



### 100 Days of Impact

This year, the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is embarking on a new campaign plan.

We're calling it *100 Days of Impact*. It is our goal to close our annual campaign within 100 days. We kicked off this year's campaign on September 26, when the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federations of North America, Jerry Silverman, came to Grand Rapids. Jerry shared with us the impact YOU make through your support of the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids.



Daren Shavell

We hope you know Federation is not just about raising money – we are building a Jewish community and enhancing Jewish life for the future. Our commitment to our community's campaign is how we do this - together.

Our campaign can only be successful with your support. If you have never given before, please consider making a new gift . If you donated last year, please consider increasing your prior commitment. We want you to feel positive about what the Federation does, understand the importance of the annual campaign and, most importantly, be proud of your own personal contribution.

The 100 days began on September 26, 2018. The campaign runs through January 4, 2019. If you received a pledge card in the mail, please send it back, with or without your payment. We can bill you later. You can phone or email our office: (616) 942-5553, [info@JFGR.org](mailto:info@JFGR.org). Or you can donate online 24/7 at [www.JFGR.org](http://www.JFGR.org).

Over the next three months we will share with you the ways your involvement makes a difference in the lives of people right here in your community, in Israel, and around the world. We're not lowering our expectations, rather we're hoping a shorter campaign will lessen your feeling that we are always asking for money. It will allow us to concentrate on the important work of engagement, education, and service the remainder of the year.

We hope we can count on you!

Thank you,

Daren Shavell, Campaign Chair, 100 Days of Impact

#### 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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on Facebook!

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**Because of you, we are able to support the Jewish community in West Michigan, Israel, and around the world. Your support enriches lives, builds community and fosters a thriving Jewish future. Your impact is extraordinary.**

- Lives are touched, changed and saved.
- Friends, families and neighbors are connected to one another and to Jewish life.
- The elderly are supported and nurtured.
- Youth are inspired to discover their Jewish identities.
- Volunteers are doing good and giving back.
- Individuals of all abilities and backgrounds in the community are welcomed and included.

During the next 100 days, we invite you to explore the Federation's impact locally, in Israel and around the world. From September 26, 2018 - January 4, 2019 we will highlight different themes Federation addresses and individuals whose lives are changed by our work. We hope you will get involved with Federation at events and be inspired to make meaningful contributions to Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign.

**One gift, YOUR gift can change the world.**

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Please cut out this pledge card, fill it in and send it to the Federation office.



I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FEDERATION

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Shana Tova,  
Very excited news happening at the Federation as we welcomed in the New Year. We recently had the privilege of having Jerry Silverman, CEO and President of the Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA), speak at our *100 Days of Impact* campaign event. JFNA, considered one of the top 10 charities in the world represents 147 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, collectively raising and distributing more than \$2 billion dollars annually to support social welfare, social services and educational needs. As the head of this vast and influential charity for the last 10 years, Mr. Silverman shared with us his unique and informed perspective of the state of American and Israeli Jewry and their evolving relationship to each other. More importantly, he left our community with the task of envisioning how we can lay the seeds of the many hopeful changes to come. As we wish to all a sweet year, we also wish for a year filled with inspiring opportunities to better our family, our community and our world. Please consider that one way that you may help our community thrive is by contributing in the next 100 days to the Federation in a personally meaningful way to you.

In addition to meeting with Jerry Silverman, I have been incredibly fortunate to personally meet and learn from other dedicated and bright Jewish educator and leaders in the short time that I have been here. As a small community it is amazing the amount of talented, inspiring and passionate speakers and performers that our community collectively hosts year after year. I look forward to learning with you from the exciting individuals that we are planning to bring to Grand Rapids this year as we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cultural Council of

Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. Please join us at our initial event of the series on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to hear from world renowned, professor, author and Vatican consultant, Father Patrick Desbois, as he discusses his remarkable work in documenting and bringing to light the "hidden Holocaust" that occurred in Eastern Europe during WWII. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, including the Ravitz Foundation, The Henry Pestka Charitable Fund, The Joseph Stevens Freedom Endowment of GVSU and the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation, we are able to bring this important speaker as a free community event. Further details on this event and on becoming a Cultural Council Series Sponsor can be found on pages 4 and 5, respectively. I encourage everyone to attend this event and to consider becoming a Cultural Council member for the year to receive discounted tickets to our events as well as access to special events and/or promotions. As you may have read in last month's Shofar, Dafna Kaufman and Jessica Gillepsie, two talented individuals have recently partnered with the Federation to bring their passion and focus to the Jewish Film Festival and the PJ Library/PJOW programs, respectively. Another exciting change at the Federation is that we are fortunate to bring on Marisa Krishef as our new part-time Program Director. She is a long time member of the community and is excited to share her knowledge and passion for Jewish culture and music. For those of you who haven't met Marisa, please read about her below. We look forward to the exciting new contributions that will come from having Marisa onboard at the Federation.

Here's to a sweet and inspiring new year,

Marisa Reed

## Welcome to our new Program Director Marisa Krishef



Marisa was raised in Superior, Wisconsin and has been a part of the Grand Rapids Jewish community since moving here 24 years ago. She taught at United Jewish School and has tutored many students for their B'nai Mitzvah. She's been active as a volunteer for several organizations including Congregation Ahavas Israel and JFGR. She is also

employed at the Mary Free Bed YMCA. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts/Secondary Education from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and was ordained as Cantor by the Academy For Jewish Religion in New York. Marisa is married to Rabbi David Krishef and they have four young adult children, Zachary and Solomon, age 22, and Sarah and Harrison, age 18. Marisa enjoys spending time with family, singing, yoga, reading and attending the theatre and movies. She is thrilled to be a part of the JFGR staff and looks forward to working on bringing many outstanding programs to our community.

## Shalom Grand Rapids

A Service of the Jewish Federation  
If you know someone new to the Grand Rapids Jewish community, please let us know! *Shalom Grand Rapids* would like to welcome them!

Or, if you'd like to become an ambassador for "Shalom Grand Rapids" and help to welcome people who are new to the community or not currently involved, let us know that too!

To sign up or receive additional information about the program, contact Marisa Krishef at the Federation office: 616-942-5553 or [markay@jfgr.org](mailto:markay@jfgr.org)



# The Hidden Holocaust



Presented by special guest...

## Father Patrick Desbois

A French Catholic priest, Vatican Consultant,  
& Founder and President of Yahad-In Unum

Sunday, October 28, at 2 p.m.  
Cathedral Square Center  
360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Free Parking

Free event. Limited space. Please register.

[www.bit.ly/HiddenHolocaust](http://www.bit.ly/HiddenHolocaust)

Not recommended for children under the age of 13.

While much has been documented about the genocide of Jewish people in Nazi concentration camps during World War II, French priest, Father Patrick Desbois, has worked for more than a decade to shed light on the "hidden Holocaust" in other places throughout Europe.

Father Desbois is a sleuth of sorts, who has uncovered sites in Ukraine, Russia, Moldova and Lithuania where 1.5 million Jews were executed. He has devoted his life to fighting anti-Semitism, all forms of mass violence, and to furthering relations between Catholics and Jews.

Father Desbois is the founder and president of Yahad-In Unum (meaning "together-in one"). This international organization works to raise awareness about the sites where Jewish and Roma mass executions were carried out by Nazi mobile-killing units during World War II. The work he has done is remarkable. With the help of more than 5,300 eyewitnesses, he has identified more than 2,100 execution sites in Eastern Europe. Father Desbois will discuss his humanitarian mission during this special event.

### Underwriters and sponsors:

This program would not be possible without the generous support of the **Ravitz Foundation**, the **Henry Pestka Charitable Fund**, and the **Joseph Stevens Freedom Endowment of Grand Valley State University**. The event is also co-sponsored by the **Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids**, the **Jewish Cultural Council Series**, the **Diocese of Grand Rapids**, the **Catholic Information Center**, the **Cathedral of Saint Andrew**, and the **Kaufman Interfaith Institute**.



