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The Shofar

Shanah Tovah,

I hope you all had a healthy and happy Rosh Hashanah. My family and I were very excited to celebrate here in Grand Rapids for the first time.

As I reflect over the past year, which brought so much change to my life, I am overcome by a sense of thankfulness. While I often feel this way, this past year was different, my thoughts were largely focused on my place in this community. I am exceptionally thankful for how completely and instantly my family and I felt welcomed. I am equally thankful for the privilege of leading the Federation and being able to work alongside dedicated staff, volunteers and lay leadership in this truly special organization.



As I look forward to the new year, I do so with much excitement and enthusiasm. As many of you know, this is an important time for the Federation. As we kick off our annual campaign, we are happy to welcome Daren Shavell as our new Campaign Chair. This will be my first campaign with the Federation, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this year the best ever. We are so pleased to announce that our keynote speaker at our Campaign event, Wednesday October 18, will be Steven Stein, Ph.D. Dr. Stein, a clinical psychologist, CEO and bestselling author of *EQ Edge*, *EQ Leader*, among others, is a foremost expert on Emotional Intelligence. As such, Dr. Stein is a sought after corporate and government speaker, and frequently appears on national TV and radio shows including his recent appearance on CNBC's *Squawk Box*. He has also consulted for the U.S. Air Force, FBI, Pentagon and the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as for reality TV shows including *Survivor* and *Big Brother*.

Please join us as Dr. Stein helps us understand the role Emotional Intelligence (EI) plays in our lives. Learn how to develop your EI to make you a better leader in your business, home and your community. EI, which, among other things, emphasizes the importance of self-reflection, and is a very apropos topic given this time of year. I hope you will join me in what I am certain will be a very interesting and thoughtful program. For full details of the Campaign event see page 4.

As we move into October, we will soon have a detailed itinerary and a dedicated website for our Community Leadership Mission to Israel in June 2018. We are delighted by the interest so far expressed by the community to join the trip. We are holding an informational session on November 7th, and a tour company representative will be there to answer any and all questions. I encourage everybody who has interest to join us. There is a lot to do between now and when we leave in June, and I am excited to plan together (see event flyer on page 2).

In closing, last week was Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a day of reflection, of self-awareness, of thinking how we can better ourselves and, at the same time, better society. As we embark on the new year, I am looking forward to working together for the betterment of our community.

Shalom,
Marisa Reed

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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**SAVE THE DATES - JUNE 17-26, 2018
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP MISSION TO ISRAEL**

**ISRAEL MISSION
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 2017
at 7:00pm at Ahavas Israel**

RSVP at Marisa@jfgr.org or call (616) 942-5553

Deepen your connection to Israel and its people on JFGR's 2018 summer Mission to Israel.

Join members of the Grand Rapids Jewish community and experience the extraordinary Land of Israel. This 10-day trip will inspire you through active adventure, engaging mind, body and spirit.

See firsthand the important, life-changing work of the Federation in Israel. Learn how you too can make an impact.

This mission promises extraordinary experiences, cultural discoveries, and overall, an astonishing journey.

Join us on November 7 at 7:00 pm for an informational session about our unique community mission. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Marisa at 616-942-5553 or Marisa@JFGR.org for further information and to add your name to our list of interested participants.

Limited financial subsidies are available.



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Final Session

It's Always Too Early Until It's Too Late: Planning for What Matters Most

The Federation presents the final part of our series on Life Planning Steps. This applies to our older loved ones, kids in college and young adults living around the world.

Admission is free.

Speakers will include various community professionals.

Program will be held at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, October 8 from 10:30-12:00.

- ◆ **October 8 – Ethical Wills and Funeral Planning.** An explanation of Jewish values along with a conversation with Grand Rapids area funeral director.

For more information call or email Ann at 616-942-5553/ann@jfg.org.

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, October 19
Guest Speaker Greg Sundstrom, Manager, City of Grand Rapids

Palio Grand Rapids

545 Michigan Street NE

12:00pm

Order from the menu

This is the site of the old El Barrio. 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.

