

# WE ARE ONE

October 2024 elul/tishri 5784

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

## Shana Tova



### Community Interfaith Commemoration

# October 7<sup>th</sup>

## Marking One Year



Date: Saturday, October 5th

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Kol Yisrael,  
Newburgh

Lee Yaron, author of  
"10/7: 100 Human Stories"  
will join us to discuss  
her new book.

Questions Contact Pam:  
845-562-7860

Email: [Office@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:Office@jewishorangeny.org)

Registration Required:  
[jewishorangeny.regfox.com/october-7th](http://jewishorangeny.regfox.com/october-7th)



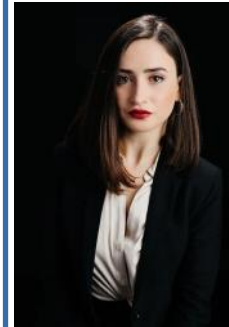
Join Us For A Brief Community  
Interfaith Commemoration

Saturday, Oct. 5th: 7:30PM  
Kol Yisrael, Newburgh (In Person)  
Or Via Zoom

Author Lee Yaron will be  
joining us to discuss her book  
*10/7: 100 Human Stories*  
followed by a brief Q&A,  
and book signing

**Registration Required**

Via Zoom: Link will be provided upon  
Registration



Books NOW available at  
the Federation Office

Sponsorship  
Opportunities Available.

Questions, Contact Pam:  
[845-562-7860](tel:845-562-7860) or  
[office@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:office@jewishorangeny.org)

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## Major Gifts Honorees



**Leslie Green** is a past President and current board member of Federation. She became active in AIPAC and Israel advocacy 15 years ago, starting as a member and

volunteering to lobby in Washington. A few years later she was asked to be the co-lead lobbyist for the 18th Congressional District along with Suzy Merin and a few years later was offered a position on AIPAC's national board.

Leslie is the daughter of Holocaust survivors, lives in Chester with her husband Glenn and mother of Sarah, Michael, Beth, Rachel and Yosi and a grandmother of twins. She is a practicing ophthalmologist in Orange County.

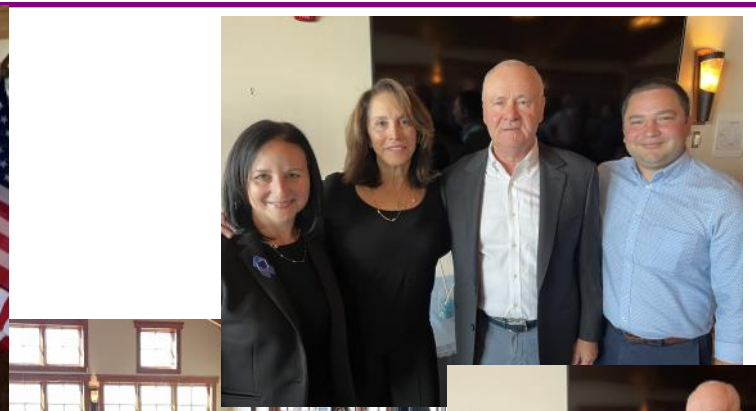
**Jonah Mandelbaum**, the son of Holocaust survivors, has been in the Hudson Valley for more than 35 years. He immigrated to the US from Israel in 1970 and



settled in Warwick where he established MJJ Builders. Along with his wife Donna, they work to provide safe affordable homes.

Jonah gives much of his time to Orange County and is a longtime supporter of our Jewish Federation, where he is an honorary Board member. In addition, he has held seats on many other Boards including the Orange County Water Authority, the Office of the Aging, Senior Housing Authority, and several foundation and hospital boards. He helps veterans with PTSD.

His motto is: "Help people while they're alive - better than saying good things about them when they're dead!"

