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January 2025 tevet/shevat 5785

KEEP CALM AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Use the QR Code Above (Left) to Register for Adam Nimoy



Jewish Federation of Orange & Dutchess Counties

BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE



Jewish Book Council

Calling all Spock fans!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY A BOOK SIGNING

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH 6:00PM

AT BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE 331 VERPLANCK AVENUE

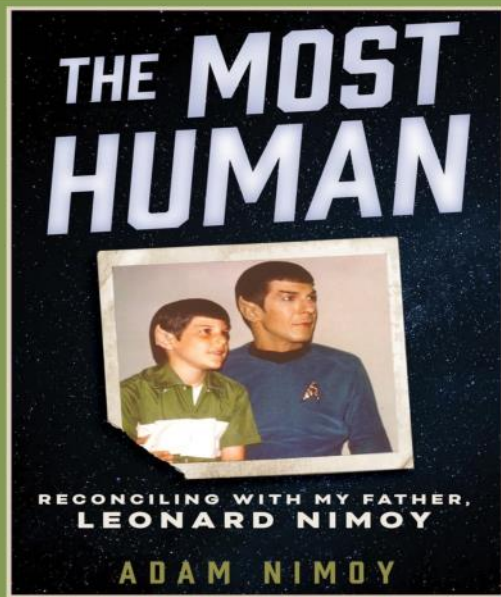


with ADAM NIMOY

Adam left practicing law to pursue a directing career. He directed the critically acclaimed film about his father For the Love of Spock.

"WHETHER YOU'RE A LEONARD NIMOY FAN, A TREKKIE, OR FROM ANOTHER PLANET, YOU ARE SURE TO FIND THIS VULNERABLE, BRAVE, HUMOROUS, AND INTIMATE STORY ABOUT SPOCK, THE OUTER LIMITS, A FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP, AND TESHUVAH [RECOVERY AND REPAIR] DEEPLY MOVING."

REGISTER AT: WWW.JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/2024-2025-JBC CALL 845-562-7860 OR OFFICE@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG ZOOM OPTION ALSO AVAILABLE | BOOKS FOR PURCHASE AT THE JFED OFFICES



Self Defense Training

January 14, 2025

1-4 pm

at the

Newburgh JCC

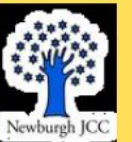
Free and open to the community

Registration required:

https://jewishorangenyny.org/2024-2025-jbc/self-defense-training



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TEMPLE SINAI Adult Ed Program



Jewish Book Council

From Immigrant Roots to Fifth Avenue Icons Julie Satow on Jewish Women in Fashion

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL BOOK TALK

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH 2:00PM

ON ZOOM



with Julie Satow

Julie Satow, an Award-winning journalist and the author of The Plaza, a New York Times Editor's Choice & NPR Favorite Book of 2019. Julie is a regular contributor to The New York Times.

Julie Satow chronicles the rise of the department store through dazzling portraits of three visionary women who took great risks, forging new paths for the women who followed in their footsteps. This history of American fashion and the department store is inextricable from Jewish history, from the Jewish immigrants who worked in New York's Garment District to influential designers and creators like Hattie Carnegie & Lena Himmelstein.

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When Women Ran FIFTH AVENUE

GLAMOUR AND POWER at the DAWN OF AMERICAN FASHION

Julie Satow AUTHOR OF THE PLAZA



Concerned about the explosion of hate on campuses across this nation? Are you a student, parent, or grandparent of a college student or soon-to-be college student?

