in Israeli society which continues to resonate today. This first ever feature to star an all-Haredi cast opened the 2018 renowned Jerusalem Film Festival.



7:30pm

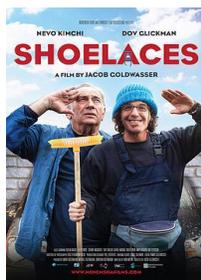
Speaker: Michael Harris, Ph.D., Dean & Professor of Public Policy, College of Public Service, Tennessee State University

Tuesday, April 30

Shoelaces

Drama / 90 min / Israel, 2018

Based on a true account, *Shoelaces*, tells the story of a relationship between Reuben and his special-needs son, Gadi, whom he abandoned while a young boy. Now Reuben's kidneys are failing and his son wants to donate a kidney to help save his father's life. Depicting a poignant relationship of love, rejection and co-dependency, the film explores the importance of human life and human connection and wonders whether life is even possible without either one of them. Winner of 2019 Jewish Film Festivals Audience Award including Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles and others.



7:30pm

Panel discussion following screening.

Wednesday, May 1

Global Yom Ha'Shoah screening

Who Will Write Our History

Documentary / 95 min/ USA, 2018

Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, a clandestine group of journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto vowed to defeat Nazi propaganda. They wrote and commissioned diaries, essays, poems, and songs. They also collected photographs, official and underground newspapers, and more. On the eve of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, they buried 60,000 pages of documentation in the hopes that the archive would survive, even if they did not.

Speaker: Robert Franciosi, Ph.D., Professor of English at Grand Valley State University and Holocaust educator

Co-sponsors: The Stevens Holocaust Education fund, GVSU Frederick Meijer Honors College, Kaufman Interfaith Institute.
Special Introductory music by Shir Shalom Choir.



7:30pm

Thursday, May 2

Leona

Drama / 95 min / Mexico, 2018

Leona is an intimate, insightful, and moving film that tells the story of a young Jewish woman from Mexico City who finds herself torn between her family and her forbidden love. Ripe with drama and interpersonal conflicts of a Jane Austen novel, watching her negotiate the labyrinth of familial pressure, religious precedent, and her own burgeoning sentiment is both painful and beautiful – there are no easy choices to be made and the viewer travels back and forth with her as she struggles with her heart to take the best path.



7:30pm

Adults only (sexual content)

Tuesday, April 30

6:00pm

Film Festival Dinner In the Wave Room

Cost: \$12.00

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UJS Board:

The school board is comprised of representatives from Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel.

- Allyson Strauss co chair
- Alison Bernstein co-chair
- Rhonda Pappas
- Rick Rinzler
- Paula Miller
- Elisabeth Rosewall
- Heidi Levy

UJS Opening Day for the 2019-2020 school year is September 8, 2019.

Congratulations to the UJS Graduating Seniors!

**Shira J. Schadick
Harrison Krishef**

We would like to thank to all our wonderful teachers and staff at UJS for a great year!

We bid farewell to the following teachers and thank them for all their dedication to UJS.

**Allison Egrin, Noelle Gauss,
Melissa Popour, and
Elena Gormley**

Save the Date!

May 19th (last day of Sunday school) 11:45-12:30

UJS families and friends are invited to enjoy some

Delicious food at our very own
ISRAELI RESTAURANT!

The Chutzpah band will be here with some lively Jewish music.

It will be a fun way to wrap up a fabulous year.



Thank you to our wonderful security team. Jack Thenikl, Gregory Antor, and Pat Johnson have been at the UJS door every Sunday of the school year, always smiling and welcoming to all.

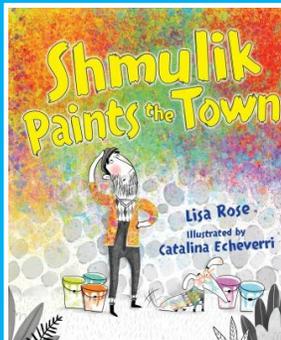
We would also like to express our appreciation for the UJS parent volunteers who stepped up to help ensure the safety of our children: Rick Rinzler, Brian Weinhaus, Keith Javery, and Raoul Graham. Don't forget to say thank you when you see them. Thank you to Maria Aviles, our custodian, for cleaning and taking care of the school.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us make this year's school events a big success. Thank you also to Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel, Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, and Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation. Without their spiritual and financial support our school would not be such a great success!

**AHAVAS ISRAEL'S
CORNERS OF THE FIELD GARDEN**

No experience is needed to work in the garden. You bring some gloves and your energy.

Please email Allyson Cole-Strauss at garden@AhavasIsraelGR.org, or Mary Kaneti at mcubed4300@gmail.com for information about helping to feed the hungry. Thank you!



May 19, Yom Haatmaut - *Shmulik Paints the Town*, Storywalk. PJ Library families & UJS students event

11:25am until 12:30pm at Temple Emanuel/UJS Contact Jessica at 616-942-5553 x218 for more info.