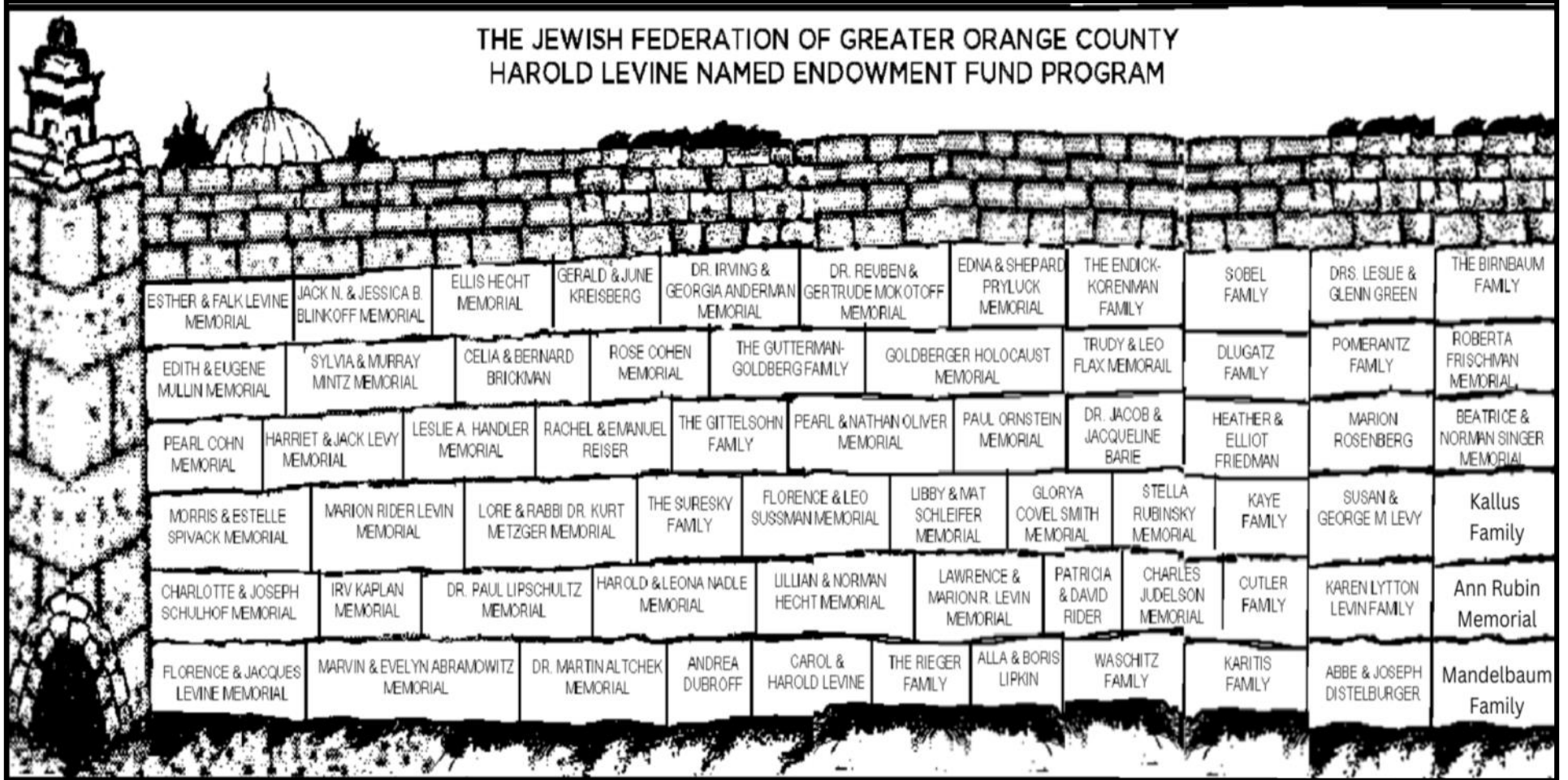


## The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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 estate plan. Call the Federation office 845-562-7860 for more information.

Read more here: [jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments](http://jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments)



**Jonah Mandelbaum** was one of our honorees at our recent Major Donors celebration. Please see his bio and details about the event elsewhere in this issue.

Following the event, Jonah reached out to see how we made out for the kick off to our 2025 campaign. Gratefully, we received tens of thousands of dollars in pledges to start 2025.

Moved by the work that we do supporting the local Jewish community and our overseas support of Jews in Israel and around the world, Jonah decided to, in addition to his regular annual pledge, match the pledges that came in at that event and open an **Endowment** with those funds to provide perpetual income to help us meet our mission well into the future!

Our gratitude, like Jonah's generosity, knows no bounds. Please join us in thanking Jonah for his passion and generosity.

If you would like to learn more about setting up an Endowment to help support your local Jewish community and other related worthy organizations, reach out to the office, or any board member, to learn more about sustaining our work for the next generation. It's easier than you think! No gift is ever too big or too small and we are grateful for every gift that helps us sustain the Jewish community in Orange County and beyond.

# Major Gifts Highlight's Cont.....



There are so many ways to express gratitude that sometimes our language just feels like it falls short. Sometimes, saying “thank you” just doesn’t feel like enough. So, that is why we hold different get-togethers throughout the year to show our gratitude with more than just words.

Last month, we honored our major donors with a beautiful event at the Stony Ford Golf Club at Thomas Bull Memorial Park. You’ll see photos and details of our honorees and the folks who came to honor them in this issue.



On a rainy day in August, at Federation Funday, we came together to be in community and remind ourselves why we want our Jewish community to thrive here in Orange County. When we’re passionate about something, we want to do what we can to support it. Some of us can provide a tremendous amount of financial support, as our major donors do. Others can provide other levels of financial support, so we give at a level that is viable for us. And yet others have the time, energy, and capacity to volunteer, so they lend their time and expertise to our community either in addition to, or in lieu of, financial support.