The Levine Speaker Series presents:

Shai Davidai



Cultivating Courage on Campus & the Fight for Civil Rights

The Columbia University professor was temporarily banned from his position after "harassing and intimidating" other University employees at the time of an October 7th commemoration event

Professor Davidai is leading the fight calling out Jew hatred and anti-Israel rhetoric on campus

Tuesday, January 21 7:30pm, Newburgh, NY

Registration required:

JewishOrangeNY.RegFox.com/Professor-Shai-Davidai

Location will be given at time of registration






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You can Register for any of these Events on the Home Page of our Website at www.JewishOrangeNY.org

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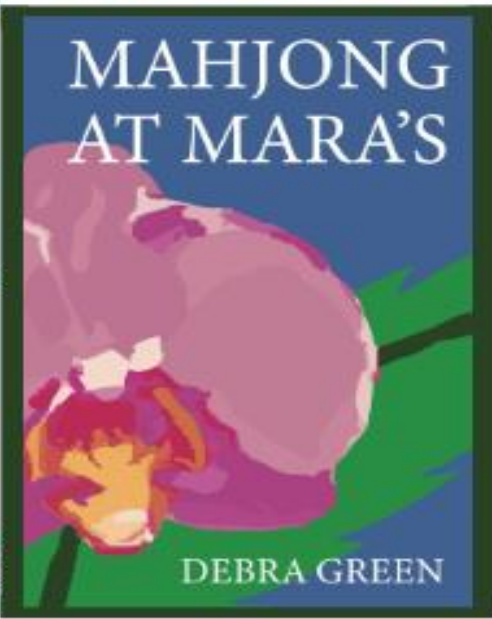

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 of Orange & Dutchess Counties
 
Poughkeepsie Public Library District

Jewish Book Council

JBC Author Series with Debra Green

JOIN US FOR A BOOK TALK FOLLOWED BY A BOOK SIGNING

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 16TH
7:00PM**

AT BOARDMAN ROAD LIBRARY
141 BOARDMAN ROAD | POUGHKEEPSIE



MAHJONG AT MARA'S
DEBRA GREEN


with Debra Green

Debra is excited to have produced two works of fiction, *MAHJONG AT MARA'S* and *THE CONVENTION OF WIVES*. & is currently busy writing her third novel.

Acclaimed author Debra Green presents her latest book, *Mahjong at Mara's*. Set in the heart of a vibrant community, this delightful novel weaves together friendship, culture, and the timeless game of Mahjong.

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Use the QR Code to the Right to Register for Debra Green. If you are unable to join us in person, the Zoom Link will be sent to you shortly before the event.




2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of the Jewish Federation Staff and Board of Directors, We Wish you a Happy New Year!



Dance With Shmulik
WWW.SHMULIKGOVARI.COM

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

COMING TO ORANGE COUNTY IN 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SUNDAYS:

- February 16 at Newburgh JCC
- May 4 at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY
- August 24 at Federation Funday!
- November 2 location TBA

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REGISTER HERE: 

jewishorangenyny.org/2024-2025-israeli-dancing

Two opportunities to help community members achieve their goal of getting to Israel!

 **TAGLIT BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL**

Jess is a cyber-security professional who wants to volunteer in Israel:

"I've decided I can no longer sit by with the world in turmoil & will volunteer through Birthright Israel to give back to the community. I'll be packing food, clothes, and other necessities for displaced families, and those mourning the loss of loved ones or awaiting their return due to the war."

If you're able to help Jess, please give here:



gofund.me/202c0476

Hannah is an athlete who has the opportunity to represent USA in the Maccabi games:

"I have had the honor and privilege of being selected to the Jewish National Open Weightlifting Women's Team for the 2025 Maccabiah Games in Israel. With 10,000 Jewish athletes representing 70 countries, it is the world's largest gathering of Diaspora Jewry. Beyond representing the USA, I will get to experience Israel firsthand for 3 weeks and learn more about my heritage and culture."



MACCABIUSA
Building Jewish Pride Through Sports

If you're able to help Hannah, please give here:

GoMaccabiUSA.com/Israel2025/HannahSalzberg



Dinner & Discussion with a U.S. Diplomat, Negotiator, and Author

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL DISCUSSION, DINNER, & A LIVE VIEWING PARTY

THURSDAY
APRIL 3RD
6:30PM

AT RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH
6368 MILL STREET



with **Stuart E. Eizenstat**
Stuart has served as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and Deputy Secretary of both Treasury and State.

