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JBC Author Series with Nancy Ludmerer

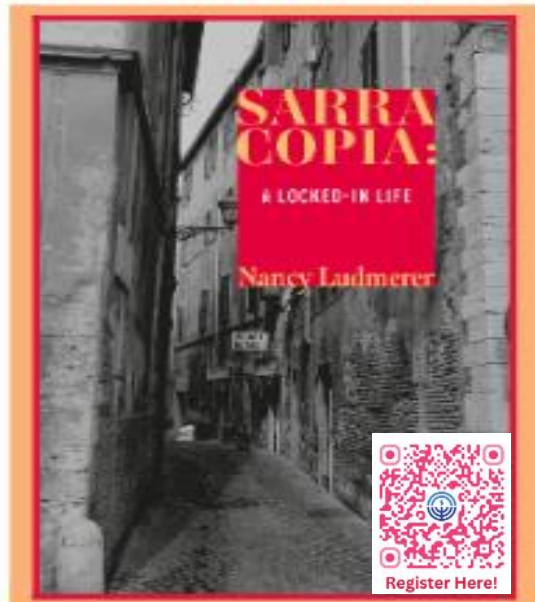
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SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23RD
2:00PM



with Nancy Ludmerer

Nancy Ludmerer's stories, including many prizewinners, appear in Kenyon Review, Carve, Masters Review, and other venues. She practiced law in NYC before turning to fiction full-time.



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The first official ghetto was established in Venice in 1516. Jews were locked in from sunset to sunrise in Canareggio, the northernmost area of Venice. This is a historical fiction based on the title character, who lived there from her birth in 1592 until her death 49 years later.

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OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY
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Then let's get together!

Contact Wendy:

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

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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."



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

GoMaccabiUSA.com/Israel2025/HannahSalzberg

PURIM CARNIVAL

THE GREATEST SHOW IN ORANGE COUNTY

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH 2025
DOORS OPEN 9:30 FOR B'FAST NOSH
PROGRAM BEGINS 10:00

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE LUNCH FOR \$5

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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

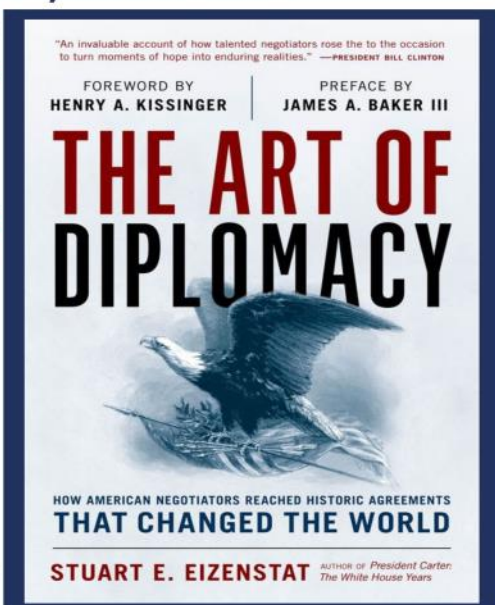
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with **Stuart E. Eizenstat**
Stuart has served as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and Deputy Secretary of both Treasury and State.

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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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 Shmulka 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

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

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

Registration Required jewishorangenyn.org/2024-2025-jbc



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



Help the victims of the fires in Southern California

The wildfires in the Los Angeles region have displaced hundreds of thousands, caused enormous suffering, and claimed many lives. Jewish facilities, including a 100-year-old synagogue, are among those buildings that have already been damaged or destroyed. Jewish Federations in Los Angeles, Ventura County, and San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys have opened a Wildfire Relief Fund. Your help is urgently needed. Donate Here: www.jewishla.org/wildfire-crisis-relief/

From the Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

To those of you who found it in your heart to give us a gift in 2024,
Thank you! תודה!



We are grateful for your generosity which, not only helped us continue to support Jewish life in Orange County, but also helped us to continue to support Jewish life around the world – especially in Israel and Ukraine during these difficult times.