PJ Library invites
you to join us for

Pre-Shabbat Dinner & Events

Join us for an evening of fun.
We will have Shabbat crafts, celebrate
Shabbat blessings as a community, eat
catered dinner, and
Shabbat sing-along with Tal Madyuni.

Friday, May 10, 2019
6:00-7:30 pm
Cherie Inn

Cost: \$10 per adult
\$5 per child
\$25 per household

To RSVP, please contact Jessica Gillespie,
PJ Library Professional, at jessica@jfgr.org or
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RSVP by May 8, 2019



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CKids Club/Mini chefs

TUESDAY, MAY 7 • 4:30 - 6:00pm

Shabbat Special - Make your very own challah & gefilte fish - a traditional Shabbat dish.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 • 4:30 - 6:00pm

Dairy Delights - Bake delicious cheesecake in honor of the Shavuot holiday! For Jewish boys & girls, Ages 5-11 | At Chabad - 2615 Michigan Street

CTeen Grand Rapids

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 • 1:00-3:00pm

CTeen Day- FUDGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS - Let's thank the firefighters in the Grand Rapids area for putting their lives on the line for us each day.

The place for ALL Jewish high school teens!

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CTeen Junior ~ Grades 6th-8th

Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 4:00-6:00pm

Destination: Final destination Moshiach Grand mitzvah celebration! Celebrate our accomplishments and our efforts to help bring the ultimate redemption. Enjoy a barbecue, and other fun surprises.

For more information or to RSVP for CKids Club, CTeen & CTeen Junior, please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654.

JLI - "With All My Heart"

Whether you're seeking relief from stress; you're hoping for focus, clarity, and connection to a raw and vulnerable place deep within you; or you just want to start each day from a positive, humble, and grateful frame of mind, this course is for you. Join us for a remarkable six-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. To register today, visit myJLI.com **Six Wednesday Evenings: 7:30 - 9:00pm**

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

At the Chabad House | Fee: \$99 (textbook included) \$180 Sponsor. For more Info or to register, please contact Rabbi Mordechai at 269-903-2770 or Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

Lag B'omer Bonfire & BBQ

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 | 5:00pm

Join us for a Lag B'omer Celebration.

Celebrate Jewish Pride and Unity!

Fun for the whole family!

For more Info call 616-957-0770

Jewish Woman's Circle

MONDAY, JUNE 3 • 7:30pm

Painting Night - Create a beautiful canvas guided by a professional artist. Sample delicious dairy delights in honor of the holiday of Shavuot.

*Chabad House continued***Women's Torah & Tea**

Join us for an insightful and thought-provoking discussion on the weekly Torah portion. Drawing from the wisdom of the classic biblical commentators and Chassidic teachers, the study group focuses on the relevance of the Torah's teaching to our modern day lives. Monday Nights at 8pm. For more info, please call Nechamy at 616-828-2340.

Gan Israel Day Camp

Sign your child up for A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime! Camp Gan Israel is designed to make your child's summer vacation fun, stimulating and entertaining! The Camp Gan Israel experience is a unique combination of Jewish pride and fun!

DATES: **JUNE 24 - JULY 12, 2019 | 9:00am - 3:30pm**

Kiddy Camp: Ages 3–5 | **Main Division:** Ages 6–10

Pre - Teen Division: Ages 11-12

For more info, please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654 or email us at campganisraelqr@gmail.com

*Ahavas Israel***Ahavas Israel Book group**

The next meeting of the Ahavas Israel reading group will be Wednesday, June 5. We'll be discussing "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure - A thrilling debut novel of World War II Paris, from an author who's been called "an up and coming Ken Follett." (Booklist)

In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money- and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The Paris Architect asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved.

For more information, please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778; leahsauer@live.com.

Also put Thursday, September 19 (The Orchard, Yochi Brandes) and Thursday, February 13, 2020 (book to be determined) on your calendars.

Rabbi Krishef's study groups:

- Thursday Tanakh study, 1:00 - 2:00pm, Schuler Books and Music, 28th St. (either in the back of the store or in the café). We are engaging with the book of Jeremiah, one or two chapters a week. Join us.
- Jewish mysticism/Zohar study group, Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Ahavas Israel library. We are reading through Daniel Matt's translation and commentary of the Zohar.

The Festival of Shavuot - Saturday, June 8, 7:30pm.

Please join us for our annual Tikkun Leil Shavuot study session, participate in the International Seminar for Halakhic study, looking at a teshuvah entitled, "Wired to Hakadosh Barukh Hu: Minyan Via Internet" by Rabbi Avram Reisner. Our focus this year will be on the spiritual values of communal prayer in a time of technological change. We'll also look at different ways Jews and Christians read and understand selected texts from the Hebrew Bible (Isaiah 6, the suffering servant passages, etc). It's not the typical presentation of "this is why Christians completely misunderstand the Hebrew Bible." It's more of a nuanced look at the way Christianity uses midrash to reinterpret sometimes difficult passages. Spoiler alert – in the end, I conclude that Judaism preserves a distinction between contextual, history meaning (p'shat) and interpretive meaning (d'rash), but many traditional forms of Christianity treat their d'rash of the Hebrew Bible as if it is the p'shat.