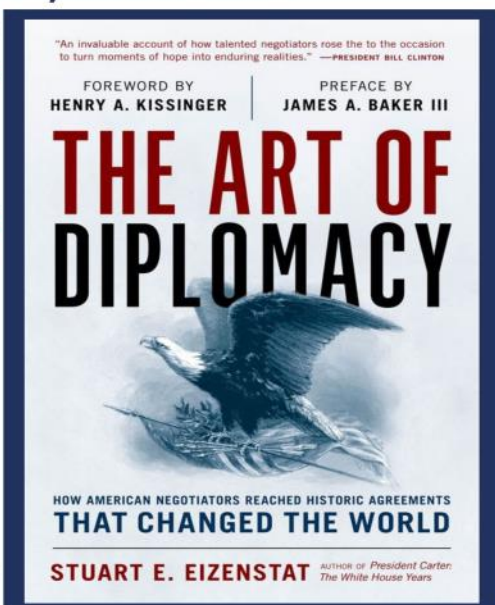
In *The Art Of Diplomacy*, Stuart covers every major contemporary international agreement, including the Iranian Nuclear Accord, written from the perspective that only a participant in top-level negotiations can bring.

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NEW DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025
7pm Via Zoom

6:30pm | Rhinebeck Reformed Church for
Dinner & Discussion

Registration Required jewishorangenyn.org/2024



Boat Tour of Jewish New York Harbor

Join Oscar Israelowitz, noted author of 75 books, NYC licensed tour guide, historian and architect for the most spectacular tour of a lifetime. Some features of this tour include...

- Statue of Liberty National Historic Landmark
- Ellis Island Museum of Immigration
- The Jewish Plymouth Rock, site of the first Jewish Settlement in America
- Empire State Building with its Jerusalem Connection
- Lower East Side with its famous Shmulkan Bernstein's and Ratner's eateries and the Chazir Market
- Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, oldest in the North America



- Gracie Mansion with its four Jewish Mayors
- Site where the RMS Titanic was to have Docked
- Brooklyn Navy Yard, site where the USS Monitor and USS Arizona were Built
- Castle Clinton National Historic Landmark also known as Kessel Garten in Yiddish
- Williamsburg – Neighborhood known for its Chassidic Community and Hipster Enclave
- NYC's hot spot on man-made undulating concrete pods, Little Island

For further information about tour dates and prices, please contact us....

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Gala Boat Tour of Jewish
New York City Harbor

Tentative date: April 27, 2025,
11am-12:30pm
\$60 per person

- Most of the seating is inside
- Bring your own snacks
- Tour operates rain or shine
- See flyer for registration details



Lily Reiser Scholarship

Do you know a Jewish 12th grader from New York or Connecticut who could use up to \$40,000 for college or grad school?

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien (UJF) is excited to announce the application window for the second year of the **Lilly Reiser Scholarship**. The Scholarship will provide \$10,000 college scholarships per year for a total of ten (10) Jewish students from Connecticut and New York, who will be attending an accredited US-based college or graduate school during the 2025-2026 academic year. Awards will be based on a combination of both need and merit. The winning applicants will demonstrate the potential to live up to Lilly Reiser's example, as a person who overcame significant hardship, prized education, and became a responsible and productive citizen. The scholarship **application window for the 2025-2026 academic year will open from January 27 through March 24, 2025**. To apply, please visit www.ujf.org/LillyReiser on or after January 27th. For more information or questions, please reach out to Eric Ross at: Eric@ujf.org

Do you want to speak with other Hebrew speakers to practice or not get rusty?

Then let's get together!

