

WE ARE ONE

December 2022 Kislev / Tevet 5783

AND
KEEP EAT
CALM LATKES

SHINE
A LIGHT

I learned, many years ago, that there were two schools of thought with regard to how to light the Chanukah Menorah, or Chanukiah. One, championed by Hillel, suggested that we add one candle to the Chanukiah per night, to let the light grow and fill the darkness. The other, championed by Shammai, suggested that we start with 8 candles and remove one each night. Perhaps this was to show a more natural flow of candles burning down, leaving us in darkness. As most of you know, Hillel's suggestion is the dominant view today. Perhaps this method is a little more optimistic. Or, perhaps, in the northern hemisphere, it's just nicer to have more light as the days grow darker, instead of less.

As we prepare for the warm glow of the Chanukah lights this month, I offer another perspective of light in the darkness: the JFNA supported campaign to Shine A Light Initiative. Shine A Light is an opportunity to shine a light on antisemitism in all its modern forms. Drawing inspiration from the story of Chanukah, the Shine A Light initiative is fueled by an unprecedented coalition of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations from across the United States and Canada who have joined together to speak up about antisemitism and send a message that one single light can dispel darkness. More info: shinealighton.com

If you're connected to us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/jewishorange](https://www.facebook.com/jewishorange)), you'll see us sharing posts from this campaign for much of December. But, we also have the ongoing Zachor Antisemitism Initiative in Orange County ([JewishOrangeNY.org/antisemitism](https://www.JewishOrangeNY.org/antisemitism)), which helps shine that light year round. Thanks to a very generous, ongoing donation, we are able to go into schools and the general community to teach about antisemitism and to do what we can to dispel misinformation. Your ongoing financial support helps us to continually shine that light, and to support Jewish life during dark times and brighter times. May you and yours have a bright, warm Chanukah, and a safe, happy, healthy entrance to the secular New Year!

B'shalom, Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

EVENTS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Join Us!



KOL YISRAEL JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS
Kol Yisrael

Lighting the Giant CAI Menorah

an Annual Chanukkah Community Celebration
at 290 North Street, Newburgh

Sunday, December 18th at 4 PM
Honoring Teachers

\$18/Suggested per Family

Enjoy music, soup, menorah building contests & more!

Complementary Dunkin' Donuts & Hot Chocolate Every Night.

Plus, Latkes on the 8th Night!



Come help recognize our HONOREES who will light the Giant Chanukkah Menorah Each Night.	12/19 6 PM Volunteers
	12/20 6 PM Elected Officials
	12/21 6 PM First Responders
	12/22 6 PM Interfaith Clergy
	12/23 4 PM Essential Workers & Kol Staff
	12/24 6 PM New Members of Kol Partner Org.

Sunday, December 25 @ 6 PM Everyone Party!!!
RSVP's appreciated for food planning to 845-562-5516.

TEMPLE SINAI

HANUKKAH APPEALINGS

Mark Your Calendars!



Dec. 4th
Temple Sinai
Gift Shop
Open House

Dec. 18th
Sound & Light
Festival at
Temple Sinai

Dec. 19th
City of
Middletown
Menorah
Lighting

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Music & Movement **PJ Story Time** **Arts & Crafts**

PJ Play

For children 18mo-5yrs & their grown-ups

Join us each month in your neighborhood!

Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave MIDDLE TOWN	Temple Beth Shalom 13 Roosevelt Ave FLORIDA	Kol Yisrael 290 North St NEWBURGH	Monroe Temple 314 N. Main St MONROE	Cong. Beth Hillel 20 Pine St WALDEN	B'nai Torah Shul 14 Lakes Rd GREENWOOD LAKE
9:30 -10:30AM	10:30-1:30AM	10-11AM	11AM -12PM	9:30-10:30AM	1-2:30PM
Returning in January	December 18	December 11	December 11	TBA	Returning in February

PJ Library **The Jewish Federation OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY**

For more information and to sign up:
office@jewishorangeny.org
 or (845)562-7860

facebook.com/PJLibraryOCNY

In need of a quick Hanukkah gift? Need something for a child? Federation has you covered!

Gift wrapped already for you!

Gift includes:
 Potholders, children's apron, mixing bowl, spoon, whisk and spatulas. Also, Jewish Holidays Cookbook, with easy to make recipes for celebrating the holidays throughout the year.



Cozy up with a cup of hot tea and a good book!

Gift includes: a mug, box of assorted teas and a little jar of Bonne Maman honey. Plus 3 books. Choose from the following genres of books: Inspiration, Cookbook/food, Non Fiction or Holocaust Non-fiction

\$25 per gift

Pick up at the Federation office or your Temple.
 Email office@jewishorangeny.org by 12/8 to order.
 Quantities are limited, so email today!!