No RSVP is necessary. Please contact Marisa, MarisaRBK@gmail.com or 459-4627, if you can contribute a dessert. Please drop off dessert before Shabbat on Friday.

Schedule:

7:30 - Study sessions

10:00 - candlelighting and dessert

Shavuot Yom Tov services - Sunday and Monday, June 9 and 10, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday - Torah Reading - "The 10 Commandments" and the Confirmation of Willow Cook, Zoey Neistat, and Arend Vyn.

Monday - Service includes the Yizkor Memorial service.

Temple Emanuel

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch. Every month Jim Siegel hosts a brunch and discussion - serving up a hot meal along with a hot topic for debate! This month Your Opinion Matters & Brunch will be on Sunday, May 12, at 10:00am in the Lewis Social Hall at Temple. The topic for debate is May is: Conservative Jews increasingly feel unaccepted by liberal Judaism. Why is it that liberal Jews embrace marginalized groups but seem to have no openness to politically conservative Jews? **RSVP to Jim Siegel at JimS@SiegelJewelers.com** so that he knows how many to cook for.

Life cycle times, both happy and sad, are traditional times to make donations to Jewish causes. You can make a donation of \$10 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:

Woman of Valor Fund

To honor the women in our lives who have made a difference personally, locally or nationally.

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.

Julian and Judith Joseph Fund

To provide for local programming and events through the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.

David and Susan Samrick Youth Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to Jewish sleepaway camps and experiences.

Chuck and Maxine Shapiro Fund

To help ensure long-term aid to Israel and Jews around the world.

Louis and Louise Weiner Fund

To help ensure local programming for seniors in the Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Jerry and Judy Subar Fund

To help ensure funding for overseas Jewish communities' needs.

Leven Family Fund

To establish and provide Jewish facilities, and support for cooperative programming among the congregations that support Jewish education for our youth.

Sam and Jane Kravitz Social Services Fund

To support Jewish social services in Grand Rapids.

Donna G. Boorstein Memorial Fund

To help ensure funding for Jewish arts, culture and history in Greater Grand Rapids.

Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund

To support health services for Jewish community members not covered by other financial resources.

*Thank you for supporting the
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JFGR General Endowment L'Dor Vador

In memory of our son, Nik Rapeyko

From Vilen & Lidiya Rapeyko

***What's Happening
May 2019***

4/28	Film Festival Begins - <i>The Last Suit</i> 7:30pm at Studio C (Celebration Cinema North)
4/29	Film <i>The Unorthodox</i> 7:30pm
4/30	Film Festival Dinner at 6:00pm (in the Wave room at Studio C) Film - <i>Shoelaces</i> 7:30pm
5/1	Film - <i>Who Will Write Our History</i> 7:30pm Shir Shalom Choir perform prior to screening
5/2	Final Film of the Festival <i>Leona</i> 7:30pm
5/3	Jewish Woman's Circle - Chabad
5/5	Never a Bystander-Irene Butter 10:30am at Temple Emanuel
5/7	CKids Club 4:30pm at Chabad
5/10	PJ Library Pre-Shabbat dinner at Cheri Inn
5/12	CTeen 1:00pm / CTeen Junior - 4:00pm at Chabad
5/15	JLI class begins at Chabad 7:30pm
5/16	Retirees Lunch Bunch Ganders 11:30am
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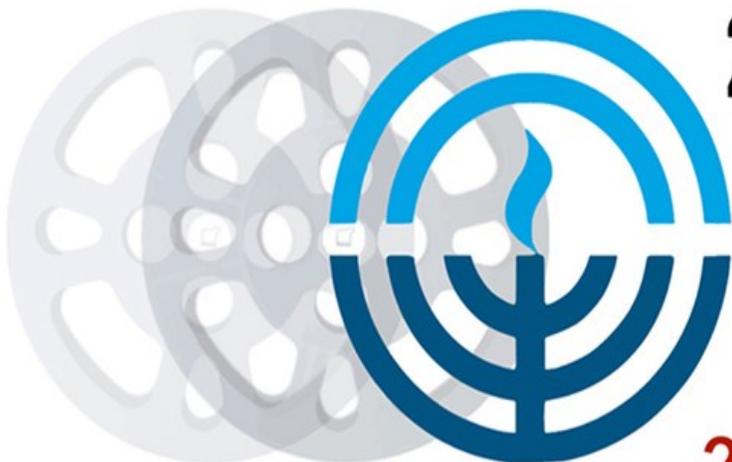


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