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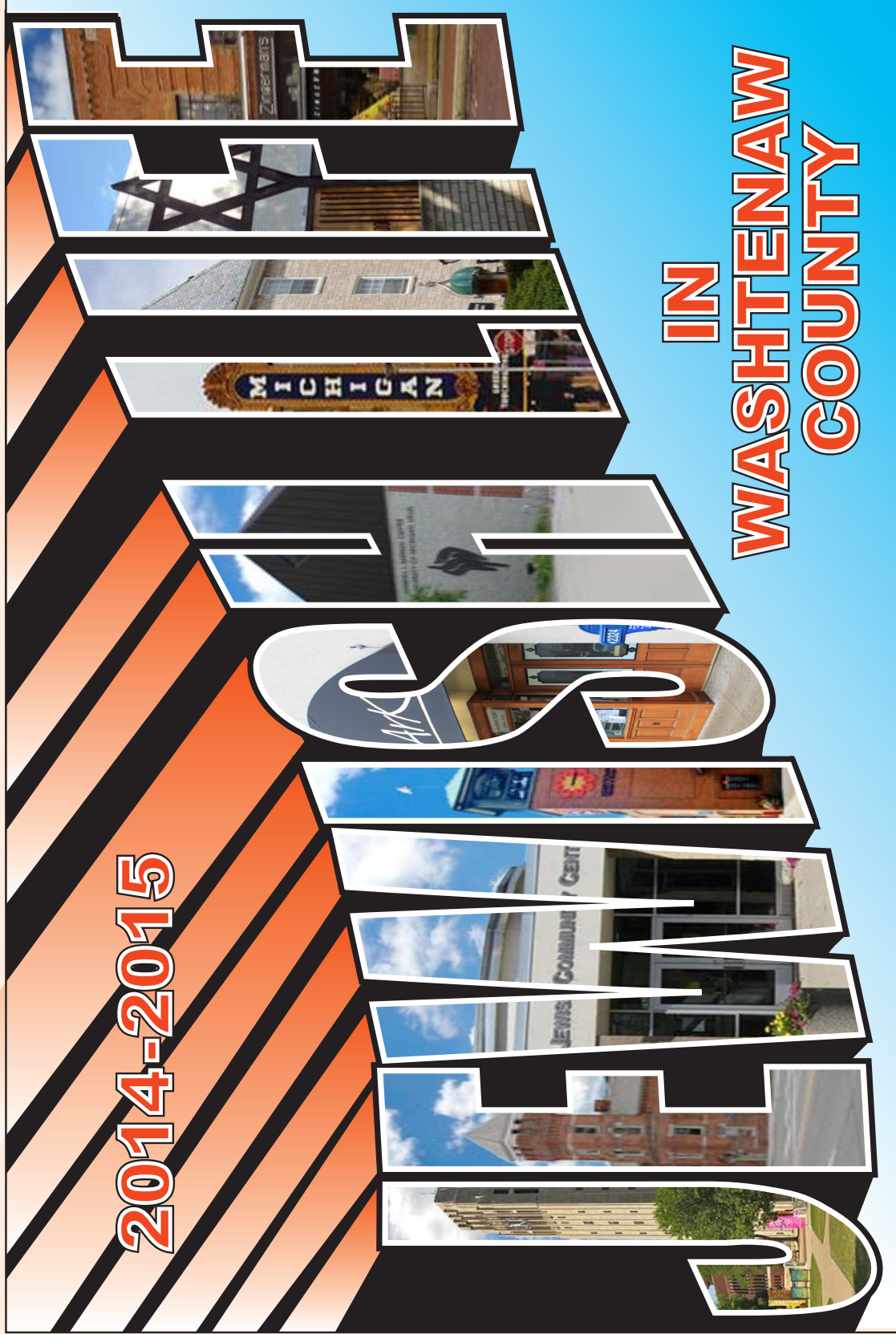
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# The Jewish Holidays

## **Shabbat** (*Sabbath*)

Celebrated Fridays at sundown to commemorate God's day of rest after six days of creation. Traditions include lighting candles, drinking wine and eating challah (a braided bread). Havdalah, the farewell ceremony to Shabbat, takes place after three stars shine in the Saturday night sky and is celebrated by lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices.

## **Rosh Hashanah** (*Jewish New Year*)

Festive celebration during which individuals contemplate their past, present and future actions. Traditional foods include round challah and apples with honey, symbolizing anticipated wholeness and sweetness for the new year. Commences the Ten Days of Awe, which culminate on Yom Kippur.

## **Yom Kippur** (*Day of Atonement*)

Holiest day of the Jewish year. Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships with God and other people and atone for their wrongdoings. Ends with a shofar's blast at sundown.

## **Sukkot** (*Festival of Booths*)

Commemorates the fulfillment of God's promise to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Many build a sukkah (plural: sukkot), a temporary structure with a roof made of branches, modeled after the huts constructed in the desert. Also celebrated with the shaking of the lulav (assemblage of palm, willow and myrtle branches) and etrog (a lemon-like fruit).

## **Shemini Atzeret** (*Eighth Day of Assembly*)

Celebrated the day after Sukkot and thus sometimes considered an extension of the holiday. Marks the first time tefillat geshem (prayer for rain) is recited during services, a practice that continues until Pesach.

## **Simchat Torah** (*Rejoicing in Torah*)

Celebrates the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. After finishing the last sentence of the book Devarim (Deuteronomy), adults and children joyously parade the Torah around the synagogue seven times. The new cycle begins immediately with a reading from Bereshit (Genesis).

## **Chanukah** (*Festival of Lights*)

Eight-day holiday commemorating Jewish victory over the Syrians and the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, when oil meant to last for one day burned for eight. Celebrated by lighting candles in a chanukiyah (a nine-branched candelabrum), eating latkes (potato pancakes), playing with dreidels (spinning tops) and giving gelt (money or gifts).



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## **Tu B'Shevat** (*New Year of Trees*)

Biblical in origin, a holiday with environmentalist and Zionist themes that celebrates springtime renewal and growth. Traditions include eating fruit and planting trees.

## **Purim** (*Feast of Lots*)

Commemorates the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her righteous Uncle Mordecai from the evil Haman. When Haman is mentioned in the Megillah (scroll) of Esther, people shout and turn graggers (noisemakers) to drown out his name. Traditions include parties, mishloach manot (gift-giving) and eating hamentashen (three-cornered fruit-filled pastries). Some also fast on the day before Purim to remember the three-day fast by the Jews of Persia at Esther's request.

## **Pesach** (*Passover*)

Celebrates the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. At the seder (traditional service and meal), the Haggadah (collection of texts and commentaries on the Exodus) is read and symbolic foods are eaten. Jews refrain from eating leavened products and eat matzah (unleavened bread) for eight days to remember how the hurried Israelites could not let their bread rise before fleeing.

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# What will bring you together?

What will keep you talking?  
What makes an occasion special?



- ① Itzhak Perlman, violin; September 14, 6 pm
- ② Mariinsky Orchestra; January 24, 8 pm & January 25, 3 pm
- ③ San Francisco Symphony; November 13, 7:30 pm and November 14, 8 pm
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# The Jewish Holidays

## ***Sefirat HaOmer*** ***(Counting of the Omer)***

Seven-week period that begins the second night of Pesach and ends at Shavuot. Thirty-two mourning days that commemorate the deaths of Rabbi Akiva's students (see also Lag B'Omer). Traditionally, weddings, festivities and haircuts are prohibited during this time.

## ***Yom HaShoah*** ***(Holocaust Remembrance Day)***

Day chosen by the Israeli Knesset, in 1951, to mourn the millions killed in the Holocaust. Often commemorated with the reading of names and speeches by survivors. In Israel, a siren's morning blast allows collective remembrance in a moment of silence.

## ***Yom HaZikaron*** ***(Martyr and Heroes' Memorial Day)***

Day of remembrance for all who sacrificed themselves for the state of Israel. Public observances include lighting of yartzheit (memorial) candles, visiting graves and reciting psalms. In Israel, sirens blast once in the morning and again in the evening to begin Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

## ***Yom HaAtzmaut*** ***(Israel Independence Day)***

On May 14, 1948 (Hebrew date: 5 Iyar), Israel was declared an independent state. Many Jews celebrate with parades, festivals and donations to Jewish charities.