As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, no matter how you choose to engage with your Jewish community, we’re here for you. Our new Campaign Chair, Ronit Mayerson, is bursting with new ideas to help bring us together for both social and fundraising events so that we can meet the needs of our ever-evolving community.

As you contemplate the coming year through your Rosh Hashanah rituals, I hope you’ll contemplate participating in this year’s community events or reaching out with ideas for events you are interested in attending. We want to give you every opportunity to stay connected to your Jewish community and roots.

May we have the opportunity to live in a world full of peace. Wishing you a sweet, healthy, safe new year.

Warmly,

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org)

845-562-7860

**High Holiday Service Schedules and Other Pertinent Info—  
Subject to Change, Please Check with the Synagogues First.**

**B’nai Torah Shul, Greenwood Lake/Conservative - Rabbi David Korngold**

**845.477.3716 - [Bnaitorahgwj.org](http://Bnaitorahgwj.org)**

**Rosh Hashanah (Light Kiddushes)**

**Wednesday, October 2: 6:30PM**

**Thursday, October 3: 10AM**

**Friday, October 4: 10AM**

**Yom Kippur (Big Break Fast)**

**Kol Nidrei -Friday, October 11: 6:15pm**

**Saturday, October 12: 10AM(Yizkor 11:45AM)- 6PM; Neillah**

We are quickly approaching the Days of Awe! As is our long running tradition at B’nai Torah, tickets are free but you must RSVP. We are likely to run out of seats, so please reserve your seat soon! You can do so by [clicking here!](#)

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**Congregation Agudas Israel, Newburgh/Conservative - Cantor Carl Sayres**

**845.562.5604 - [Congregationagudasisrael.org](http://Congregationagudasisrael.org)**

**Erev Rosh Hashana - Wednesday, October 2: Candle Lighting at Home: 6:20pm - Maariv: 7:30pm**

**Rosh Hashana First Day - Thursday, October 3: Morning Service: 9:00am**

**Tashlich at Downing Park Pond with Shofar Blowing, followed by Mincha at the park: 5:30pm (those who would like to walk, meet at the Rabbinate, 9 Leicht Place, Newburgh at 5:00pm)**

**Candle Lighting: 7:24pm**

**Rosh Hashana Second Day - Friday, October 4: Morning Service: 9:00am - Candle Lighting: 6:12pm**

**Shabbat Shuvah - Sabbath of Return - Saturday, October 5: Morning Service: 9:30am**

**Kol Nidre - Friday, October 11: Candle Lighting: 6:05pm — Service: 6:10pm**

**Yom Kippur - Saturday, October 12: Morning Service with Yizkor: 9:00am**

**Mincha & Book of Jonah, followed by N'eilah & Maariv: 5:15pm**

**Shofar Blowing & Havdalah w/Break Fast (**Please RSVP**) to follow: 7:00pm**

**Erev Sukkot -Wednesday, October 16: 5:00pm Decorate Rabbinate Sukkah, stay for Dinner & Service**

**Sukkot - Thursday, October 17- Morning Service : 9:00am**

**Shemini Atzeret - Thursday, October 24 Morning Service with Yizkor: 9:00am**

**Erev Simchat Torah - Thursday, October 24 Family Service & Dancing with Torahs: 5:00pm Community Service &**

**Dancing with Torahs IMPORTANT HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION**

**There is NO CHARGE to attend our services. However, YOU MUST CALL (845) 562-5604 TO HAVE YOUR NAME, including children, PLACED ON THE RESERVATION LIST.**

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**High Holiday Service Schedules and Other Pertinent Info—  
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Congregation Beth Hillel/ Walden Jewish Community Center/Conservative - Cantor Nava Herzog  
845.778.7374 - [Congregationbethhillel.org](http://Congregationbethhillel.org)

**Rosh Hashanah Services**

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Wed. Oct. 2: 6:30 pm  
First day of Rosh Hashanah - Thurs. Oct. 3: 9:30am  
Second day of Rosh Hashanah - Fri. Oct. 4: 9:30 am

**Yom Kippur Services**

Kol Nidre - Friday, Oct. 11: 6 pm  
Yom Kippur - Saturday, Oct. 12: 9:30 am  
Yizkor service: 12 Noon  
Evening service: Neila 5 pm

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Congregation Eitz Chaim, Monroe/Conservative—Eitan Bloostein  
845.783.7424 = [Eitzchaim-monroe.org](http://Eitzchaim-monroe.org)

All services, including Shabbat Shuva, will be held at Rest Haven, 236 High St, Monroe

**Rosh Hashanah - Wednesday, October 2: 6:15 PM** - Ma'ariv. Candle lighting by 6:18 PM. Light Yahrzeit (or 3 day) candle to have existing flame to light candles the next two nights. Recite 2 blessings: Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu.

**Thursday, October 3 - Shacharit - Musaf: 9:00 AM**

5:30 PM: Tashlich (See Below) followed by Mincha and Ma'ariv. Candle lighting after 7:15 PM from existing flame. Recite 2 blessings: Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu.