Contact Wendy:

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

845.562.7860

האם את/ה מדבר/ת עברית ורוצה
לדבר עם דוברי עברית נוספים?
או, את/ה רוצה לעזור לאלה
שלוומדים לדבר עברית?
אז בואו נפגש!
כתבו או התקשרו לוונדי:

From the Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Have you ever heard the saying “perspective is reality”? When I was a kid, growing up in the 1970’s, my peers and I would sometimes think about how old we would be, and how different our lives would be, in the year 2000. It seemed so far away that it was fun to think about. I would be in my mid-30’s in 2000 (“so old” I would think!), and yes, my life is extremely different than my pre-teen mind could have imagined. Now, as I ponder 2025, am a parent of a student in grad school, and as some of my friends tell me when I tell them about the work I do, am in a very “grown up” job, both my perspective and my reality have certainly shifted.



When I got to the stage in life in which I realized that there are likely fewer years ahead of me than behind, it seemed like I could see the world more clearly. Or, at least, I had the experience to understand what I needed to pay attention to and what I could let go. That has certainly helped me during the past few years with the elevated level of hatred and anger in our world that social media seems to propagate. While some are shying away from anything Jewish due to the rise in antisemitic hate, I find comfort in being around other Jews – feeling the joy of our shared history instead of living in fear.

Speaking of shifting perspectives, as a single parent with limited income, I was the recipient of a Jewish Federation scholarship for my daughter to attend Jewish summer camp. I had hoped that this experience would instill in her that feeling of joy that I felt at her age at camp, being around so many other Jewish kids. I wasn’t confident in my ability to do that alone, so I thought I could use some help. While camp wasn’t her favorite experience, I was grateful for the generosity of others that allowed me to give her the opportunity to find out whether or not it was for her! And thankfully, our connection to our synagogue and the experiences I give her in our home, seem to have done the trick to help her appreciate, if not love, her heritage.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job, therefore, is to be able to help facilitate scholarships to other families to send their children to Jewish summer camp, Israel trips, religious school, and other Jewish experiences. When I speak with people about giving a gift to the Federation, I lead with that as a reason people should give. Of course, we also support the incredible work of Jewish Family Service, educate the community on antisemitism, provide microgrants to community members who want to bring a unique Jewish experience to the community, provide safety & security training, and much more. But, for me, helping a family give their children the experiences that teach them about, and give them passion for their heritage, gives me the greatest joy.

Some people give out of a sense of duty. Others, out of a sense of guilt. Has your perspective changed due to recent world events, or as you’ve aged, and you now have a clearer understanding of the importance of supporting the Jewish community? No matter your reason for giving, your gift to the Jewish Federation will be used to support Jewish life in Orange County and beyond. You can feel confident that you are helping Jewish families today, and L’dor Va’dor - from generation to generation.

Thank you, if you’re already a donor, and if you’ve already pledged your gift to our 2025 Annual Campaign. If you haven’t felt moved to give yet, then I hope this message is one that helps shift your perspective in the direction of supporting people in the Jewish community, for a better tomorrow.

May 2025 move us closer to a world of peace and joy for all of humanity.

Happy New Year!

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

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Have an idea?

Jewish
in OC
Micro
Grant

Applications Open Today!

JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/MICROGRANT



A Micro-Grant can foster new ideas in the Orange County Jewish community bringing us together, connecting us with a positive impact and helping the community learn and grow together.

Apply at:

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Support an Israeli Farmer and Receive From Their Bounty, Your Own Private-Label:
Olive Oil, Kosher Wine or Whisky!

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Use The QR Code To Order or visit The Website To Learn More!

Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office **845-562-7860**.



We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for December '24

- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation, by Karen and Edward Friedman in loving memory of Linda Stein.
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation, by Doris Kossover, in loving memory of her mother, Lola Nisenbaum.
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation, in memory of Lisa Alstock Badiner, beloved sister of Joyce Waschitz by:

Bonna Horovitz & Joel Finkelstein
Raena Korenman
Mason Family

Arlene Ross
Doris & Steven Rubinsky
Deidre and Brad Weiner

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

NOW AND ALWAYS



Donations for Israel or your local Federation

If you would like to help, please donate to the Swords of Iron Israel Relief Fund here jfeds.org/israelfund2023 (or scan the QR code, on the left).

