



## LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION

In Jewish life, we are given two major opportunities to reflect on how time passes; at Rosh Hashanah and at the secular New Year. I'm not one who puts any stock in New Year's resolutions. I prefer the Rosh Hashanah-type of reflection; taking the opportunity to consider where I've been, and deciding if I still want to be headed in the direction I'm currently heading. Having worked as a Health Coach, I have also learned that I don't have to wait until Rosh Hashanah or New Year's to reflect on where I've been or where I'm going, or to make changes, but those are good times to do it as well!

We are entering our Federation's 47th Anniversary year! So, as we enter 2023, the beginning of a new Fiscal Year for the Federation, we have another opportunity to reflect on our past, and consider our future. We look back on the wisdom and strength of our founders, who created a thriving Federation to support Jewish life in Orange County, and we are eternally grateful. As we look forward into a world very different from that of 47 years ago, we work to continue to build an organization that will remain strong for future generations; "As my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who come after me." (Ta'anit 23a) The challenge is that none of us has a crystal ball. So, projecting what future generations will need or want is difficult. However, there are many people in our community who have more life ahead of them than behind them! Hence, as we respect and appreciate the work of our forebears, we also reach out to a new generation to help us build the future of Jewish life in Orange County, NY. L'dor Va'dor.

Moving forward into 2023, we are asking for your input. As a fundraising organization, you'll receive plenty of financial solicitations from us throughout the year! But as 2023 begins, we want to know what else we can do to support your connection to Jewish life in Orange County. Tell us what interests you. If we can provide it, we will. If we can connect you with someone else who is already doing it, we will. If we can provide you with a grant to make it happen yourself, we will. If you're interested in volunteering on our board or for our programs, we can make that happen as well! But, if we don't know what you want, we may not think to provide it. We are an organization of people who want to help other people, especially; Jews, the Jewish-adjacent, or people who want to learn about Jews or Judaism. Please give us that opportunity.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous, safe new year and look forward to learning more about how we can serve you better in 2023 and the years to come. Please contact me, 845-562-7860 or [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org).

*I look forward to connecting with you, Wendy Cedar, Executive Director*



## Partial Jewish Summer Camp & Israel Experience Scholarships

For Jewish children residing in Orange County. The amount of each award depends on individual need as well as the number of applications received. Parent/guardian must be member of our Federation.

Complete the application online: [jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships](http://jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships)

*Where in 2 months can you build relationships that last a lifetime?*



**SUMMER CAMP!**

We want your child to be one happy camper this summer!

Finances shouldn't keep your child from spending a summer at a Jewish camp - laughing, splashing, and being a part of a young thriving Jewish community of their contemporaries.

**The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff Israel Scholarship**

A full award covering the cost of one trip to Israel, given to one special 11th or 12th grade student, based on need and merit.

Deadline for all Scholarship applications is March 31st.

Please email [sharon@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:sharon@jewishorangeny.org) with any questions.

*A trip your child will remember forever.*



**ISRAEL**

...where they'll reinforce their Jewish identity, appreciate their homeland and its culture, and strengthen a connection with Israel that will last a lifetime.

Not sure which camp is right for your child? Find a camp here: [jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper](http://jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper)

## ZACHOR HAPPENINGS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Zachor Antisemitism Initiative was busy these last couple of months, sponsoring programs on Kindness to 5th-grade elementary students in Washingtonville and Holocaust/Antisemitism programs to high school students in Valley Central.

The Kindness Counts program was given through our partnership with the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance and Education in Rockland. Approximately 300 students in Taft, Round Hill, and Little Britain elementary schools explored the many avenues of kindness through interactive activities, books, videos and discussion with Dina Daniels from the museum.

Kathy Kimball-Wurster, Director of the Zachor Antisemitism Initiative presented the American Witness project to the 10th grade Social Studies classes in Valley Central High School on December 6th. The American Witness project is a series of posters with audio accompaniment that describes eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust by American soldiers during World War II. The American Witness project is on loan to the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County through the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum and the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the United States Military Academy.

In addition, the Holocaust in History class welcomed Mimica Tsezana Hyman, a Board Member of the American Friends of the Jewish Museum of Greece. Ms. Hyman presented the documentary, "Song of Life" by Toni Likouressis. The film details how the entire Jewish community of the Greek island of Zakynthos was protected by the bishop, the mayor, and residents from the Nazis. This is the island that Ms. Hyman's family lived on during World War II.



Top row and first picture on second row are from Valley Central High School.