**Friday, October 4 - Shacharit - Musaf: 9:00 AM**

6:00 PM: Mincha and Ma'ariv. Candle lighting by 6:14 pm from existing flame. Recite Shabbat blessing Mincha and Ma'ariv. Candle lighting by 6:14 pm from existing flame. Recite Shabbat blessing

**Shabbat Shuvah - Saturday, October 5: 9am** - Shacharit - Musaf. Shabbat ends at 7:20 PM. Havdalah. Tzom Gedalyah/Fast of Gedalyah

**Sunday, October 6-** Sunrise to Sunset {Fast begins at 5:33 AM and ends at 6:29 PM}

**Yom Kippur—Friday, October 11: 5:30 PM** - Kol Nidre and Ma'ariv. Candle Lighting by 6:03 PM. Light yahrzeit candles before holiday candles. Recite 2 blessings: Shabbat V'Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu.

**Saturday, October 12: 9:00 AM- Shacharit - Yizkor - Musaf**

4:45 PM: Mincha - Neilah - Ma'ariv - Havdalah. Shofar is blown after sunset, 7:03 PM

All services will be available via ZOOM. Link to Zoom from the Worship tab on our website:  
[eitzchaimmonroe.org/spiritual-life](http://eitzchaimmonroe.org/spiritual-life)

**Tashlich:** On the afternoon of the first day (or the second day when the first day is Shabbat) of Rosh Hashanah our congregation gathers and walks to a lake or stream. We will meet at Rest Haven and walk to the intersection of Lakes Road and High Street. We bring breadcrumbs and throw them into the water symbolically "casting our sins to the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). Afterwards we will return to Rest Haven to daven Mincha and Ma'ariv Please join us for this short and meaningful ceremony.

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Monroe Temple Beth-El, Monroe/Reform—Rabbi Roger Lerner  
845.783.2626 – [Monroetemple.org](http://Monroetemple.org)

Tickets are No charge this year.

**Rosh Hashanah**

**Wednesday, October 2:** 7pm Erev Rosh Hashanah service

**Thursday, October 3:** 10am Sacharit Service

**2pm:** Family Shofar Service (outside in Monroe Temple parking lot)

**3:30pm:** Tashlich to follow Shofar Service (at pond near bus & commuter lot)

**Friday, October 4:** 10am Sacharit Service

**Yom Kippur**

**Kol Nidre— Friday, October 11:** 7pm

**Saturday, October 12:** 10am Sacharit service—1:30pm Family Community service—3:30pm Mincha

5:15pm Yizkor & Neilah—6:20pm Breaking fast at temple with light fare

**Sukkot**

**Sunday, October 13:** Sukkah build (time TBD)

**Friday, October 18:** 6pm Dinner, 7pm service in the sukkah

**Shemini Atzeret—Wednesday, October 23:** 10am Yizkor service

**Simchat Torah— Friday, October 25:** 7pm Service

Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh/Reform –Rabbi Douglas Kohn

845.562.5516 - [Tbjnewburgh.org](http://Tbjnewburgh.org)

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Wednesday, October 2: 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah First Day: Thursday, October 3: 10 am

Children's Service in the Small Sanctuary (kids up to grade 6/7): 11 am

Tashlich – Newburgh Waterfront: 3:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Second Day - Friday, October 4: 10 am

Kever Avot - Sunday, October 6 – Big Rock Cemetery: 12 pm, Cedar Hill Cemetery: 1 pm

Kol Nidre – Friday, October 11 - Evening Service: 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur – Saturday, October 12: Morning Services: 10 am

Study: 12:30-1:30 pm - Children's Service in Sanctuary: 2 pm - Mincha (afternoon) Services: 3:30 pm

Yizkor Memorial Services: 4:30 pm - Neila (closing) Services: 5:30 pm

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Temple Beth Shalom, Florida/Reform—Rabbi Rebecca Shinder

845.651.7817 - [tbs-ny@optimum.net](mailto:tbs-ny@optimum.net) - [www.tbsny.org](http://www.tbsny.org)

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service - October 2: 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Services - October 3: Morning Service followed by Luncheon: 10 am

TBD: Rosh Hashanah Craft for Kids: 2 pm—Family Service: 2:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah II Service – October 3: 11 am At Mountain Lake Park (46 Bowen Rd, Warwick) Shortened Service ~ Creative Tashlich ~ Lunch ~ Crafts for Kids

Yom Kippur Services Kol Nidre - October 11: 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur Morning - October 12: 10 am - Family Service: 2:30 pm

Reading of the Book of Jonah & Service: 4 pm - Yizkor Memorial Service: 5 pm -

Ne'ilah - Evening Service: 6 pm - Break the Fast: 7 pm (Contact the synagogue for Break Fast information).

