

WE ARE ONE

November 2026 Cheshvan/Kislev 5787



We regret to share that our Pillars of the Community event scheduled for Sunday, November 1, is canceled. Our keynote speaker, Joel Chasnoff, is unable to travel from Israel due to an unexpected medical issue. We hope to reschedule in Spring 2027. Please join us in wishing Joel a swift and complete recovery — refuah shleimah.

As this event was planned to kick off our 2027 Annual Campaign, we invite you to make your pledge using the link or scan the QR code below.

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Your generosity strengthens our Jewish community, supports families, connects young people to Jewish life, and ensures that those in need are not alone. Together, we can meet today's challenges and build a brighter future.



On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, thank you for your generosity, leadership, and continued partnership.

May we continue to be a source of light and hope for one another.

You are cordially invited

Join us to honor
new endowment holders
and pillars of our community

Sunday, November 1, 2026
3pm

Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame
Goshen, NY



As we welcome Joel Chasnoff!

Join Joel for an engaging discussion about what it's like living in Israel, just days after the Israeli elections.

Help us kick off our 2027 Annual Campaign
Celebrate our community, honor our supporters,
and look ahead to the year ahead.



Jewish Federation
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To Register Scan QR or go
to JewishOrangeNY.org

Questions? Contact Wendy at Director@JewishOrangeNY.org



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Building Our Jewish Community Together

JEWISH VOICES, SHARED STORIES:
A JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL AUTHOR SERIES
Bringing Authors and Readers Together Through
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Kristallnacht Commemoration

Featuring Author **Barbara Josselsohn**,
The Secret Orphanage.



Inspired by the true story of a French village that sheltered more than 3,000 Jewish people during the Holocaust, *The Secret Orphanage* is a moving story of courage, compassion, and resilience.

Hear **Barbara Josselsohn** share the inspiration behind *The Secret Orphanage* and the remarkable history that inspired its story.



Sunday, November 8
Temple Beth Jacob | Newburgh

- Free event
- Open to the Entire Community
- Books will be available for purchase after the program.

Register Below with Link
or Scan QR Code!



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10:30 AM | BAGELS & COFFEE
11:00 AM | BRIEF COMMEMORATION
& AUTHOR PRESENTATION



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
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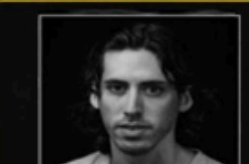
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JEWISH VOICES, SHARED STORIES:

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Bringing Authors and Readers Together
Through Meaningful Conversations

Join us for a virtual event featuring author
Michael Benson, author of:

HOLLYWOOD VS. NAZIS
*How the Movie Studios Took On Nazis
Infiltrating Los Angeles*



Registration Required to Receive Zoom Link.



Discover the little-known story of Leon Lewis, a Jewish lawyer who, beginning in 1933, built a covert network to infiltrate pro-Nazi groups in Los Angeles. Before Pearl Harbor, his "Nazibusters" uncovered plans for a violent takeover of Hollywood and Los Angeles—including a plot to kidnap MGM head Louis B. Mayer.

Explore the hidden battle against Nazism and Hollywood's role in confronting the Nazi threat.

Register Below with Link
or Scan QR Code!



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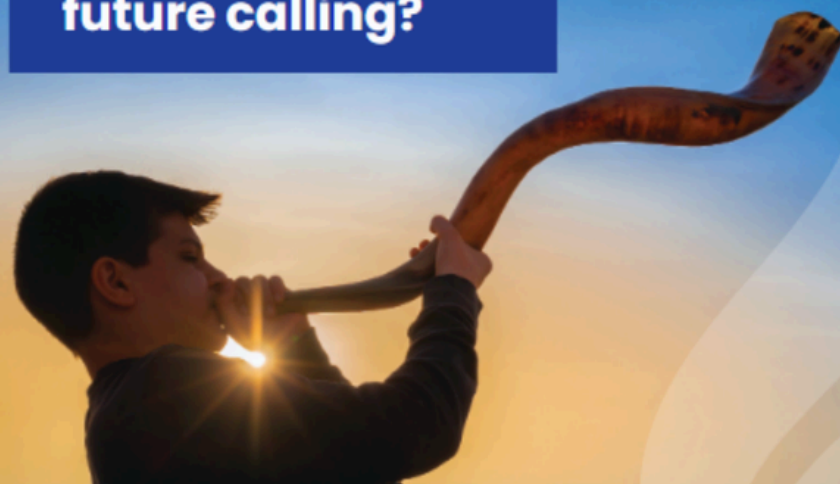
Sunday, November 22 | 2PM
A Virtual Event

