



Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year, and a special year it is. This month marks the *chai*, or 18th Annual Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids. I'd like to talk with you about this year's exciting lineup of films. As usual, they will be screened at **Celebration! Cinema North at Knapp's Corner from May 1st to 5th.**



Our Film Festival Committee has done a fantastic job, and let me take this opportunity to thank them for their passion and dedication to this marvelous program on our community's cultural calendar. In addition, I'd like to note this is the first Film Festival coordinated by Leigh Rapaport, Federation's programming director who joined our team last summer. She has done a wonderful job working on this important asset in our Jewish community.

This year's movie selections include a mixture of dramas, documentaries, and a comedy. (Note: a complete description of the films, along with times, costs and other information, including details about the community dinner on the last night of the Festival, can be found inside this *Shofar* on pages 3-5). As in recent years, the Film Festival kicks off with a Sunday matinee at 1:30pm, a double-feature of short films geared toward those young and old. The first film is about a bar mitzvah boy with a love of dance. The impact of music and friendship on the soul of a Holocaust survivor is captured in the latter movie and filmmaker Rich Kellman will join us to discuss the film.

The third film showing on the Festival's opening day, *My So-Called Enemy*, can be viewed Sunday evening. (All evening shows begin at 7:30pm). It tells the gripping, real-life story of a half-dozen Israeli and Palestinian teenage girls grappling with the conflict of their respective people. They traveled together to the United States for encounter sessions and activities to build bridges. My wife Carol and I previewed this movie and found the results of the girls' efforts illuminating for anyone trying to understand the challenges for Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The Monday offering, *To Life!* tells a love story complicated by the burdens of the Nazi Germany experience. Ruth is an aging Jewish cabaret singer who encounters Jonas, a man on the run. They discover each other's tragic love history and somehow find hope together in L'chaim – *To Life!* The next night we will screen a combination comedy/drama, *The Farewell Party*, about a group of friends in a Jewish retirement home

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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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*Total does not include matching grants.

Matching Grants Campaign 2015

The **Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation** has made a dollar-for-dollar matching grant commitment for all new gifts and increases in contributions. In addition, the **Hy and Greta Berkowitz Foundation** has made a similar matching grant commitment for new gifts and increases in contributions from donors age 45 and under.

Have you ever thought about contributing to, or setting up, a **L'dor Vador Endowment Fund** to help ensure the future of our Jewish community?

Please contact Mike Present in the Federation office at 616-942-5553 or mike@jfgr.org to learn more.



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seeking to help their terminally ill friend. How can such a story be both comedic and entertaining? Well, you'll have to come and see for yourself.

Wednesday night's film is *Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem*. A *gett* is the divorce document in Jewish religious law that the husband must present to his wife for the divorce to be finalized. This story about an Israeli woman, and her determination to fight for her personal freedom, is both fascinating and thought provoking. It is a drama you won't want to miss.

As mentioned earlier, the *Jewish Film Festival* concludes with our community dinner followed by a movie. Our last film, *Deli Man*, is about Ziggy, a Jewish delicatessen maven in Texas. As the film's promotional material observes, "The story of the American deli is the story of Jews". That is, how our 'tribe' both survives and thrives, moving from urban life to suburbia in America; another story that gives those who care about the American Jewish community an opportunity to contemplate.

I encourage you to come out to Celebration! Cinema North from May 1-5 to celebrate Jewish life with our community.

As we conclude our 2015-16 fundraising campaign, I want to thank you for your support of our community. I'd also like to thank those of you who generously donated to our fellow Jews in Flint facing the water crisis. The opportunity to give back to our Jewish community, whether in Grand Rapids, Flint or around the world, is a life fulfilling experience. *Tzedakah* is a core value of the Jewish people, and your willingness to live that value by donating to your Jewish community is much appreciated

With warmest regards,

Mike

mike@ifgr.org

Thursday, May 5, 6:15 PM

FILM FESTIVAL DINNER

In the Wave Room at Celebration! North

Catered by Twisted Rooster

Menu: Grilled salmon, sauteed vegetables, Michigan cherry rice pilaf, Mid-West salad, mac & cheese, and dessert!



