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In creating this ner tamid/eternal light, my intention was to treat light as an emanation as if coming from an unseen source. The first light—the light of creation—is something we could not have witnessed, but we can experience how light begins to glow and illuminate the world as the sun rises.

I began working with leaves but soon became more interested in the interplay of trees and branches by creating depth through layers in an asymmetrical arrangement. The bare trees are lit from behind through frosted Plexiglas flanked on each side by fold formed panels of etched copper set into a cherry base. The light offers hope, the promise of a new day and the world being born anew; rekindling our connection to divine presence. This ner tamid was commissioned by the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation in 2018 and was first that year at High Holidays.

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Hadassah is the largest women’s organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Ann Arbor Hadassah, 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 to raise awareness and empower women. Local Hadassah activities include Game Night or “Maj Mixer” and several interest groups, including Mahjong and Book Club. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that benefit from 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 $250.

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In the spring of 2017, Jews in Washtenaw County—both members of congregations and unaffiliated individuals—got together and began to build connections to organizations that organize and serve our immigrant neighbors threatened with deportation. We believe that immigrants enrich our community and deserve respect and fair treatment. We have educated ourselves and others as to the roots of immigration and Jewish immigration history—not all Jews came to the US with immigration documents either. The group has a listserv, which is used to organize meetings and projects, and to respond to requests for assistance from our partners, such as Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary, the Washtenaw Interfaith Council for Immigration Rights, and the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. Over the past two years, we have held public forums and educated ourselves; developed a Passover supplement; attended rallies; raised funds to support local individuals; and driven numbers of people to ICE check-ins. As the political situation evolves, we expect to work to meet immigrants’ needs and educate our community.

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Bend the Arc Ann Arbor creates spaces where Jews (unaffiliated, secular, or belonging to any faith community) and Jewish allies can engage in social action, build community, and leverage our power to repair the world. We are the local “moral minyan” of the national Bend the Arc organization, which is uniting progressive Jewish voices across America to fight for justice for all. To join our mailing list to hear about our upcoming events and actions, send us an email, or find us on Facebook.

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Through individualized instruction, advantageous teacher-to-student ratios, and attentive support systems, the school is committed to instilling in its students a love of learning. HDS equips students with the tools they need to be proud, generative participants in Jewish life, and it enables students and their families to experience the sense of joy, warmth, and belonging that comes with true community. HDS offers a kindergarten with a young fives component, a multi-age first and second grade class, a multi-age third and fourth grade class, and a fifth grade class.

Beginning in kindergarten, children are given the essential building blocks to secure their identities as members of a community, as Jews, and as lifelong learners. HDS focuses attention in equal measure on academic excellence and on fostering the healthy social and emotional development of students. The whole child is nourished and the mind is stimulated through a balance of learning opportunities including art, vocal and instrumental music, technology, library, and physical education. HDS families come from a wide variety of religious backgrounds, and students learn to expect and embrace diversity. They engage with a rich Jewish and American heritage through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. HDS graduates are academically skilled, confident in their talents, grounded in their identities, and poised to contribute to the world.

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Israeli dancing group of Ann Arbor meets every Wednesday evening, 7:30–9:30 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 9:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome and encouraged to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. ($5 per session.) For more information email or call for schedule updates.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER ANN ARBOR**

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The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, known affectionately as "the J", has been in operation 35 years, with the mission to enhance Jewish identity, culture, and values for the community through a wide range of resources and excellent programming. The J is a membership organization which provides a wide variety of vital services and programs which are open to all regardless of religious affiliation, and are proudly guided by Jewish values. While the entire community is welcome to participate regardless of membership status, dues paying members in good standing are eligible to serve on a variety of advisory and fiduciary committees, vote on, as well as serve on, the Board of Directors, and help shape the organization.

The J is the proud hub of Jewish cultural life in Washtenaw County. Five Jewish community agencies call the J's building home: Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Cultural Society, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, and Washtenaw Jewish News. The J also leases space to the Judson Center, a program which prepares autistic children to be successful in school and other life interactions. The J's flexible lounge spaces and gymnasium are available for rental by individuals, as well as Jewish and non-Jewish community organizations for meetings, events, and life cycle celebrations.
All lectures take place in Room 2022, 202 S. Thayer St., Ann Arbor unless otherwise indicated

The Explosion of Hagar
Nyasha Junior, Temple University
September 12, 1 pm

Musical Performance: Borders & Ballads
Daniel Kahn, Yeva Kahn and Jake Shulman-Ment
September 26, 7:30 pm
Britton Recital Hall, Earl V. Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr.

Queer Expectations: a Genealogy of Jewish Women’s Poetry
Zohar Weiman-Kelman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
October 16, 4 pm
Rackham East Conference Room, 915 E. Washington St

The Art of Leaving: Language, Longing, and Belonging
Ayelet Tsabari, Author
October 28, 7 pm
Literati Bookstore, 124 E. Washington St.

Yiddish In and Out of Context
Frankel Institute Fellows & Guest Scholar Sunny Yudkoff
October 29, 1 pm
Rackham West Conference Room, 915 E. Washington St.

Ghetto: The History of a Word
Daniel B. Schwartz, George Washington University
November 5, 4 pm

Frankel Speaker Series: Dennis Ross, Diplomat and Author
November 6, 7 pm
Rackham Amphitheater, 915 E. Washington St.

Jews, Genetics and the Search for Lost Ancestors
Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania
November 12, 4 pm

Engaging with the Public: Approaches and Concerns for Public Scholars
Bryan Roby, University of Michigan
November 14, 1 pm

This Yiddish Columbus: Critical Counter-History and the Remapping of American Jewish Literature
Rachel Rubinstein, Hampshire College
November 18, 4 pm

Yiddish in Poland: Past, Present, and Future
Frankel Institute Fellow Karolina Szymańska and University of Michigan Faculty Geneviève Zubrzycki and Benjamin Paloff
November 19, 4 pm

The Navel of the Dream: Freud and/in Yiddish
Naomi Seidman, University of Toronto
December 3, 4 pm
Rackham West Conference Room, 915 E. Washington St.

Translating from Yiddish: New Approaches in Theory and Practice
Frankel Institute Fellows Anita Norich, Yaakov Herskovitz, and Julian Levinson
December 5, 1 pm
The J offers the community signature events including Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More, the J’s celebration of the fall Jewish holidays; Arts Around Town: Jewish Book and Arts Festival, featuring authors, artists, films, and more throughout the fall; Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival for five days each May at the Michigan Theater, newly partnered with Cinetopia and featuring Jewish themed and Jewish created films.

Adults enjoy a variety of social, cultural, and health and wellness programs such as Zumba, Yoga, Israeli Dancing, concerts, lectures, presentations, and classes, as well as rotating art exhibitions in the Amster Gallery. Third Thursdays @ the J is a lunch-and-learn program offered the third Thursday of each month, with an optional lunch for purchase, presenting an eclectic variety of speakers and artists. Presenters have ranged from our public officials to leaders of local organizations and businesses to musicians to local clergy. Older adults engage socially and intellectually with our Tuesday/Thursday Low Impact exercise classes, Wednesday film screenings, Thursday current events discussion, our Lunch Café, and more.

Family programming is incredibly robust. The J hosts Ann Arbor’s PJ Library and PJ Our Way programs, which provide free Jewish-themed book subscriptions to pre-reader children through young readers respectively. The J’s Early Childhood Center (ECC) is one of the highest quality and most in demand schools, providing care and education for infants through preschoolers with excellence. KidZone Afterschool is a rich afterschool program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade that provides opportunities for child-led projects as well as homework support. KidZone Snowdays provides full day programs for unanticipated school closings, and its high demand KidZone Vacation program provides full days of activities during scheduled breaks. The JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest is the largest annual gathering of Jewish teens in North America, and our local delegation of teens 11-17 travels to different cities each August where they participate in a variety of athletics, arts, and culinary competitions. The J’s Camp Raanana is Ann Arbor’s premier Jewish values day camp providing a traditional outdoor camp experience for children in grades K-5. Camp Raanana offers the Atid leadership program for grades 6-8, and the Ozrim CIT program for those in grades 9 and 10, potentially leading to paid junior and senior counselor positions in grades 11, 12, and beyond.