Father Patrick Desbois is a French Catholic priest, head of the Commission for Relations with Judaism of the French Bishops' Conference and a Vatican consultant. He is the founder of Yahad-In Unum, an organization dedicated to locating the sites of mass graves of Jewish victims of the Nazi mobile-killing units in the former Soviet Union. He received the Légion d'honneur, France's highest honor, for his work documenting the Holocaust. In 2016, he joined the Center for Jewish Civilization at Georgetown University as a full-time professor.

Father Desbois has been a guest speaker at the United Nations and was featured on 60 Minutes. Many news articles have been written about his mission, including by the New York Times. Father Desbois is the author of several bestselling books including, *"The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews,"* *"Terrorist Factory: ISIS, the Yazidi Genocide, and Exporting Terror,"* and *"In Broad Daylight: The Secret Procedures behind The Holocaust by Bullets."*

# Cultural Council



Cultural Council has assembled another inspiring year of programming for our 50th Anniversary Season! We are also welcoming new members who would be interested in joining the committee to plan and carry out events during the year. *Our mission statement: The Jewish Cultural Council of Grand Rapids aims to foster greater awareness of Jewish culture in West Michigan by providing a vast range of quality programs with Jewish content. These programs highlight the arts, learning current events, Jewish traditions and ideas and their impact on universal values. The programs are intended to appeal to Jews and non-Jews alike.*

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### Membership Benefits and Privileges

- \_\_\_\_\_ Underwriter, \$500 or more: Free admission to all programs for five adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patron, \$250 -\$499: Free admission to all programs for four adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor, \$125-\$249: Free admission to all programs for three adults and admission to all private receptions and special events for two adults
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family membership, \$100: Free admission to all for two adults
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual, \$50: Free admission to all programs for one adult

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  
 Cultural Council - Spectrum Series  
 2727 Michigan St. NE  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**\*Admission to individual events are generally \$15 and up for adults, \$5 for college students and children up to 18 are free.**

*\*Admission prices may vary for some events*

## What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids October 2018 Calendar of Events

8	Intro to Judaism class at Ahavas Israel
9	Kid's Club at Chabad 4:30pm Making Choices Michigan 7:00pm
10	Hadassah Book Club 4:00pm JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 7:00pm
11	JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 7:00pm
12	Pink Shabbat at Temple Emanuel
13	JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 7:00pm Game Night at Temple Emanuel 6:00pm
14	JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 3:00pm UJS: Stand With Us: Supporting Israel Around the World 11:30-12:30 for 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade and community at Temple Emanuel Operation Thunderbolt: The Miracle at Entebbe 7:00pm at Chabad House see p 6 for more
16	Making Choices Michigan 7:00pm
17	JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 7:00pm
18	<b>Lunch Bunch at Cantina Mexican Grill 11:30am RSVP a must</b> JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 7:00pm Ahavas Israel book club 6:30pm
20	JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i>
21	Your Opinion Matters 10:00am UJS: Bagel brunch for parents 11:30am at Emanuel <b>Senior outing to: JTGR presents: <i>Miracle on South Division</i> 3:00pm</b>
24	JLI Classes begin at Chabad 7:30pm
26	CTeen Shabbaton weekend
28	<b>Cultural Council: <i>The Hidden Holocaust</i> 2pm at Cathedral Square Center 360 Division Ave S, 49503</b>
29	CTeen Jr. 4:00pm

Community

# Lunch Bunch

Let's go south of the border for a Mexican meal at Cantina.

**Location: 2770 East Paris SE**

**When: Thursday, October 18**

**Time: 11:30am**

**Cost: \$10**

RSVP to Ann at 616-942-5553 by October 16, 3:00pm

Need a Ride? Then let us know when you RSVP and we will find you a volunteer driver.



# JTGR Matinee Senior Group Outing:

*Miracle on South Division*

Sunday, October 21, 3:00pm

Discounted tickets thru our office (\$20)

**Limited Seating. RSVP a must by October 16,** to Ann at 616-942-5553. Rides available upon request.

# Hadassah Book Club

Hadassah Book Club met on the 8th of August 2018. Marilyn Lystad was our hostess of the month.