In collaboration with Temple Sinai's Adult Education Program

www.jewishorangenyny.org



**Can you hear the
future calling?**



**This New Year, answer the call by making
a legacy gift, ensuring a strong Jewish
community for future generations.**



Life & Legacy
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Building Our Jewish Community Together

**Be remembered forever with a gift to The Jewish
Federation of Greater Orange county in your will, trust,
retirement account, or life insurance policy.**

To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Wendy Cedar, Executive Director
[845.562.7860](tel:845.562.7860) | Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

The Harold Levine Endowment Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County currently has 67 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:** jewishorangenyny.org/donate/endowments

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A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

You may have seen the logo, and possibly heard about our [Zachor Antisemitism Initiative](#). It's a wonderful program which funds school trips to the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance and Education in Rockland County, and does other community work to fight antisemitism and other forms of hate throughout Orange County. The major benefactor for this program has been funding this incredible, necessary work for over 10 years, and we are so grateful for their foresight and passion that allows us to continue this great initiative.

The good news is that this program now touches the majority of school districts in Orange County – from elementary through high school in some districts! A confluence of parent outreach when there are incidents in their children's school, continuous relationship building by our Zachor Director, Judy Ronay, with teachers and school administrators, NY State's educational requirement for Holocaust studies, and the increase in visible antisemitism in the news, have given us opportunities to expand our support into more school districts in the county. We are now proud to count the two largest school districts, Newburgh and Middletown, among the districts we support!

The challenging news is that, with these expansions, we now find ourselves in a position in which we need additional funding to support this important work at the level to which we have built it! Our benefactor has agreed to provide us with some additional funding, and the Federation board has agreed that an additional portion of our annual budget should be put toward this work. But, you can help too. When you make your gift to our Annual Campaign, you can indicate that you would like your funds to be utilized for the Zachor Antisemitism Initiative. Or, if you're able to do so, adding an additional gift above your annual gift, would help us do even more!

You may have also seen our recent job posting for a Community Antisemitism Coordinator. This is for a new grant-funded position that we will be sharing with the Dutchess County Federation. This new individual will work alongside Judy to help expand this work. The grant covers this position for two years. Then, we are expected to maintain the position for an additional three years. So, in the next couple of years you'll hear more about this, including specific pleas to help us sustain the position after the grant funding expires!

In today's world, this work is more important than ever. We do still have incidents of antisemitism in Orange County. Yet, while we don't have data to back this up, it is possible that the work that our Zachor program does may be helping to keep that number under control. We hope that the expansion of work with our new grant-funded employee will help us continue to educate the community, to do our part to reduce hate in our community.

Your financial support of the Jewish Federation helps us continue to support the community in so many ways. If you would like your gift to specifically be utilized for these programs, please let us know.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Warmly,

Wendy Cedar Executive Director
Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860



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Rabbi's Blog

Thanksgiving: An American Holiday with a Jewish Soul

Every November, Americans gather around their tables to celebrate Thanksgiving. Families reunite, traditions are renewed, and we pause to acknowledge the blessings in our lives.

For many, Thanksgiving means turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and perhaps a spirited family discussion about whose recipe is best. But beneath the festivities lies something far more profound: the recognition that life itself is a gift.

And although Thanksgiving is distinctly American, its central message is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition. In fact, Judaism has been celebrating Thanksgiving for thousands of years.

A People Whose Name Means Gratitude

There is a remarkable connection between gratitude and Jewish identity.

In Genesis, when Leah gives birth to her fourth son, she declares:

"This time I will give thanks to the Lord." (Genesis 29:35)

She names him Yehudah—Judah—from the Hebrew word meaning to acknowledge, praise, or give thanks.

From Yehudah comes the word *Yehudi*, a Jew.

Think about that. The very name by which we identify ourselves carries within it the concept of gratitude.

To be a Jew is not merely to inherit a history or observe a tradition. It is also to recognize that we are recipients of blessings we did not create entirely by ourselves.

Leah's life was hardly free of disappointment. Yet she found reason to give thanks. Perhaps her example teaches us that gratitude is not the absence of difficulty, but the ability to recognize blessings despite it.