Jewish Cultural Arts and Education @ the J
The Jewish Cultural Arts and Education department gives people of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through artistic and intellectual exploration. The J offers classes, lectures, concerts, and hands-on experiences in visual and performing arts, as well as on a variety of topics in Jewish and broader life. The J also offers life-long learning opportunities on topics of Jewish interest, politics, music, film, the environment, and more.

Adult Programming @ the J
From lectures to performances to exercise, there is a lot to do at the J. Lunch Café serves light, ovo/lacto/pescatarian meals Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (please reserve one day in advance) for $5.50/meal. Those age 60 and over are welcome to join lunch for a recommended donation of $3/meal, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds, which is made possible by funding from the
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Arts Around Town: Jewish Books and Arts Festival
For over two decades, the J has hosted a fall festival celebrating the art of expression through the written word. This has evolved into a season of events which include authors as well as artists of all kinds – visual, performing, and cinematic. The J continues to partner with Barnes and Noble to offer a Jewish-themed mini bookstore at the J, as well as throughout the Barnes and Noble store including featured selections by Jewish authors or books on Jewish subjects, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the J. Most events have a small or no entrance fee and are open to the public. Individual and business sponsorship donations make this festival possible.

Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival
Each spring the J presents the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival at the Michigan Theater, bringing films from all over the world made by Jewish filmmakers or about Jewish related subjects. In addition the festival hosts discussions led by a variety of experts, and other events celebrating the films and their subjects. This festival is made possible by sponsorships from businesses and individuals, as well as membership support.

Film Discussion Group @ the J
The J hosts a unique Film Discussion Group 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, exploring the art and science of this expansive form of visual expression. Registration takes place twice per year, once in the fall and once in the winter. There is a fee for participation.

Amster Gallery @ the J
The J hosts a variety of art exhibitions by local, national, and international artists in the Amster Gallery, provided by the generous support of Herbert (z”l) and Carol Amster, located along the main hallway of the J, as well as in the large Newman Lounge. Exhibitions are frequently opened with receptions hosting the artists that are free and open to the public. Most art on display is available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds supporting the J’s arts and education programs.
The J 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 (z”l) and Rita Gelman. Videos are on display in the building’s atrium and available to rent from the Welcome Center.

Health and Wellness @ the J
Tamara Lewis, Health and Wellness Coordinator
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The J is committed to enhancing the physical and mental wellness of community members and provides many opportunities throughout the year. A2 Rikud provides weekly Israeli Dancing on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Fitness classes offered throughout the week include Zumba, Low Impact Exercise, Yoga and Meditation, Tai Chi, and more. In addition, the J often hosts presentations and discussions on health and wellness topics like nutrition, mental health, aging, and more. Join us for our annual Red Cross Blood Drive every summer, usually in July, to donate blood and save lives.

Early Childhood Center at the J
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The Early Childhood Center (ECC) at the J has been providing high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over a quarter century. The teachers and support staff provide a loving and supportive child-centered environment, which encourages creativity, spontaneity, and robust learning by integrating Jewish values and proven early childhood methodologies. Accredited by the National Association of the Education for Young Children (NAEYC), the ECC is open to children ages 2 months to 5 years, with a variety of scheduling options to help meet every family’s needs. The ECC is committed to maintaining excellent staff-to-child ratios and to providing its staff with professional development and continuing education. The ECC uses the HighScope educational approach (www.highscope.org).

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PJ Library is administered by the Ann Arbor JCC and is available for children 6 months to 8 years old covering Washtenaw and pieces of 5 surrounding counties. PJ Library, the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, delivers more than 170,000 free Jewish children’s books and music CDs throughout the United States and Canada each month, including 278 children in our area. PJ Library welcomes all Jewish families,
whatever your background, knowledge, family make-up, or observance may be. In addition to books, we offer engaging family programs all year long that relate to various Jewish holidays, customs, traditions, and values.

PJ Our Way is a program of PJ Library for children 8.5 to 11 years old designed especially for this “tween” age group. Tweens log in to a secure website at the beginning of each month to choose their own book to be mailed to them. Programming is also offered for this age group geared towards helping them develop their own understanding of Judaism.

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KidZone is a special community of programs for kids in grades K–8 designed to use all the resources of the J to empower children to create, learn, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment. KidZone recruits its staff from among the best counselors at Camp Raanana, providing a seamless experience from summer to the school year.

KidZone Afterschool provides high quality care five days per week, afterschool to 6pm. A variety of transportation options exist depending on the child’s school of origin. KidZone Afterschool participants explore self-directed Tikun Olam/community service projects and are provided with homework support including computer access, nutritious snacks, indoor/outdoor activities, enrichment opportunities, and more.

KidZone Vacation provides fun and educational activities and field trips when school is not in session.

KidZone Snowdays provides special programming during weather related or other emergency school closings.

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Camp Raanana is the premier Jewish pluralistic outdoor summer day camp for children entering grades K–8, whose mission is to create a transformative and fun summer experience in a safe environment that nurtures identity, builds character, and promotes a true sense of community. Camp Raanana is held primarily at the beautiful beach front Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, operated by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and integrates traditional residential camp activities with a curriculum of six key Jewish values: ruach/spirit, chevrut/friendship, atzma’ut/independence, yetzirah/creativity, kavod/respect, and chesed/kindness. Campers have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of nature and enrichment activities each week including archery, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, arts & crafts, a variety of athletics including Gaga – the Israeli version of dodge ball, soccer, basketball, active games, and more. Optional overnight campouts develop campers’ outdoor and independence skills as they assemble tents, learn to build a campfire, and engage in camp fire traditions of songs, skits, and s’mores. Sessions are one week each with registration opening in January and continuing throughout the summer as long as space is available.

Camp Raanana Youth Leadership Programs
Camp Raanana offers two leadership programs with age appropriate programming and education. Upon completion of these programs, participants will be well prepared with the specific skills necessary to become paid Junior Counselors (for grades 11 and 12), as well as the basic skills required for success at any job.

Atid Leadership Program
Atid provides a first foray into the leadership experience for youth entering grades 6 - 8. Atid campers have separate group activities where they will learn and develop basic leadership skills. They will have opportunities to mentor younger campers and shadow more experienced staff, as well as enjoy camp activities geared specifically toward their age, with an emphasis on core values and independence.

Ozrim CIT (Counselor-in-Training) Program
Ozrim is a formal leadership training program for teens entering grades 9 and 10. In addition to leadership training, Ozrim enjoy special guests, field trips, free swim, and more. Ozrim gain real-world work experience, including filling out a formal employment application, interviewing, and training in First Aid/CPR, as well as experiencing a formal evaluation process similar to our professional counselors. Ozrim prepares participants to become Junior Counselors upon entering grades 11 and 12, and Senior Counselors upon graduating high school.

JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest
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Deborah Ryan, Membership Manager and Maccabi Delegation Head

The J sends a delegation of teens each summer to compete at the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest (www.jccmaccabigames.org), an annual, Olympic-style competition that 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 12 -16 can join the Ann Arbor delegation to participate in a variety of sports, visual and performing arts, or culinary arts at the largest gathering of Jewish teens from all over the world. Registration can begin as early as December, so interested athletes and artists should plan accordingly.
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JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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The Jewish Educators’ Council of Ann Arbor is a consortium of Principals and Directors of Jewish Schools in Ann Arbor. The council works together to create joint professional development opportunities that will further the mission of bringing excellence to Jewish educational experiences for both our students and our teachers. It further collaborates on programming options for teachers and students. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

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Anya Abramzon, executive director

Jewish Family Services endeavors to be a trusted and stable source of professional, compassionate, and affordable services delivered in a spirit of Jewish values and tradition. Through its dedicated staff and volunteers, and in cooperation with a wide range of community partners, JFS strives to be a catalyst for meeting the human service needs of all people of Washtenaw County.

The philosophy of JFS grows out of the long history of community investment and belief in the importance of tzedakah (charity) that is at the foundation of Judaism. This philosophy impacts all aspects of JFS from programming to policy writing and is what gives this agency its strength and longevity.

Our philosophy includes a variety of values that are evident in how JFS interacts with both its clients and the larger community. These include:

The fundamental belief that kol yisrael areivim ze l'ze we as a community are each responsible for one another. The idea that each individual has a role to play in tikun olam repairing the world. And that as Rabbi Tarfon taught: “It is not your responsibility to finish the work [of perfecting the world], but you are not free to desist from it either” (Pirke Avot, 2:16).