## Hadassah Book Club Next Meeting October 10, 2018

4:00pm

Location: Diane Broomberg

2865 Lake Drive SE,

Please RSVP Early by calling 616-949-6084

**Book to read..... Hillbilly Elegy  
Written by.....J.D. Vance**

# BETZALEL ART GROUP

Thursdays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm at  
Ahavas Israel, 2727 Michigan NE.

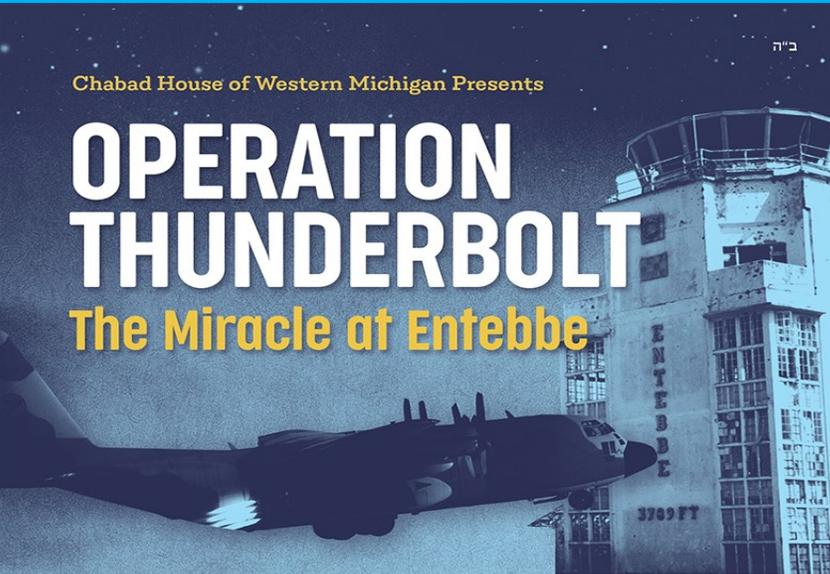
For further information contact Pat Weller: 616-453-2954 or patandfred@tds.net.



Chabad House of Western Michigan Presents

# OPERATION THUNDERBOLT

## The Miracle at Entebbe



**SUNDAY,  
OCT. 14TH  
7:00 PM**

AT THE CHABAD HOUSE  
2615 MICHIGAN STREET  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Join us for an exclusive evening with Elite IDF Commander

## SASSY REUVEN

Sassy was one of the first commanders to land in Entebbe. He will share with us his first hand account of how Israel pulled off the greatest hostage rescue in history.

**TICKETS: ADMISSION: \$20 | STUDENTS \$5  
\$180 SPONSOR includes 2 tickets and preferred seating**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS please call Rivka at 616.206.9654 or email [ChabadWesternMichigan@gmail.com](mailto:ChabadWesternMichigan@gmail.com)  
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 1ST 2018



Looking Forward to seeing you soon. Books will be available at Shulers Books & your local library. We are as ALWAYS your loyal Book Ends! Flory Silverstein..... 616-949-5766 Sue Remes.....616-949-3505



# INTERFAITH AND INTERWOVEN

**Wednesday 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](mailto:deetnewman@gmail.com)






# MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET

by Tom Dudzick

How a street corner virgin shapes—then totally reshapes—the lives of a Polish Catholic family.

Performances: Oct. 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 & 21 at GRCC's Spectrum Theater - 160 Fountain St. NE

Tickets: 616-234-3946 or on-line: [jtgr.org](http://jtgr.org)



You don't have to be Jewish to love Jewish Theatre

Written by Tom Dudzick  
Directed by G.M. (Bud) Thompson

How a street corner Virgin shapes—and then totally reshapes—the lives of a Polish Catholic family. Ruth Nowak has discovered a long-hidden family secret that she thinks is so fascinating; she has written a play about it. Before she opens it in New York, she wants to have her family's blessing, so she calls a family meeting at her mother's home. The tale she has to tell is more than any of them could have imagined, and by the time this meeting is over, all of their lives will be changed forever. "A sprightly, gentle comedy, where revelations that might remake a family's sense of itself are each rolled out in service of laughter." – New York Times