November 16 - Guest Speaker Hadas Bernard, Director, Michigan Israel Business Bridge

General Assembly

November 12-14

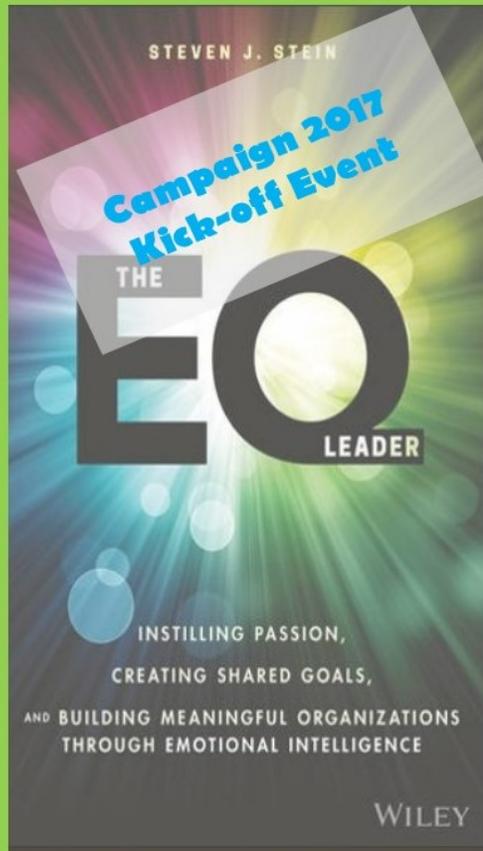
in Los Angeles

Make your reservation by visiting generalassembly.org

The General Assembly brings together Federation volunteer leaders and professionals from across the continent, and those engaged in the business of Jewish philanthropy from around the globe.

At GA 2017, we'll venture further into the future of Jewish education, philanthropy, and our community — taking The Federation Movement farther than ever before. Join us for this seminal event.





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Presents

Dr. Steven J. Stein, Ph.D.

Bestselling Author, Clinical Psychologist,
CEO and expert on Emotional Intelligence

Wednesday, October 18

7:30 pm

Cascade Hills Country Club
3725 Cascade Rd SE
Grand Rapids

STEVEN J. STEIN, PH.D.

FACILITATION AND ACTIVITY GUIDE

KORREL KANOV • STEVEN J. STEIN • HOWARD E. BOOK

The EQ Leader:

How Developing Your Emotional Intelligence Can Make You a Better Leader

What does it mean to be a leader today? Believe it or not, we are all leaders nowadays. The whole nature of leadership has changed dramatically over the past 100 years. Today leading is about influence - changing the hearts and minds of people that matter to you. Whether it's getting your child to do their homework, choosing which restaurant to meet your friends at, or leading a team at work, the same skills apply. The good news is that you can develop these skills and become a better leader. In this presentation you'll learn what emotional intelligence is and why it's important, how it leads to better influencing, and how influencing others can help get you more of what you want out of life. So if you find you're struggling with getting your family, friends, co-workers, or employees on your side, you'll want to learn about the latest research and applications of emotional intelligence and influencing others. In other words, if you want to learn to be a better leader, you'll want to attend this presentation.



Dr. Steven J. Stein, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, CEO and author of several books including *The EQ Leader*. He has been a consultant for the Canadian Armed Forces, the U.S. Air Force, FBI, and special units of the Pentagon, and has worked with numerous corporate clients, including American Express, Air Canada, Coca-Cola, as well as several professional sports team and numerous reality TV shows. Dr. Stein has appeared in national media in the United States and Canada. He currently serving as a vice-president on the board of directors of Jewish Family and Child services of Toronto.

**A free event for the
entire community.**

Refreshments will
be served.

To RSVP or for more
information: info@jfg.org
or 616-942-5553.

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Cultural Council presents

Researching Your Jewish Roots



Do you wonder about your heritage and ancestry? Does the idea of finding out more seem intriguing? Learn about the fascinating journey in discovering your Jewish roots. Hear some of the special challenges that make that path an interesting, and sometimes circuitous one. Whether you simply want to listen, or if you would like to participate in an interactive mini-workshop, this presentation is for you.

\$15 Adult

\$5 College students

Under 18, free

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP or for more information:
info@jfgr.org or 616-942-5553

**Genealogy Presentation
with Genealogist Jennifer Alford**

**Sunday, October 29
1:30 to 3:30 pm
Temple Emanuel
1715 East Fulton
Grand Rapids**



Join professional genealogist, Jennifer Alford, as she leads us in the Jewish genealogy research strategies as well as best websites to use. Alford will share her expertise and enthusiasm to guide you on your way. Alford is publisher of *Going In-Depth*, a monthly digital magazine of The Independent Genealogist (IDG). She authors IDG's semi-monthly column, *Jewish Genealogy*. The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan will also be participating.

Don't let the admission price deter you. Scholarships are available for this program.

This Cultural Council program is made possible by support from the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation and private donors.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Voices of Israel: STORIES UNTOLD

Come hear the stories of two inspiring young Israelis - their struggles, their successes, their military service, and their hopes and dreams. Ask the tough questions, and learn what it is actually like to live in a country that is the subject of so much discussion in the media and on campus.