Adults: \$10.00 - Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

**RSVP by April 29 to the Jewish Federation
at 616-942-5553 or leigh@jfggr.org**



Admission is \$6.00 per film.
 Flex pass ticket: \$36.00 (eight admissions)
 Contact: 616-942-5553 or leigh@jfgfr.org

B-BOY

May 1 - Sunday

1:30pm

14min - Documentary - USA

bboydoc.com



Thirteen-year-old Eli navigates two diverse cultures while coming of age as a bar mitzvah and a competitive breaker, in this moving short documentary about the power of passion, dedication and community. Eli, aka "E-Break," is a studious school kid on the brink of adolescence whose talent for

dance lands him a coveted position on a crew that competes in battles all over the country. It is a world of fierce talent and loyal bonds and, as Eli finds his way he dreams about winning to fanfare – and reflects on the importance of friendship, family, and losing with grace.

**BLUE TATTOO:
 DINA'S STORY, JOE'S SONG**

May 1 - Sunday

1:30pm

39min - Documentary - USA

bluetattoofilm.com

Music has the power to touch both the mind and the heart. The song Blue Tattoo does that with passion and simplicity, and the film *Blue Tattoo: Dina's Story, Joe's Song* tells the story behind the song. The song Blue Tattoo tells Dina's story from the perspective of a mother, newly emigrated to America, explaining the meaning of the blue tattoo on her arm to her four year old daughter in a way that protects her child's sense of innocence. Follow the remarkable friendship and collaboration between Holocaust survivor Dina Jacobson and singer/songwriter Joe Crookston in bringing Dina's story to the world. **There will be Q&A after the screening with Guest Speaker: Rich Kellman, filmmaker of Blue Tattoo.**



MY SO-CALLED ENEMY

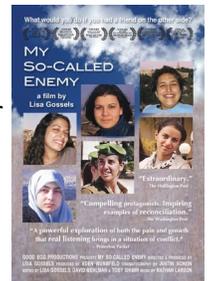
May 1 - Sunday

7:30pm

1h 30min - Documentary - Israel/USA

mysocalledenemy.com

Spanning seven years, MY SO-CALLED ENEMY follows six Palestinian and Israeli teenage girls committed to justice and mutual understanding after participating in a women's leadership program called Building Bridges for Peace. This heart and mind-opening film, from Emmy® Award-winning director Lisa Gossels documents how the young women's transformative experience of knowing their "enemies" as human beings in the United States meets with the realities of their lives back home in the Middle East. This film presents the complexities of Israeli/Palestinian conflict through a human lens.



Visit us at: www.jewishgrandrapids.org or on facebook www.facebook.com/jewishfilmfestivalgrandrapids
 Despite our best intentions and efforts, sometimes arrangements go awry. If necessary, we reserve the right to change or cancel speakers, movies or location. For information call: Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids 616-942-5553 or visit www.jewishgrandrapids.org



The Film Festival is made possible by the generous grant from the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundations and private donors.

TO LIFE!

May 2 - Monday

7:30pm

1hr 30min - Drama - Germany

menemshafilms.com/Life

Jonas, a young man on the run, arrives in Berlin just in time to save Ruth's life. Evicted from her apartment, the sarcastic but warm-hearted aging Jewish cabaret singer saw no other way out than suicide. Meanwhile Jonas, driven by a secret, is also fleeing from his love and his future. As Ruth recovers, she and Jonas form a deep bond informed by her own tragic love for a non-Jewish man in post-WWII Germany - a love burdened by the legacy of the horrors perpetrated by Nazi Germany. As Jonas discovers Ruth's past and takes part in her present, his attentions and the passionate, lusty Yiddish songs of her youth help her find the way back to life. In turn, when Ruth learns Jonas is incurably ill, she helps him find the strength to tackle his fears, and to forcefully propose "L'Chaim – To Life!"



GETT

May 4 - Wednesday

7:30pm

1hr 55min - Drama - Hebrew

musicboxfilms.com/gett-the-trial-of-viviane-amsalem

An Israeli woman seeking to finalize a divorce (*gett*) from her estranged husband finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religious marriage laws. In Israel, there is neither civil marriage nor civil divorce; only Orthodox rabbis can legalize a union or its dissolution, which is only possible with the husband's full consent. Trapped in a loveless marriage, Viviane Amsalem has been applying for a divorce for three years but her religiously devout husband Elisha continually refuses. His cold intransigence, Viviane's determination to fight for her freedom, and the ambiguous role of the rabbinical judges shape a procedure where tragedy vies with absurdity and everything is brought out into the open for judgment.