"Utterly delightful while delivering a solid message on faith, the lack of it, why we believe what we believe, and how we can, or must, adjust to life's surprises." - TheaterMania

**Show Dates: October 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 29, 2018 @ 8 p.m.**

**October 14, 21, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$25 General, \$23 Seniors, \$8 Students**

PERFORMANCES are at GRCC's Spectrum Theatre 160 Fountain St NE

**Tickets are available starting October 1, 2018**

**by calling the Box Office at 616-234-3946**

**or online at <http://jtgr.org/season/tickets>**



# 2018-2019 Season

presenting quality theatrical productions with Jewish themes that are universal in appeal



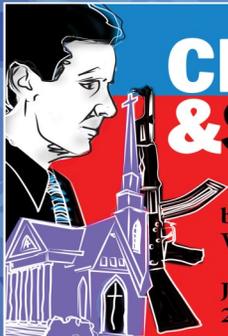
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**MIRACLE ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET**  
by Tom Dudzick  
Oct 10 - 21, 2018



**BAD JEWS**  
by Joshua Harmon  
Feb 28 - March 10, 2019



**CHURCH & STATE**  
by Jason Odell Williams  
June 13 - 23, 2019

## Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

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## Calendar

**October 7** Music with Mark Rossio

**October 14** Stand With Us: Supporting Israel Around the World 11:30-12:30 for 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade and community at Temple Emanuel

**October 21** Bagel brunch for parents 11:30 at Temple Emanuel

## UJS "Something for Everyone"

- Classes for all ages (Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Sunday Hebrew program for K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Wednesday Hebrew program for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- "Gan Katan" (Little kindergarten) class for 2 & 3 years old with parent(s)
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade – madrichim (aides).
- Special musical guest Mark Rossio will visit our classes throughout the entire year.
- Art teacher for Pre-k-10<sup>th</sup>
- Special events and holiday celebrations

UJS enrollment is open to students ranging from Gan Katan (2-4 year old) to 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a staff of 21 teachers and 11 high school madrichim (aides). On Sunday, school is located at Temple Emanuel while the Wednesday midweek Hebrew program is housed at Congregation Ahavas Israel.

The UJS general operations and special programs would not be possible without the financial and spiritual support from Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel and the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids along with a grant received from the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation. We are currently building an endowment fund to support most of our special programs in the future



## SPARTAN SKATE WITH TAMARACK CAMPS

Sunday, October 21

2:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Munn Ice Arena, East Lansing

Calling all families, alumni, campers, staff, staff alumni, prospective campers and prospective staff. Join Tamarack Camps for a fun afternoon of skating, snacks and camp talk (our favorite subject).

For more information, contact Franki Bagdade at 248-952-9028 or [bagdade@tamarackcamps.com](mailto:bagdade@tamarackcamps.com).



Tamarack Camps



**Unaffiliated students  
accepted for 1 year.**

**Classes for ages 2 years  
through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**To enroll please go to  
the school web site  
[unitedjewishschool.org](http://unitedjewishschool.org)**

## Introduction to Judaism

Taught by Rabbi David Krishef  
Beginning Monday, October 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$70/members and B'nai Noah affiliates, \$95/  
non-members (includes a copy of the sourcebook)  
A basic introduction to Jewish history, beliefs, rituals,  
holidays, and life cycle celebrations, taught in partnership  
with the Miller Intro to Judaism Program at American  
Jewish University. The syllabus is available for download  
from [AhavasIsraelGR.org](http://AhavasIsraelGR.org) under Adult Education Programs  
(or call the office to have it mailed/emailed to you).