JFS believes that it plays a vital role in the empowerment of our clients to be active participants in the decisions that impact their lives.

That individuals and families are deserving of quality services and that JFS plays an important role in both the Jewish and secular communities, often acting as a link between these two groups.

As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population. All of our services are offered on a sliding scale fee and nobody will be turned away due to inability to pay. Choosing to pay for our services subsidizes the cost for neighbors who cannot afford to do so. The mission of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity, and inspire humanity.

WISE Aging Services

Geriatric social workers provide care management, assessment, counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, information, and care coordination between health systems and community based organizations for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors.
PARTNERS IN CARE CONCIERGE (PiCC): Medical Accompaniment

JFS provides door-through-door transportation services and medical accompaniment by trained volunteers for older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication, and assist with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver.

Transportation

JFS’s door-through-door transportation services helps ensure mobility for older adults and prevents isolation. 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. Wheelchair lift assistance is available.

CARES: Caregiver Assessment Respite Education Support

CARES provides caregivers compassionate support, education and respite to promote health and well-being, and support for: Physical and Emotional Health, Physical Stamina, Financial Security and Perceived Personal Freedom of the caregiver. JFS services include a brief assessment to get to know you and your needs, respite care to give you a break, customized education and support, assistance with community resources, and clinical and behavioral counseling if requested.

Thrive Counseling

Thrive Counseling provides counseling services in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Skilled and compassionate licensed clinicians and counselors offer support, guidance, and solutions for a wide range of issues that may cause clients imbalance, stress or suffering – tailored to individual needs. Therapists will use an individualized assessment and draw on their years of experience to create a treatment approach to help clients find their way back to a healthy, balanced life. Thrive services are accredited by CARF International and are covered by most major insurance plans.

Community Assistance & Crisis Support

JFS addresses a wide range of crisis needs in the community—resolving immediate crises, creating stability, addressing underlying causes, and enhancing self-sufficiency.

Specialty Food Pantry

Our agency’s specialty food pantry is the only one of its kind in Washtenaw County, offering kosher, halal, liquid nutrition and items for medical diets. Delivery to home bound clients and appointments beyond open access hours are available.

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.

Employment And Career Services

JFS provides individualized services and guidance to job seekers in order to alleviate barriers to long-term, sustainable employment. The program offers a wide range of specialized services including employability assessment, resume and cover letter writing, job search skills assistance, and interviewing and networking skills development. JFS Employment Services are accredited by CARF International.

Resettlement and International Services

JFS provides a wide range of resettlement and social services for refugees and other immigrants, such as seeking employment, helping establish housing, obtaining financial literacy and asset building, learning English, securing government documents, preparing for citizenship, and adapting to American culture and life.

Cultural Connection & Language Assistance

JFS compassionately connects organizations, groups, and individuals to community cultural and religious leaders in times of need. We offer ESL, Language Partners, and Foreign Language Interpretation to the community.

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, or teach English to immigrants and refugees as an ESL teacher or a conversational partner.

Amster’s Experts: The Herb Amster Center Training Program

The Herb Amster Center offers groups, organizations, and companies dynamic training and development seminars in four distinct areas: diversity, health and wellness, work-life balance, and professional skill development. Each session is fully customized to client’s goals and needs, rendering our training programs highly effective. These trainings are available for purchase, and are also available to those businesses who are JFS’s ongoing corporate partners. To find out more about these training and development programs and corporate partnerships with JFS, visit www.amstercenter.org.
As the central convener, connector and communicator of Jewish philanthropy and engagement for the greater Ann Arbor community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor is committed to caring for the needs of the Jewish people, developing and strengthening vibrant local Jewish communal life, and building an enduring Jewish future in Ann Arbor, in Israel, and around the world.

The Jewish Federation ignites the spark to awaken Jewish identities through its support of and participation in a variety of Jewish educational programs, Israel and summer camp scholarships, and other social, cultural and Jewish engagement programs.

Federation provides opportunities for people from across the spectrum of the Jewish community to gather and connect for meaningful, thought-provoking, and entertaining experiences. Committees and engagement groups such as Jewish Young Professionals (JYP), Chai Mitzvah, Maimonides Society, Cardozo Society, Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), and Women’s Philanthropy provide opportunities for Ann Arbor area residents to engage and connect across life stages and interest areas.

The Jewish Federation also connects people to Israel and Klal Yisrael (the unity of the Jewish people) through a range of Israel programming including communal celebrations of Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), educational events and active participation in the Michigan/Central Galilee Region Partnership2Gether (P2G) endeavor.

The Jewish Federation’s Annual Community Campaign is a...
significant means by which we, as a community, accomplish our mission. Through the generosity of the community, the 2019 Annual Community Campaign raised $1,420,784 to support local and international organizations and projects. These funding recipients are our partners in working for social justice, creating connections with Israel and the Jewish people, awakening Jewish identity and providing inspiration for the next generation of Jewish leaders in Ann Arbor, Israel and around the world.

The strength of the Federation comes from its partnerships with communal organizations and the involvement and generosity of its volunteers and donors. The Federation welcomes inquiries from individuals and families interested in exploring ways to be involved or to learn more about Jewish life in our community.

**Next Generation Engagement**

Federation seeks to create a strong community for Jewish young professionals (JYP) and young families in the greater Ann Arbor area in order to keep them engaged in Jewish life through social connections, cultural and religious explora-
Join us as we honor journalist and documentarian, Safa Al-Ahmad for her notable work covering the uprisings in Yemen and Saudi Arabia, efforts for which she has taken great personal risk. It is for this courageous humanitarian work that we are pleased to invite Safa Al-Ahmad to deliver the 2019 Wallenberg Lecture.

As part of its participation in the Michigan/Central Galilee Region Partnership2Gether (P2G), the Ann Arbor Jewish community has developed a significant partnership with Moshav Nahalal, Israel’s first moshav. This partnership fosters positive, meaningful relationships in order to strengthen Jewish identity and Zionism in both communities.

The Ann Arbor/Nahalal partnership’s flagship project is the Student Exchange. Teens in ninth grade travel to Israel and cultivate lasting friendships with their Israeli hosts. In the fall of tenth grade, the hospitality is reciprocated when the Israeli delegation visits Ann Arbor and learns about life as a Jewish teen in the US.

In 2020, the visit to Israel will take place March 26th to April 5th. Parents or teens interested in learning about the Student Exchange are encouraged to visit the website or contact Outreach & Programs Coordinator, Jessica Weil.

Women’s Philanthropy

Women’s Philanthropy offers opportunities for women of all ages to connect with each other, both in greater Ann Arbor and in Israel, through innovative programming and fundraising events. Women come together to explore, celebrate and make a difference. This year we have placed a renewed focus on inter-generational women’s programming. Join us in an environment where every Jewish woman can enrich and strengthen her identity as a woman and a Jew. To learn more and get involved, contact Sharyn Gallatin at sharyn@jewishannarbor.org.

Chai Mitzvah

Chai Mitzvah is an engagement program for individuals of all ages, connecting them into cohorts of 8-12 people who meet monthly for discussion and learning. Goals of Chai Mitzvah include community building, learning and exploring meaningful Jewish projects in the areas of social action, ritual and Jewish learning. For more information and to get involved, contact Marci Sukenic at marci@jewishannarbor.org.
Keshet Ann Arbor
Rabbi Daniel Alter and Mira Sussman, Co-Directors
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Keshet is an advanced/conversational Hebrew language learning program for middle school as well as high school students.

New this year we offer a middle school advanced/conversational Hebrew program for sixth through eighth graders. This mixed-grade class encourages students who have a strong basis in Hebrew reading, writing, and conversation to maintain and progress in their Hebrew language experience. This class will be offered on Wednesday afternoons and is open to students from all corners of the Ann Arbor community.

For high school students we offer the opportunity to take Hebrew classes either for their love of the language and culture, or to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit. Students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of whom 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 contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience holistic, contemporary, and relevant. Keshet for high schoolers offers multiple levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules. Keshet fulfills Community Resource (CR) requirements as established by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource Department, and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

Limmud Michigan
Webpage: www.limmudmichigan.org

Limmud Michigan is an all-volunteer run festival and celebration of Jewish thought, culture, learning, teaching and fun! Dedicated to the Jewish experience and exploration in all its variety, Limmud is committed to harnessing the energy of people from across the Jewish community and across the region. This year’s event will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at Eastern Michigan University’s Student Center in Ypsilanti.

