



**Executive Director's Letter**

July 2014

Dear Friends,

A report recently crossed my desk from the World Jewish Congress called *Neo-Nazism in Modern Europe*. It is a study of the revival of Neo-Nazi leaning political parties in Europe, focusing on Greece, Hungary and Germany, with additional analysis of other European countries.



While the space available here does not allow me to adequately convey the report's significant information, I would like to share with you its concluding paragraph: "The briefing deals primarily with neo-Nazis rather than the far-Right anti-immigration parties that have seen such a resurgence in recent years. However, as some of the examples show, there is an overlap between the two in so far as the far-Right may set the tone for many of the same issues that energize neo-Nazis, also in so far as their thinking could end up in a similar place to that of the neo-Nazis if left unchecked."

(If you would like to see the entire report, you can either find it online or send me an email at [mike@jfgr.org](mailto:mike@jfgr.org) and I will send an electronic copy to you).

How concerned should we be about rising anti-Semitism in Europe, and should we be concerned about it here in the U.S.?

My view is we should be quite concerned about Europe. The rise of neo-Nazism in Europe's politics is the latest evidence that the anti-Semitism of the Holocaust era may have been dormant in Europe, but did not disappear. Verbal and physical attacks against European Jews are now a daily occurrence, according to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal* by two leaders of the American Jewish Committee in Paris and Brussels. These AJC leaders give an example of a French comedian, Dieudonne, who has become accepted in popular culture with anti-Semitic dialogue as part of his act. An anti-Zionist, anti-Israel theme seems to be a part of this new anti-Semitism.

Such views on Zionism or Israel are not taking hold in the United States, in my view, and I do not believe we should be as concerned about anti-Semitism here, though feel we need to pay attention.

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**The Shofar**

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Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids unites the local Jewish community to sustain and strengthen Jews locally, in Israel, and around the world.

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The Virginia primary loss by House Majority leader Eric Cantor to a candidate who used the anti-immigration issue against him should give us pause. Cantor, a Jew, had served for many years in Congress, and most analysts did not attribute his loss to being Jewish.

The anti-immigration argument may be another matter. While Cantor's opponent, who is generally described as far-Right, also used both anti-government and 'Cantor is out of touch' messages, there is no question that his anti-immigration position played an important role in what was considered a shocking loss by Cantor. That said, it should also be emphasized that other mainstream conservative candidates have won their primary elections despite being tarred with the immigration issue.

We are fortunate as Jews to live in the United States, perhaps the best country for our people in the history of the Jewish Diaspora. History does, of course, have a habit of repeating itself, though usually in unpredictable ways. As noted earlier, anti-Israel sentiment appears to be playing a role in the new strains of anti-Semitism we are witnessing. While the situation is clearly troubling in Europe, it behooves us as American Jews to not only be supportive of our fellow Jews there, but also to be attentive in regard to our domestic politics.

As always, please let me know your thoughts.

Best regards,

Mike  
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P.S. Earlier this year the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement against Israel was discussed in this column. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) recently joined this misguided effort. A statement in response from the JCPA and Israel Action Network can be found on the next page of this *Shofar*.



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## **Jewish Council for Public Affairs and Israel Action Network Express Outrage, Disappointment and Sadness over Presbyterian Church (USA) Divestment Move**

June 20, 2014

New York - The biennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted today to divest from three American companies because of their sales to Israel, by a very narrow margin of 310-303. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), together with the Israel Action Network (IAN), an initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America in partnership with the JCPA, created to counter assaults on Israel's legitimacy, issued the following statement:

"The decision by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to divest from three U.S.-based companies because of their sales to Israel is outrageous. We are deeply disappointed, hurt and saddened. But we are not surprised, given the deep animus that a determined core group of church officials has demonstrated against both the Jewish people and the State of Israel," said JCPA President Rabbi Steve Gutow. "The decision will undoubtedly have a devastating impact on relations between mainstream Jewish groups and the national Presbyterian Church (USA). We hold the leadership of the PCUSA accountable for squandering countless opportunities, not only to act responsibly to advance prospects for Middle East peace, but also to isolate and repudiate the radical, prejudiced voices in their denominations."

IAN Managing Director Geri Palast remarked, "It is troubling and tragic to see the Presbyterian Church (USA) choose to reject partnership in favor of partisanship, ignoring the entreaties of every major organizational voice in the American Jewish community, including over 1,700 religious leaders from the four movements and all fifty states. The publication of 'Zionism Unsettled,' an anti-Jewish and anti-Israel congregational guide, connected the dots between this church action and efforts to eliminate the Jewish state of Israel. The only path to a just peace is a two-state solution. Divestment and BDS are the tools of division and a one-state movement."