## Ahavas Israel Reading Group

The **Ahavas Israel Book Group** is reading "And After the  
Fire" by Lauren Belfer. We will discuss it at our next  
meeting, on Thursday October 18th 6:30-8:00 PM.  
The author, on her website [laurenbelfer.com](http://laurenbelfer.com), has links to  
purchase the book as well as a reading group guide and  
a link to listen to music from the book.  
Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 21, book to  
be determined at the October meeting.  
For more information or to let us know you are coming,  
please contact Leah Sauer, 616-805-3778;  
[leahsauer@live.com](mailto:leahsauer@live.com).

## Making Choices Michigan

Making Choices Michigan (MCM) and the Kaufman  
Interfaith Institute will be sponsoring a moderated panel  
discussion on "What happens at the end of life? An  
interfaith dialogue on the theological underpinnings of the  
meaning of death." It will take place in two  
parts: Tuesday, October 9 (Abrahamic faiths)  
and Tuesday, October 16 (Dharmic faiths). The events will  
be in the evening, 7:00 - 8:30PM, location pending.

No one can predict when a sudden illness or accident may  
occur, leaving a person unable to make personal  
healthcare decisions. Currently, far too many people  
enter the last stage of life without ever having a  
conversation about their preferences for end-of-life care,  
documenting those preferences, and informing loved ones  
or a patient advocate of their desires. When you cannot  
speak for your self, the health system's default is to  
provide every treatment available to extend life. The  
alternative is a reliable, documented plan called an  
Advance Directive.

When your wishes for care are known and have been  
honored, surviving family members experience  
significantly less anxiety, stress and depression. Thus,  
making your health care choices known is a gift that gives  
beyond one's death.

Making Choices Michigan, established in 2010, is a  
501(c)(3) registered non-profit community collaborative  
committed to helping people determine their end-of-life  
preferences, documenting those preferences in an

advance directive (AD), developing a system for storing  
and retrieving the AD, and educating the healthcare  
community to honor a person's AD to ensure that  
end-of-life preferences are respected. Congregation  
Ahavas Israel is an active participant in an interfaith  
outreach program of Making Choices Michigan. For more  
information, please contact Making Choices Michigan at  
421-4840, Sandy Freed at 540-2030 or Leah Sauer,  
805-3778. There is no charge for this service which  
provides you with a legal, reliable Power of Attorney for  
Healthcare and Living Will.

## OneTable.org has arrived

Ahavas Israel and the Jewish  
Federation of Grand Rapids have  
team up to bring [OneTable.org](http://OneTable.org) into  
Grand Rapids. OneTable is a  
national organization dedicated to  
helping people in their 20's and 30's, with no children, to  
slow down, unplug, join together, and have a meal  
together on Friday night. Sign up at [OneTable.org](http://OneTable.org)  
to scroll through open dinners, or create and post your own.  
From a traditional Shabbat experience to a picnic or  
Karaoke Shabbat, OneTable will help you make it hap-  
pen.

Coming soon, you will see dinners hosted by people in  
Grand Rapids posted on [OneTable.org](http://OneTable.org). Sign up and  
meet some new people. Or create a OneTable account  
and register as a host. They'll match you with a Shabbat  
Coach, provide you with ritual guides, a potluck  
organizing feature, recipes, playlists, Nourishment  
Credits, and more.

If you are not in this age group, we encourage you to let  
someone who is know about it. This means you, Bubbes  
and Zaydes, looking to make a shidduch! *This program is  
made possible with partial funding from The Ravitz  
Foundation.*



## Chabad House

### Simchas Torah Celebration with Dancing & Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> | 7:30PM

Dance the night away with L'chaim, flags for the kids, and  
a delicious buffet Dinner! Celebrate the completion of the  
Torah reading! Come receive a free dosage of Jewish  
Pride and joy that will last you the rest of the year!

### Kids Club ~ Gap Give-A-Penny

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> | 4:30-6PM

Hey Kids, You can be part of the newest, hottest, coolest  
club in town. Learn all about the mitzvah of Tzedakah by  
creating your very own Charity art. Do the Charity race  
and learn about giving to others. Express your creativity  
and have a really fun time.