Gratitude Is Not an Annual Event

Jewish tradition does not reserve thanksgiving for one day in November.

Each morning, before confronting the day's challenges, we begin with the words:

מוֹדֵה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ

"I give thanks before You."

We do not first ask for wealth, success, or happiness. We begin by acknowledging the gift of another day.

Our sages understood something about human nature that remains relevant today: We often concentrate on what we lack rather than appreciate what we possess.

Sometimes we become so preoccupied with making a living that we forget to make a life.

Gratitude changes our perspective. It does not eliminate life's difficulties, but it prevents those difficulties from becoming the only things we see

From Gratitude to Responsibility

Judaism teaches that gratitude must be more than a feeling. It must become an action.

If we are grateful for our food, we should remember those who are hungry. If we appreciate our homes, we should be concerned about those without shelter. And if we treasure our freedom, we must remember those who live without it.

The Jewish concept of *hakarat hatov*, recognizing the good, reminds us to acknowledge not only our blessings but also those whose kindness has enriched our lives.

Gratitude, properly understood, creates responsibility.

Thanksgiving in an Imperfect World

Perhaps this message is especially important today, when disagreements too often become divisions and differences of opinion overshadow our shared humanity.

We can disagree about politics, religion, and the direction of our country while remaining grateful for the freedoms that permit those disagreements.

Jewish history gives us a particular appreciation for the blessing of living openly as Jews in a society that protects religious liberty.

Yet Thanksgiving is not equally joyful for everyone.

For some, an empty chair at the table will recall someone dearly loved and deeply missed. Others may face illness, loneliness, or uncertainty.

Jewish wisdom does not demand that we deny our pain to express gratitude.

We can mourn what we have lost while appreciating what remains.

Perhaps that is the deepest form of thanksgiving—not gratitude because everything is perfect, but gratitude despite knowing it is not.

A Thanksgiving Blessing

As we gather this Thanksgiving, perhaps each person around the table might share one blessing for which he or she is genuinely grateful.

Then let us ask one more question:

What can I do to become a blessing in someone else's life?

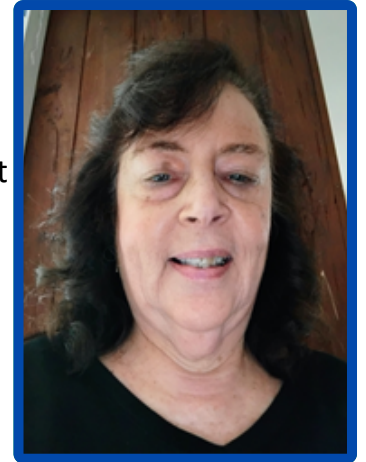
For ultimately, the highest expression of gratitude is not merely appreciating the good we have received, but becoming a source of goodness ourselves.

May this Thanksgiving remind us that the richest lives are not necessarily those that possess the most, but those that recognize and share the most blessings.

For Thanksgiving is not simply a day on the calendar. It is a way of looking at life.

Wishing everyone a meaningful, peaceful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

Rabbi Brenda Weinberg | B'nai Torah Shul, Greenwood Lake | bnaitorahgw.org



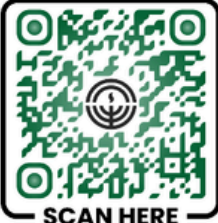
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Giving Tuesday

Will you answer the call on December 1st
to help make a difference?
Your support helps us provide:

- JEWISH EXPERIENCES**
Scholarships for Jewish summer camps and meaningful Jewish experiences.
- COMMUNITY INNOVATION**
Microgrants for fresh ideas and engaging community programs.
- STAND UP TO HATE**
Tools and confidence to recognize and confront hate.

And so much more!

Help strengthen our Jewish community as we close out our 2026 Annual Campaign!

STRENGTH. UNITY. PURPOSE.



Thank you for helping to keep the Orange County, NY Jewish community strong! DON'T WAIT TO GIVE — SCAN TO DONATE TODAY!

With Warm Wishes This Thanksgiving
May your holiday be filled with gratitude, joy, and special moments with family and friends.



From the Staff & Board of
The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County

November Candle Lighting Schedule

November 6:	4:27PM
November 13:	4:20PM
November 20:	4:14PM
November 27:	4:10PM

2026 NOVEMBER

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Looking for an Event?