Or your local Jewish Federation at jewishorangenyny.org/donate (or scan the QR code, on the right).



Swords of Iron QR code



JFed QR code

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The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

The Harold Levine Endowment Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County currently has 65 Endowments with a principle of over \$5,000,000. These funds can be established with any amount of money. The interest is reinvested in the funds until they reach a corpus of \$5,000, at which time distributions can be made to named charities.

All endowment funds must designate a minimum of 30% of the interest earned to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Arrange a confidential meeting to make a charitable gift as part of your

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY HAROLD LEVINE NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM										
ESTHER & FALK LEVINE MEMORIAL	JACK N. & JESSICA B. BLINKOFF MEMORIAL	ELLIS HECHT MEMORIAL	GERALD & JUNE KREISBERG	DR. IRVING & GEORGIA ANDERMAN MEMORIAL	DR. REUBEN & GERTRUDE MOKOTOFF MEMORIAL	EDNA & SHEPARD PRYLUCK MEMORIAL	THE ENDICK-KORENMAN FAMILY	SOBEL FAMILY	DRS. LESLIE & GLENN GREEN	THE BIRNBAUM FAMILY
EDITH & EUGENE MULLIN MEMORIAL	SYLVIA & MURRAY MINTZ MEMORIAL	CELIA & BERNARD BRICKMAN	ROSE COHEN MEMORIAL	THE GUTTERMAN-GOLDBERG FAMILY	GOLDBERGER HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL	TRUDY & LEO FLAX MEMORIAL	DLUGATZ FAMILY	POMERANTZ FAMILY	ROBERTA FRISCHMAN MEMORIAL	
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Do a Mitzvah, Make Your Donation Today!

Will you heed the call to help us:

Provide scholarships for kids to attend Jewish summer camp or other Jewish experiences

Give microgrants to community members who want to bring unique programs to the community

Empower students and adults to stand up to hate

**We Close out our 2024 Campaign:
January 15, 2025.....help us end the year strong!**



Don't want to wait? Give now:



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Located in Temple Sinai, you will find a professional and caring staff that provide a nurturing and safe environment where your child will learn through play. We have spacious facilities, gym, and 2 playgrounds!

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- ✓ Play-based learning, 18 months-5 years old.
- ✓ Outdoor play, Nature connections.

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While you're reading this, your gift is impacting Jewish lives around the world. From North America to Ukraine to Israel and across 70 other countries - your gift impacts lives around the world.

Jewish Family Service-Support for Holocaust Survivors is collecting the following items (to the right). These household items can be dropped off at JFS: 720 Route 17M Middletown, NY 10940 or pick-up can be arranged by calling 845-341-1173 ext. 306. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please go jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online

- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Paper Towel
- ♦ Garbage Bags
- ♦ Storage bags/new containers of all sizes
- ♦ Paper goods; plates, napkins, cups
- ♦ Cleaning supplies
- ♦ Laundry detergent/softener
- ♦ Bleach
- ♦ Sponges



Contact The JFS Friendly Visitor Program at 845-341-1173 or email volunteer@jfsorange.org to register for the training or for more information about services available for older neighbors throughout Orange County.

Our training prepares volunteers to provide specific support to older adults, including local transportation for essential appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, and phone check-in calls. Volunteering is rewarding and flexible. Pre-registration is required. Background checks and Insurance while volunteering is provided. Jewish Family Service partners with the Office for the Aging to support older neighbors throughout Orange County. JFS is a recipient agency of Jewish Federation of Orange County and a member of National Volunteer Caregiving Network.

To Register Call 845-314-1173 ext. 305 or Email: volunteer@jfsorange.org



2025 READY... SET... GO!
JANUARY VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 Virtual training sessions
 1/9/25 at 5pm & 1/21/25 at 10am

Interested?

Contact Paula at (845) 341-1173 x305 or by email at volunteer@jfsorange.org
[JFSORANGE.ORG](https://jfsorange.org)

Join our Senior Independence Program team to provide our senior neighbors with Local Transportation, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping, Friendly Visits, and more.