At Chabad - 2615 Michigan Street | For Jewish boys &  
girls, Ages 5-11

*Chabad House continued***Operation Thunderbolt ~ The Miracle at Entebbe****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018 | 7:00pm**Join us for an exclusive evening with Elite IDF Commander **Sassy Reuven**.

Sassy was one of the first commanders to land in Entebbe. He will share with us his first hand account of how Israel pulled off the greatest hostage rescue in history.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rivka at 616.206.9654

**JLI ~ "Wrestling with Faith"**

Most people, even the devout, struggle with beliefs about G-d. It is easy, for example, to affirm the basic tenets of Judaism during a prayer service, but when it comes to trusting G-d with our daily decisions, many share a secret, painful fear that G-d isn't really looking out for them.

Many of us have been brought up under the assumption that mainstream science is incompatible with our Jewish faith. So when we see compelling evidence for biological evolution, for example, we feel forced to choose between science and our faith. Wrestling with Faith was created to tackle questions like these. The course acknowledges the often unspoken doubts and fears that all people share, and seizes their invitation for us to dig deeper for the answers.

**Six Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 p.m. | BEGINNING OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

At the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St. NE

Fee: \$99 (textbook included) | \$180 Sponsor

For more Info or to register, please contact Rabbi

Mordechai at 269.903.2770 or

[Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com](mailto:Rabbihaller@chabadwestmichigan.com)**CTeen Regional Shabbaton****OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup>***Spend a Shabbat at Camp Beber In Illinois together with many other Jewish teens from the Midwest!***CTeen Junior ~ Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>****MONDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2018 • 4:00-6:00PM**

Take off for our journey of flying around the world to make a difference!

Our first destination is Hawaii! Let's explode some Hawaiian fun, with delicious and refreshing fruit smoothies and enjoy a cool volcano - mad science show. Learn how we can make a difference.

For more information about Kids Club, CTeen or CTeen Junior, please contact Rivka @616.206.9654

**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 Yiladim Preschool - Kindergarten**

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

*Temple Emanuel***Interfaith & Interwoven** will resume meeting this Autumn on Tuesday, **October 2nd** at 10 am. We will be meeting at Temple Emanuel, [1715 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids](https://www.templeemanuel.org/).

We need knitters and crocheters to join us to help make mittens, hats and scarves for a classroom of 10 &amp; 11 year old children at Godfrey Elementary. This district has the highest percentage of English learners in the state. According to the census they also have the highest poverty level, many children live in homes where it is not uncommon to have the heat turned off. We have been requested to deliver the mittens, etc., personally to the children. Please join us in this wonderful project.

We will teach those who do not already know how to knit or crochet and can provide the yarn. For more information email [deetnewman@gmail.com](mailto:deetnewman@gmail.com)**The next Your Opinion Matters & Brunch will be****Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.** The topic for debate this month is: What are the pros and cons of the Reform vs. Traditional ways of saying Kaddish?Should the entire congregation stand and recite in unison or only those who are mourning a loved one? Jim Siegel will make a hot meal to go with this hot topic, so please RSVP to him at [jims@siegeljewelers.com](mailto:jims@siegeljewelers.com) or contact the Temple office so he knows how many to cook for.**Family Game Night**Join Avi Forstein for an evening of fun and games at Temple on Saturday, **October 13th** at 6:00 PM. We will start out mixing and matching kids and adults with games like Uno, Phase 10, 21, Headbands, Bezzerwizzer, Say Anything, King of Toyko, Lingo...and More! The evening will finish up with family teams pitted against each other in a multi-age trivia contest. RSVP to the Temple Office so we know how many and what ages to expect.**Annual Pink Shabbat**October is breast cancer awareness month. Please join us for Shabbat services on **Friday, Oct. 12th** for a Pink Shabbat. We will remember our loved ones who lost their lives from all forms of cancer and we will celebrate the lives of those who are battling this disease, and those who have beaten it. Wear your pink to show your support!

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.

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**Father Patrick Desbois**  
*The Hidden Holocaust*  
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Chabad House of West Michigan  
*Operation Thunderbolt:*  
*The Miracle at Entebbe*

Sunday, October 14th  
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