Mini-Limmuds will be held throughout Southeast Michigan all year. Interested volunteers and participants can find out more information by following us on Facebook, and register via the website at www.limmudmichigan.org.
Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support the World ORT global network of schools and programs. World ORT provides education and training with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) to over 300,000 individuals in 35 countries. With generous support from donors, ORT’s schools and programs reach underserved students by bridging the gap between aptitude and opportunity, working to expand knowledge, building autonomy, and strengthening Jewish identity.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT will hold its Fall opening event on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Current and prospective members of Ann Arbor ORT are welcome to attend. There will also be a donor dinner in June, 2020, recognizing ORT’s generous 2019 donors.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. Tributes are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $36 or more are requested to maintain membership in ORT and to help World ORT fund its important programs. More information about Ann Arbor ORT is available at the website www.ortannarbor.org.

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 thousands of 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.

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 Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.

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 Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH READING AND CONVERSATION GROUP)

Lily Ladin tel: (734) 662-6613
Elliot H. Gertel, email ehgertel@yahoo.com

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversation & Reading Group) meets at the JCC on Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. to noon. Half of the time is spent reading Yiddish literature, half in conversation. Free and open to all who are interested in Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age. All manner of topics are covered with an effort to improve participants’ Yiddish speaking and reading skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. For more information and to make certain that we are meeting on a specific day, please e-mail Elliot H. Gertel.
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- 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 provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

The *Washtenaw Jewish News* is completely independent and is not affiliated with any one program, organization, movement or point of view within Jewish life, but endeavors to give expression to all facets of that life.

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The memories of each are different, but all carry the sweet taste of summer like a fresh strawberry, still warm from the sun. And the sun often shone on Huron Farms, the 235-acre orchard owned by the Franzblau family and located midway between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, at what is now the campus of Washtenaw Community College.

For the Franzblau children (David, Deborah, and the late Jonny) and their cousins (Howard, Rick, Bill, Jo, Bob and Barry), summertime brought days of playing in the woods and nights of fireflies and family. Deborah remembers how her father, Jarvis Franzblau, would put her siblings and her in the convertible in their pajamas on some nights. “He would take us into the cherry orchards, driving through the rows of blossoms. The smell was overwhelming—something I’ve never smelled since.”

David recalls being “pretty much allowed to roam free. It was a heaven for a kid, no one watched us, we didn’t have a care in the world.”

Living a life rooted in agriculture was not the norm for most Jewish families. In the first part of the 20th Century, there were about 100 Jewish farmers in Michigan, as estimated in a Michigan Jewish History journal article. Jarvis Franzblau and his wife, Pearl (Pitzie) Epstein Franzblau, grew up in Detroit in a tightly knit Jewish community. They went to Central High School and had friends whose fathers were professionals—accountants, doctors, lawyers, salesmen. But Jarvis’ parents, Herman and Rose, were in the lettuce business.

Bill says, “Our grandpa was known as the Lettuce King in the 1920s because he grew the most and sold to many of the local grocers. Then one day (in the 1940s) he told my grandma that he had bought a farm and they were moving out to Ann Arbor. They loaded up the truck that day.” After World War II, Jarvis, then in his early twenties, joined his father in the family business. Jarvis’ oldest son David says, “I was self-conscious about how different we were, only over time did I grasp how special we were in not only our connections to each other, but to other cultures.”

The family remains grateful for their experiences. Our family had an unusual livelihood for a Jewish family and also an unusual collection of people we were exposed to. Jarvis arranged for a group of Jamaicans to come to work on the farm full time throughout the year. They worked alongside Appalachian whites who had come to work in the auto factories and needed part time employment. The Jewish extended family, Native Americans, and African Americans rounded out the crew.

David remembers, “We each had our own preconceptions of ‘the others’ but working together every day quickly led to affection and loyalty to each other.”

That loyalty included the large family of cousins who worked alongside everyone else. Howard says, “The day after school got out in Detroit, the cousins went to the farm and worked for the summers and then weekends throughout the year.”

Rick remembers, “Our city friends would go to camp as soon as school got out, but we went to the farm for cherry season. We lived in Detroit in the inner city and I would always say that we had the best of both worlds. There were no freeways back then, so we had to go backroads. The closer we got to Ann Arbor…the smell was different, everything was different! It was the greatest relief just getting away from the city. I mean, I was driving a pick-up truck when I was 9 which wouldn’t have happened at home (in Detroit). It was heaven for a kid, pure freedom.”
The farm was sold to WCC in 1965, with a clause that the Franzblaus could harvest the orchard for another several seasons. Jarvis bought other land, first around Ann Arbor and later in western Michigan.

All of the family emphasizes the great sense of community where cousins could spend time together as creating a genuine closeness. Jo remembers, “There were two generations of grandchildren because of the difference in ages of our parents, which was about 18 years. At one time, I was the only girl, and even though I was out there every weekend, I did not work on the farm even though my brother did.”

The family recalls that working on the farm was like playing on the farm. The farm grew cherries, apples, peaches. Milk cows, chickens, and horses wandered freely. The kids drove farm vehicles—tractors, forklifts. There were BB guns to shoot out barn windows with. A packing house with elevators that led to the cold storage and the cold storage itself, a place where mischief could easily be made. Dense woods with a huge pond, where there lived a designated “smoking tree.” One night the boys got weeds from the swamp and went to the gas pump, intending to make torches. But, David says, “The ground got saturated with gas and caught fire…somehow the hose got involved… and there we were with this big fire in front of us—we thought it would blow us all up!”

Jo remembers the huge garden that her grandparents had. “My grandmother would tell me what she wanted for dinner—potatoes, corn, lettuce, whatever was in season—so we would go and get what she wanted and she would prepare our meal from the fresh vegetables.”

Bill sums up the years on the farm saying, “We knew every nook and cranny of that place. I could find any tree, any place on that farm. It was a magical place—that is really the best way to describe it.”
The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan is an intimate and vibrant Orthodox congregation in Ann Arbor, Michigan that has been around for over 50 years. Our membership is multigenerational, including families with babies and school-aged children, young couples just starting out, empty-nesters, and retirees. We also share our services with the University of Michigan Hillel’s orthodox student minyan. The diversity of our community is reflected in our programming, which provides frequent opportunities for our members to learn Torah, celebrate, socialize, and connect with Judaism in ways they find meaningful.

It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and guests and, of course, new members. Please contact us at welcome@annarborminyan.org for more information about our minyan, services, or programming. And when you are ready to join our community, please find our membership application on our website.

**Weekday Minyan**

**During the academic year:**

Shacharit on Sunday (9:30am), Monday (7:20am), and Tuesday (7:30am) is at the Hillel building. On Wednesday (7:30am), Thursday (7:20am), and Friday (7:30am) at the Chabad House (715 Hill Street).

Mincha-Maariv is daily at the Hillel building approximately 15 minutes before plag on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Hillel building.

Scan here to join the daily minyan WhatsApp group!

**Shabbat services**

Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat approximately 15 minutes before candle lighting

Shacharit at 9:30am with Kiddush following services

**Holiday Programming**

**High Holiday** morning services begin at 9 a.m. The times of evening services vary seasonally and will be announced on the website.

**Shalosh Regalim** (Pesah, Shavu’ot, and Sukkot) begin at 9:30 a.m., evening services times are seasonally adjusted and are available on the website. Kiddush follows services.

**Kids Programming**

**Tot Shabbat** every Saturday morning. Join us every Shabbat morning for songs, games, a story, and much more! Ages 0-5, 11:15 a.m. – noon at Hillel.

**Popsicles in the Park** – Join the tots for popsicles in Burns Park during Shabbat in the summer. Dates and times are available on the website or contact welcome@annarborminyan.org for more info.

**Summer Backyard BBQs** – We enjoy 2-3 backyard cookouts during the summer for families with young children. These are typically pre-Shabbat events that occur on Friday before Shabbat officially begins. They are a great way to explore our community.

**Sukkah Hop** – Join us for our annual family sukkah hop where kids can "hop" to a handful of sukkahs around Burns Park and enjoy an activity and a treat in each one. Please see our website for more information on times and locations.