Stay connected with the Jewish community! Visit our **Community Calendar** to discover upcoming Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County events, programs, and activities happening throughout our community.

Click the image to explore the calendar and find opportunities to learn, connect, celebrate, and get involved!

Have an Event to Share?

We welcome community organizations and partners to share their upcoming events with our community. Help us spread the word about programs, celebrations, educational opportunities, and other events of interest! [Submit your event online](#) to have it considered for inclusion on our website calendar. After submitting, email your event flyer to office@jewishorangenyny.org.

Let's keep our community connected, informed, and engaged!

Reminiscing With Our Past Presidents

Reminiscing with Mona Rieger

I came to the Federation Board at the ripe old age of 25, and pregnant with my second child! When I moved to Newburgh in 1975 after Ian and I were married I had no intention of being a Jewish Community “leader” but it became clear to me very early on that if I wanted my children to grow up in the kind of Jewish atmosphere that I was raised in, I needed to be willing to work at it.

For me, the Federation Board meetings, the people I worked with and the causes we served were the most meaningful and exciting activities I could have been involved in. As an “umbrella” organization, we touched every part of Jewish life here in Orange County, in Israel and around the world. The commitment and hard work exhibited by my fellow board members and the mentorship they provided me with was magnificently inspirational. I often found that when I attended national conferences and participated in breakout sessions with much larger and much wealthier communities, the ideas that they presented as “innovations” were things that we were already doing here in Orange County. How amazing that we were so ahead of the game!

I once heard a speaker who worked with Holocaust survivors living in Eastern Europe tell a story that proved to me that our work was priceless. She told of an elderly woman with whom she often visited. The woman lived in an apartment with no elevator and the funding that we provided allowed her to receive meal deliveries and other necessities. On her mantle was a single photo...of herself with the volunteer. When asked why there were no other

photos her reply was, “Because you are the only family I have.” That story told me all I needed to know about the value of our work. “All Jews are responsible one for the other” –at Federation we put those words into action.



Make an Impact



Support Our Community

Together, we can build something that matters!

- *Contribute your skills** in strategy, finance, marketing, community engagement, passion for community
- *Collaborate** with a dedicated team committed to real impact
- *Expand your experience** while giving back

Now, more than ever, the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County needs your help.

We're looking for passionate, thoughtful leaders to join our Board of Directors.

If you care about strengthening our Jewish community, this is your opportunity to step up and make a difference!

Interested, or know someone who would be a great fit? Applications are open, so reach out to us today!

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | www.JewishOrangeNY.org

**Jewish Federations**
of North America

2026 Emergency Security Fund

Building Secure Environments for Jewish Learning and Belonging in Orange County, NY

As antisemitism rises, security needs are growing at an overwhelming pace

Jewish Federations of North America's Emergency Security Fund in partnership with The Tepper Foundation provides crucial grants to support urgent security personnel needs that have increased since October 7 at Jewish institutions serving children, including religious schools, camps, early childhood centers, synagogues, and more.

As part of this grant initiative, the Federation will also engage in a series of interfaith and intergroup efforts to strengthen ties with local faith-based institutions and cultural communities outside the Jewish community.

This time bound opportunity is conditioned upon a local fundraising commitment that will be matched on a 1:1 basis. Your generous support will allow us to secure this critical grant and ensure that our youngest community members can participate in Jewish life in a safe and nurturing environment.



Your gift will generate a total of **\$50,000** toward Jewish communal security



6 sites will benefit from enhanced security coverage



80+ children & their families will be served

Support this initiative today at: [JewishOrangeNY.org/Donate](https://www.JewishOrangeNY.org/Donate)



Everything But the Turkey is the NJCC annual community food drive, bringing neighbors together to make a difference for families in need.

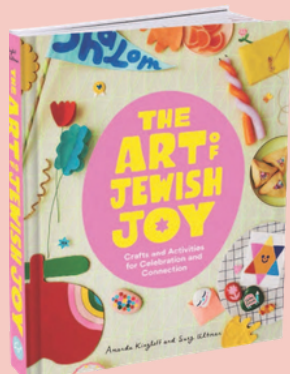
Throughout November, they will be collecting food and clothing donations for local pantries, while also preparing and packing complete Thanksgiving meals for families staying at a local domestic violence shelter.