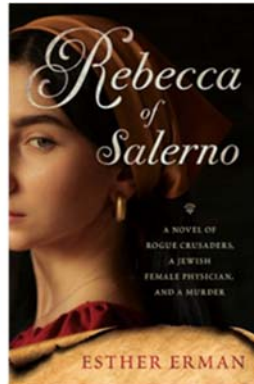
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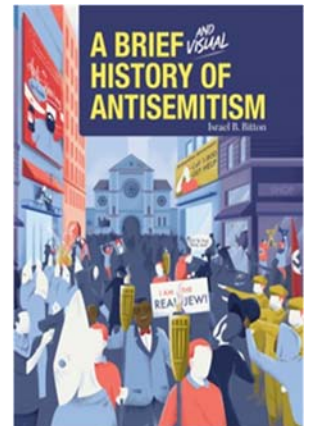
FREE and open to the entire community.



**Meet Author Esther Erman**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2023 4PM via Zoom**  
**Rebecca of Salerno** - A novel of rogue crusaders, a Jewish female physician and a murder. A refugee like Rebecca, her novel's heroine, Esther is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors from Poland. Not learning English until kindergarten inspired her to teach others and to write, including a dissertation about Yiddish for her doctorate in language education. A proud mother and bubbe, Esther lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband.

**Meet Author Israel Bitton**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023 4PM via Zoom**  
**A Brief and Visual History of Antsemitism**

A uniquely designed book that covers the phenomena of anti-Jewish hatred from ancient times to the present day. Featuring Augmented Reality technology that allows readers to use a free app to pull up the incredible trove of related archival materials from vintage radio and television broadcasts to 3D objects of key landmarks that can be examined up close, enabling this work to be a truly immersive educational experience.



**PJ Play**  
 For children 18mo-5yrs & their grown-ups  
 Join us each month in your neighborhood!

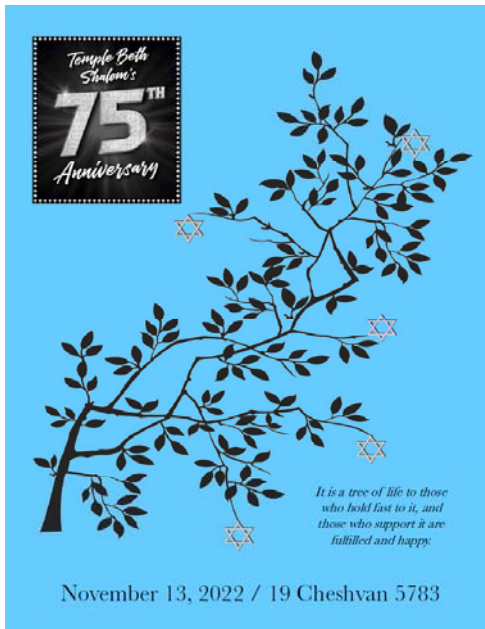
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9:30-10:30AM	10:30-11:30AM	10AM - 11AM	11AM -12PM	9:30-10:30AM	1-2PM
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**PJ Library**  
**The Jewish Federation OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY**  
 For more information and to sign up:  
[office@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:office@jewishorangeny.org)  
 or (845)562-7860  
[facebook.com/PJLibraryOCNY](https://facebook.com/PJLibraryOCNY)



From a recent PJ Play at Monroe Temple. Left is our PJ Play facilitator, Jessica Lewis and below the adorable participant with his mom.





Over 80 Temple Beth Shalom friends and family gathered on November 13th at the Town of Wallkill Golf club to celebrate their milestone 75th Anniversary. TBS appreciates the support that the Jewish Federation has given them over the years; Scholarships for Jewish Camping and teen trips to Israel, Hebrew School tuition assistance and MicroGrants to bring educational programming into the synagogue. They are proud to share their commemorative journal which can be found on their website, [tbsny.org](http://tbsny.org). Above is the 75th Anniversary Committee, l-r: Gail Conklin, Wendy Cedar, Gail Green, Shari Rake, Rabbi Rebecca Shinder, Sharon Ball, Marcia Mattheus, Catherine Greenblatt, Beth Kalet and Eric Goodman.



**Federation Past President, Gail Oliver** was recognized for her thirty-years of volunteering and being a Gift of Life supporter as she was presented the Arlene Feinberg z"l Community Impact Award. Gail is pictured here with Jay Feinberg, CEO at Gift of Life Marrow Registry at their Miami Gala in November.

Even though Gail has related to Florida, the amazing team she put together in New York is going strong and has recently found its 34th match. The next swabbing event is Wednesday, February 8th 11AM - 7PM at Safe Harbors in the Ritz Lobby, 111 Broadway, Newburgh. Please contact Gail Oliver, [gailao777@aol.com](mailto:gailao777@aol.com) or Sherrill Lazarus, [smlazarus@yahoo.com](mailto:smlazarus@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

**MAZEL TOV, GAIL!**

**Celebrating 36 years of Georgia Mason** - Georgia applied for a bookkeeping job at the Jewish Federation thirty five years ago. After interviewing with then President Harold Levine, Endowment Chair Norman Hecht and Executive Director Marilyn Chandler, she began her career with us on August 3, 1987. So, here we are now at the end of 2022, with Georgia as our Office Manager; four office locations later, serving thirteen directors and too many presidents to count. She has worn many hats in her almost thirty six years of service. Whether shopping for or preparing kosher foods for events, moving the offices to their new locations (usually with the help of the Mason family) or soliciting donations, she always has accommodated Federation's needs with good spirits and a wonderful attitude. Please extend your appreciation to Georgia, as she begins her 36th year, by donating a celebratory gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County on Facebook here: [facebook.com/donate/668638071495551](https://facebook.com/donate/668638071495551)



**MAZEL TOV!**

**MyTree in Israel**

New! Adopt your grapevine and enjoy your private collection of **Wine From your Israeli Vine** With your private label!