Holiday learning with Rabbi Jared – Join our tots for holiday programming and learning with Rabbi Jared centered around the Jewish holidays. These sessions typically occur every other month. Please see our website for more information.
Adult Education

**Great Debates in Jewish History** – Taught by Rav Jared join once a month to learn about some of the most controversial and debated moments in Jewish history. Information on times and location are on the shul website calendar.

**AAOM Ted Talks** – Join the AAOM for thought provoking discussions on various topics. These are typically on Saturday nights. Dates and times are available on the website.

**Women's learning** - Enjoy several opportunities for women's learning on various topics throughout the year. Please see our website for more information.

General Programming

**Fall Welcome BBQ:** This is an annual event hosted to welcome new members and reconnect with old ones. Enjoy a variety of foods, lawn games, and more! This is an event you don't want to miss!

**Shavuot Picnic:** We host an annual picnic on Shavuot in Burns Park. This is a time for community members to bring their own lunch and share it together with picnic blankets and lawn games. It is always a hit!

**Sukkot Learning:** We host an annual sukkot learning event in memory of former community member, Gwen Budow. See our website for more information.

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AARC is an open and welcoming congregation of over 90 Jewish and interfaith families, couples, and individuals, from a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds, as well as non-Jews exploring Judaism. The congregation includes LGBTQ and interracial households. AARC is affiliated with Reconstructing Judaism, a progressive movement within Judaism founded by Mordechai Kaplan in the early 20th century that fuses tradition with modernity. AARC’s culture encourages an engaged and open-minded approach to Judaism. In accordance with Reconstructionism’s core tenet 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 contemporary values. The Jewish teaching of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) infuses intentions and practices, and is reflected in community events and mitzvah opportunities. Community and participation define the spirit of the congregation—all members share responsibility for nourishing it.

**Shabbat Services**

AARC meets on the second Saturday and fourth Friday each month for Shabbat services. Second Saturday services begin with a text study (‘Ta Shma’) at 10 a.m., followed by services at 10:30 a.m. Fourth Friday services beginning at 6:30 p.m. are followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner open to all, and preceded by a Tot Shabbat for families with young children. Services are held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the congregation’s home base. Community gatherings, book groups, and meetings held in members’ homes (see below for more information) supplement these Shabbat observances.

**Holiday Celebrations**

AARC hosts creative and multigenerational holiday celebrations as well as programs for families with young children. Holiday observances are open to members and non-members and include celebrations for all ages for Hannukah, Purim, and Passover. Ticketless services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with concurrent children’s services are open to all.

**Beit Sefer (Religious School)**

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation’s religious school, the Beit Sefer provides an innovative and engaging education for K-7th graders, focusing on Jewish values and ethics, history, diversity, prayer, and Hebrew language. Emphasizing critical inquiry and self-expression, the school uses a project-based learning approach to stimulate students’ creativity and involvement in Jewish community.

Reconstructionist Jewish education is dedicated to intellectually honest inquiry combined with knowledge of tradition and commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people. We believe this happens best in a caring, challenging, and supportive learning environment. Students are taught to actively participate in the evolution of Jewish religious culture. Classes are held at the Jewish Community Center on Sundays mornings, 9:30–11:30 a.m., from September through May.

Beit Sefer students learn in three multi-age classrooms. The youngest class, the Ketanim (“little ones”)—K through 1st or 2nd grades—focuses on Torah stories, mitzvot, and Hebrew using the Hebrew through Movement approach. The middle class, the Yeladim (“children”)—middle-elementary school-age—focuses on Jewish time: the yearly cycle of holidays and the cycle of life rituals. The oldest class, the Gedolim (“big ones”)—upper-elementary up to bar/bat mitzvah age—centers on Jewish place: homes; communities around the world, including Israel; and houses of prayer. The students learn about the development of Jewish civilization in diverse localities and about ethical dilemmas Jews face as individuals and communities.

**Adult Education**

Rabbi Ora offers interactive, discussion-based classes on a variety of Jewish topics; visit www.aarecon.org to learn more.

**AARC Book Group**

The AARC Book Group meets monthly to discuss an eclectic selection of books chosen by the group. The group meets in members’ homes and is a friendly, cozy, intellectually-stimulating group open to all! Contact Greg Saltzman: gsaltzman@albion.edu

**Ta-Shma/Come and Learn**

From 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Second Saturdays, Rabbi Ora leads a half-hour of pre-service learning and discussion.

**Third Age**

Third Age is our over-60 group, meets monthly on second Sundays at the JCC or a coffee shop and includes at least one outing a month, cultural events, enjoying Ann Arbor, etc. Contact Marcy Epstein: dr_marcy@hotmail.com
At Beth Israel, who we are is what we do. You will find your Jewish home at Beth Israel. We are black, white, Asian, Hispanic, mixed; straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning. We are singles and couples. We are families with and without children. We are all Jews by choice whether born into it or coming to it later in life.

Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members and the local community for over 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connection to a rich tradition, embraces innovative, egalitarian and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need.

Beth Israel is proud to engage in tikkun olam (repairing the world) and social justice. We foster a love of Israel while engag-
ing in important conversations on the topic for our youth and adults. We offer a wide range of adult education opportunities along with a vibrant, engaging religious school in which to foster the love of Judaism among our youth. We provide many opportunities for families with babies and tots to be involved and connected in a loving and supportive environment.

Beth Israel operates on a “fair share” dues model which allows its members to give from their hearts, partnering with the synagogue to support the services and events offered.

Our spiritual leader, Rabbi Nadav Caine (Rav Nadav) joined Beth Israel in 2018 and brings energy, creativity, and vibrancy to our community. Our Rabbi Emeritus Rob Dobrusin remains an active part of the Beth Israel community, working in partnership with Rabbi Caine to serve our members and the larger community.

Rabbi Caine’s passion is teaching the interconnections among the mystical, historical, scientific, and psychological dimensions of Judaism, and particularly the ways of Jewish practice he calls “practical holiness.” He is married to Lynne and is the father of two daughters, aged 8 and 6 years old.

Check out our calendar of events and join us for fun, spiritual, and educational events for all life phases. Connect to the joy of Judaism and friends through Beth Israel Congregation.

We look forward to seeing you at our services and events. Welcome.

Beth Israel Religious School (BIRS) provides an exceptional educational program, which includes Hebrew reading and conversational skills, prayer, Bible, history, and values. At BIRS, students learn through doing: the calendar includes Shabbat services and Friday night dinners, a Mitzvah Day, and holiday family celebrations.

**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, age appropriate prayer, stories and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines.
Elementary 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 Israel and the worldwide Jewish community. 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 Pizza in the Hut Family Dinner; Family Hanukkah program; Family Mitzvah Day, and Purim Celebration.

Jewish Journeys Middle School Experience

Middle School students and their families experience a multifaceted experience designed to maximize student and family engagement. The program incorporates elements such as
Limmud mini-courses, Havurah small group meetings, Family Journey Events, and individual bar/bat mitzvah tutoring. Grade 6 meets on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 7 meets on Sunday mornings, with Havurah (small group) weekly meetings. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings, with the Jewish Lens photography curriculum and opportunities for Jewish service learning.

**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 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. 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 expenses.

**CONGREGATION BETH CHABAD**

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

By way of background, Chabad is a Chasidic ideology. The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: Chachmah-wisdom, Binah comprehension and Da’at-knowledge. The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Chabad serve as a “home away from home” for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Ann Arbor great area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation, or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

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 and knowledge, and 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 all year round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning services take place at Hillel; Wednesday through Friday services are held at Chabad.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC’s Apples and Honey event. Adult and children’s programs for Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot Chanukah, Purim, Lag B’omer and Shavuot. Distribution of shalach manot (gift baskets) for Purim, Shmurah Matzah for Passover and a Passover model matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where lifecycle 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. Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan (see Campus Organizations). For children, Chabad offers Hebrew School at Chabad and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel.

Jewish Women’s Circle
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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 lively, meaningful discussions, a great do-it-yourself activity, delicacies to taste, a chance to socialize, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Jewish Women’s Circle is a friendship group of Jewish women who meet 6–7 times a year to share creativity, support, and education. The Jewish Women’s Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women
in the community as they learn, explore Jewish topics, and celebrate Jewish femininity. To receive invitations to upcoming events, call (734) 995-3276.