## ***Lag B'Omer*** ***(Thirty-Third Day of the Counting of the Omer)***

One-day suspension of the traditional mourning period during Sefirat HaOmer. On this day, a plague afflicting Rabbi Akiva's students ceased. Also commemorates Bar Kochba's recapture of Jerusalem from the Romans. Celebrated with picnics and nature outings.

## ***Shavuot*** ***(Festival of Weeks)***

Celebrated the day after Sefirat HaOmer ends to commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the spring harvest. Traditionally, Jews read the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth and eat dairy products. Religious school confirmation often takes place at this time.

## ***Fast of Tammuz*** ***(The Seventeenth of Tammuz)***

Fast from dawn until nightfall commemorating the day Moses broke the first Tablets of the Covenant because the Israelites made the Golden Calf. Also marks the beginning of the siege on Jerusalem before its destruction. Begins the "Three Weeks," a mourning period ending at Tisha B'Av.

## ***Tisha B'Av*** ***(The Ninth of Av)***

Day of fasting and mourning commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, both of which took place on the 9th of Av. The Book of Lamentations is read and many conduct services sitting on the floor. ■



## ***Washtenaw Jewish News*** ***aims and principles***

- To provide the Jewish community of Washtenaw County with a quality newspaper that will present news of Jewish interest with a priority on local news.
- To offer commentary, interpretation and authentic background on events of the day, as a means of stimulating the concern and response vital to the fulfillment of our responsibilities as members of the Jewish community.
- To enrich the life of both individuals and the community through the presentation of features, articles, reviews and other material of Jewish content and interest.
- To provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

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### **JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5774**

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah .. September 25-26  
Yom Kippur ..... October 4  
Sukkot..... October 9-15  
Shemini Atzeret..... October 16  
Simchat Torah ..... October 17  
Chanukah .....December 17-24  
Tu B'Shevat .....February 4  
Purim..... March 5

Passover..... April 4-11  
Yom HaShoah.....April 16  
Yom HaZikaron .....April 22  
Yom HaAtzmaut .....April 23  
Lag B'Omer ..... May 7  
Yom Yerushalayim..... May 17  
Shavuot ..... May 24-25  
Tisha B'Av..... July 26





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David Shtulman, executive director

At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel, and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year, including seminars and lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life. In the spring, Celebrate Israel is a festive celebration of Israel Independence Day.

The 2014 annual campaign raised over \$1.44 million from 1,200 donor families. In addition to supporting local Jewish agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar), the Federation supports



projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2Gether project, anchored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Detroit. Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County

## Jewish Federation Of Greater Ann Arbor 2014 Allocations

### Local Allocations

Ann Arbor Eruv	\$500
Chabad of Ann Arbor	\$8,000
Emergency Cash Assistance Fund	\$8,000
Hebrew Day School	\$110,200
Hillel at EMU	\$11,650
Hillel at UM	\$9,000
Israel Scholarships	\$5,000
Jewish Community Center	\$166,000
JCC Front Desk	\$20,471
Jewish Community Foundation	\$56,096
Jewish Community Impact Fund	\$40,000
Jewish Educators Council	\$7,000
Jewish Family Services	\$121,500
Jewish Federation Administration	\$108,283
Jewish Federation Services	\$218,316
Jewish Federation Fundraising	\$152,232
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	\$7,500
Keshet Ann Arbor	\$13,185
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	\$7,500
Reserve for Uncollectable Pledges	\$35,000
<b>Total Local Allocations</b>	<b>\$1,105,433</b>

### Global Giving

Birthright	\$5,000
Jewish Federations of N America	\$51,500
Jewish Council on Public Affairs	\$1,500
Collective Overseas (JAFI, JDC, ORT)	\$156,576
Hand in Hand Schools	\$5,000
Net@	\$15,000
Leket-Israel	\$3,700
Project Ten - Harduf	\$5,000
Task Force on Arab/Israeli Issues	\$1,000
Religious Pluralism in Israel	\$5,176
JDC Welfare Relief in the FSU	\$34,775
Partnership2Gether - National	\$11,000
Partnership2Gether - Local	\$25,340
Partnership2Gether - Israel	\$14,000
<b>Total Non-Local Allocations</b>	<b>\$334,567</b>



# Jewish Family Services

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for future generations. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

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Anya Abramzon, executive director

As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population, the mission of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity. JFS provides programs and services that support the entire community in congruence with the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, or repairing

the world. JFS' Case Management/ Services Coordination, Outpatient Mental Health Treatment (Counseling) and Employment Services programs are accredited by CARF International.

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## OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. Through its Partners in Care Concierge (PiCC) medical appointment accompaniment program, staff accompany older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication and return with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver.

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## CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Older Adult Services Coordinator assists local and long distance caregivers in managing the care of their older parents or loved ones. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, Caregiver Consultations, monthly Caregiver Conversations support groups, educational workshops, and more.

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## NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers support, and promotes the process

of acculturation and integration into the larger community through a wide range of direct services and programs.

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## COUNSELING

JFS offers professional, effective and confidential assessment and counseling services to individuals, couples and families to help restore emotional balance in their lives. JFS Counseling Services are accredited by CARF International. Most insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

JFS assists community members with crisis management, including information and referral to community resources, a food pantry with kosher and Halal and gluten-free items as well as food for other specialized diets, clothing, furniture, financial and other types of emergency assistance.

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## JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

JFS offers a variety of culturally sensitive educational programs and events to strengthen individuals, families and the community. Education, information and support is provided, not only on universal family issues but also with the goal of supporting Jewish values and traditions and promoting common Jewish interests and socialization.

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## RESETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

JFS provides a range of resettlement services for refugees and immigrants, such as help establishing housing, preparing for citizenship, learning English, seeking employment, securing government documents, and adapting to American culture and life. JFS also offers translation and family reunification services.

## TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan Program enables older or disabled adults and other residents to maintain their independence by providing rides within the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to medical appointments, errands, and community events. A van with a wheelchair lift is available. Riders must



be JFS clients and make reservations one week in advance

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

JFS is able to provide services to those in need because of the assistance of many wonderful volunteers. Unique and fulfilling volunteer opportunities are tailored to meet diverse preferences, skills and schedules. There are many ways to help: be a friendly visitor, accompany seniors in the PiCC program to their medical appointments, English as a Second Language tutors or conversational partners help teach immigrants and refugees. You may also provide administrative assistance in the office, join a committee or assist at an event.

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## JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER ANN ARBOR

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Jeff Baden, executive director

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The Jewish Community Center's (JCC) mission is to enhance Jewish identity and perpetuate Jewish values through excellence in cultural, educational, social and recreational programming and resources that embrace and involve the entire community. Community-wide events presented by the JCC include the popular celebration of the fall Jewish holidays, Apples and Honey; the Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival in early November; the spring JCC Film Festival; and other events throughout the year.

The JCC serves families through its many family enrichment programs as well as the Early Childhood Center, KidZone After-school, KidZone Enrichment, KidZone Vacation, KidZone @Night, the Maccabi Games and Arts Fest delegation for teens, JCC Scouts, Camp Keshet, Camp Raanana, and more.

The JCC serves adults of all ages through a variety of health and fitness classes; arts and culture programs, including a variety of concerts, lectures, and other presentations; and specialty fitness classes for mobility preservation. The JCC creates a dynamic "Jewish neighborhood" by housing the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Cultural Society, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, and the Washtenaw Jewish News. The JCC is the premier Jewish venue in Washtenaw County and its space is available to Jewish



and non-Jewish community organizations and individuals, for use for meetings, events, and celebrations.

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## JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The JCC's Early Childhood Center (ECC) has been delivering high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over 25 years. By integrating Jewish values and proven early childhood methodologies the ECC provides a loving and supportive child-centered environment, where children and adults explore ideas, develop skills, and engage in robust learning together. Accredited by the National Association of the Education for Young children (NAEYC), the ECC is open to children ages 2 month to 5 years, with a variety of scheduling options to help meet every family's needs. The ECC is committed to excellence, maintaining low student/teacher ratios and providing its staff with professional continuing education. As a demonstration site for the HighScope curriculum, the ECC is on the cutting edge of early childhood practice.