Great News! Grandparents can receive the gift of PJ Library, too (for free!). Grandparents play an extremely important role in the lives of their grandchildren. They pass down traditions and heritage through the values they've taught their children, and their family history they share with future generations. There are several resources to help you support your grandkid(s) on their Jewish journeys. Learn how to enroll as a grandparent and acquire resources for some fun ways to help educate your grandkid(s), through crafting activities, story podcasts, some easy recipes, and much more by following this link: pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/grandparents. You can also learn how to help support PJ Library, for future generations to come.

Jewish Orange Youth (JOY)

On Saturday, November 19th our teens enjoyed an Havdalah Hangout at Monroe Temple Beth-El. They play board games, had a nosh and enjoyed the end of Shabbat with friends, new and old. Many thanks to Ben Nakagawa, our teen coordinator.

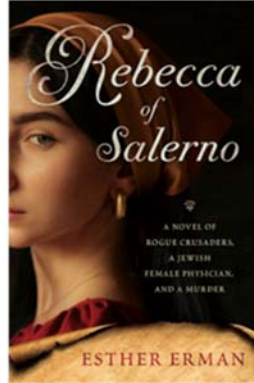


Looking Ahead to January 2023...Let's go Bowling! For kids of all ages. Monday, January 16th 3PM at Colonial Lanes, 78 Brookside Ave, Chester. RSVP to office@jewishorangeny.org. More info to follow.



Register: jewishorangeny.org/2022-2023JewishBookCouncil

FREE and open to the entire community.



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

Partial Jewish Summer Camp & Israel Experience Scholarships

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

Complete the application online: jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships

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



SUMMER CAMP!

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

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

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

Deadline for all Scholarship applications is March 31st.

Please email sharon@jewishorangeny.org with any questions.

A trip your child will remember forever.



ISRAEL

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

Get up to \$1,000 off your first summer at camp!
Are you considering overnight camp or an immersive summer experience for your child?
How does \$1,000 off sound?

Artists and athletes, actors and activists, adventure seekers and analytical thinkers, there's a Jewish camp for everyone.

Visit onehappycamper.org for eligibility details. To apply, you'll need this unique PJ Goes to Camp access code:

PJGTC2023SM11LK. This code cannot be shared with other families. Not sure which camp is right for your child? Explore over 150 traditional and specialty Jewish overnight camps across North America to find the perfect fit for your family. Find a camp here:

jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/find-a-camp/



The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County | The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Join us before the first night of Hanukkah to celebrate miracles and Israeli agricultural success stories

With MyTree in Israel

The Jewish Federations of Dutchess County and Greater Orange County have partnered with My Tree in Israel to support farmers and celebrate their agricultural success. The My Tree founders will be joining us to share their stories and provide an opportunity to sample Israeli olive oil and wine. This special visit is a collaboration between the Federations and the Poughkeepsie Public Library.

Come and taste Israeli olive oil and wine in celebration of Hanukkah, the Holiday of Oil!

PP LD POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

12/18 Sunday 1 PM **RSVP**

Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY

www.jewishdutchess.org/events



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- Rides to Local Essential Appointments
- Visits with a Neighbor
- Wellness Calls...More



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To Volunteer: 845-341-1173 ext. 305
email: volunteer@jfsorange.org

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This program is made possible by a grant from



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LOCAL HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS DONATION PROGRAM

JFS is collecting the following items for
the high holidays and beyond



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Sanitary pads, (long-sizes 2&3 absorbency)
- Skin relief creams (like Balmex)
- Personal wipes
- Shampoo
- Hand soap
- Ricola cough drops

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

- Ensure Regular/Ensure Protein Plus
- Glucerna
- Metamucil Orange flavor sugar free powder

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Storage bags (sandwich, gallon, quart sized)
- Paper plates, cups and napkins
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Sponges
- Fabric softener (Downy)

FOOD & PANTRY SUPPLIES

- Rice & barley
- Dried beans, chickpeas
- Sugar (white, brown & confectioners)
- Tea bags
- Coffee-regular, decaf (drip or instant)
- Salt
- Seltzer
- Gallons of water
- Cream of wheat, farina, oatmeal
- Baking powder & baking soda
- Flour
- Cocoa Powder

ACCEPTABLE KOSHER BRANDS OF SOUPS, VEGETABLES AND NON PERISHABLE FOODS

- Manischewitz
- Gefen
- Streits
- Kedem
- Unger

MONETARY DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED

Scan the QR Code or use link below

<https://jfsorange.harnessapp.com/wv2/campaign/5588>

www.JFSOrange.org



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