Mikvah Israel
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From time immemorial, the mikvah has been the foundation of Jewish family life. The mikvah is a haven of holiness for the community.

The word “mikvah” means “a gathering of water” natural water. Built according to exact rules of dimension and acceptable source of natural water, a mikvah is a small pool, usually about four feet deep, filled with clean, clear water.

On Masada and in ancient Jerusalem you will find mikvahs uncovered after thousands of years. They testify to the historic continuum of the tradition of mikvah.

Today, most Jewish communities boast a mikvah that is modern and bright with beautifully appointed preparation and dressing rooms and a mikvah pool that is heated and scrupulously clean.

In Hebrew, natural spring water is called “living water.” With its clear waters, the mikvah is a powerful symbol of life and rebirth. Throughout our history, the ritual of mikvah immersion has been a means of spiritual purification, helping us prepare for events of great spiritual significance. In ancient times, the high priest of the Temple in Jerusalem immersed himself in the mikvah five separate times during the services for Yom Kippur, each time reaching a higher spiritual level.

In our time, 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 (715 Hill Street, at the corner of Oakland), is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a filtering pool 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.

JLI - Jewish Learning Institute
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Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, instructor

Presented in synchrony in 350 cities nationwide and around the world, Jewish Learning Institute classes are presented locally by specially trained educators, including Ann Arbor Chabad House’s Rabbi Aharon Goldstein. Since its inception in 1998, JLI programs have been attended by nearly 40,000 people, and hundreds of thousands of others join in electronically through JLI on-line message boards and Internet based channels.

T.E.A.C.H. (Torah Education At Chabad House)
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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, directors

Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chasidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law). 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. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn the specifics of Torah.

Chabad Hebrew School( CHS) Of Ann Arbor
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Shternie Zwiebel, director

Discover the richness of Jewish Heritage and Culture in an exciting and fun environment. Students learn to read and write Hebrew, and are exposed to Jewish tradition and history through Capit reading program Hands-On holiday workshops, theater, culinary arts, school wide activities, field trips and more. Classes for children in grades kindergarten–7th grade meet every Sunday at the Chabad House.

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.

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.

**Bat Mitzvah Club**

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The Bat Mitzvah Club at Chabad House is “for girls, run by girls and starring girls,” because girls run the meetings, prepare programs and arrange activities. Be a leader or a participant. Organize an event. Plan a project. Make a presentation. The Bat Mitzvah Club is a place to grow, learn and get involved, share ideas, friendships and fun. The Bat Mitzvah Club shows girls why a bat mitzvah is much more than a party. Learn what it really means to be a bat mitzvah in the modern world. Get to know your Jewish self through art, creative writing and community outreach. Discuss hot topics. Share your interests, goals, hopes and dreams. Record your thoughts and ideas in your very own club journal.

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**JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY**

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization that promotes Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. 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.

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), as well as enriching adult educational and social programs. Lifecycle events are celebrated in a secular and humanistic manner, as are monthly Friday evening Shabbat observances and the Jewish holidays.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations.

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**Holiday Celebrations**

Every fall the Jewish Cultural Society offers secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English. These events are held at the JCC and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are refection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a reedication 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. Tashlich is observed 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 include a Sukkot harvest celebration, a family Chanukah party, a Tu b’Shevat celebration and a Purim carnival. In addition, the Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular 2nd Night Seder each Passover. The contemporary Haggadah that is used 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. A community-wide vegetarian potluck follows.
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 (almost) each month. These observances are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrtzeit 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, or listening to a bar or bat mitzvah student make a presentation. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Life-Cycle Observances

Life-cycle observances are a central part of the JCS community life. In addition to baby namings, a special Shabbat ceremony offers each young student a chance to select or affirm his or her Jewish name. This community-wide life-cycle event provides the students with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named. The JCS two-year Bar and Bat Mitzvah program is unique and meaningful. An adult B’nai Mitzvah class is also available for members who request it. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult Mitzvah Ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

As the JCS madrikha, Julie Gales works closely with individuals and families to develop very personal weddings, funerals, memorials, and unveilings. The JCS has a Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Jewish Cultural School

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

The students learn about Jewish holidays with an emphasis on their relevance today. They also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and secular humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills for the older youth) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on active and participatory social action. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves through student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports the students in the development of a positive Jewish identity. Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcomed and en-
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**

Jewish Cultural Society’s B’nai Mitzvah Program offers a unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program, which begins in the sixth grade and is a two-year process, includes independent research on Jewish topics chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral or multimedia presentations given at a First Friday Shabbat observance or other gathering of 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 local organizations, such as Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many others.

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 JCS madrikha, Julie Gales, who presides over the events. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or at another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family’s choice.

**Older Youth Activities**

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue their involvement in the JCS by joining the Tzofim Program. This program includes leadership opportunities and discussions focusing on contemporary Jewish identity, as defined through history and culture. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and help plan holiday programs and other community-wide events. The post-bar/bat mitzvah-age youth may also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations’ conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America.

**Adult Activities**

The JCS offers a variety of educational and social programs for adults throughout the school year. The JCS also co-sponsors presentations with the Jewish Community Center and other Jewish community groups. Adult input into all of the JCS activities is encouraged and appreciated.

The Jewish Cultural Society’s Third Friday Chavurah takes the form of a monthly potluck for older members held in rotation at the homes of the participants. Meeting regularly since 1990, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations. Some of the members were among the original founders of the Jewish Cultural School in 1965. Others have helped organize the 50 years of archival documents that contain the impressive history of the organization.
PARDES HANNAH

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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 open-hearted 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 at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. Several times a year the group will meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck 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.

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Purim at TBE

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE) is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), 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 for all its members—a place where members celebrate joys and share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

TBE caters to a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that meet the various needs and spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner concludes with a popsicle oneg. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, Mishkan Teflah.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi
Whinston. 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.

Holidays provide the perfect context for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. 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 have become TBE traditions, with families bringing menorahs to light during the service. TBE’s Community Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of joining. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/ Holocaust Memorial Service, led by the children of Holocaust survivors (Generations After) group, provides an honorable and commemorating space for all attendees.

**Adult Choir**

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Regina Hayut. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, monthly at Friday night services and at concerts throughout the year. Kol Halev are veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony.

**Youth, Middle School & High School Musical Ensembles**

TBE’s elementary school youth choir, Kol No’ar, combined with the middle school choir, Shir Chadash. Some highlights of our last programmatic year include our first ever musical Purim Shpiel, and entertaining family and friends at the Café performance at the end of the school year.

**Social Action**

TBE’s Social Action Committee assists the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam vary depending on local, regional and global issues of relevance to our goals in promoting peace and equality.

Social action takes many forms at Temple Beth Emeth. TBE members work jointly with St. Clare’s Episcopal Church on several activities including The Back Door Food Pantry, the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House, the Food Gatherer’s Community Kitchen at the Delonis Center, and hosting the Shelter Association’s Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week. Both congregations work with Jewish Family Services to support refugee resettlement efforts. Other outreach efforts include connections with projects to promote peace and cooperation in Israel such as Hand in Hand schools; Rabbis for Human Rights; Zeitouna lm; and dialogue and interfaith worship between Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders in our community through the Niagra Foundation celebrating Eid al Fitr marking the break-the-fast at the end of Ramadan. Annually, TBE members volunteer at sites throughout our community during Mitzvah Day.

**Temple Beth Emeth Youth Groups**

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Nikki Feinberg, Youth Director

Ann Arbor Temple Youth (AARTY – Grades 9–12): is a youth group for Jewish high school students. The AARTY (Grades 9–12) board plans a wide range of events including religious, cultural, social action, social, and opportunities for Jewish learning outside of the classroom. 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.

**Kadima (Grades 6–8)**

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.

**Rishonim (Grades 3–5)**

Rishonim events occur monthly to give 3–5 graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities such as ice-skating and trampoline jumping.

**Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood**

Website: [www.templebethemeth.org/community/brotherhood](http://www.templebethemeth.org/community/brotherhood)

Bill Parkus, 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 congregations 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.