"We are deeply grateful to hundreds of Presbyterians who tried to lead their church in a more positive direction," said JCPA Vice President and General Council, Ethan Felson, who attended the entire proceeding. "We recognize that the General Assembly has not concluded and there can't be other motions to reverse this result. Unfortunately, the problems in the PCUSA run very deep and individuals who support both Israel and Palestinians, as well as relations with the mainstream Jewish community, have been silenced."

"Despite this distressing decision, we are confident that many Presbyterians and Jews in communities across the country reject this divisive move. May they be repairers of the breach, and work for shared goals of justice for all, peace, and a two-state solution," Gutow added. "Our fervent hope and prayer is that members of the church who seek a more constructive path will, in the fullness of time, be able to overcome the forces of divisiveness in their denomination and foster a new season of mutual understanding."

The JCPA and IAN have worked closely with Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Relations Councils, rabbis and national Jewish agencies and their affiliates around the country to foster dialogue and programs that support peace and reconciliation and reject delegitimization and divestment.

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*The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community, and serves as the national coordinating and advisory body for the 14 national and 125 local agencies comprising the field of Jewish community relations.*

*The Israel Action Network (IAN) is a strategic initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America, in partnership with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), created to counter the assault on Israel's legitimacy and proactively lead the conversation about the Jewish, democratic state of Israel.*



**LUNCH BUNCH**  
**Summer Road Trip!!!**  
**Thursday, July 17....12:00\***

*Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant*

216 VanRaalte Ave

Holland, MI 49423

Cost: \$10\*



Please call the JFGR office to make a reservation 616-942-5553

by Tuesday July 8 .Depending on the number of RSVPs, we may be able to rent a small bus or van to travel to Holland.. **\*Note the change in time and cost.**

**FUTURE LUNCH BUNCH DATES**

**Thursdays**

**August 28,**

**September 18,**

**October 23**

Taking suggestions for places to eat:

Call Ann at

616-942-5553



**For your information...** by Ann Berman

Dear Seniors and their families,

This August 5th voters will be asked to cast their vote regarding millages. One of the items that will be on the ballot is the Kent County Senior Millage. I would like you to be aware of what this program supports, so that you and your families can make an informed decision when you cast your vote.

*(information courtesy of the Kent County Senior Millage Committee)*

- The Kent County senior millage serves 17,000 people a year with 43 different services that help them live independently in their own homes.
- Home delivered meals, personal care, transportation, and home repairs funded through the senior millage help frail older adults age with dignity. These services also save health care dollars in the long run.
- Demand for millage services continues to increase as the population ages. The number of older adults in Kent County has increased 30% since 2000. There are now more than 100,000 older adults in Kent County.
- Demand will only continue to grow. The older adult population in Kent County is projected to double over the next twenty years.
- As the population increases, funding has decreased. Millage funding has declined from a high of \$7 million to the current \$6 million level due to declining property values over the past four years.
- Waiting lists and unmet needs for meals, home care, and transportation are growing. Individuals on waiting lists are more likely to end up in nursing home, more likely to seek care from a hospital emergency room, and more likely to die waiting for assistance than their counterparts who receive services.
- The senior millage proposal cost pennies a day. Increasing the millage rate from 1/3 to 1/2 mill will cost the owner of a \$150,000 home an extra \$12.50 a year.
- Thousands of older adults will have a better quality of life and many will be able to stay in their own home.
- Senior millage services are available to Kent County residents who are 60 years of age or older. Service recipients are asked to donate toward the programs to help expand services to include additional older adults. Based on a person's income, they may be asked to share part of the cost of the service.

Many of these programs funded by this millage are resources that JFGR refer Jewish community members to in order to help them maintain some independence in their home. If you have questions as to what programs are available, feel free to call the office, 616-942-5553, email Ann at [ann@ifgr.org](mailto:ann@ifgr.org) or log on to [www.kentseniormillage.com/services](http://www.kentseniormillage.com/services) to learn more.

## Three Missing Israeli Teens

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of:*

Eyal Yifrach, age 19

Naftali Frankel, age 16

Gilad Shaar, age 16

*The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids wishes them a safe and speedy return home!*

*If you would like to sign a letter of support, please go to [www.jewishgrandrapids.org](http://www.jewishgrandrapids.org).*



## Did you hear the news?.....

### Michigan and Israel sign trade agreement

Israeli Consul General to the Midwest Roey Gilad and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder met in Dearborn, Michigan on Monday, June 16, 2014 to sign a memorandum of understanding to do joint industrial research and development. The pact is intended to promote and enhance the economic partnership between Michigan and Israel and calls for issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) from for-profit business collaborations between Michigan and Israeli companies. The signing followed an all-day cyber-sharing workshop in Dearborn for Michigan public and private IT executives and featured experts from Israel and Michigan.