There are several ways to get involved:

- Donate food or clothing items
- Help sort, organize, and move donations
- Join the NJCC in preparing & packing Thanksgiving meals

Every donation, helping hand, and hour of your time makes a difference. Thank you for helping the NJCC support local families this Thanksgiving season.

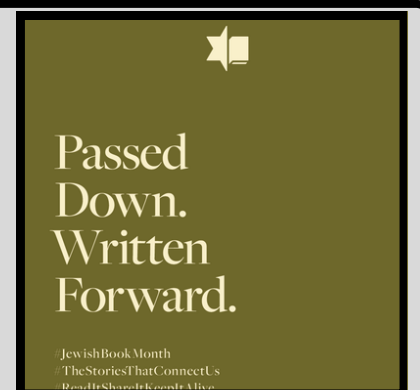
Want to get involved or learn which items are needed? Email director@newburghjcc.org to find out how you can help.



Save the Date!

Sunday, December 13 | 10:30AM

Jewish Voices, Shared Stories: A Jewish Book Council Author Series with Amanda Kingloff. Author of “The Art of Jewish Joy: Crafts and Activities for Celebration and Connection” with Temple Beth Jacob.



Celebrate the 101st Jewish Book Month!

November 3 – December 3, 2026

Let's come together to celebrate the authors, readers, and stories that keep Jewish heritage alive and connect generations.

Our Story Continues. Read It. Share It. Keep It Alive.

How will you celebrate? Discover the authors we have lined up for **Jewish Book Month (details pages 1 & 2)** and join us for meaningful conversations, inspiring stories, and opportunities to connect through the power of Jewish storytelling.

Jewish Voices, Shared Stories: A Jewish Book Council Author Series

Bringing Authors and Readers Together Through Meaningful Conversations

In partnership with the Jewish Book Council and community organizations, the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County brings acclaimed authors and local voices to our community for engaging programs featuring diverse stories, topics, and perspectives.

Explore our 2026–2027 author lineup!

Visit jewishorangenyny.org/2026/27-jbc to discover upcoming events.

Help Keep Our Programs Free!

Become a **Jewish Book Council (JBC) sponsor** and help us continue offering these meaningful programs free and accessible to our community.

Scan the QR code or [Click here to donate!](#)

When donating, select “Jewish Book Council” from the drop-down menu to direct your support to our author series.



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jewishorangenyny.org/jewish-life/microgrants

B'nai Torah Shul in Greenwood Lake had a most incredible weekend - celebrating Simchat Torah, at the beginning of October; with the support of a **Microgrant from the Federation!** {Photo courtesy of Rachael Fried and Henna Warman - their guests for the weekend celebration!}

"What a blessing. Greenwood Lake shook with Jewish joy. We had 2.5 days of dancing, singing, Torah, activities, sports, indoors, outdoors, lakeside... Thank you and the federation for making it all possible."



Have an idea for an out-of-the-box idea to bring Jewish joy to the community? If so, microgrants are available to help you bring that idea to life! Info & application can be found here jewishorangenyny.org/jewish-life/microgrants. Let us know if we can support you, or your ideas for a community event, in any other way!



On Sunday, October 18, Congregation Agudas Israel participated in a **Resistance & Resilience** workshop at the **Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education** at Rockland Community College.

This program was made possible through a **micro-grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County**, supporting meaningful educational experiences that strengthen Jewish learning and Holocaust awareness.

**Support Jews today,
tomorrow and always.**



Your gift will help deliver assistance to those affected by Operation Roaring Lion and the war with Iran, providing support for Israelis facing missile attacks, displacement, and ongoing trauma, as well as other areas of critical need.



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Senior Independence Program

- ✓ Local Transportation
- ✓ Visits and Wellness Calls
- ✓ Community Outreach
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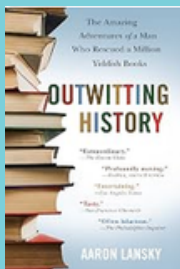
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Discussion of the book
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Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

Thursday, November 12
6:00PM

at the home of Babi Satzman

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Please join us on
Saturday – November 14, 2026 - 10am
at Beit Kulanu

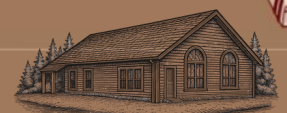
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Greenwood Lake, NY

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reviewing texts from
the Weekly Torah
reading together with
Rashi's commentary
in a relaxed give and
take forum. It will take
place every other
Saturday. Led by
Lenny.