Sukkot: Sukkah Decorations & Pizza in the Hut - October 13: 12 pm

Sukkot Under the Stars! - October 18: 7 pm

Simchat Torah - October 24: Shabbat Dinner: 6 pm - Shabbat

Simchat Torah Service: 7 pm

No charge for High Holy Days Services

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Temple Sinai, Middletown/Conservative - Rabbi David Sislen

845-343-1861 - [templesinaimiddletown.com](http://templesinaimiddletown.com)

All are welcome, please call 845-343-1861 to RSVP. If you are not currently a member, High Holiday tickets are available. Please call to reserve your tickets (A suggested donation is requested for main sanctuary service).

Erev Rosh Hashanah –Wednesday, October 2: 6:30pm- Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah Day 1– Thursday, October 3

8:30am: Main Sanctuary- Shacharit. Join us for a Kiddush lunch to follow.

10:15-11:30am: Small Chapel-Family Friendly Inclusive Service. All welcome to join at no charge.

5:00 pm: Tashlikh. We will meet in the main parking lot and we will walk to the water source together—all are welcome.

6:00 pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah Day 2– Friday, October 4

8:30am: Main Sanctuary- Shacharit. Join us for a Kiddush lunch to follow.

Erev Yom Kippur-October 11: 6:00 pm- Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur– Saturday, October 12

8:30 am: Main Sanctuary- Shacharit

10:15-11:30 am: Small Chapel-Family Friendly Inclusive Service. All are welcome to join.

10:30 am: Yizkor-memorial service (Approximate time)

4:30 pm: Mincha/Neila

7:00 pm Ma'ariv and Shofar Blowing followed by a Community Break the Fast (Please call to RSVP).

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**Please check our weekly We Are One E-Blast for updates to High Holiday Schedules & Synagogue programs & info.**

Please join  
Temple Beth Shalom  
for Rosh HaShanah Day II  
Informal Lakeside Experience  
Friday, October 4th 11AM

Make a gift here:  


Mountain Lake Park 46 Bowen Road Warwick, NY  
This is the site of the former URJ Kutz Camp.

Light lunch, traditional, modern melodies, PJ Library crafts and games for kids, creative Tashlich ritual.

Open to the entire community.  
No charge. Not a formal service.

Please call 845-651-7817 for more information or to RSVP.

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

- ◆ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation, in honor of Georgia Mason, and her 37 years of dedication the Federation by Sheila Levinstein. Mazel Tov!
- ◆ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation by Joan and Michael Gittelsohn, in honor of Rita and Gregory Skibinsky, Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter, Shayna to Jonathan.
- ◆ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Holocaust Education Fund by Marti & Hal, Robin & Neil, Sondra & Steve Rifkin, in honor of Sharon and Jerry Goldberg's anniversary, Mazel Tov!
- ◆ A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation by Raena Korenman, in honor of Harvey Kallus, Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter.

A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation, in memory of David, beloved brother of Morris Sobel by:

- ◆ Linda & Martin Dlugatz
- ◆ Joan and Michael Gittelsohn
- ◆ Raena Korenman

The following gifts are given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Jonah Mandelbaum:

- ◆ Emily & Lawrence Gordon
- ◆ Joan Ostrer
- ◆ Mona & Ian Rieger

The following gifts are given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Leslie Green:

Barbara & Alan Glustoff  
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Janet & Arthur Jakoby  
Risa & Ira Neustadt  
Sheila Ornstein

Joan Ostrer  
Mona & Ian Rieger  
Scott Rosmarin  
Arlene Roshko Solomon & Boris Roshko  
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### GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY - TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES...

**WOO HOO!! Match #91!! 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](mailto:smlazarus@yahoo.com) or Gail Oliver [gailao777@aol.com](mailto:gailao777@aol.com). You can request a swabbing kit at home, [www.giftolife.org](http://www.giftolife.org).

- ◆ Monday, October 14th: 12-2pm Iona University, 714 North Ave, New Rochelle
- ◆ Tuesday, October 15th: 11am-2pm Mount Saint Mary College, Aquinas Hall-The View Café, 330 Powell Ave, Newburgh
- ◆ Friday, October 18th: 11am-3pm State University of NY at New Paltz, Student Union Building, 1 Hawk Dr.
- ◆ Monday, November 11th: 10am-2pm SUNY Orange: Newburgh Campus, Kaplan Hall: Main Lobby, One Washington Center
- ◆ Tuesday, November 12th: 12-2PM Dutchess Community College, Drumlin Hall-Greenspan Cafeteria, 53 Pendell Rd, Poughkeepsie
- ◆ Wednesday, November 13th: 10am-2pm SUNY Orange: Middletown Campus, Rowley Center for Science & Engineering: 1st floor lobby, 115 South St
- ◆ Thursday, November 14th 10am-2pm Vassar College, Poughkeepsie



Contact The JFS Friendly Visitor Program at 845-341-1173 or email [volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@jfsorange.org)

Jewish Family Service-Support for Holocaust Survivors is collecting the following items, below.