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Ethan Krasnow, director

Kellie Cohoon, youth office manager

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## KIDZONE AT THE JCC

KidZone is designed to empower children to create, learn, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment. The newly created KidZone space is the primary location for the KidZone-afterschool program (grades K-5).

**KidZone-afterschool** provides high quality care five days per week, afterschool to 6 p.m. A variety of transportation options exist depending on the child's school of origin. KidZone-afterschool features a computer lab, homework support, nutritious kid-tested snacks, indoor and outdoor play, and more.

**KidZone-enrichment** provides classes after-school and Sundays for a variety of ages and interest, including athletics, arts, crafts, creative learning, and more.

**KidZone-vacation** provides activities and

field trips that are both fun and educational when school is not in session, including weather related emergency school closings.

**KidZone-@night** is a monthly evening of fun activities that give kids a night out and parents a night off.

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## JCC MACCABI GAMES AND ARTS FEST

The JCC sends a delegation each year to the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest. The JCC Maccabi Games ([www.jccmaccabigames.org](http://www.jccmaccabigames.org)) is an annual, Olympic-style competition which provides teens an unprecedented opportunity to compete against their peers as well as perform community service and participate in social activities. Ann Arbor teens, ages 13 -16, join the Ann Arbor JCC delegation to participate in a variety of sports or visual and performing arts at the largest gathering of Jewish teens from all over the world.

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## JCC SCOUTS

The JCC Scouts is a leadership and outdoor skills program designed to empower youth in grades K-8 to be self-reliant. Using six key principles paralleling the six points of the



Magen David (Jewish Star), Scouts learn to lead themselves and others, be global citizens, honor Jewish traditions, protect the earth, care for others, and learn perseverance. JCC Scouts meet every Sunday. Activities may include wood working, soap carving, knot tying, cooking and meal planning, safety and first aid, camping, and more. At the end of each year JCC Scouts hold a celebration banquet where Scouts are awarded their badges they have earned.

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## JCC CAMP RAANANA

Camp Raanana is the JCC's outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K-8. Camp is held primarily at the beach-front Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, and integrates traditional camp activities and Jewish



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experiences. Special to Camp Raanana is the Friday afternoon all-Camp Shabbat.

In addition, the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan travels to Camp Raanana each summer to spend a day in performance for and with the campers, who also have the option of hosting scouts at their homes overnight.

Campers have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of activities such as archery, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, self-defense, arts & crafts, a variety of sports including Gaga (the Israeli version of dodge ball), and more. The optional overnights give campers a taste of tent camping, including fire building, cooking outdoors, and all the camp fire traditions. Campers can build self-confidence, Jewish identity, and develop new skills while making friends and having fun. Sessions are generally divided into one week each.

### Counselors-in-Training (CIT)

The JCC Camp Raanana Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program offers teens entering grades 9–12 the opportunity to learn leadership, management, group dynamics, and childcare skills. Working under the supervision of the camp director and experienced head counselors, the CIT's serve as role models for campers and assist in a variety of camp activities and camp preparations. CIT's receive special training and participate in special CIT-only activities.

### JCC SHALOM ANN ARBOR/ SHALOM BABY

Shalom Ann Arbor welcomes families new to the area and helps them navigate

the many avenues of Jewish life open to them. Newcomers receive a packet of information gathered from the many Jewish organizations and congregations in Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby welcomes new additions to any family by providing helpful parenting information, Jewish parenting and family resources, and other support.

### JCC CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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*Karen Freedland, director*

The JCC Cultural Arts and Education department gives people of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through artistic and intellectual expression. The JCC provides classes, lectures, concerts, and hands-on experiences in visual and performing arts, as well as on a variety of topics in Jewish life. The JCC also provides opportunities for life-long learning, including courses on topics of Jewish interest, current events and politics, music, film, language arts, physical fitness, and more.

### JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

The JCC has hosted the Jewish Book Festival every fall for over 20 years. Authors from all over the world come to the JCC to speak about their work. In addition, the JCC hosts authors from the local Ann Arbor Jewish community for a very popular "local authors" brunch. Community members can browse and

purchase books by Jewish authors or on Jewish subjects appropriate for all ages and interests, from children's books to cook books, fiction, non-fiction, memoir, humor, and more. Events are generally free and open to the public.

#### **JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

The JCC Film Festival comes to the Michigan Theater each spring, bringing films from all over the world either made by Jewish filmmakers or about subjects of Jewish interest. The festival includes not only the films, but discussions led by a variety of experts, as well as other events celebrating the films themselves and the craft of filmmaking.

#### **FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**

The JCC Film Discussion Group is led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover a range of topics, including plots, characters, and various cinematic elements of film.

#### **JCC AMSTER GALLERY**

The JCC hosts a variety of art exhibits by local, national, and international artists in the Amster Gallery, located along the main hallway of the JCC, and in the Newman Lounge. Often the exhibits are accompanied by special opening events and artist receptions open to the public. The art on display is generally available for purchase by the public.

#### **GELMAN VIDEO COLLECTION**

The JCC hosts the Gelman Video Collection, a library of DVD's and VHS video tapes, including the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, provided by the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman. Videos are available to rent from the JCC.

#### **JCC HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The JCC is committed to enhancing the physical fitness of community members. Classes offered include Zumba, Krav Maga (Israeli style self-defense), yoga, martial arts, basketball, and volleyball. In addition, the JCC hosts classes on health and wellness topics and encourages participation with Jewish Hikers and A2 Rikud—Israeli Dancing, hosted by the JCC.

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## The Ann Arbor Eruv

The eruv in Ann Arbor covers an area of approximately four square miles and includes several residential and student areas in Burns Park and Ann Arbor Hills, as well as Woodbury Gardens. The eruv also includes the Hillel Foundation Building (at which the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets), Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth. A detailed map of the eruv can be found at the eruv website [www.a2eruv.org](http://www.a2eruv.org). Weekly updates on the eruv status are posted at the website and are also distributed to an e-mail list. To be placed on the list for eruv updates, to volunteer to help check the eruv or for other questions, send an email message to [a2eruv@a2eruv.org](mailto:a2eruv@a2eruv.org).

## congregations and religious life

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Rabbi Rod Glogower

The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan. Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday–Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. The minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year including a welcome barbeque in the fall, Shabbat morning children's

tefillah and story time, a sukkah hop, women's learning in the sukkah, a winter melave malka lecture series, a women's megillah reading, a Shavuot tikkun and Shavuot picnic.

### ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

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Jen Cohen, event coordinator

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation is a welcoming community that emphasizes an evolving and active Judaism. An egalitarian and participatory congregation of families and singles, the group is dedicated to creating meaningful connection to Jewish traditions and observance. AARC offers Shabbat services, holiday celebrations, b'nei mitzvahs and other life cycle ceremonies, and Beit Sefer (religious school). High Holiday services are open to all (no tickets required). AARC also actively participates in the broader Ann Arbor community through social action as well as educational and cultural activities. AARC is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement.

### THE COMMUNITY

AARC is committed to building a participative, inclusive Jewish community that welcomes all regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or Jewish background. The community includes members from a wide variety of Jewish traditions, interfaith families, and non-Jews exploring Judaism. AARC nurtures the feel of the Havurah that the group was for nearly two decades—informal, dynamic, and highly participatory—while they continue to deepen their learning and practice with new rabbinic leadership.

Reconstructionist Judaism is passionate Judaism. A core tenet of Reconstructionism is that "the past has a vote, not a veto." AARC members actively explore and debate Jewish beliefs and practices, balancing a respect for traditional Jewish teachings with the responsibility to interpret them in the light of our contemporary values. The group's approach to tikkun olam includes social action, tzedakah, caring for the planet, and embracing

pluralism. Within klal yisrael (the Jewish community) this commitment involves respecting a wide range of Jewish practices and beliefs.