## Looking for the perfect gift?

Consider making a tax-deductible donation to a Jewish community endowment fund in honor of a:

- Birthday
- Graduation
- B'nai mitzvah
- Wedding
- Anniversary
- Birth
- Other recognition or special event

For as little as \$10 you can personally acknowledge these events, and a card is mailed to the recipient!

Please see Page 11 for details, or phone or email [cathy@jfgr.org](mailto:cathy@jfgr.org).



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Scholar-in-Residence

September 12-14

DR. YAEL ARONOFF

Michigan State University's James Madison College

*Everything you wanted to know about Israel  
(but were afraid to ask)*



## **PJ LIBRARY FAMILY!**

*You are invited!*

**Sunday, August 3 - 11:30 a.m.**

Congregation Ahavas Israel playground  
2727 Michigan St. NE

Great opportunity to meet other PJ Library families with children ages 6 months to 8 years, build long lasting friendships and connect to the Jewish community.

If you are not receiving free a PJ Library books; this is a good opportunity to subscribe!

**Join the rest of the community for the annual picnic**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Jewish Federation invites you!

# COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Sunday, August 3 – 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Rain or shine!

**\*Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the lawn in back of *Congregation Ahavas Israel (2727 Michigan NE)* with your family and friends.**

**\* Lunch (hot dogs and veggie dogs, salads, corn on the cob, cookies and fruit): \$5 per person, \$15 max per family**

**\* Games for all ages**



The ***“Tzofim (Israeli scouts) Friendship Caravan”*** will entertain us with their dance and music.

For additional information and

RSVP call [616-942-5553](tel:616-942-5553)

[info@jfg.org](mailto:info@jfg.org)

**Please Pay Attention!!!**

**August meeting  
cancelled!!!**

## Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:15pm

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette"

By Marie Semple

Host: Karen Haight - 130 Marilyn NE

RSVP: 616-454-9910

Facilitator: Sheila Frank

Please call Karen to let her know if you will attend or not!!

Books available at *SCHULER BOOKS*,  
28th Street

As always, your faithful bookends,

Sue Remes 616-949-3505

Flory Silverstein 616-949-5766



## YAD

(Young Adult Division for 21-35 year olds)

For information contact

Lauren at [laurenevetter@gmail.com](mailto:laurenevetter@gmail.com).

## Jewish Community Business Forum

Thursday, July 17

12:00 -1:00 p.m.

El Barrio....

545 Michigan NE

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



## 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](mailto:marnivyn@yahoo.com) or phone 616-

774-8644

Our lunch meetings will be on hiatus until September!



## PJ Library is here!

Thank you! To the Ravitz Foundation and Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation.

A GIFT for  
JEWISH CHILDREN  
and their families.



**WHAT?** The PJ Library ("PJ" for "pajamas") program offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years all across North America. The program is also available to children ages 6 through 8 in some communities.

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

**HOW? Signing up is easy!**  
To sign up for PJ Library visit  
[www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org).

PJ Library is a gift from your Jewish community in partnership with local philanthropists and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

PJ Library

[www.PJLIBRARY.org](http://www.PJLIBRARY.org)

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## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

### STILL NEEDED!

Some members in our community need rides! They struggle to get groceries, go to a medical appointment or Jewish event. This difficulty can be a profound source of stress for some of them. If you might be willing to drive a senior on an 'as needed basis', please consider filling out our applications and getting on our call list. Chances are that you already know the person who needs your help! I am committed to ensuring the volunteer and senior citizen are comfortable with one another so that the experience is fulfilling for both parties!

For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Ann at 942-5553 ext. 206



## Beit Sefer B'yahad/United Jewish School

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## Highlights of 2013-2014 School Year

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Programs made possible by the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation, Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids, Temple Emanuel, and Congregation Ahavas Israel

### **New this Year**

UJS created a volunteer safety group that monitors the building when we are in session.

UJS theme for the school year is a combination of teaching mitzvot and middot. As an extension of this Rabbi Krishef visits the classes once a month to present a program geared at different age levels. This curriculum is also presented once a month in a parallel parent program.

**Mitzvah and Tzedakah** There are ongoing mitzvah and tzedakah projects throughout the year at UJS.

**November** – Food items were collected to make Thanksgiving dinners and donated to the Temple food bank for distribution.

**November Mitzvah Mall** - Donations were made and shoppers received decorative gift cards to present to the person in whose honor the gift was purchased. The card indicated that a donation was made to a specific charity.

**December** – We collected gently used winter clothing for distribution to the Women's Resource Center.

**February and March** – Tzedakah monies were sent to JNF to purchase trees in Israel. [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)

**April and May** – Used eyeglasses, cellphones, and children's books were collected as a way to teach about recycling and taking care of the earth. Tikkun Olam

**10-6-13 Blessing of the Pets** UJS held its annual Blessing of the Pets service. Lots of dogs, cats, furry and not so furry animals were present to receive their special blessing. Musical guest Marc Rossio also entertained with great music.