Meet Our Israelis

Join us Thursday November 2, 2017 | 5:15pm | Ahavas Israel

Light refreshments



Shir, 26 years old, grew up in Gush-Katif, Gaza until the disengagement in 2005. Today she lives in the southern Israeli village of Beer-Ganim, and studies Law at the College of Management Law School. Before her

StandWithUs Israel Fellowship in 2014, Shir served in the Israel Defense Forces as a First Lieutenant in the ground forces as a "war room" operator on the northern border with Gaza, where she continues to serve as a reservist. Shir recently returned from Africa from a Colman Student Union Delegation to aid children in need. For the past two years she has worked as Administrative Legal Director at Tmura Center, a Legal Center for the promotion of equality. She represents victims of discrimination and bias.

StandWithUs



Carlos was born in Bogota, Colombia. He attended the Jewish day school. Similar to most other Latin American children, Carlos grew up playing soccer and hanging out with friends. Due to the

security situation in Colombia, he moved with his family to Miami. Upon graduating, Carlos immigrated to Israel and joined the Israel Defense Forces' Paratroopers Brigade. Carlos studied film at Tel Aviv University, and after finishing his studies, he worked and traveled in Latin America and eastern Asia. He found his passion for Israel activism and diplomacy during his time as a StandWithUs Fellow and continues to stand up for Israel any chance he can get. Carlos lives in Tel Aviv and enjoys surfing in his free time.

ISRAELI
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TOUR



Co-sponsored by Congregation Ahavas Israel and Temple Emanuel

Thursday October 26



New Restaurant NOCO Provisions

4609 Cascade
11:30am
Cost: \$10

RSVP to Ann at 616-942-5553 or
ann@ifgr.org by **Tuesday, October 24.**
Rides are available by calling the office.

Hadassah Book Club

Our Next Meeting is:

When: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

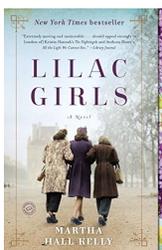
Where: Diane Broomberg
2865 Lake Drive Se
Phone: 616-949-6084

Time: 7:00pm

Please call Diane to RSVP ..

Book to read: *Lilac Girls* by Martha
Hall Kelly

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28th Street, or your library for a copy.
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Peg & Mort Finkelstein Archives

By Peg Finkelstein

The Peg & Mort Finkelstein Archives would like to announce that Bev Kagan is the first woman from Grand Rapids to be featured in the Jewish Voices Project. This is part of an ongoing program through the Jewish



Historical Society of Michigan, called "Women Who Have Made A Difference". We are currently working on about 30 biographies of local women.

It's important to continue our search and be able to tell their stories, sharing what they have done, giving us a glimpse of the commitment that they have or had, for their family, friends, faith and community. Each and every one of these women that will be featured has a story to tell, no matter how big or small. They have all contributed to helping build our Grand Rapids Jewish Community.

Bev Kagan is our first Temple Emanuel congregant (and one-time Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids staff person) to be recognized and her story can be read on the following website: michjewishhistory.org. Proceed to the link **Woman Who Have Made A Difference** and scroll down to Bev's picture. Click to open and read her story. Please take the time to review her story. Thanks Bev for sharing your story with us. Although this is currently only through the JHSM, it will eventually be connected to a national database.

Again, we ask you if you have someone you would like to submit for this project, please contact Peg Finkelstein at mjtracy245@gmail.com, 616-437-5663 or Megan Yost at forgirl22@gmail.com, 616-337-7686.

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Fridays 1:00pm-4:00pm

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PJ Library in Grand Rapids is a gift from Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids in partnership with Ravitz Foundation, Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



**What's Happening
Jewish Grand Rapids**

*October 2017
Calendar of Events*

4	CTeen & Cteen Jr "Sukkot Under the Stars"
5	Sukkot Services at Ahavas Israel 9:30am
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8	*It's always too early until its too late 10:30am at Temple Emanuel Ahavas Israel Sukkah Hop 3:00pm-5:00pm Sukkah-Bratton at Chabad 4:00pm-6:00pm
9	JWC - Soup in the Sukkah 7:30pm
12	Ahavas Israel Shemini Atzeret service 9:30am Ahavas Israel Simhat Torah Ma'ariv 7:45pm Chabad Simchas Torah Dinner & Dancing
13	Ahavas Israel Simhat Torah Shaharit 9:30am
15	Your Opinion Matters & Brunch 10:00am at Temple Emanuel
18	*JFGR Campaign Event Dr. Steven Stein 7:30pm
18	Temple - Girls Night Out 5pm at Palio Temple Food Bank distribution 8:00am
21	Intro to Judaism at Temple Emanuel 11:00am
24	Chabad Kids Club 4:30pm-6:00pm
26	Temple book group 7:00pm
28	Intro to Judaism at Temple Emanuel 11:00am
29	*Cultural Council Event - Genealogy Program 1:30pm-3:30pm
29	CTeen Junior 4:00pm-6:00pm
30	JWD Krav Maga Class 7:30pm
Nov 2	*Meet with 2 Israeli IDF Soldiers at Ahavas Israel 5:15pm
Nov 7	*Mission Trip to Israel Informational Meeting