### SHABBAT SERVICES

AARC meets formally on the second Saturday and fourth Friday each month for Shabbat services. Services are typically held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the group's home base. Communal dinners, Torah study, and informal prayer services held in members' homes supplement these Shabbat observances.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

AARC hosts creative and multigenerational holiday celebrations as well as programs for families with young children. The holiday observances are open to all community members and include ticketless services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a weekend retreat for Sukkot, and creative celebrations for all ages for Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

### BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

AARC's Beit Sefer is an innovative, warm, and meaningful educational experience for K-7th graders that welcomes the children of AARC members and non-members alike. Students in three mixed-age group classes explore Jewish tradition and learn Hebrew language. Teachers engage students in experiential learning as students examine Jewish values underpinning both religion and culture, and study how Judaism continues to evolve. The curriculum is tailored to age-appropriate learning. The youngest children learn through song, art, play, and stories while the oldest are encouraged to deepen their knowledge of Jewish tradition, to ask difficult questions and wrestle with the answers, and to develop their leadership skills. Justice and ethics are important parts of the curriculum. The Beit Sefer uses a hands-on, self-paced approach to learning Hebrew and prayers, helping our students develop the knowledge required to become bar and bat mitzvah, and preparing for a lifetime of Jewish practice. The Beit Sefer meets on Sunday mornings at the Jewish Community Center from September to mid-May. Active involvement of parents is encouraged.

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## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

AARC supports its members through life cycle events including baby namings, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, shivas and funerals. Rav Michal works closely with every family, tailoring each life cycle event to meet their needs. The Mitzvah Corps is available to provide resources during life cycle transitions and other times communal support is desired, coordinating meals, transportation and offering companionship.

Visit [www.aarecon.org](http://www.aarecon.org) to find out more about AARC and the Reconstructionist movement. Non-members—individuals, couples, and families from all backgrounds and orientations—are welcome to join the services and activities posted on the website calendar.

## BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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*Kim Blumenthal, associate rabbi*

*Elliot Sorkin, executive director*

Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for over 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to a rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for 26 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served the congregation since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services. All are encouraged to review or learn new synagogue skills and to read from the Torah, chant the haftarah, or lead services, with instruction provided by Ritual Assistant Ron Sussman.



An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.) Friday evening Shabbat services take place at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, the congregation provides classes for children and youth, and many opportunities for adult education throughout the year.

Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life. A deep relationship to Israel is fostered through teen scholarships, congregation trips, dialogue programs and the planning and hosting of a moving community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

Beth Israel serves the homeless during Christmas through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to hunger programs. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly who are homebound, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them.

Non-members are always invited to participate in all of Beth Israel activities.

New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. Individuals and families aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of \$300 (plus United Synagogue dues of \$37.25).

## BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Program Department provides high quality, experiential and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults and families.

## THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables donated to Food Gatherers through the “Faith and Food” program to help others in the community, and used during kiddush and for other synagogue meals.

## SUMMER SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

During the summer, Beth Israel offers a variety of enjoyable Shabbat programs such as Barbecue and Barchu, a hamburger and hotdog dinner preceding a



Kabbalat Shabbat service in the courtyard; a Shlomo Carlebach Friday Night Service with an indoor Shabbat dinner, and a Shabbat in the Park potluck dinner and Shabbat service at County Farm Park.

## QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual multi-media Beth Israel Quiz Night (January 17). Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening.

## SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday events as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays.

Holiday events include "Pizza in the Hut" on Sukkot, and "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processions on Simchat Torah. There are two Barbecue and Barchu Friday night services and dinners in July and August, and a T Shirt Shabbat on a Saturday morning in July is followed by a summery Kiddush. On "Sweatshirt Shabbat" everyone is encouraged to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by a cholent Kiddush. Each year in December the "Chinese Dinner at House of Israel Kaifeng" is held in the social hall.

## SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning programs and services especially for children. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and features a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers with interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis. Mini-Minyan is geared for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade and meets on the second Saturday of each month.

## HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

High Holiday celebrations begin with a Family Celebration on the afternoon of Erev Rosh Hashanah. Pre-school and early elementary school-age children learn about and celebrate the High Holidays through songs, stories, the sounding of the Shofar, and a special Rosh Hashanah snack.

On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two-hour programs for different age groups are held. On the second morning of Rosh Hashanah, a Rosh Hashanah Family Program is held—an informal experience celebrating Rosh Hashanah.

## PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading on Erev Purim.

Past events include Purimworld, a Charlie Brown Purim, and Live From Beth Israel, It's Saturday Night!

## INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue. Beth Israel has supported the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since its founding in 1995.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Cindy Saper, director of education

Beth Israel provides high quality Jewish educational experiences for children and youth of all ages, including a variety of experiential and educational programs for the entire family.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children ages 3 and 4 and a parent are encouraged to join in the fun activities of the Sunday eight session Gan Katan program. Children and parents enjoy stories and activities together. Gan Katan is open to the entire community regardless of synagogue membership.

## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K-1 meets on Sunday mornings. Grade 2-5 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, stories, age appropriate prayer, and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. In the elementary grades, students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop fluid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to the worldwide Jewish community.

Throughout their elementary years, students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are a Pizza in the Hut Family Dinner, a Family Hanukkah Dance celebration, a Tu



B'shvat Seder, a Family Mitzvah Day, a Purim Celebration and more.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and have other programming on selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school curriculum includes core courses which focus on Jewish lifecycle, ethics, traditional texts, Hebrew language, tefillah, and history. Semester long electives taught by the teaching or rabbinic staff are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum. Teachers engage students in quality discussions and activities as they explore what it means to live as a Jew today.

Coming together as a community each week for tefillot and occasional special activities and celebrations are important parts of the middle school experience. Sixth graders attend an exciting Shabbaton and a series of Shabbat morning sessions. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engages students as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with Temple Beth Emeth to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes.

Eighth grade students study from a curriculum called The Jewish Lens, and use photography skills to explore their Jewish identity and reflect on their education and experiences.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students continue to participate in the school and the synagogue throughout their high school careers. The Madrichim Program has two tracks: students in the Educational Assistants Track work with elementary students, and students in the Service Learning Track spend most Sunday mornings volunteering in the community. Students from the two tracks engage in for regular study sessions with



the rabbis, and join together for social and group building activities. They may also get involved in other synagogue and community activities, such as: taking Hebrew classes through Keshet Ann Arbor, and participating in Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break Trip (this year the group is traveling to Philadelphia.) High school students are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses.

The annual High School Dinner, which kicks off the year, is Wednesday, August 27, from 6–7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. followed by a dairy Shabbat dinner. The cost for dinner is \$8 per

person, with no charge for children under 4. RSVP's and payment are required on the Monday before each dinner. This year's Friday Night Lights programs will be held: November 21, January 30, and April 24.

Additional Family Programs offer easy opportunities to celebrate holidays together as a community. Pizza in the Hut on Wednesday, October 15, from 6–7 p.m. includes a pizza dinner in Beth Israel's sukkah. The Family Hanukkah Dance Celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 17, from 6–7 p.m., and the event features entertainment, lighting the candles for the second night of Hanukkah, and a latke dinner.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Many classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including weekly study topics in the evening, Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, Shabbat Limud text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special







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A Season of Mussar will also be offered. Mussar is a course of study developed by The Mussar Institute that guides participants in becoming wiser, kinder, and more skillful human beings. Mussar is a spiritual path aimed at elevating one's character, or what might be called soul-traits (middot). Practices include the study of Mussar texts, group discussion, exercises, meditation, and journaling.

A Yiddish Weekend of academic lectures and culinary experiences in concert with the community Yiddish Festival is scheduled for October 31–November 1. These include a Friday night Eastern European dinner, and presentations in English by Samuel Norich, the publisher of the *Forverts* and *Forwards*, and Anita Norich, U-M professor of English and Judaic Studies. A new series of Sunday night presentations is being planned which will highlight Beth Israel members who are published authors and other members with special talents and experiences.

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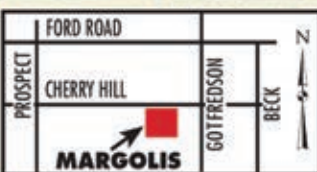
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Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish Law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of *shal-ach manot* (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice; information and help on koshering home kitchens; provision of religious articles at cost; renting furnished rooms for students and visitors; providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality; meals; counseling; lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other

Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises. (See *Women's Organizations*.) Congregation Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education. (See *Jewish Education*.) Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan. (See *Campus Organizations*.) For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. (See *Youth Activities*.)

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. Founded in 1965, the JCS stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism.

