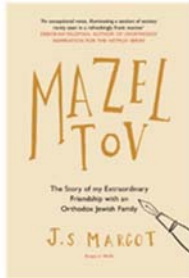


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MEET AUTHOR
J.S. MARGOT
SUNDAY,
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4PM VIA ZOOM

Full of funny misunderstandings and unexpected connections, *Mazel Tov* is a heartwarming, provocative and disarmingly honest memoir of clashing cultures and unusual friendships - and of how adults build walls that sometimes only children can tear down.

Register: jewishorangeney.org/JBC-2021-2022



THE LEVINE SPEAKER
SERIES PRESENTS
RABBI MARGIE CELLA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
3PM VIA ZOOM



Rabbi Margie Cella is a dynamic second career rabbi who, together with her husband and 2 young children converted to Judaism in 1982. Her Jewish journey gradually led to a deeper commitment to Torah study and observance, and ultimately to the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Her story is inspirational and cautionary.

Register:
jewishorangeney.org/LevineSpeakerSeries



All of these programs are FREE and open to the entire community.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER STUDY DISCUSSION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 7PM VIA ZOOM

In 2020, the Pew Research Center interviewed Americans and developed a profile of the American Jewish Population. Who are the American Jews, what are they all about, and how have they been changing since Pew's 2013 Study of the American Jewish Population? The 248 page report was released in May 2021. We are fortunate to have in our community the perfect tour guide to take us through the highlights of these 248 pages in one evening.

Please join us for this FREE program to explore this important information.

Barry Pitegoff is a full-time Board-Certified Chaplain at Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, after having transitioned from his career as a statistician and advertising research professional.

REGISTER HERE: jewishorangeney.org/jewish-life/pew-research-center-discussion



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Zachor Antisemitism Initiative News:

November was a busy month for events sponsored by Zachor. On November 7th, Dr. David Frey, Professor of History at West Point joined over 100 participants (both virtual and in-person) to discuss the significance of diversity in the military and the contributions of the Ritchie Boys during WWII. This event was held at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh. Watch the video here: jewishorangeny.org/MeetDrDavidFrey



On November 11th, educators from Orange County joined us for a special workshop on "Moral Courage" at the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance and Education (in Rockland). The educators were inspired as they simulated a lesson their students would experience. The museum was able to book some of the schools to visit in the spring as a result of the workshop.

The Zachor committee is grateful for the continued support of our Federation for this important work. We will be launching our "Stop Hate Contest" in January. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy, Zachor@jewishorangeny.org.

Left-right: Federation Executive Director Wendy Cedar with Dr. David Frey and Zachor Director Kathy Kimball-Wurster, the group at the Holocaust Museum, classroom at the Museum, part of an exhibit.



MAJOR GIFTS VIRTUAL EVENT HONORED LIZ & IRV KADESH

Over 50 devices with almost 100 participants Zoomed into our Major Gifts event on November 13th kicking off the 2022 Annual Campaign. Opening with a slideshow of Major Gifts from the past 20 years, created by Sharon Ball with pictures mostly taken by Gail Conklin, after which Federation Vice President Rissa Cutler welcomed the crowd.

Director Wendy Cedar introduced JFNA CEO Eric Fingerhut, who spoke about security initiatives being created for Federations and synagogues across the world. He explained that our Federation and the 145 others around the world are there for our communities in good times and bad times.

Rabbi Rebecca Shinder of Temple Beth Shalom in Florida, NY welcomed Dani Rotstein, founder of JewishMajorca.com, who gave us insights about the island of Majorca, Spain and its deep Jewish history.

Steve Rubinsky, Federation Past President, introduced our honorees, Liz and Irv Kadash, long time supporters of Federation. Federation President Harvey Kallus thanked everyone for coming and after people schmoozed and congratulated Liz and Irv, we closed the meeting.

These screenshots were taken by the Zoom host, Sharon Ball. The recording can be watched here: jewishorangeny.org/MajorGifts2021 or on YouTube.



Row 1: Wendy Cedar, Eric Fingerhut, Rissa Cutler, Rabbi Rebecca Shinder

Row 2: Majorca & Dani Rotstein, Steve Rubinsky, Liz & Irv Kadash, Harvey Kallus

RSVP TO: director@jewishorangeny.org



Modern Hebrew Advanced Beginner Class Level 2, Taught by Mati Fuchs Tuesdays at 7PM on Zoom

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