Order by the 15th of January to get your case for Passover

**NEW** - In addition to adopting an olive tree and getting olive oil from the Holy Land, you can adopt a vineyard and get wine in time for Passover!

**Grapevine:** Adopt your grapevine in the Israeli farmer's vineyard, and receive a case of six bottles of wine, each with your personal label. For you and your family, as an incredible gift, you name it!

More information here:

[mytree.org.il/federation-orange-county-ny](http://mytree.org.il/federation-orange-county-ny)

Last date to adopt your vineyard and get wine in time for Passover is January 15th.

Don't forget to re-adopt your olive tree to receive next year's oil crop!

# Jewish Orange Youth (JOY)



Let's go Bowling! For kids of all ages.  
 Sunday, January 15th 2023 2:15 to 4:30PM  
 Quinzz Pinz, 13 Railroad Ave., Middletown  
 Suggested donation \$10 per child

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

The Split: \$36  
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 The Strike: \$72  
 The Pro: \$100

REGISTER / BECOME A SPONSOR HERE: [jewishorangeny.org/JOY-Bowling](http://jewishorangeny.org/JOY-Bowling)



## SAVE THE DATE

Erev Shabbat Friday, March 10, 2023  
 through Sunday morning  
 March 12, 2023



Scholars in Residence Weekend at Monroe Temple with:

Rabbi Roger Lerner, Rabbi at Monroe Temple

Rabbi Garry Loeb, Rabbi Emeritus, Monroe Temple

Sorel Loeb, Jewish Educator

Jewish Identities in the 2020s:

Thinking About Who We Were, Who We Are and Who We Want to Be

Join us for prayer, reflection, discussion and delicious food.

Details to follow...

*Funded by a MicroGrant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County*

## UPCOMING FEDERATION PROGRAMS

### County-wide Tu B'shvat Through the Arts

Sunday, February 5, 2023 10AM to Noon

Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY

Learn about Tu B'shvat through creative expression and support of our planet!

Study, snack, schmooze and connect with your Jewish neighbors.

Facilitated by your Orange County Clergy



### County-wide Purim Extravaganza!

Sunday, March 5, 2023 10AM to Noon

Monroe Temple Beth El

Kids and adults alike will enjoy this fun, interactive experience!

A Purim shpiel, a carnival, and of course, food!

Facilitated by your Orange County Clergy

### Celebrate Israel's 75th Anniversary with an evening of Comedy and Cocktails.

Saturday, April 15, 2023, time and location to be announced.



Enjoy comedians Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt straight from Israel with their new book: *Israel 75; 75 Insights and Revelations About the Magic and Mystery of Israel*. Learn about life in modern Israel.



For our teens: Learn from Joel & Benji about modern Israel in a fun and entertaining way.

Sunday, April 16, 2023 time and location to be announced.

## JEWISH FEDERATION GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS

### Have an idea?

Jewish  
in OC  
Micro  
Grant

The goal of this program is to generate new ideas in the Orange County Jewish community which will bring the community together, connect people to the community, positively impact the community, and help the community learn and grow together.

Learn more and/or apply here: [jewishorangeny.org/Microgrant](http://jewishorangeny.org/Microgrant)

Need-based scholarships to Jewish families residing in Greater Orange County for Jewish educational programs and experiences including Religious School/Hebrew School at Federation-affiliated synagogues, youth group conventions including USY, NFTY, BBYO, Young Judea, and Hadassah, and other Jewish Experiences upon approval by the Scholarship Committee. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Learn more and/or apply here:

[jewishorangeny.org/Jewish Experience Scholarships](http://jewishorangeny.org/Jewish%20Experience%20Scholarships)

Introducing the Jewish Experience Scholarship from the Jewish Federation --need-based aid for religious school, youth group, and more.

Learn more and apply  
[www.jewishorangeny.org/scholarships](http://www.jewishorangeny.org/scholarships)



The Jewish Federation  
OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY



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To Volunteer: 845-341-1173 ext. 305

email: [volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsorange.org)

Help is needed throughout  
Orange County

**VOLUNTEERING IS FLEXIBLE**

**VOLUNTEER  
TRAINING DATES**

Thursday 1/5/23 at 10:00 am

Tuesday 1/17/23 at 5:30 pm

*other dates available*

Virtual & 90-Minutes

This program is made possible by a grant from



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