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](http://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

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## Do you know an older adult in need of support?

### Our Case Management Services

- Caregiver/general case management
- Eligibility review for gov't programs
- Alzheimer's care consultations
- Help maintaining financial stability
- Aide/cleaning service referrals
- Community resource referrals

### Connect with us:

(845) 341-1173 x306  
720 Rt. 17M  
Middletown, NY 10940  
[jfsorange.org](http://jfsorange.org)

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.  
OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

## Be the Change. Volunteer Today!

### Who are we?

Jewish Family Service of Orange County is a nonprofit organization that offers several volunteer opportunities to work with older adults aged 60+ and adults/children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Connect with us:

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720 Route 17M  
Middletown, NY 10940  
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### Volunteer Opportunities

- Provide transportation for seniors to/from medical appointments
- Assist seniors with grocery shopping
- Provide wellness calls to seniors
- Visits to seniors in-home
- Volunteer with children with intellectual or developmental disabilities through our KidsConnect program
- Assist with our Roots program to do recreational activities with adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.



Office for the Aging

Stay connected with us through our weekly **We Are One Newsletter E-Blast** (sign up by emailing [office@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:office@jewishorangeny.org) or Call 845.562.7860 & provide your email address), online at [Jewishorangeny.org](http://Jewishorangeny.org), Follow us on Instagram at [JFedOC\\_NY](https://www.instagram.com/JFedOC_NY) or Facebook at Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY

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[jewishorangenyny.org/microgrant](http://jewishorangenyny.org/microgrant)



Thanks to a generous **microgrant** from the **Jewish Federation of Orange County, Congregation Beth Hillel/Walden Jewish Community** was able to invite new friends from across Orange County to a luncheon and show at the Forestburgh Theatre. We chatted, laughed, got to know each other over lunch and thoroughly enjoyed a first class production of **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**. It was a lovely afternoon which was enjoyed by all and we are grateful to Federation for helping us make this event a reality.



## My Tree In Israel

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- \* Adopt an olive tree by 11/15/24 for December '24 delivery of your olive oil
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## Levine Speaker Series Upcoming Events

The **Levine Speaker Series** welcomes, from the **Jewish Speakers Bureau**

### Yonah Jeremy Bob

Yonah Jeremy Bob is an author, lecturer, and is Jerusalem Post Senior Military Analyst. He covers diplomacy, security, Mossad, war crimes, BDS, cyber warfare, and politics. He worked as an IDF lawyer and at multiple ministries. Yonah has interviewed with CNN, BBC, and many others.

Save the Date!!



Some of Yonah's work:



November 3, 2024

Kol Yisrael, Newburgh

Registration details to come

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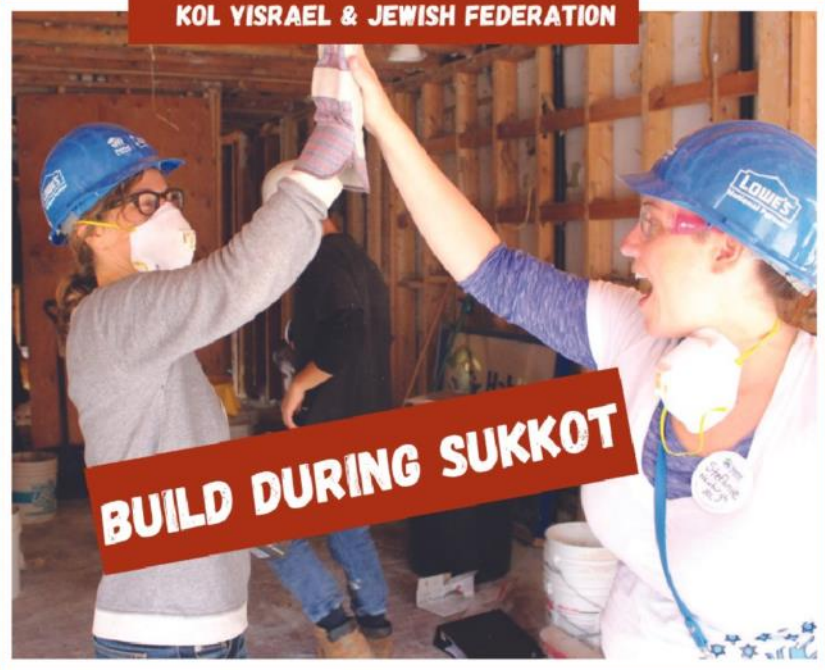


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**BUILD DURING SUKKOT**

In celebration of the Jewish holiday **Sukkot**, this year explore the concept of housing and shelter through a hands-on experience with **Habitat for Humanity**.