The community offers engaging Sunday school and B'nai Mitzvah programs (pre-K through high school), enriching adult



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educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, and social action opportunities. The JCS also runs several community-wide events, including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a family Chanukah celebration, and a 2nd Night Passover Seder.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that its membership is diverse. All individuals and families—young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish and intercultural—who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. The JCS celebrates all Jewish holidays (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Chanukah, and Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. Jewish tradition is interpreted by focusing on the relationships between people and community efforts to improve the world.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English, are offered every fall at the Jewish Community Center and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and

English and are led by the JCS choir. JCS observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River followed by a community picnic. The JCS community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations are coordinated by Sunday School parents, and include a Sukkot Harvest Celebration, a Chanukah party, and a Purim carnival. A wonderful annual JCS event is the Tu b'Shevat Celebration of Trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in the midst of Michigan's winter. This celebration emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility for the environment and incorporates a walking seder with fruits and seeds of the Middle East, a scavenger hunt through the gardens, crafts, music, and story-telling. There are also workshops on sustainability, environmental protection, and recycling by local conservation and environmental groups who staff stalls with literature and goods.

The Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular community-wide vegetarian, potluck Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary haggadah that was developed by JCS members. The seder includes songs and poetry and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

### SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of secular humanistic Jewish practice. The JCS







community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month; these celebrations are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, Challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. After dinner, educational or social programs are offered such as discussing a topic of interest, playing Jewish Jeopardy for Jewish Literacy month, or participating in a community service activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance at the JCC. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary-age and younger children. Following Tot Shabbat, the youngsters join their parents for dinner before making holiday-themed crafts, reading stories, and singing songs with the Tzofim who help run the Tot Shabbat program.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quietness and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome to participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

## LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the JCS community life, includes baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorials, and unveilings. Julie Gales, the JCS's *madrikha*, develops these ceremonies by collaborating with the families to create a personal and meaningful experience. Gales also presides over the events. The JCS's Memorial Garden is at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the second grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

JCS maintains an active schedule of educational activities for our members and the broader community from pre-K through adult.

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs monthly throughout the school year. Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal

discussion of Jewish topics and politics. Recent topics have emphasized secular humanistic Judaism, approaches to Middle East peace, environmental sustainability, improving family life, social action/ social justice issues, Jewish cooking, the roots of Chanukah, and historic, political, or current events.

An adult B'nai Mitzvah class is also offered. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

In addition to the social action activities and adult education, the JCS holds regular social activities for adult members like Pourin' for Purim (an annual wine and cheese event). The JCS's monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short celebration, discussions, and socializing among the community's women. Some of the Rosh Chodesh activities include the annual Apple Cake Bake for the High Holidays, sharing books for Jewish Book Month, and Rejuvenating Our Spirits at Chanukah.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

## JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School (Pre-K through 7th grade) is the Sunday school program of the JCS. JCS's goal is to expose their students to the vast scope of Jewish life over 4,000 years on six continents and to engender in them an appreciation for Jewish history, culture and ethics. Learning is participatory and active. Students dance, sing, create art, cook, and hear and tell stories. The school runs from September to May.

Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as the 6th grade annual trip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually



evolves with the help of student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports its students in the development of a positive Jewish identity.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents actively participate in their children's education by teaching, helping in their child's classroom, or helping in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

### **B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM**

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah Program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at the First Friday Shabbat observance or other gatherings of the families of the B'nai Mitzvah class. The topics cover everything from Masada to shtetl life in

Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish Identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many other local organizations.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the Julie Gales, the JCS's madrikha, who preside over the events. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth

grade, join the Tzofim Program, and become Sunday school tzofim (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active in the JCS.

### **OLDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with the Tzofim (teen leadership) Program for students grades 8-12. The program includes leadership development, student led social action projects, and group activities. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and at community-wide events. The post bar/bat mitzvah age youth also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America. Tzofim plan social action events together, organize social action projects open to the broader, and help plan and staff holiday programs.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible and accountable for one's own history, actions, and future motivates JCS members to view tikkun olam, (repairing the world,) as a very high priority.

The Social Action Committee (SAC) of JCS is active in tikkun olam by keeping members up to date about current issues of interest. JCS members are encouraged to speak freely about all social issues, no matter how controversial. The JCS community believes that respectful, open dialogue with each other is the best way to solve problems.

JCS students participate in tzedakah at Sunday school. Each class identifies a social action project of interest and raise tzedakah money to donate. Community service is also a major part of the bar/bat mitzvah program. Anyone interested in social action should contact Bob Davidow and Susan Grubb, the JCS Social

Action Committee chairs, to learn more about current social action projects at the community email address, [jcs@jccfed.org](mailto:jcs@jccfed.org).

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer—through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the first Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. Several times a year the group will alternate and meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and pot luck dinners at members homes. Services and other activities are lead by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. Check the website for dates, location and more information. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see [www.aleph.org](http://www.aleph.org)).

Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well-springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

This year, TBE will embark on a year called "Our Present Future: A Year of Growth." The congregation is excited to welcome a new cantor, Regina Lambert-Hayut and a new director of congregational services. This year begins with a picnic on Sunday, August 3, followed by a Welcome Back Welcome Shabbat on Friday, August 29.

TBE continues to meet the needs of a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that meet the various spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at a new time, 6 p.m. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner concludes with a popsicle oneg. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, *Mishkan Tefilah*.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. On weeks without a bar or bat mitzvah, Kaddish will be said at the conclusion of Torah Study. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on



weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. Prayer is the heart of the congregation.

There also are opportunities for Shabbat celebrations through the year, such as Brotherhood Shabbat on October 10; Sisterhood Shabbat on February 20; a Shabbat service honoring New Members and those who have been in the congregation for over 36 years on October 24; and a Social Action Shabbat. A detailed schedule of services is posted on the TBE website.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating on Wednesday, October 8. On Wednesday, October 15, Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner on Friday, December 19 have become TBE traditions, with families bringing their menorahs to light during the service. A Women's Tu B'Shevat Seder is hosted by TBE's Sisterhood on Tuesday, February 3. The Second Night Seder on Saturday, April 4, celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom

HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors.

## MUSIC

### ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Hayut. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts and in nursing homes throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, Kol Halev members also present concerts throughout Michigan.

### YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community. Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir





Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. A concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year.

## SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam are concentrated on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities. Social action has a prominent role at TBE, taking many forms.

The committee's priorities for involvement and programs for the coming year include: Hunger and Poverty, Women's Rights Issues in Israel and a continued focus on Israel-Palestine relations. TBE, in partnership with St. Clare's Episcopal Church, is hosting the 41st annual Washtenaw County CROP Walk for World Hunger on Sunday, October 12.

Ongoing activities include supporting and working at The Back Door Food Pantry, jointly run with St. Clare's Episcopal Church, maintaining the Food and Faith Garden for the pantry located on the congregation's property, long-time involvement with the local Interfaith Hospitality Network/Alpha House, volunteering twice-monthly at the Delonis Center, and an ongoing partnership with the Shelter Association's Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week.

Sisterhood, as part of Women of Reform Judaism, has, since its inception in 1913, been involved in Social Action. WRJ and TBE Sisterhood support the Jewish Braille Institute, World Union for Progressive Judaism, especially its program that supports teens in the Former Soviet Union going to Jewish Camps and re-establishing their Jewish traditions; providing bat mitzvah classes and preparation for girls in Israel, and support for Women of the Wall. In the US, WRJ advocates for gun control, women's reproductive rights, children caught in the "school to prison pipeline," immigration reform, protection of voting rights, and much more.

## SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring an annual latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. *(See Men's and Women's organizations for details and contact information.)*

## ADULT EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

Jewish learning is at the heart of TBE. Offerings throughout the year range from cultural to religious, Torah study to Jewish spirituality. Everyone can find something to learn and meet great people at the same time. Beginning with the High Holy Days, TBE offers a wide variety of learning

to prepare oneself for the High Holy Days. On September 20 at 8 p.m. there will be a session called Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days followed by Selichot services. On September 16 (12:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.) and September 30 (12:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.), TBE member Richard Greene will offer a two-part study session and discussion. Part one will focus on the origins and the meaning of the Jonah story. Part two will address the relevance of the Jonah story to the Shoah and other modern moral dilemma.