May 5th - Thursday at 6:15pm

FILM FESTIVAL DINNER

in the Wave Room

Catered by Twisted Rooster (Fish/Dairy meal)

Adults: \$10.00 - Children (12 and younger): \$5.00

RSVP by May 2nd to Jewish Federation: 942-5553 or Leigh@jfg.org

THE FAREWELL PARTY

May 3 - Tuesday

7:30pm

1hr 35min - Comedy/Drama - Israel

samuelgoldwynfilms.com



The Farewell Party is a unique, compassionate and unlikely funny story of a group of friends at a Jerusalem retirement home who decide to help their terminally ill friend. When rumors of their assistance begin to spread, more and more people ask for their help, and the friends are faced with a life and death dilemma.

DELI MAN

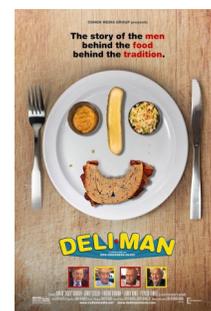
May 5 - Thursday

7:30pm

1hr 32min - Documentary - USA

delimanmovie.com

The principal guide of Deli Man is the effusive and charming Ziggy Gruber, a third-generation delicatessen man, owner and maven who currently operates one of the country's top delis, *Kenny and Ziggy's* in Houston. *Kenny and Ziggy's* has been touted in press reviews ranging from "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" to the L.A. Daily News.



"Texas?" you ask. Shalom, y'all. Because the story of the American deli is the story of Jews. How this burgeoning tribe moved and thrived from city to suburb and from suburb to strip mall, and in the process created a legacy and new generations of wealth, is the sunny topside of the Jewish-American journey. The shadowy understorey is how that very success engendered the deterioration of the old, traditional urban block and neighborhood – the epic synagogues, Mom and Pop storefronts, and nucleus of Jewish cultural life at which the deli was the succulent heart.



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TWO JEWS WALK INTO A WAR
by Seth Rozin
June 16-26, 2016
Thursdays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.
Adults \$20 Seniors \$18 Students \$5
GRCC Spectrum Theater
160 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids

Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids final production of the 2015-16 season, "Two Jews Walk Into a War", by Seth Rozin, runs June 16-26, 2016. Performances will be on Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm and Sundays at 3pm. Tickets go on sale beginning May 31, 2016 for season subscribers, June 6 for all others. Reservations can be made by calling the Box Office at 616-234-3946 or online reservations at www.jtgr.org. (Subscribers should call the Box Office).

Ishaq and Zeblyan are the last remaining Jews in Afghanistan, having just buried their good friend, Yacob. The two men share the only remaining synagogue that has not been destroyed by the Taliban. They also share a mission to repopulate the Jewish community in Kabul as

charged by Yacob's last will and testament. However, they also hate each other and rarely see eye to eye on how to accomplish that mission. Can this Middle Eastern odd couple commit to one incredible act of faith to keep the Diaspora alive without killing one another? The show, inspired by a true story, is a modern vaudeville full of schtick, sorrow, and survival. "Wonderfully funny and amazingly poignant." ~ The Sacramento Bee

Please support YOUR Jewish Theatre. Grand Rapids is very blessed to have a vibrant theatre community, and doubly blessed to have a JEWISH Theatre that stages thought-provoking productions with Jewish themes having a universal appeal. Not many Jewish communities our size can say the same. Attend a performance to show that you support them!



LUNCH BUNCH
Marco
New American Bistro
884 Forest Hills Ave SE
Thursday, May 19, 2016
11:30am
Cost: \$8
RSVP by Tuesday, May 17
to Ann at 616-942-5553
Transportation is available by calling Ann.
*If a cancellation is necessary, you will be notified by phone by 10:00am.

SENIORS!!!
Jewish Theatre of Grand Rapids
Matinee
Two Jews Walk into a War
Sunday, June 26, 2016
2:15pm carpool
3:00 performance
YOU MUST RSVP by Wednesday June 22 for the carpool
Call Ann: 616-942-5553 for a discounted ticket or for a ride.
Cost: \$15
We will meet at Temple Emanuel parking lot to carpool down to the theater.

SAVE THESE DATES
For Future Lunch Bunches...

June 16, 2016 - July 21, 2016 - August 25, 2016



* As always, I take recommendations for restaurants. Call or email Ann: 616-942-5553 or ann@ifgr.org



*Jewish Cultural Council
presents*

Klezmeponic



Sunday, June 19
11:30am performance
Temple Emanuel - 1715 Fulton Street

Based in Ann Arbor, MI, Klezmeponic provides the sounds and soul of Klezmer music. Yiddish and Jewish melodies, Vaudeville tunes, Eastern European folk music, and swing and blues are brought to life through Klezmeponic's music. Join us for music and an informative Q&A session!