Your generosity allowed us to support local programs such as:

- ◆ Programming and events at local synagogues and the Newburgh JCC, including:
 - ✦ An educational trip to the Museum at Eldridge Street
 - ✦ A teen Havdallah event
 - ✦ Two Shul-ins for religious school students
 - ✦ A unique “MoveMeant” experience for Purim
 - ✦ Outdoor summer Shabba
 - ✦ A community trip to the Forestburgh Playhouse
 - ✦ Two 2nd -night Passover community Seders
 - ✦ A 2nd - day Rosh Hashanah outdoor celebration
 - ✦ October 7th Commemorations
 - ✦ “Everything But The Turkey” for those in need around Thanksgiving
- ◆ The important work of our local Jewish Family Service, who help any Orange County Resident with financial or social needs
- ◆ The Zachor Antisemitism Initiative, touching the lives of local children and adults
- ◆ The work of The Jewish Federations of North America in Israel and around the world
- ◆ Sending kids to Jewish summer camp, Israel programs, and other Jewish Experiences
- ◆ Sending PJ Library books to young families, teaching about Jewish life and culture
- ◆ The Jewish Book Council meet-the-author series

If you were not able to give us a gift in 2024, you’re right on time to help us kick off our 2025 Annual Campaign! You’ll be helping to support events and programs similar to those indicated above, and all of the work that we do to make those happen.

May we work toward a better world, together.

With gratitude,
Wendy Cedar,

Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

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Donate Now! >



We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for January '25

- ✧ A contribution has been made in memory of Michael Kligfeld, beloved son of Rabbi Adam Kligfeld by Paula Spector
- ✧ A contribution has been made in memory of Preston Marks, beloved brother of Beth Marks by Paula Spector
- ✧ A contribution has been made in memory of Patricia, beloved wife of David Rider by:
 - ✧ Raena Korenman
 - ✧ Dr. Jerome & Barbara Wittner
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in memory of Lilly Salcman, beloved mother & mother-in-law of Julie Salamon & Bill Abrams, and Dr. Suzanne Salamon & Alan Einhorn by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg,
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in loving memory of Mindy Murray, by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg. A card has been sent to Jim and Sofi Murray.
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in loving memory of Hazel Podraza, by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg. A card has been sent to Ellen Levine and Family.
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in loving memory of Lola Nisenbaum, by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg. A card has been sent to Doris and Allen Kossover and Family.
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in loving memory of Joan Shapiro, by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg. Cards have been sent to:
 - ✧ Robin and Neil Goldberg and Family
 - ✧ Joel Shapiro
 - ✧ Rhonda Shapiro and Family
 - ✧ Hy Shapiro, Kathy Winkler and Ian Shapiro
 - ✧ David and Debbie Shapiro and Family
 - ✧ Lori Beth and Larry Wolynetz and Family
 - ✧ Yvette and Jordan Ison and Family
- ✧ A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Family Holocaust Education Fund, in loving memory of Willard Goldberger, by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg. Cards have been sent to:
 - ✧ Marlene Goldberger
 - ✧ Jill Goldberger and Maury, Max and Griffin Apple
- ✧ A contribution has been made in memory of Linda Stein, given by her community on "Ever Loved."

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 jewishorangeny.org/donate (or scan the QR code, on the right).