Wed., October 16, 2024  
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**October 7<sup>th</sup> Marking One Year**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DISCUSSION  
FOLLOWED BY A MEET & GREET

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 27TH  
3:00PM**

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WITH LOCAL AUTHOR



**Yardena Schwartz**

Yardena is an award-winning journalist & Emmy-nominated producer. She spent a decade reporting from Israel & now lives in the Hudson Valley.



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**2024 Jewish Book Council Author Series Lineup**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 MEET & GREET IN NEWBURGH**

THE TALENTED MRS. MANDELBAUM: THE RISE AND FALL OF AN AMERICAN ORGANIZED-CRIME BOSS BY MARGALIT FOX

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 MEET & GREET IN NEWURGH**

KLARA'S TRUTH: A NOVEL BY SUSAN WEISSBACH FRIEDMAN

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 ONLINE DISCUSSION**

THE ART OF DIPLOMACY: HOW AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS REACHED HISTORIC AGREEMENTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD BY STUART E. EIZENSTAT

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The Jewish Book Council at:

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Make a note: Jewish Book Council sponsor!

Shalom, Orange County Jewish Community! My name is **Carl Sayres**, and I am honored to be the new **Spiritual Leader of Congregation Agudas Israel in Newburgh**. I am thrilled to join our community in Newburgh and look forward to participating in and contributing to the wider community throughout Orange County.



We have such a diverse Jewish community in Orange County. We all come from different backgrounds, have different styles of worship, and there are so many different traditions that we cherish. Of course, this isn't unique to Orange County, but more importantly, this isn't new. When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, each tribe maintained its own traditions. Each tribe had a banner, a color, and a fixed position relative to the other tribes as they wandered through the desert. And each tribe had a blessing from Jacob, their patriarch, describing their strengths. For example, Issachar was the scholar, Gad the warrior, Naphtali the free spirit, Zevulun the businessperson, and Dan the judge.

Thousands of years later, we still maintain our tribes - we just call them by different names. Some of us are Reform or Orthodox or Conservative. We cherish our traditions as Ashkenazim or Sephardim or Mizrahi. Some of us volunteer for Haddasah or UJA or AJWS or Mazon. Some of us express our Judaism as doctors or lawyers. Some of us express our Judaism as writers or artists or musicians. Some of us express our Judaism as parents or grandparents. These aren't just things we do. They are our identities.

We have so many tribes, and they are so important to us! And the brilliant thing is - that with all our tribal associations, with all that is similar and all that is different among us, we are one Jewish people. And we move together, like our Israelite ancestors, as one people, we journey together through the wilderness. The point is not to homogenize us into a single Jewish experience. It's to celebrate all of our uniqueness. And by learning together, singing together, praying together, crying together - to experience Judaism, Torah, and God in ways we could otherwise never do.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi said that each Jewish movement, and even more ecumenically, each religion, represents a limb or an organ, and they all work together to form the spiritual body of humanity. And I think that the beauty of that is that we all get to choose our tribes, and contribute our talents, each in our own way. And we don't need to see our differences as a problem - in fact, they are our strength. As one Jewish people, we accomplish more because of that.

Warm regards,  
Carl H. Sayres  
Spiritual Leader  
Congregation Agudas Israel, Newburgh, NY



#### **Hurricane Helene Emergency Relief Fund**

Hurricane Helene has struck the east coast as a powerful Category 4 storm, bringing with it wind speeds exceeding 140 mph, a storm surge expected to surpass 20 feet, and more than 15 inches of rainfall, causing widespread flooding and damage across Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South

Carolina. Entire communities have been plunged into darkness, with homes and businesses severely impacted and cut off from main roadways. Thousands of residents have been displaced, and Jewish communities are facing urgent needs for recovery, aid, and rebuilding.

Jewish Federations are uniquely positioned to offer vital support in times of crisis like this.

You can help by contributing to the Hurricane Helene Emergency Relief Fund, ensuring that Jewish communities and those affected receive the assistance they need. **Donate Here:** <https://form.jotform.com/242726883520965>

The ADL Center on Extremism is aware of anti-Israel events and “days of action” pertaining to the anniversary of the October 7, 2023, terror attacks. Most of these events are concentrated on Saturday, October 5, 2024, but they will continue throughout the week of the anniversary, including some events on October 11 (Erev Yom Kippur).

We expect many of the protests to feature celebratory rhetoric around the Hamas-led October 7 attack. Some of this language may be considered offensive or threatening by Jewish people. It is possible that some activists might disrupt public transit, highways and ports. However, to date we have found no evidence that groups plan to target Jewish institutions such as synagogues, schools or Jewish community centers during these protests.