**A
Happy
End**

September 6-17

**TORCH
SONG
TRILOGY**
Act III: Widows
and Children First

March 1-11

**Olive & the
Bitter Herbs**

June 14-24

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids

You don't have to be Jewish to Love Jewish Theater

All performances are held at GRCC Spectrum Theater
Thurs. & Sat. at 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m.

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* 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.

Temple Emanuel

Temple Office Hours

The Temple Office will be closed on Thursday, October 5th and Thursday, October 12th in observance of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Your Opinion Matters & Brunch

Join chef and moderator Jim Siegel for a hot meal and a hot topic on Sunday, October 15th at 10:00 AM in the Lewis Social Hall. The topic for this month is: Defend the liberal stance on racism in America. Part of the discussion will be to read an article on the topic written by Shelby Steele and see where we agree and disagree with him. RSVP to Jim at jims@siegeljewelers.com so that he can be sure to have enough food. Jim will send a copy of the article by email to everyone who is interested.

Girl's Night Out

Wednesday, October 18th will be the next Girls Night Out. Leave the guys to their own devices and meet up with friends for an evening out! Join Janice Fonger and Linda Zizos at Palio on Michigan Street NE starting at 5 PM. This is a great way to get to know people if you are new to Grand Rapids or if you just want to expand your social circle. Contact Janice at jfonger@gmail.com or Linda at lindazizos@yahoo.com to let them know that you will be there.

Temple Book Group

The Book Group will meet on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 PM in the Temple Library to discuss *In My Brother's Image* by Eugene L. Pogany. This is a true story of the author's father and uncle-identical twin brothers born in Hungary of Jewish parents but raised as devout Catholic converts until the Second World War unraveled their family.

His father, a survivor of a Nazi internment camp, denounced Christianity and returned to the Judaism of his birth, while his uncle, who found shelter in an Italian monastic community during the war, became a Catholic priest. Even after emigrating to America the brothers remained estranged, each believing the other a traitor to their family's faith. All are welcome to join this group for the discussion. Please contact Mary Kaneti at mcubed4300@gmail.com for more information.

Food Bank Distribution

The October Food Bank distribution will be Wednesday the 18th beginning at 8:00 AM. Together we support over 60 families each month with food, personal hygiene supplies, and counseling support from Access of West Michigan. If you would like to help with the mitzvah, please contact Barb Duchemin at blumahleah@hotmail.com.

Interested In Mussar?

The rabbi is seeking to form another Mussar study group this fall. This group will meet twice a month and use materials from the Mussar Institute as a guide for study. The institute charges us a flat fee of \$90 a participant. Please contact the office if interested. Dates and times will be determined by the group. We are hoping to begin in November.

Introduction to Judaism Class

The rabbi will once again teach a Shabbat morning version of Introduction to Judaism this fall. The class will meet from 11:00 AM to Noon. The first two classes will take place on Saturday, October 21 and Saturday, October 28. This class is perfect for anyone who is considering conversion to Judaism, for anyone who wants to learn the

basics of Jewish life, and for anyone who forget what they might have learned in Sunday school. Please contact the office to sign up.

Introduction to Judaism Part II

Over the years many students who have studied in the Intro to Judaism class have expressed interest in a continuing conversation about Judaism. The rabbi is trying to see if there is enough interest this fall and winter to offer such a class. Please contact the Temple office if interested. Dates and times will be determined by the group.

Ahavas Israel

Sukkot Festival morning services Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6 at 9:30am.

Sukkah Hop - Sunday October 8, 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Hop from Sukkah of Karen and David Reifler between 3:00pm and 4:00pm (7474 Cascade Road SE - parking in the Church lot across the street) to the Sukkah of Marni and Scott Vyn between 4:00pm and 5:00pm (1330 Cornell SE). If you can contribute a dairy or parve soup, appetizer, casserole, or other treat, please contact Karen at 616-975-9577, or Kereifler@yahoo.com or Marni at 616-774-8644 or marnivyn@gmail.com

Shemini Atzeret - Thursday, October 12, Shemini Atzeret service 9:30am. Thursday night, October 12, Simhat Torah. Ma'ariv with Hatafot 7:45pm (dancing with Torahs) Please join the congregation on Simhat Torah evening for a Simhat Torah celebration.