Throughout the year, the Beit Café: Adult Education Night series highlights the knowledge and wisdom held within the congregation. These sessions are held every other month beginning in November free of charge. TBE also offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, study with Rabbi Levy and Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and a themed lecture series. TBE also partners with Beth Israel Congregation for a community-wide Adult Hebrew program. Clare Kinberg, TBE Librarian, holds adult education discussions and lectures based on Jewish themed books and invites local authors to speak about their books. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large. Stay connected to TBE through the website ([www.templebethemeth.org](http://www.templebethemeth.org)) and become a "friend" on Facebook.

## CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE. Bikkur Cholim provides visits to members of the TBE community who are hospitalized, in nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah.



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a special service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY (Grades 9-12). Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend services at no charge. Call the office to arrange for tickets. Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater.

In the spring, a large annual second-night seder is held. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children & relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class, as well as an evening of adult study.

## TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Robert Levy and Cantor Hayut followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service, has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community. The tot-friendly website offers songs, stories.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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meets for both cultural and social events. Trivia Nights, Sushi in the Sukkah, City-wide Purim Party, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups. The Renaissance/Ruach Group (RG), for members who are aged 50 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School.

## ZINNHOUSE (JEWISH-INTERFAITH)

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website: [www.zinnhouse.com](http://www.zinnhouse.com)

ZinnHouse offers a unique Jewish-Interfaith perspective serving primarily, but not only, Jewish-Intermarried families. Based on extensive practice, ZinnHouse encourages faith development by combining attention to learning Jewish essentials with intention to nurturing "interfaith opportunities."

## PROGRAMS

- The Hebrew Play Group, a spiritual and religious educational program via classes or tutoring for kids ages 7-14 focusing on Hebrew literacy, mitzvah coming of age preparation, and philosophy for children
- SOULutions (a mussar-inspired study group) and Embrace Death (a study group to process and prepare) for adults of all backgrounds
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Lauren Zinn builds on years of experience teaching both kids and adults, facilitating groups, designing instruction, and leading services as well as raising her children in an interfaith marriage. Zinn holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in interdisciplinary educational planning, an masters degree in philosophy, and received ordination from Rabbi Joseph H. Gelberman of The All Faiths Seminary. She currently serves on the board of The Interfaith Round Table of

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## adult activities

### JCC ACTIVE ADULTS & ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

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Rachael Hoffenblum, Older Adults program coordinator

The JCC provides active adults and active older adults with regular opportunities to engage in social, cultural, and educational programming multiple times each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the JCC hosts a Lunch Series featuring musical performances, guest speakers, presentations, and discussions covering a range of topics and experiences. Adults celebrate their birthdays together during the first Thursday Lunch Series event each month. Lunch is available every Tuesday



and Thursday at noon for a small fee. The JCC chamber music series, Afternoon Delights, features chamber groups and soloists from among the talented Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra musicians on Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Other programs include weekly current events discussions, Yiddish Book Group, afternoon games, health screenings, and low-impact/mobility sensitive fitness programs such as Zumba Gold, Callanetics, and Tai Chi. More intense fitness offerings include Zumba, offered six days per week, and other physical activities such as Krav Maga (Israeli style self-defense), basketball, and volleyball. There are also many intergenerational activities hosted in conjunction with Hebrew Day School and the Early Childhood Center.



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## CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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Marilyn Krimm, director

Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Rome, and others. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The group performs at the JCC every December and May.

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## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

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## ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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Laura and Amnon Steiner, coordinators

The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies take place from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. (\$5/students and kids are free.)



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## J STREET ANN ARBOR

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Rebecca Kanner, contact

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans fighting for the future of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people. Members believe that Israel's Jewish and democratic character depend on a two-state solution, resulting in a Palestinian state living alongside Israel in peace and security.

Rooted in a commitment to Jewish and democratic values, J Street is redefining what it means to be pro-Israel in America. The group's goal is to change the U.S. political dynamics around Israel by mobilizing broad support for a two-state solution, believing it's in Israel's and America's interest. J Street Ann Arbor also believes it is expanding support for Israel by affirming — along with many Israelis — that being pro-Israel doesn't require supporting every policy of its government.

J Street Ann Arbor is the grassroots arm of national J Street. The group's mission is to amplify, promote, and organize around the J Street mission by building and expanding the base of J Street supporters, advocating to members of Congress, working with rabbis, synagogues and communal institutions, and organizing events and programming at the community level.

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## JCC YIDDISH GROUP

tel: 662-6613

Lily Ladin, contact

The JCC Yiddish Book Group meets every Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to explore Yiddish literature, poetry, and culture. Examples of authors typically read include Shalom Aleichem, I.J. Singer, Sholem Asch, and more. No prior Yiddish knowledge required.

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## RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Dr. Jill McDonough, director of Development and Alumni Relations

Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

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program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; and Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of

### YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Elliot H. Gertel, facilitator

Spend a *hey mish* hour in *der alter heyim* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn*, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. *Iz kumt un hot hanoe*.

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

## men's organizations

### BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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website: [www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/brotherhood](http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/brotherhood)  
George Brieloff, president

Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregation brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members. An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

### MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Haran Rashes, president

Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club meet about once a month and implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with men's clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of *tefillin* by both men and women. In addition they plan trips to baseball games, help maintain the Beth Israel grounds, and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.





## women's organizations

### HADASSAH

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Hadassah is the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women.

Local Hadassah activities include Game Night and several interest groups, including Mahjong, Book Club, and Bridge. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/ Children at Risk, and the Jewish National Fund.

Hadassah annual dues are \$36 and life membership is currently \$212.

### JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104  
tel: 99-LEARN (995-3276)  
Esther Goldstein, coordinator

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features discussions, a do-it-yourself activity, a chance to socialize and meet new friends. The group meets 6-7 times a year. There are no membership fees for the group. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community.

### MIKVAH ISRAEL

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104  
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Esther Goldstein, director

Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set



the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Deni Carbeck, president

Beth Israel Women's League members are dynamic women who embrace meaningful projects and Jewish learning. Women's League actively supports Beth Israel in a variety of ways with a special emphasis on welcoming new members of Beth Israel and building community.

Women's League hosts Cafés on select Sunday mornings during the religious school year in Beth Israel's social hall. The Cafés offers food and a welcoming place to relax while children are in school. Enjoy the free Wi-Fi, read the paper, catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The Women's League Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions. Proceeds from sales help support Beth Israel, Beth

Israel Religious School, Jewish Chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break program for teens and the group's sister chapter in Israel. Jewish community.

### TEMPLE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD (WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM)

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TBE Sisterhood, the Ann Arbor chapter of Women of Reform Judaism, not only has a social focus, the group organizes a variety of activities and programs that support congregational, local, national and international WRJ initiatives. Active volunteers make for a friendly and welcoming way for women to engage in TBE community life. Non-TBE members and men are also welcome to join and support the group.

Sisterhood starts the year by sponsoring the congregational Break-the-Fast. Sweet Beginnings, an award-winning "welcome to religious school party," is held for new students on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim.

First-time Jewish campers are eligible to receive scholarship support at a URJ camp. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and provides additional funds for special activities to the TBE religious school.

The entire Jewish Community is welcome to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays during Hebrew School, Fridays before services, and Sundays, 5:30–7 p.m. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberz (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com). And don't forget those Hamantashen come Purim.

A number of local non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Through the WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to rabbinic and cantorial scholarships at the Hebrew Union College in the U.S. and the Leo Baeck Institute and Abraham Geiger College in Europe; the Jewish Braille Institute; the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); and several Reform nursery schools and bat mitzah classes in Israel. Sisterhood/WRJ is part of TBE's Social Action agenda and will be providing programs and advocacy that ties into this year's Social Action activities.

Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

In addition to these programs, the group has informal monthly lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, periodic lectures, workshops, trips and activities.

### ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of providing students with marketable skills in state-of-the-art technology and other fields, enabling them to attain successful careers and become community leaders.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT is planning its 30th Anniversary as an ORT chapter. The chapter's 30th Anniversary Celebration will be marked by a special brunch at the Campus Inn on Sunday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. Current, new, and past members of ORT are invited, and spouses are also encouraged to attend. This brunch will honor past presidents and celebrate 30 years of accomplishments in the chapter.