In Person at
10 am
Next Date: November 7

GIFT OF LIFE

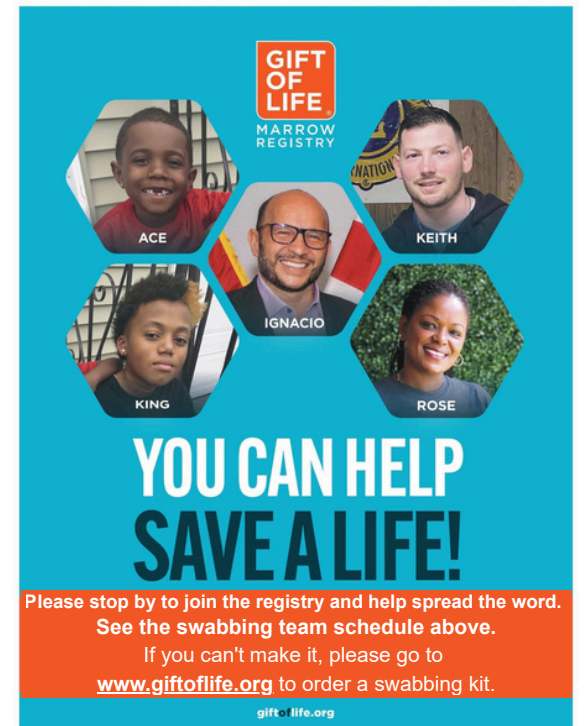
GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES! WOO HOO!! Match #284! It's time for another happy dance!!

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 | Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com, You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- Friday, October 30 | 11am-3pm | SUNY Orange Newburgh Spooktacular: Kaplan Hall, Grand St. Lobby, One Washington Center, Newburgh
- Wednesday, November 18 | 11am-3pm | Vassar College: 124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie



The 2026 Stop Hate Challenge, organized by the Zachor Antisemitism Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, invites students to stand up against hate through powerful, thought-provoking essays. Read one of the winning essays below!

Anais Joy Vargas was the 6th Grade Grand Prize winner in the Middle School category, from Monhagen MS in Middletown. Anais was introduced by her teacher Sharleigh Carter (pictured below). Anais' essay highlights environmental injustice and the disproportionate impact of pollution on low-income communities, reminding us that everyone deserves clean air and a healthy environment.

The Effects of Climate Change

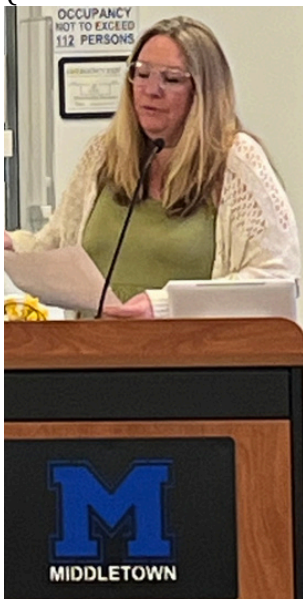
All around the world many people in poverty struggle to breathe because factories in their communities produce toxic air, and landfills produce horrible smells. This is a major difference from rich predominantly white communities who don't have to deal with the effects of climate change as much as middle and poorer income people do. (Everybody deserves to breathe without gas filling the air and everybody deserves to be treated especially when it comes to everyday living environments.)

"Every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, particularly within their daily living environments".

Climate change is mainly caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas for transportation and ends up building lots of waste. Everyday 1.3 billion water bottles are used all over the world, that is just one example of single use plastic items. This excessive use of plastic adds to many more landfills all over (Youth and the Future of Sustainability). This obviously affects many people but especially people in black and

poor communities, despite the fact that they are contributing the least to this problem. I'm Puerto Rican and live with my dad on the weekends, in the Bronx, in an apartment where most people are Dominican. In New York the effects of climate change are very apparent, with piles of trash just outside people's apartments including my own. Trash is always piling up and people try to help but not enough people care because they think climate change isn't a real issue. Data also shows from the 1930s throughout 1978 that 5 out of 5 city owned landfills and 6 out of 8 owned incinerators are in black communities (Bullard). This is not random as 82% of all garbage was dumped into black communities in Houston Texas but only 25% of people were black.