*Pre-approval is required to attend training. Please contact us for an application.

Alternate dates and times can be made available upon request.

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY - TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES...

WOO HOO!! Match #114!! It's time for another happy dance!!

Gift of Life Marrow Registry believes every person battling blood cancers, and a hundred other diseases, deserves a second chance at life — and we are determined to help make it happen. Many of our donors have been found as a result of the swabbing drives we have held on local college campuses, in fitness centers, and at festivals and events. Visitors to our swabbing tables are able to join the registry on the spot with a quick swipe inside their own cheeks with a cotton swab. Every donor who joins the registry has the potential to save someone's life

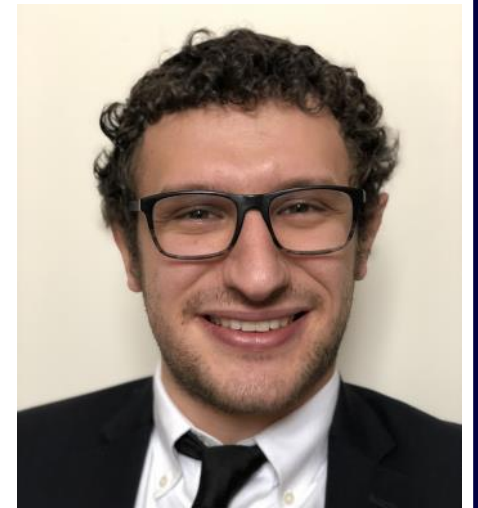
If you are available to help out at a donor recruitment drive, even for a couple of hours, please contact Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com or Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com. You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- ✦ Tuesday, February 4 | 10am-2pm -Marist College: Breezeway,3399 North Rd, Poughkeepsie



The months of December and January correspond to the Hebrew months of kislelev and tevet—the two darkest months of the year. Light has grown shorter and cold darkness becomes the dominant natural force. When we start these months our days are long and we wear our light fleece jackets; as they draw to a close, the days are short and we have transitioned to our winter coats. These are days of in-betweenness, liminality, and transition.



The transition of the months of kislelev and tevet can represent transitions that we, ourselves, endure. Whether we are welcoming in new members of the family through birth or marriage, undergoing the process of mourning loved ones, seeing loved ones move away, or reflecting on the coming years in our lives, we are constantly undergoing personal transformation. Several years from now, we will not be the same people who we are today. As we live our lives, each of us is in our own personal transition of kislelev and tevet; life is a liminal space, a state of in-betweenness.

Our sages tell us that when Adam, the first human being, entered this season for the first time, he was confused as to why the days were growing shorter. He had never before experienced the liminality, the transition that is kislelev and tevet. Towards the end of kislelev as the sun was rising especially late and setting painfully early, Adam began to light candles. At first, he lit one candle; the next day he lit two. He added a new candle to his menorah, his lamp, each day until, on the eighth day when he lit eight candles, the days finally began to grow longer again.

Adam, facing a transition to darkness, created his own light. By lighting candles, he manufactured hope and imported it into his frightening reality. The light that he brought into the world sparked substantive change: The fuller light of the sun slowly began to return. As we go through our personal transitions, it is in our hands to make our own hope, to work towards acceptance and happiness.

The transition from the month of kislelev to the month of tevet always takes place during the festival of Hanukkah. Adam invented this festival of lights as a way to bring light into the world of these dark months. Hanukkah, which we celebrate starting on the 25th of kislelev, comes as we transition from light to darkness. This year, the first night of Hanukkah falls on the Gregorian date of December 25th—the fourth shortest day of the year. As we light Hanukkah candles this year, as we quite-literally usher in longer days filled with more light, let them spark a sense of hope in ourselves.

May this Hanukkah be an occasion of joy, and may each of us find hope in the flickering light of our Hanukkah Candles.