### Recommendations for the Community:

- ✦ Be aware of your surroundings. If at any time you feel that you may be in danger, contact law enforcement or appropriate security immediately.
- ✦ Do not engage with participants in anti-Israel protests.
- ✦ Synagogues and other Jewish institutions should review and update their security plans in advance of the High Holidays.
- ✦ Report any bias or hate incidents to ADL at <http://www.adl.org/incident>.
- ✦ ADL is here to support the community during this event and for any other matters relating to extremism, hate or bias in the region. Please contact us for any reason.

Please refer to this [link](#) for more information about best practices for responding to protests involving hate and extremism.



### Jewish Federations Statement Condemning Iran Attacks on Israel

Jewish Federations of North America condemn Iran’s massive bombardment attacking Israel in the strongest possible terms.

From Hamas to Hezbollah to the Houthis, Iran has been the power supporting Israel’s terrorist enemies and providing them with the weapons and know-how to attack Israel’s civilians.

Our communities are in complete solidarity with the people of Israel and the IDF as they work to defend themselves from these attacks, and we pray for their safety.

We are thankful for the support promised by the United States to actively defend Israel from the Iranian threat.

Finally, we express our deepest condolences to the families of the terrorist attack in Jaffa today. May their memories be a blessing and may their families be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and the world.





Let's meet in support of Israel & to bring our hostages home in good health!  
Sundays 12-2PM. Corner of Lakes St & 17th Monroe  
Please call Rochelle 845-783-2495 for more info & to confirm dates





Marking One Year 10/7 Commemorations shared with us from Dutchess County





## TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

### October 7th

Marking One Year

Join us for a family-friendly commemoration in solidarity with Israel & American hostage, Omer Neutra, who went to Camp Sprout Lake here in Dutchess County.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH | 2:00PM**  
**CAMP YOUNG JUDAEA SPROUT LAKE**  
6 Sprout Lake Camp Road, Verbank (Lagrangeville)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
[WWW.JEWISHDUTCHESS.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.JEWISHDUTCHESS.ORG/EVENTS)  
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After the ceremony, stay for an optional 18-minute solidarity walk with *Run For Their Lives*, paint a remembrance stone, make a bracelet, and sign our community card to Omer & his family.



# The World of Letters

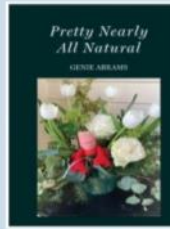
Temple Beth Jacob presents an exciting Fall series of literary guests, whose talks and new books will regale us. Mark your calendars and don't miss any of these great evenings!  
Each of the books will be available at the Temple!

Friday, October 4, 7:30 pm: **Genie Abrams**  
Novelist & Poet Laureate of the City of Newburgh



*Pretty Nearly All Natural*

Novelist Genie Abrams's first book of poetry, *Pretty Nearly All Natural*, is filled with birds, flowers and the most invasive species of all (us). Although nature animates this collection, humor, irony and poignant portraits of memorable humans fly across its pages as well. A former Newburgh city council member, Genie is currently the city's Poet Laureate. She proofreads the weekly *Mid Hudson Times* on Tuesdays but on other days hangs poems on trees, fences, utility poles, and the bathrooms of bars and other places she enjoys vandalizing. When not planting native perennials or writing, she is seen stumbling around town with binoculars, looking at birds and picking up trash.




## JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

by Rabbi Eitan Bloostein

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON ZOOM

- October 31 - Date change due to Sukkot
- November 21
- December 19
- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15

**THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:00 PM**



## SAVE THE DATE

Designer Bag Bingo - 12:00pm on Sunday, November 10 at Kol Yisrael, 290 North Street, Newburgh. 10 Games, Basket Raffles, 50/50 Cash Raffle, light bites and drinks. \$40 for members/\$50 for non-members.  
Register at [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjlwNTlw](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjlwNTlw)



Newburgh JCC

MEN. WOMEN. BABIES. ELDERLY. ARE STILL HELD HOSTAGE BY HAMAS  
#BringThemHomeNow

## COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

### October 7th




Marking One Year

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

**AT TEMPLE BETH-EL** Program begins at **6:30PM**  
118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie

Register at: [JewishDutchess.org/Events](http://JewishDutchess.org/Events)  
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October 7th  
Marking One Year



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I look forward to meeting you in the Tasting Room (Closed Fri/Sat)  
 Kind Regards,  
 Tara-Joy, Kedem Winery Tasting Room Manager  
 (845) 236-4000 Ext. 105 - 1519 Route 9W , Marlboro, NY 12542

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Thank you to those that attended the Levine Speaker Series with Michael Soberman at Temple Sinai, September 29th



Many thanks to everyone who helped make **Perspectives on Oct 7, & Taking Action Against Antisemitism** a successful and moving program!

We hope to revisit our Perspectives soon with positive outcomes of resilience, good health & freedom for the remainder of our hostages, and peace throughout the region.

**Judy Ronay, Director Zachor Antisemitism Initiative**

Shira Dicker (below) will be joining us in March at Temple Beth Shalom through the JBC Author Series.



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