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

Light refreshments will be served

KALAMAZOO JOB POSTING: Director, Joint Religious School

Kalamazoo is a wonderful small city in Southwest Michigan, with vibrant music, arts, and restaurant scenes, as well as two longstanding and close-knit Jewish synagogues - the Congregation of Moses (Conservative), and Temple B'nai Israel (Reform) - which have a total of about 200 member units. We have recently chosen to enter an exciting new chapter by merging our religious education programs, which enroll upwards of 55 children from Preschool through 10th grade.

We are seeking a Director to lead our newly merged school, guiding the implementation of our vision that the best possible Jewish education takes place in an inclusive, warm, and caring environment. The Director position is salaried for 30 hours each week. Part of that time is during the hours of Religious School (Sundays and Wednesdays). Other job responsibilities may be completed remotely or in a space assigned with the Joint Religious School Committee (JRSC).

Our ideal candidate demonstrates confidence in both Hebrew and Judaic knowledge; has experience in a Jewish educational setting; has strong organizational, interpersonal, and administrative skills; computer software skills (such as Microsoft Word/Excel, email programs, and basic social media); and leads ongoing committed, open dialogue and communication with teachers, JRSC, families, and children.

Please contact: Joyce Camhi at joyce.camhi@gmail.com or phone number 269.342.9170 x 118 for further information.

MISSION TO ISRAEL!

Are you thinking of visiting Israel?

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is in the process of organizing a mission to Israel. We would like to invite anyone interested to meet and

brainstorm possible dates and areas of interest. If you are interested, please contact our office:
616-942-5553
or info@jfgr.org



Rabbi Al Lewis & Pastor Nelesen tour of:

Israel

Scheduled Dates:

November 2 - 14, 2016

For more information on this interfaith trip: contact

Rabbi Lewis at albertmlewis@att.net or 616-485-5394



Jewish Women's Professional Network

We meet monthly for networking. All women are invited, whether working outside the home, thinking of returning to the workforce, in career transition, or a community volunteer. For more information please email marnivyn@yahoo.com or phone 616-774-8644.



Wednesday, May 4, 2016

12:00pm

Gus's Original

3123 Leonard St NE

(Please note location)

Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, May 19, 2016

12:00pm - 1:00pm

El Barrio Restaurant

545 Michigan NE

Everyone is welcome! A good networking opportunity to discuss business principles and to stay aware of resources available in our community.



Betzalel Art Group

Thursdays 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Ahavas Israel

(in the meeting room)

Have some art fun with any painting or craft you enjoy doing.

It's open to everyone. Please bring your own art or craft supplies as they are not provided. Please come and enjoy.

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



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WHY? PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories.

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Hadassah Book Club

Our Book Group met at Diane Broomberg's home on the evening of April 13th. We had a small discussion group with a lively review of our book of the month. Thank you Diane for hosting our meeting.

When: Wednesday June 8, 2016

Where: Meeting place to be determined

Time: 7:00pm

Book to read. "THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP: A NOVEL" by Nina George

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UJS Calendar

5-1 UJS Open House/Yom Hashoah
5-8 (Mother's Day)
5-11 Last day of midweek (class ends at 6pm)
5-15 Last day of classes/Marc Rossio/Yom Ha'atz maout

UJS Board:

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

Emanuel.

Co-Chairs

Rhonda Pappas &

Amy Winkelman

Allyson Strauss

Rick Rinzler

Elisabeth Rosewall

Amy Singer

Erica Wikander

Thanks so much 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.

Tina Murua, Rick Rinzler, Susie and Zach Ziegler

UJS Graduating Seniors:

Dana Chambers - Vance Cook -

Ilene Gould (Michigan State)-

Megan Shibley (University of Michigan)-

Harris Spungen - Ben Strauss

Please say thank you to our great security team this year.

Brian Nix and Pat Johnson

They have been at the UJS door every single Sunday of school this year. Always smiling and welcoming to all. Please say thanks when you see them.

Thank you also to Congregation Ahavas Israel, Temple Emanuel and Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids. Without their spiritual and financial support our school would not be such a great success!

What's Happening Jewish Grand Rapids

May 2016 Calendar of Events

1-5	Jewish Film Festival of Grand Rapids. Celebration! Cinema, Knapp's Corner, Grand Rapids 7:30pm (plus 1:30pm on May 1) – see pages 4 & 5 in this Shofar
5	Community Dinner 6:15pm Celebration! Cinema, Knapp's Corner, Grand Rapids
19	Cteen, Jr Chabad House of WM 4:00pm to 6:00pm
22	Cteen Holocaust Movie Chabad House of WM 4:00pm to 6:00pm
23	Jewish Women's Circle Chabad House of WM 7:30pm to 8:30pm
26	Lag B'Omer Celebration/Bonfire Chabad House of WM 5:00pm to 7:00pm
31	CKC Pre-Shavuot Chabad House of WM 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Editor's Note – 'What's Happening' is a new 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.