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Trina Fuller, President

Bobbi Heilveil and Lora Vatalaro, Co-Membership Vice Presidents

WTBE, a member of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), provides programs and services that reinforce education, companionship, social action and service to both the Temple and general community. Membership is open to the entire community.

Highlights: WTBE holds informal monthly lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, periodic lectures, workshops, trips and activities. WTBE also sponsors the congregational Break-the-Fast. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from WTBE. First-time Jewish campers are eligible to receive scholarship support at a URJ camp from WTBE. They contribute to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and provide additional funds for special activities to the TBE religious school.

The entire local community is encouraged to shop at the WTBE-run Gift Shop that carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. It is open most Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., and Fridays before services from 7–7:30 p.m. during the liturgical year. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberzs (734) 668-6842; or amypab@hotmail.com).

A number of community non-profits receive donations or support through WTBE. Through their WRJ affiliation, WTBE contribute to rabbinic and cantorial scholarships at the Hebrew Union College in the US and the Leo Baeck Institute and Abraham Geiger College in Europe; the Jewish Braille Institute; the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); as well as several Reform nursery schools and bat mitzvah classes in Israel. WTBE board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

WTBE, as part of Women of Reform Judaism, has since its inception in 1913 been involved in Social Action. WRJ and WTBE 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 provides bat mitzvah classes for girls in Israel), and Women of the Wall. Women of TBE also support WRJ's advocacy for gun control, women's reproductive rights, children caught in the "school to prison pipeline," immigration reform, and the protection of voting rights.

**Adult Education**

TBE offers a variety of educational opportunities for adults at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, study with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, Shabbatons (extended Shabbat programming) with scholars-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and themed lecture series. Cantor Emerita Rose facilitates a Spirituality Book Club offered as both an evening and daytime class. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large.

**Caring Community**

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through Caring Community, 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. CC provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Holiday Programs During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, TBE offers traditional services along with family services, youth services and a special service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services will be held at TBE on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services. AARTY (Grades 9-12) holds separate services each holiday. Community members and univer-
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Temple Beth Emeth Religious and Hebrew School

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Temple Beth Emeth 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.

Lower Grades

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics, holidays, and more. Each grade has a different focus, and we take an active hands-on approach where teachers who share a love of Judaism guide students’ Jewish journeys.

Family Involvement

On Shabbat morning, Rabbi Whinston leads 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.

Each grade in the elementary program also offers one Family Learning Program each year, in which all family members are invited to participate in a special session connected to that grade’s curriculum.

Hebrew School

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

B’nai Mitzvah Training

Cantor Regina Hayut supervises training for b’nai mitzvah students. Students work with private tutors and meet with the cantor at the end of each aliyah. Rabbi Whinston also meets with students to work on their d’var Torah, their opportunity to share some words of Torah as they become bar or bat mitzvah.

Music Students

TBE youth 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.

Middle & High School Programs

Grades 6-8 have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The students participating in this program enjoy 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 fantastic trip to New York City. The 10th grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbi Josh Whinston and culminates in a Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Our 8th through 12th grade students also choose electives, specialized classes often led by congregants and community members, focusing on specific aspects of Judaism such as: Current Events through a Jewish Lens; Messages of Resilience, Courage, and Creativity – Narratives of the Holocaust; Jewish Creativity: Music, Art, and Poetry; Jewish Cooking from Around the World, and more.

Madrikhim Program

In high school, students have the opportunity to serve as classroom aides and role models in TBE’s elementary school program. Ninth grade students have the opportunity to join a semester-long training program, which prepares them for working as madrikhim (classroom aides). Madrikhim work in the classrooms, serve as positive role models for the younger students, and add a wonderful energy to the school.
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For over 40 years Chabad House has been a home-away-from home for the thousands of Jewish Students at the University of Michigan. Chabad anticipates and serves the needs of students on a social, educational and spiritual level. At Chabad, all students are welcome, regardless of background, affiliation, and level of observance.

Tradition: At Chabad, students have the ability to discover the warmth and beauty of their heritage, and learn to apply the timeless Jewish principle of Ahavat Israel (love of one’s fellow Jew) — at their own pace.

Community: Chabad believes that family and community are vital keys to character building. That’s why they open their homes to students, helping inspire them with a respect for family values and a deep meaningful concern for the land of Israel.

Future: Chabad believes that Jewish education and meaningful experiences are the grass-roots method to fighting indifference, apathy and assimilation that face the community today. For there to be a Jewish tomorrow, students need to have a Jewish today.

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. Their programs and events are student-driven and aim to connect the community with the campus. Whether enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal or traveling on an Alternative Break or Taglit-Birthright Israel trip, there are so many ways to become involved and make a difference in their tight-knit community.

Hillel at EMU is open to students from both Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY JEWISH STUDIES

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Hillel at Eastern Michigan University/ Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan

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Broza, and Galeet Dardashti and Divahn.

EMU’s Center for Jewish Studies has partnered with the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, and The Ark. Collaborations have included the Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis, the Covenant Foundation, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Academic Engagement Network, the Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland, and the Arbeitsstelle Holocaust literature at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HILLEL**

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Diane Redman, Director of Operations

University of Michigan Hillel is unparalleled in terms of its size, diversity and quality of programming. U-M Hillel supports 45+ 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, including employment, and in life long after they graduate.

Through our student-led groups, students find opportunities to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun, and nurturing environment. Our programming is diverse in its focus on social, political, religious, cultural and educational areas -- all intended to help students access Jewish life and community on their own terms. Michigan Hillel offers concerts, lectures, films, classes, community service, Jewish learning, religious services, and dialogue programs. Shabbat at Hillel, which remains our largest weekly attended program, brings together upward of 500 students each Friday night for optional student-led services and a free kosher gourmet dinner. Additionally, Michigan ranks among the top Hillels in the nation for sending students to Israel on Birthright trips. Students - and community members - are invited to drop in or contact Hillel to learn more about our programming, dining services, and how to generally get involved.

**Community Offerings**

While much of our programming is designed for and directed by students, Hillel invites the Ann Arbor community to join in major
events that are promoted to the public, as well as for dinner at our Hillel Café and religious services.

The Hillel Café offers gourmet kosher dinner service Monday to Thursday during the academic year for students and the community. Community members can drop in to purchase kosher dinners for eat-in or take-out. Friday night Shabbat dinners and Saturday Shabbat lunch are available to students at no charge and we invite the community’s Jewish young professionals to join us as well in a private room with our graduate student community.

Community members are also invited to attend High Holiday services offered through Hillel. Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox services are offered free of charge for students. Community members may purchase tickets online or through our office. Please call for more details: 734-769-0500.

Hillel also hosts the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan in our space. Rabbi Jared Anstandig meets the needs of both the University’s Orthodox student community as well as the broader Orthodox community of Ann Arbor. He oversees the kashrut of the Hillel Café.

Israel Groups And Programs

**I-Lead** (Israel Leadership Education Advocacy and Dialogue) focuses on Israel, education, advocacy, and engagement skill building among student leaders.

**Wolverines for Israel** provides students 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.

**Resetting the Table** strives to create dialogue within our Jewish community about Israel, providing a conversation space among students with diverse opinions.

**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.

**Jewish Learning**

From weekly classes to informal discussions to dialogue groups, there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel with both of our rabbis and our staff. What does Judaism offer you as you explore your Jewish identity as an adult? How does your learning and community influence your beliefs and practices? Hillel can help you explore these big questions and more.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

**Spiritual Life**

Hillel offers a variety of religious services on Friday nights and holidays: creative, musical Reform services; an egalitarian Conservative minyan; and Shalva, a spirited “partnership minyan,” with separate gender seating and service leadership from men and women. The Orthodox minyan which serves students, faculty, and community members, holds weekly Shabbat services, and also regular daily services. Conservative Saturday morning services are held monthly. Please contact Hillel for details on daily service times and locations.

**Other Programs**

**Kol HaKavod** is U-M Hillel’s *a cappella* group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and popular tunes. Kol HaKavod is always happy to perform for other organizations and events in Ann Arbor.

**Golden Apple Award** conducts a campus-wide nomination process to honor outstanding teaching by selecting an annual 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 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.

**jUnion - Jewish Graduate Student Union** serves the general Jewish grad student population and is a liaison to the professional schools’ Jewish student groups, including: JLSA (Jewish Law Students Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), and JeMSA.
Graduate students and young professionals have a separate space for Shabbat dinner at Hillel every Friday night, and do their own programming during the academic year.