Simhat Torah - Friday, October 13, Shahrith with more dancing 9:30am.

Ahavas Israel cont.**Tot Shabbat/Young Junior Congregation -**

We are pleased that Marni Vyn will once again be leading Tot Shabbat/Junior Congregation services this year. The schedule will be:

- Hannukah - December 16, 11:00am
- Purim - February 24, 11:00am (Rehearse for Purim on Thursday, March 1. Come in costume!)
- Shavuot - May 19, 11:00am

Please contact Marni with questions, to help her lead services, or to let her know that you are coming (so she knows how to prepare), marnivyn@gmail.com or 616-774-8644

Chabad House**Gan Yiladim Preschool -**

Kindergarten A program licensed by the state of Michigan. **Registration is now open for the fall of 2017!** Our children learn the "specialness" of being Jewish. Through stories and discussions, the precious legacy of their uniqueness as Jews is transmitted. Gan Yiladim School takes the best of both worlds - secular and Judaic - and blends them into a program that is at once rich, fulfilling, and stimulating environment. For children ages 2-6. For more information about our program, please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770.

CTeen & CTTeen Jr. "Sukkot Under the Stars" -Wednesday, October 4th 2017. You're invited to our 3rd annual "Sukkot Under the Stars" dinner in the Weingarten's Sukkah. Celebrate this beautiful Holiday in style, along with our

family and friends! Services begin at 7:30pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal at 8:00pm. It all takes place at the largest Sukkah in town! Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information or to RSVP call Rivka at 616-206-9654.

Sukkah-Bration!- Sunday, October 8, 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Hot dog dinner, shake the lulav & Etrog, exciting booths, games, moonwalk, face painting, lively music, grand raffle! A fun Sukkot celebration for the whole family! At Chabad House, 2615 Michigan St. NE, admission \$5

Jewish Woman's Circle - Soup in the Sukkah, Monday October 9, 7:30pm. Get out of the box and into sukkah! Nourish yourself with a variety of delicious soups and enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of women as we gather together in the sukkah: Hostess: Chani Liberow, RSVP to Nechamy8@gmail.com

Simchas Torah Celebration with Dancing and Dinner - Thursday, October 12 at 8:00pm. Come receive a free dosage of Jewish Pride and joy that will last you the rest of the year!

Chabad Kids Club - Tuesday October 24 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Magical Mitzvah - Smile for Miles. Spread smiles for miles with a "Happy Hunt & Creating Emoji" crafts for the elderly. Chabad kids club is a place for Jewish children to have a great time, be proud of their Judaism & make a difference. For boys and girls ages 5-11 yr. RSVP to Rivka at 616-206-9654.

CTeen Regional Shabbaton - October 27 to 29th. Spend a Shabbat at Camp Ducan, in Illinois,

together with many other Jewish teens from the Midwest! For more info, contact Rivka at 616-206-9654

CTeen Junior - Sunday October 29 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Enrich your Jewish Pride & Explore Essential Milestones within the Jewish Lifecycle while giving back to the community. Education #outofthebox #butwhy #Morality #gettoknowyou Giving back to Friendship Circle #makespecialfriends. For more info please contact Rivka at 616-206-9654

Jewish Woman's Circle - Krav Maga Class - Monday, October 30 at 7:30pm. Krav Maga is an effective, modern and dynamic self-defense system that was developed for the IDF. Join us for a class of fun, physical and inspirational empowerment taught by a certified instructor. Hostess: Heidi Levy
JLI - "Great Debates in Jewish History" - Debate is not only encouraged within Judaism but resides at the very heart of our history and theology. Great Debates in Jewish History explores six fundamental conflicts that pitted the greatest Jewish minds against each other. Six instances of divergent perspectives, including several that are still debated today. Please join us for a remarkable six-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. To register today, visit myJLI.com. Six Wednesday Evenings 7:30pm to 9:00pm, beginning November 1. At the Chabad House, 2615 Michigan St. NE. Fee is \$99 (textbook included) \$180 for sponsor. For more info or to register, please contact Rabbi Mordechai at 269-903-2770 or Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com

Endowment

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.

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**2017 Campaign Kickoff Event
Wednesday
October 18, 2017
Dr. Steven J. Stein
At Cascade Hills Country Club
7:30pm**

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