There are many ways to change this problem though. For example the kidwind challenge is when children from grades 4-12 build prototypes and research data to help stop the rapid climb of climate change (Bullard). Another example of this is at the folklore festival they have always focused on making things the most sustainable for the fair. The sustainability program began in 2013, when 74 percent of the Festival's waste was diverted from landfills to composting (Youth and the Future of Sustainability). Anyone can help even by just recycling. Everyone deserves to breathe no matter what race they are or how much money they have.



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SPECIAL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE WITH RABBI DAVID MARKUS

PLEASE NOTE: TEMPLE BETH JACOB WILL NOT HAVE
A SEPARATE SERVICE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.
We invite you to worship alongside Agudas Israel for this special program.

Friday, October 30, 2026

6:00 pm **Community Dinner**
Kosher dairy pastas and salads.
No fee – sponsorships welcome.
RSVPs requested.

7:00 pm **Shabbat Service**
with Rabbi David Markus
TBJ yortzeits and Misheberach
will be read at the Shabbat service.
Please note the earlier service time.

8:00 pm **Scholar In Residence Program**

Rabbi David Evan Markus
Rabbi David Markus is the country's only full-time judiciary official also serving as a pulpit rabbi. He is Court Attorney-Referee in the New York State Judiciary and spiritual leader of Congregation Shir Ami in Westchester County. A nationally recognized public servant, teacher, author, and interfaith leader, he brings a unique perspective to the intersection of civic and Jewish life.

Shul and State: Bridging the Secular and Spiritual in the 21st Century
Rabbi David Markus occupies a rare intersection: he is both an active pulpit rabbi and a public official. Just days before Election Day, he'll reflect on what the "separation of shul and state" means for Jewish life today. How separate should our spiritual and civic lives really be? Where do they inevitably overlap? And does Judaism give us a religious or spiritual responsibility to participate in the democratic process?

Purim in October!

5:00 pm – Family Service
Come in costume for a kid friendly musical Shabbat experience + Mishloach Manot!

Fun for all ages!

ספר תהילים

The Book of Psalms

Please join us as we inaugurate a new monthly online class, where we explore the beautiful poetry of *Sefer Tehillim*, the Book of Psalms. Classes will be held monthly, and texts will be provided. Hebrew skills are not required. We will explore the evocative and sophisticated language of the Psalmist as well as exploring the liturgical uses of some of the most famous chapters. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings on the following dates for 2026-2027:

October 6
November 3
December 8
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 8

The Zoom link will be available via our normal emails or in advance by contacting the Temple Sinai office or Rabbi/Hazzan Sislen at rabbi@templesinainmiddletown.com

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10:30am-12pm | Nov 8 | Dec 6
Meeting in the Children's Library

For more information:
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A FALL-RIFICALLY FUN EVENT

EXCLUSIVELY FOR PJ LIBRARY AT THE
MID HUDSON DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Come and explore with us as we discover
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- Science And Exploration With MHDM Staff
- PJ Library Storytime
- Hands On Crafts
- Music And Sing-Alongs With Rabbi Jeff
- Balloon Artistry By Darryl Bielski
- Free Admission
- Light Fare & More

Sunday, November 15
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

ADMISSION IS FREE. THE FIRST 4 PJ LIBRARY FAMILIES* TO REGISTER AND ATTEND THE EVENT ON FRI, NOVEMBER 15TH WILL RECEIVE A 1 YEAR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP TO THE MHDM! SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY. QUESTIONS? EMAIL PROGRAMS@JEWISHDUTCHESS.ORG.

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BOOK

CHAT

"In 1959, Ruth Handler broke the glass ceiling and changed pop culture forever with the creation of an iconic doll designed to empower young girls. This is nostalgic novel filled with rich historic detail by USA Today bestselling author Renée Rosen.

When Ruth Handler walks into the boardroom of the toy company she co-founded and pitches her idea for a doll unlike any other, she knows what she's setting in motion. It might just take the world a moment to catch up.

In 1956, the only dolls on the market for little girls let them pretend to be mothers. Ruth's vision for a doll shaped like a grown woman and outfitted in an enviable wardrobe will let them dream they can be anything.

As Ruth assembles her team of creative rebels—head engineer Jack Ryan who hides his deepest secrets behind his genius and designers Charlotte Johnson and Stevie Klein, whose hopes and dreams rest on the success of Barbie's fashion—she knows they're working against a ticking clock to get this wild idea off the ground.