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

**SHARE - Students for Holocaust Awareness**. Remembrance and Education 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. SHARE’s largest program is 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 intra-mural sports program. Hillel also sponsors the Hillel Ice Hockey Team.

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

**The Jewish Penicillin Hotline** delivers kosher chicken soup with matzah balls to any U-M student who is feeling sick.
The Forum on Judaism and Gender offers study groups, speakers, and events that focus on feminism and women's roles in Judaism, and more broadly discuss the intersection of Judaism and Gender.

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

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.

OY is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events.

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 regularly to meet for coffee, build friendships, and enjoy Hillel events together.

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.

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

Hillel Outdoor Adventure enables students to express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the outdoors. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, kayaking, skating, and snowboarding.

MEDx (Medical Exposure) was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Israel's Red Cross). MEDx seeks to raise awareness about emergency preparedness on campus as well as learning about the field of medicine and supporting the overall health of the community.

FYSH (First Year Students of Hillel) organizes social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. This group also helps foster community in residence halls on both North and Central Campuses.

Will Work for Food (WWFF) 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 goes directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders.

jNET (the Jewish Network) is an engagement fellowship for students who have a desire to create new and different ways to define and/or access Jewish life at Michigan. Fellows participate in ongoing training and skill-building in areas of social networking theory, community organizing, and entrepreneurship.

Leadership

Michigan Hillel is led by a Governing Board comprised of elected students, graduate students, and local community members. This group oversees the organization and directs its policies and programs towards its overall mission. A Major Events Committee is selected to plan major events for Hillel. Community Coordinators also coordinate initiatives and plan events under selected thematic areas, such as dialogue, current events, and volunteering. The entire organization is led by a Board of Trustees comprised of lay leaders that hold the fiduciary responsibility of the Hillel and makes sure the organization is on track to meet its mission.

U-M JEAN AND SAMUEL FRANKEL CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

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Academics

Since 1970, Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor, supporting outstanding faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. Judaic Studies offers students opportunities for in-depth study of religious faith, cultural pluralism, and ethnic identity. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty, with strengths extending from modern Jewish literatures and cultures, to rabbinic law, and history.

Collaborative Research

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.

Community Events

Judaic Studies sponsors lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events throughout the academic year, including two annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture Series and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are free and open to the public.
The Judaica materials housed at the University of Michigan’s Hatcher Graduate Library are rich and extensive. The collection supports students, researchers, and the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies (inaugurated in 1988), and can be favorably compared in depth and scope with the larger collections in other major North American universities.

Currently, there are approximately 110,000 books and serial publications in Judaic studies in the University Library’s collections. There are an additional 3,500 items in the Jewish Heritage Collection (JHC) in the Library’s Special Collections Research Center (SCRC). This includes mostly three-dimensional artifacts (both ritual and everyday objects), works of art, books, and ephemera. There are also at least another 1,500 books and objects in the General and Rare section of Special Collections including a substantial number of rare and antiquarian books, which entails over 1,000 Passover Haggadahs, among many others.

The collection includes around 60,000 titles in Hebrew and Yiddish, as well as Ladino, Aramaic, and other Jewish languages. Western language Judaica holdings number approximately 50,000. The collection is particularly strong in Modern Hebrew literature, Jewish history, the history of Israel, Judaism, Holocaust Studies, and Tanakh. Annually, the library adds about 1,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles to the collection and 1,500 Jewish studies titles in Western languages. The collection is primarily housed in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, including Special Collections, but Judaica can be found in virtually all of the other campus libraries, including Art, Architecture, and Engineering; Askwith Media Library; Bentley Historical Library; Clements; Fine Arts; Kresge Business Library; Law; Taubman Medical Library; Social Work; and Shapiro Undergraduate and Science Libraries. Items can be

U-M Judaic Studies students study abroad

U-M Judaic Studies students learning cuisine with Amanda Fisher
located by subject classification and corresponding call number. The University has branch and independent libraries as well as sub-libraries that collect in disciplines like fine arts, architecture, health sciences, juvenile literature, law, music, theater and dance, science, and screen arts. When occasionally there are materials in those disciplines that transcend a single field of study and could benefit researchers in the humanities and social sciences, such works will be added to the Hatcher Graduate Library’s holdings as well. The Judaic unit also recommends acquisitions for the other library units, specifically the Special Collections Research Center and others such as the Askwith Media Library, the Fine Arts Library, Music Library, and the Children’s Literature Collection (Shapiro Undergraduate Library). The U-M Library Judaic Studies Research Guide provides recommended resources for Judaic Studies and highlights Judaica reference and special materials at U-M Library (https://guides.lib.umich.edu/Judaica).

**U-M JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

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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) trains 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 nonprofit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges, such as youth engagement, elderly services, Jewish education, differing viewpoints on Israel, and the nature of American Jewish identity. Students pursue field placements with local agencies including the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. There are also opportunities available regionally, nationally and around the world. Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community.

Engagement with local community members and organizations is fundamental to the students’ educational trajectory. Every year, the program invites community members to a late-August welcome breakfast (August 27, 2018 at 7:45 a.m. at Michigan Hillel), an open house at the sukkah erected in the School of Social Work courtyard (September 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.), and intergenerational community dialogues on issues of current interest. The culminating experience for graduating students is their role in planning JCLP’s annual “Communal Conversation” through which they invite members of the University and local communities to join with leading national thinkers, activists, and educators in considering issues of central import to Jewish communal inquiry and concern.

Priority admissions deadline is December 1. For more information on upcoming events, current students, alumni, and financial aid, refer to program website: https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/jewish-communal-leadership-program
Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating camping experience. The dedicated staff assures you that their focus on child safety and program quality is unparalleled.

CGI of Ann Arbor is part of the largest 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. The Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years;
2. The Junior Division for kids entering 1st-2nd grade;
3. The Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade;
4. The Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade.

Program includes: twice a week field trips to many exciting adventures in Southeast Michigan; three times a week swimming; 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, CHSorigami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature and sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challah baking.

Camp Gan Israel 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. Camp Gan Israel runs for six weeks during the summer.

Camp Gan Israel

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website: www.mycampgansrael.com
Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Young Judaea Midwest, located on Lake Stratton in Waupaca, Wisconsin, is a co-ed, overnight environment for campers of all Jewish backgrounds in grades two through nine. Since 1969 our campers have developed lifelong friendships and a connection to Israel. During the summer, we offer a wide range of activities including archery, arts & crafts, biking, digital media, kayaking, ropes course, tubing, water skiing, and more. Meals are kosher and Shabbat is observed. Shorter sessions are available for first-time overnight campers. First-time campers may be eligible for up to $1,000 off tuition.

Camp Young Judaea Midwest

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Robin Anderson, director

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 60 years. Camp Tavor takes pride in providing a nondenominational Jewish overnight camp experience focused on leadership, social action, stewarding the environment, and connecting to Israel. Tavor offers programs for boys and girls entering grades 3–12. Session lengths range from five days 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 all year long. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus. All Habonim Dror programming is designed to help develop Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community.
Detroit Agencies

DETROIT JEWISH NEWS
https://thejewishnews.com/

DETROIT JEWS FOR JUSTICE
Rabbi Alana Alpert, founding Executive Director
Website: https://www.detroitjewsforjustice.org/
Detroit Jews for Justice (DJJ) organizes the Metro Detroit Jewish community to participate in movements for racial and economic justice.

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David Contorer, director
An interest-free micro-lender issuing loans to individuals and families in the Jewish community in times of need, to students for educational needs, and to businesses looking to establish or expand in the metropolitan Detroit area. Funded by the Jewish community through direct contributions to the agency, money is available for a wide variety of purposes, including funds targeted toward specific populations, such as women or seniors.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTER
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The Holocaust Memorial Center documents the history of the Holocaust and highlights the rich culture of a people that was destroyed. The museum is comprised of three parts: the Museum of European Jewish History, Holocaust, and the International Institute of the Righteous. The Center’s research wing includes the Holocaust Memorial Center Library and the John J. Mames Oral History Collection.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT
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The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit strive to enrich lives by conveying the importance of personal identity, social values and well-being within the Jewish and general community. This is accomplished through the offering of educational, cultural and recreational programs which strengthen the body and mind.

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