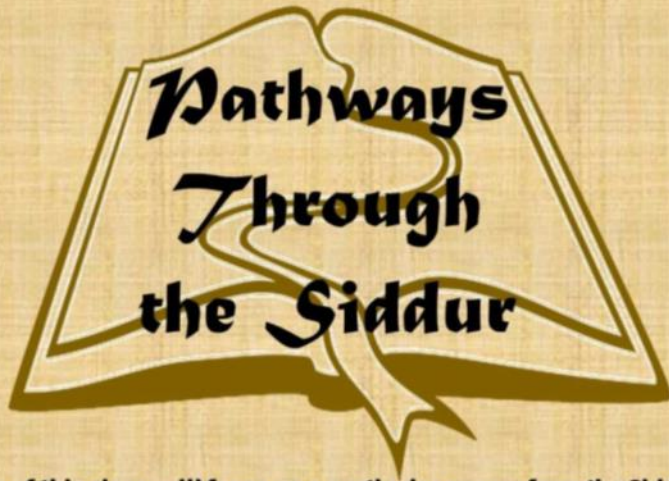
Hanukkah Sameach—Have a Happy Hannukah!

Eitan Bloostein

Congregation Eitz Chaim, Monroe



JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE:



Each session of this class will focus on a particular prayer from the Siddur exploring the meaning of the text, its history, the role it plays in the service, and any laws and customs which accompany it. Best of all, the students are encouraged to nominate the t'filot (prayers) which they would like to see explored in future classes!

Hebrew skills are not required, and each class will be self-contained, so there's no need to attend the entire series if you are unable.

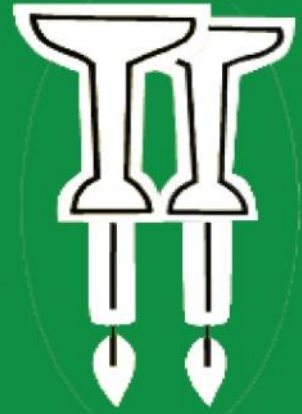
PATHWAYS THROUGH THE SIDDUR will be held via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm on the following dates:

- December 5
- January 2
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5

Please contact the TS office at eparker@templesinainmiddletown.com or Rabbi/Hazzan Sisen at rabbi@templesinainmiddletown.com for more information or to receive the Zoom link.

First Fridays

B'nai Torah Shul
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Shabbat
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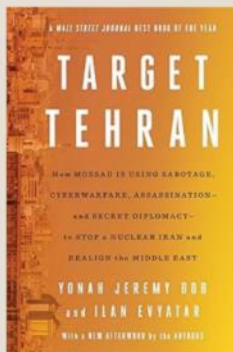
Light the Candles
Sip the Wine
Break the Bread

6:30PM Potluck
7:40PM Service

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- January 16
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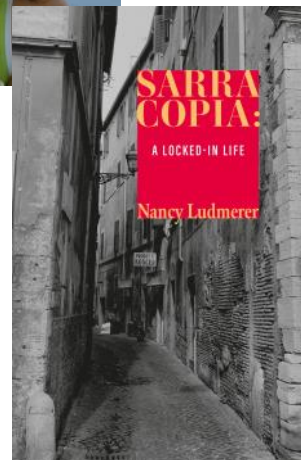




Sunday, February 2, 2025 2pm
Location TBD & Via Zoom



Sunday, February 23, 2025 2pm
Via Zoom



With gratitude to the Levine Speaker Series, we sponsored a wonderful presentation by Yonah Jeremy Bob - who gave us insights into the current situation in Israel from his work as the Senior Military Analyst for the Jerusalem Post.

If you missed his presentation, you can watch the recording here: www.jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/levine-speaker-series



We had an amazing time at October's book talk and signing at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY with Yarden Schwartz.

Thank you to everyone who came to learn about *Ghosts of a Holy War*—and thanks to the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, the Jewish Book Council, and the Jewish Studies program at Marist College for collaborating with us. We are so grateful that students joined us for this event. For those who couldn't make it, you can grab a copy of Yarden's book at the Federation office and you can check out future book events at www.yardenaschwartz.com



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