**11-10-13 Shirlala** UJS Pre-K thru 2nd grade students headed to Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing to hear

**11-17-13 the Maccabeats** *Using nothing more than the unadulterated human voice, a clean-cut presentation, and a little Jewish humor, this unique group of singers connects with fans of all backgrounds and ages.*

<http://www.maccabeats.com/about/>

### **12-15-13 "Chanukah Bowling Ball"**

UJS celebrated Chanukah with the community! Busses transported students from religious school to Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center. A wonderful kosher lunch was served by the Chabad House.

**May 1-4, 2014 9<sup>th</sup> grade New York trip** Students from UJS 9<sup>th</sup> grade spent an educational 4 days in New York. This is an annual trip for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and an extension of their religious school curriculum which is about Jewish American immigration.

**May 3-4, 2014 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago trip** Students from the UJS 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade took an overnight trip to Chicago to visit the Spertus Museum, the Holocaust Museum and of course enjoy the windy city.

**5-4-14 UJS Jewish Film Festival** In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, students were transported to Celebration Cinema to enjoy a free family matinee at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual GR Jewish Film Festival.

**UJS Opening Day September 7, 2014**

***Chabad House*****"Caffeine for the Soul!"**

Join other women for learning and inspiration and delve into the Torah's timeless wisdom.

This class is based on the weekly Torah Portion, studied through the prism of Kabbalah to attain new insights into ourselves and the world around us.

Enjoy a coffee, delicious pastries and great discussion Wednesday mornings at 9:30.

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For more information contact Nechamy at 616-828-2340 or [Nechamy8@gmail.com](mailto:Nechamy8@gmail.com)

A project of the Jewish Women Circle.

Looking forward to seeing you!

**Gan Yiladim Preschool-Kindergarten**

Registration is now open for the fall of 2014. Gan Yiladim is a Jewish preschool where we offer a stimulating and warm environment. 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.

For Children ages 2 - 6

For more information about our program, Please feel free to contact us at 616-957-0770

***Congregation Ahavas Israel*****Pre-Shabbat Happy Hour/Kabbalat Shabbat**

The religious Life committee is hosting Pre-Shabbat Family Happy Hours (hors d'oeuvres and snacks wine, beer, and soft drinks) on the third Shabbat of each month -- July 18 and August 15 at 7:00 p.m., followed by Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:45 p.m. To sponsor a happy hour (\$54), contact the synagogue office.

**Corners of the Field Community Garden**

The Ahavas Israel gardeners can use your help. Preparations and planing for this year's garden have begun. Last year, the garden produced over 400 pounds of produce donated to the Temple Emanuel and the Baxter Street Food Pantries.

Work has begun with the planting of onions, collard greens, turnip greens, and beets. A young man who is working on a garden project to complete the requirements toward becoming an Eagle Scout may be helping with a project to protect the garden from woodchucks.

For more information, contact Allyson

Strauss, [allysoncolestrauss@gmail.com](mailto:allysoncolestrauss@gmail.com) or [616-406-6536](tel:616-406-6536).

**Learner's Minyan (July 19, and August 16), 10:00 am**

Interested in learning more about traditional services? Rabbi Krishef will unlock the secrets to understanding the Shabbat morning service at Ahavas Israel

***Temple Emanuel*****Friday, July 4th**

Temple Offices closed - all day

Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm

Shabbat Services begin at 6:15 pm

Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Schadick Family

**Thursday, July 10th**

10:00 am, Summer Story Hour with Rabbi Schadick  
- Stories for Children of all ages  
Temple Emanuel Library

**Saturday, July 12th**

10:00 am Shabbat-Around Morning Services

Leslie Tassell Park - picnic pavilion

Cascade Township

**Sunday, July 13th**

6:00 pm, Beer City Pub Crawl

Rockford Brewing Company

RSVP to Temple Office to reserve a seat

Life cycles, 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 anyone. We will acknowledge your donation with a card to that individual or family and the recognition will be noted in *The Shofar*. 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 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.

**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 Grand Rapids Jewish Community*

### **Louis & Louise Weiner Fund**

In honor of Ann Berman  
from The Sarnes

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Susette Tauber

In honor of Anita Silverstein  
from Pam Goldberger

### **Samrick Youth Scholarship Endowment Fund**

In honor of birth of grandson to Mike and Carol  
Present  
from Judith and Julian Joseph

In honor of Anne Wepman's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
from Susan and David Samrick

### **Lois and Sheldon Kahn Health Help Fund**

In honor of new grandparents Mike and Carol  
Present  
from Ann Berman, Sari Cohen,  
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## JFGR Endowment Fund Donation Form

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## The Shofar

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(see page 5 for details)

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