In the decades to come—through soaring heights and devastating personal lows, public scandals and private tensions—each of them will have to decide how tightly to hold on to their creation. Because Barbie has never been just a doll—she's a legacy.

LET'S CALL HER Barbie
A NOVEL
RENÉE ROSEN
USA Today Bestselling Author of Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl

Wednesday November 11 at 7:00 PM on zoom
Email allzgreat4@gmail.com by 11/8 for the zoom link
Sisterhood members and TBS sisterhood members

Through a Jewish Lens: Hope and Healing for Suicide Loss Survivors

Sunday, November 22, 2026
12 noon - 2pm EST - VIRTUAL EVENT

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

This unique International Survivors of Suicide Loss (ISOSLD) event focuses on suicide loss, grieving, and healing through the lens of the Jewish experience. There will be messages of growth, resilience, and connection by way of song, prayer, sharing of stories, and breakout discussion.

Through A Jewish Lens is intended for suicide loss survivors of Jewish faith/identity, ages 18+.

Co-sponsored by Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains, JCFS Chicago, and No Shame on U.

Register at <https://jewishlens.isosld.afsp.org/>

NEWBURGH HOLIDAY TABLE

Volunteers Needed!

HELP US PREPARE FOR OUR HOLIDAY DINNER EVENT

Sunday, November 1
10:00 AM

Baked Ziti Prep and Cookie Baking

Sunday, November 22
10:00 AM

Chicken Carving and Chicken Soup Prep

Added Joy – Helping the Nothing But the Turkey Project!

Location:
KOL / TBJ
290 North Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

Questions?
Call Stacey
845-476-5494
Staceyyerger@gmail.com

RSVPs requested.

Tanach

TEXTS AND TALES FROM THE JEWISH TRADITION

Join us for a new monthly online class in which we explore Jewish texts of all sorts; Biblical, Legends, Talmud, Ethics, Halacha, Poetry, and some surprises! A different selection will be offered each month, and the class will study, discuss, and debate each month's text. Attendees are free to make recommendations for upcoming classes. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm on the following dates:

October 27
November 24
December 29
January 26
February 23
March 16
May 18

The Zoom link will be available via the weekly email, or in advance by contacting the Rabbi at rabbi@templesinainmiddletown.org or the Temple Sinai office.

Shabbat Dinner with the Rabbi

6 PM Fridays at Eitz Chaim

Rabbi Noah Fulton-Beale

October 23
November 6
December 4
January 8
February 12
March 5
April 16
May 7

Rabbi Melvin Lewis

October 30
November 20
December 11
January 29
February 26
March 19
April 2
May 14

Help make our student rabbis feel welcome at Eitz Chaim! Join us for dinner following services!

For each week you would like to attend, please RSVP to the office by the **Tuesday** before the dinner.

Contact Maria if you would like to be added to the "regulars" list for this year!

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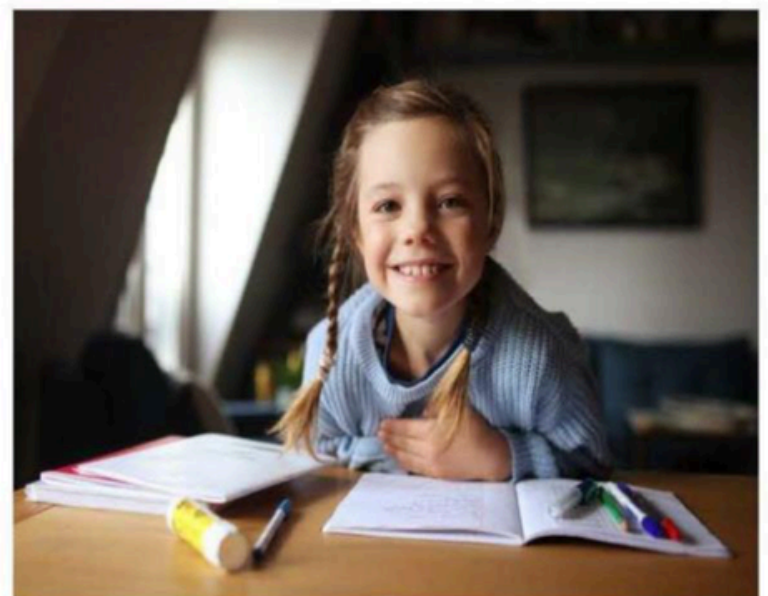
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