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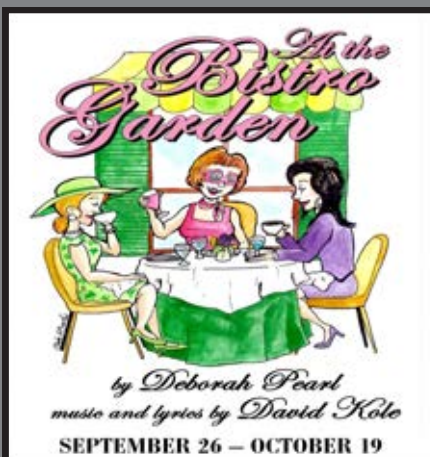
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### HILLEL AT EMU

Hillel at Eastern Michigan University—where Jewish campus life begins. Exploring what makes us all uniquely Jewish and universally human in a welcoming and pluralistic environment, Hillel at EMU is a group for all Jewish students, regardless of background or viewpoints. Our programs and events are student-driven and aim to connect our community with our campus. Whether enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal or traveling on and Alternative Break or Taglit-Birthright Israel trip, there are so many ways to become involved and make a difference in our tight-knit community.

Hillel at EMU is open to students from

both Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

## HILLEL CAMPUS ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN

The Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan is an alliance of campus Hillel's throughout Michigan. Serving students across the state since August 2007, HCAM is building dynamic and vibrant Jewish communities for Jewish students at Alma College, Albion College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University. Hillel staff meets with student leaders to determine their vision for Jewish life on their specific campus and works closely with those leaders to make their vision a reality. As an organization, HCAM supports students with the tools to create vibrant Jewish life including funding, day-to-day staff supervision and student leadership development. HCAM also provides students with travel opportunities, internship and volunteer programs and the chance to participate in a variety of student leadership conferences. For more information on HCAM, visit [www.h-cam.net](http://www.h-cam.net).

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University of Michigan Hillel is unparalleled in terms of its size, diversity and quality of programming. U-M Hillel supports 60 independent student groups, spanning the full breadth of Jewish life. Each group provides opportunities for students to become involved as leaders, driving the programming and decision-making forward for their group and community. Students build leadership, engagement, and community-organizing skills through our Hillel that

benefit them in their roles on campus, in finding employment, and in life long after they graduate.

Each group also provides the opportunity for students to access a community that meets their individual needs. With 60 student groups, students can find opportunities to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun and nurturing environment. Programming covers social, political, religious, cultural and educational areas, all intended to help students access Jewish life and community on their own terms. U-M Hillel offers concerts, lectures, films, classes, community service, yoga, religious services, discussion groups, dialogue, free Shabbat dinners for students, and a full kosher meal program. U-M Hillel takes more students to Israel on Taglit-Birthright Israel than any other Hillel in the country.

You can come to Hillel to hang out, catch a movie, eat delicious meals, study, hold a group meeting or do yoga. But Hillel is not just confined to their building. You can experience Hillel in coffee shops, in residence halls, on the Diag, in your own home, in Israel or in Detroit. Everyone is invited to drop in or contact Hillel to learn more about how to get connected or offer new ideas for programs.

## ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

**AMI**, the American Movement for Israel, sponsors educational, political and cultural events and programs to promote support and understanding of Israel and its people.

**iLead** (Israel Leadership), focuses on Israel, education, advocacy and engagement skill

building among student leaders.

**WolvPac** provides students, regardless of their American or Israeli political leanings, the opportunity to create tangible ties between our campus and Israel. This is done through working with campus and community leaders, as well as meeting with congressional leaders. Leaders in this group often attend the AIPAC Policy Conference and other AIPAC leadership training and trips to Israel.

**JStreet Umich** promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

**TAMID:** Israel Investment Group, pioneers the next generation of American commitment to Israel by connecting business-minded students with the Israeli economy.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26 during Winter break or in May.

**Masa Israel Internship** - Masa means journey in Hebrew and Masa interns connects students on campus to study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs in Israel.

## JEWISH LEARNING

From weekly classes (Talmud, Radical Jewish Ideas, Waffles and Wisdom, and more) to informal discussions to dialogue groups there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel. How does Judaism fit into who you are becoming? How does your learning influence your beliefs? Hillel can help you with these big questions.





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## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services on Friday nights and holidays; creative, musical Reform services; an egalitarian Conservative minyan; and Shalvah, a spirited "partnership minyan" with Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox minyan which serves students, faculty, and community members also holds daily services.

## OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

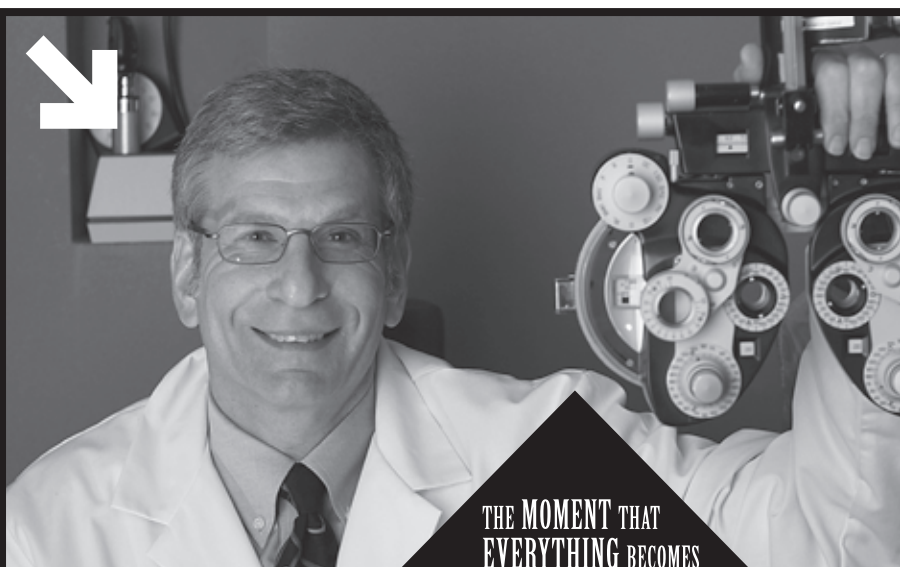
**Kol HaKavod** is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

**Golden Apple Award**, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

**Consider Magazine** is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

**The Jewish Graduate student program** consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLISA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association). Graduate students and young professionals have a separate space for Shabbat dinner at Hillel every Friday night during the academic year.

**Ahava**, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.



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**(COTH)** is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

**Jewish Greek Council** brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

**Hillel Sports** fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. Hillel also sponsors the Hillel Ice Hockey Team and competes in the Kaufman Cup, a series of sporting events with MSU Hillel.

**Maize and Blue Games** is a student group designed to improve the lives of children in Detroit through hosting competitive sports tournaments for U-M students to participate in, and donating all raised funds to Youthville Detroit, a youth center dedicated to "developing youth and enhancing their well-being."

**Hillel's Dance Group** is a competitive dance troupe on campus that is Shabbat friendly and provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through dance.

**The Yiddish Club** was established to create a social Yiddish experience on campus. The group meets to speak in Yiddish, read the Froward Yiddish newspaper and explore the rich tradition of Yiddish culture.

**Hillel Players** is a student-driven theatre that engages with the Jewish experience. Hillel Players is committed to supporting individual talents, ensuring that each member is responsible for meaningful, vital work.

**Sarah's Kitchen**, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet kosher lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

**Challah for Hunger** raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

**MuJew** brings Muslim and Jewish students together on campus in dialogue. There is also an alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

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**The Jewish Women's Forum** explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations, and an annual women's seder.

**Alternative Spring Breaks** are an opportunity to do tzedek (justice) work around the world. Past service projects were in Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua.

**Breaking Barriers** connects Jewish students with non-Jewish peers for intercultural dialogue. Given the opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions can help students learn more about themselves, as Jews.

**Ask Big Questions** convenes conversations about life's "Big Questions"—When do we conform? Are we free? What could we sacrifice to repair the world? Through these conversations students can better understand themselves and others, and improve the world.

**Music Vs.** uses music, performance, and other arts to create relationships with people at area nursing homes, hospitals, and other venues. It is a national initiative that started at Yeshiva University, and is now active at more than 15 schools worldwide.

**Jewish Perspectives on Globalization** provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

**The Jewish Detroit Initiative (JDI)** is a student group that engages U-M students with Detroit through social action, education, recreation, and dialogue with city residents.

**We Support Detroit Schools (WSDS)** seeks to connect public schools with the resources and services they need to provide enrichment programs for students and parents. WSDS participants develop skills in helping partner schools build strong, long lasting relationships and engaging in dialogue that promotes cooperation within diverse communities.

**Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens")** provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help

create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

**Makom** facilitates a series Jewish dialogues to bring together diverse Jewish students to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews. Makom is a partnership venture with the Program on Intergroup Relations.

**Health and Wellness** is a group focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Shmooze** is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

**Maize & Blue Games** is a community service group designed to help support Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

**Michigan Mensch** provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

**Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS)** creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

**Krav Maga** – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

**JEngA** is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

**Hillel Outdoor Adventure** was started by students who express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the great outdoors. The group is inspired by Scouts and the Jewish value of bal tashchit, meaning "do not destroy," a guiding value for Jewish environmentalism and sustainable living. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding.

**MEDx (Medical Exposure)** - MEDx was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Red Star of Da-

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**JEWSIC** – Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

**FYSH** – First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food (WWFF)**, an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit [www.willworkforfood.org](http://www.willworkforfood.org).

**Engagement & Entrepreneurship Internship - jNET** (the Jewish Network) is an engagement and entrepreneurship internship for people who have a desire to create new and different ways to define or access Jewish life at Michigan. Interns participate in ongoing professional development and skill building in areas of social networking theory, community organizing and entrepreneurship.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, Go Blue Wear Pink, Art Out Loud,**

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Since 1970, Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, rabbinic law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty, with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premier site for Judaic Studies in the United States. Each year, the Institute brings a group of the world's leading

scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor. While at Michigan, these Institute fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. Typically all events are free and open to the public.

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A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) offers a distinctive educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns.

The program combines academic study in Judaic studies and social work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges, such as youth engagement, elderly services, Jewish education, differing viewpoints on Israel, and the future of American Jewish identity. Students pursue field placements with outstanding community agencies locally, nationally, and around the world.

Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. Every year, the program sponsors public events such as film screenings, lectures by nationally known Jewish leaders and thinkers and community gatherings. Every year, JCLP's graduating students convene the "JCLP Communal Conversation," inviting members of the University and local communities to join with thinkers, activists, and each other in considering issues of central import to Jewish community, at the intersection of communal inquiry and communal concern.



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Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth offer adult Hebrew classes which are open to anyone in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation.

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The adult classes are taught by two veteran Hebrew instructors, Malli Holoshitz and Pauli Weizman. Holoshitz is a native Israeli who has taught Hebrew for many years; she is noted for her lively and animated teaching style. She earned a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Michigan, and serves as the head of the Hebrew Department at the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit. Holoshitz has taught at the School of Education at Eastern Michigan University, as well as at the University of Michigan, where she received an "Excellence in Education" award. Weizman has been teaching Hebrew at the University of Michigan since 1987, and is the proud recipient of an "Excellence in Education" award by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. She is a native Israeli and has earned two Master's degrees — one in Teaching English as a Second Language and the other in social work; she also has a bachelor's degree in Hebrew linguistics.

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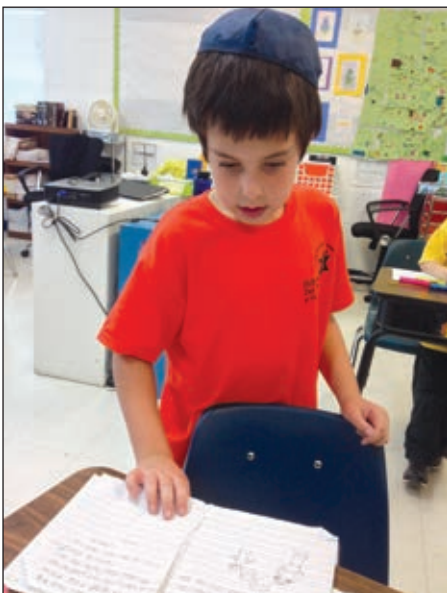
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Avram Kluger, program director

Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take exams, and prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

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Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday night is pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar and the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

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## ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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## TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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TBE strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool

age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism.

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## LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. –12:30 p.m., and are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and the approach is an hands-on one where students are guided by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

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## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. We offer parenting workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

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## HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

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## BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Hayut supervises the b'nai mitzvah training program. Students work with private

tutors and meet with the cantor at the end of each aliyah. The rabbis also meet with students to work on their drash/speech.

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## MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Hayut leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

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## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through 12th grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 150 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a trip to Cincinnati. The 10th grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbis Levy and culminates in a beautiful Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Jews on the Edge," "Repair the World: Being the Change" and "Jewish Identity and Literature."

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## MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades 10–12 work as office or classroom aides. Forty-eight madrichim worked in the classrooms last year, served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

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## ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 7 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year.



# Keshet Ann Arbor

**KESHET is a Modern Hebrew program** bringing together students from every local high school and grade level. The program is a unique partnership between the Ann Arbor Public Schools and local Jewish community.

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Keshet is **recognized by the Ann Arbor public schools**, and can be taken for credit to satisfy foreign language requirements. Classes take place at Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregations in Ann Arbor.

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Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

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## T.E.P. (TORAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM)

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The program for youth 5–14 years old, explores Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and



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writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaism's greatest teachers.

The goal of TEP is not only to teach Hebrew as a language, but also to teach what's behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

## JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Cindy Saper, chair

The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, Ann Arbor Chabad, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known scholar-in-residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

## youth activities

### BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

### CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children

from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experience. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things.

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years
2. Junior Division for kids entering 1st–2nd grade
3. Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade
4. Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp," an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelry making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature, and other sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challah baking.

Camp Gan Israel's Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for

Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer.

### GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.





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Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

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Habonim Dror Camp Tavor, located in southwest Michigan on 69 acres of rolling hills, has created life-changing summers for Jewish children and teens from around the country for 57 years! Camp Tavor takes pride in providing a non-denominational Jewish overnight camp experience focused on leadership, social action, stewarding the environment, and connecting to Israel. We offer programs for boys and girls entering grades 4–12. Session lengths range from one to seven weeks.

The local Habonim Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers Jewish cultural activities, homework help, and social programming for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus.

All Habonim Dror programming is designed help campers build personal and

Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community.

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## HURON HIGH SCHOOL JEWISH STUDENT UNION

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After three successful years, the Huron JSU has worked with many local organizations, including Alpha House, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and Celebrate Israel to name a few. This year, JSU hopes to get even more involved with the Jewish community and offer more volunteer opportunities for JSU members.

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## JCC YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MACCABI YOUTH GAMES, CAMP RAANANA

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## YOUNG JUDAEA

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Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9;

Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults.

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## TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Aaron Jackson, youth advisor

Ann Arbor Temple Youth (AARTY) — for High School Students AARTY is a youth group for Jewish high school students. The AARTY board plans a wide range of events including religious, cultural, social action, social events, and opportunities for Jewish learning outside of the classroom. Religious events include planning their own High Holiday and Shabbat services. Social action opportunities include organizing TBE's annual High Holiday Food Drive; participating in the Trick-or-Can Drive on Halloween; baking and selling cookies to raise money for local non-profits; and volunteering at Mitzvah Day and local non-profits. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY participants have the opportunity to attend several regional events where they can learn and socialize with Jewish youth from around Michigan.

Additional opportunities include a NFTY-sponsored leadership camp in New York, intensive Hebrew summer camp in Wisconsin, outdoor biking and camping trips, Mitzvah Corps programs, and trips to Israel.

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## KADIMA—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. Activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

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## RISHONIM—3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim meets monthly to give 3rd and 5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities.





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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all congregational schools, nursery through grade 12, including teacher training and consultation and innovative curriculum development, and specialized assistance for children with special needs. In addition, Jewish Experiences for Families creates programs that help families strengthen their Jewish identity. The Alliance offers ongoing and one-time adult educational courses through the Lifelong Learning Classes and community-wide programming for teens. It is also home to the Teachers' Resource Center.

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This year's cover, created by graphic artist Dennis Platte, portrays the diversity of the Washtenaw County Jewish community. Platte has been the staff designer for the *Washtenaw Jewish News* for nine years. He began his commercial art training at Lansing Community College and then studied at Eastern Michigan University. For five years he lived in Maine, where he was the advertising production manager for Journal Publications for several magazines. He returned to Ypsilanti in 1989, where he lives with his wife, Janet, and now has his own design studio.

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