Congregation Ahavas Israel

The next step of Ahavas Israel's strategic planning process is a series of "Congregational Conversation Groups," in which the committee will pose a number of questions intended to elicit more information about how to successfully lead our congregation forward. Each group will have a maximum number of eight people. Additional groups will be scheduled, depending on the number of people interested in participating. Please sign up for a Conversation that best fits your profile:

1. Empty nesters (below 70, children all college age or above) - **May 11**
2. Singles 35 and younger - **May 18**
3. Interfaith families - **May 25**
4. Holland area - **June 1**
5. Families and single adults with children - **June 8**
6. Seniors (above 70) - **June 15** (afternoon)

The groups will meet 6:30pm - 8:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Please contact the Ahavas Israel office for location. RSVP for your group by contacting Paula Bojsen, pabojsen@att.net or [616\) 392-1138](tel:6163921138).

The same questions will be posed at each group, so if you belong to more than one group there is no need to go to more than once. Choose the group that fits best.

Temple Emanuel

Saturday, May 7, 10:00am Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 14, 10:00am Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, May 15, 10:00am Your Opinion Matters & Brunch. Join moderator and chef Jim Siegel to discuss challenging topics from the world around us. This month's topic is: Can you stand with evangelical Christians in support of Israel, or do their conservative values stand in the way?

Sunday, May 15, 6:00pm Spring Gala and Auction at Thousand Oaks Country Club. Enjoy dinner and dancing to benefit Temple Emanuel. RSVP needed by May 10th. Call Temple Office before 5pm.

Saturday, May 21, 10:00am Bar Mitzvah

Chabad House of West Michigan

Cteen Junior - Thursday, May 19

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.

4:00pm-6:00pm (Grades 6th-8th)

Cteen Sunday, May 22

4:00pm-6:00pm (High School Students)

Kids Club "Pre Shavuot-Breakfast Style" Tuesday, May 31

Enjoy a breakfast complete with Shavuot themes! Enjoy Torah pancakes, flower fruits and Mt. Sinai explosions! Decorate your own Torah placemats and Torah magnet frame!

4:00pm-6:00pm (Ages 5-11) For more information or to RSVP for Kids Club, Cteen or Cteen Jr Contact Rivka at RivkahWeingarten@gmail.com or 616-206-9654

Jewish Woman's Circle Lag B'Omer - Celebrate Israeli style! Monday, May 23

Enjoy a tasty falafel dinner and learn how to make delicious Middle Eastern dips.

Roundtable discussion "The Five Steps to Enhancing Interpersonal Relationships".

Time: 7:30pm | Fee: \$10, Hostess: Michele Young, Chair: Ellen Fishman.

For more Info or to RSVP call Nechamy 616-828-2340

JLI—"Strength & Struggle" Beginning May 18

Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets. A New Six-Session Course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute Register today, visit myJLI.com. Six Wednesdays 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Beginning May 18, 2016 at the Chabad House 2615 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 Fee \$99 - \$79 Early Bird Special For more Info or to Register call Rabbi Mordechai 269-903-2770

Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ, Thursday May 26, 5:00pm, Join us for a Lag B'Omer Celebration at Chabad House. Fun for the whole family! For more Info call 616-957-0770.

Celebrate Shavuot! Sunday, June 12, Hear the 10 Commandments and enjoy a delicious dairy Kiddush and Ice Cream Party at the Chabad House.

Gan Israel Day Camp, Dates: June 27 - July 15, A Jewish summer experience of a lifetime! Call Sarah: 616-375-9404

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 sleep away camps and experiences.

Charles 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 Grand Rapids Jewish Community

Woman of Valor Fund

In honor of Ms. Elisa Joseph Anders
from Julian and Judith Joseph

In honor of Dr. Mary Njegovan
from Julian and Judith Joseph

In honor of Dr. Polly Panitz
from Julian and Judith Joseph

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from David Fixler

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In memory of Lois and Sheldon Kahn
from Carol Present



JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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Donor City/St/Zip _____ In memory of _____

Send card to: Name _____ Notes: _____

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Send your donation and this form to:

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