Swords of Iron QR code



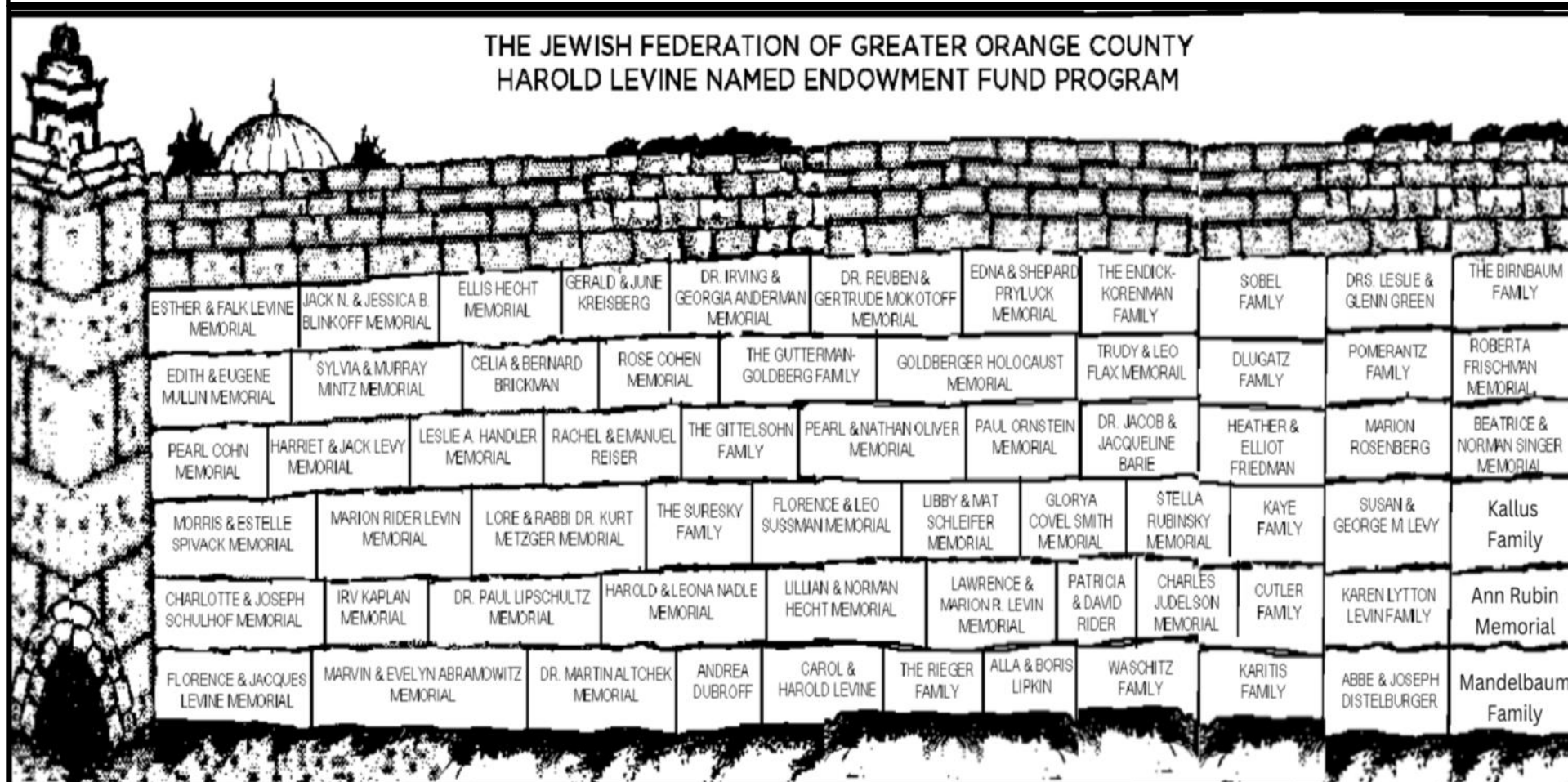
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The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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



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

WOO HOO!! Match #118!! 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.giftolife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- ✦ Tuesday, February 4 | 10am-2pm -Marist College: Breezeway,3399 North Rd, Poughkeepsie
- ✦ Wednesday, February 25 | 10:30am-2:30pm -Mount Saint Mary College: Aquinas Hall
- ✦ Tuesday, March 4 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange, Newburgh: Kaplan Hall, One Washington Center
- ✦ Wednesday, March 26 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange, Middletown: Rowley Center, 115 South Street



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**

Jewish Family Service of Orange County
Serving our diverse community.

SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Sign up today and be part of a program that promotes dignity, connection, and independence for seniors in our community. Opportunities include Transportation, Visits, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping Assistance, and more.

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

- February 5th & 27th
- 5:00pm-6:45pm
- Virtual - Zoom

Contact Us!
volunteer@jfsorange.org
 (845) 341-1173 x305

Alternate training dates are available upon request.

Orange County New York Office for the Aging
The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
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This program was made possible by a grant from

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January 8 • February 12

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If you only know a few phrases in Yiddish ... if you grew up in a home that spoke Yiddish ... if you want to learn to speak Yiddish ... then this is for you!

Dear Friends,

Many of you may know me – I am Rabbi Doug Kohn and I serve Temple Beth Jacob in Newburgh.

Thus, my “day job” is the normal and regular work of leading our 170-plus year-old congregation, which has been one of the anchors of Jewish life in the Hudson Valley for generations. I teach, guide, plan, worship, console, celebrate – all the normal and regular stuff of rabbinic life in a congregation.

But, beyond my “day job” is the rest of the story – it is the “rabbi in the community” story.

I am privileged to serve on a number of boards and organizational leadership teams around our region, including the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, representing the Klei Kodesh, the assemblage of Jewish clergy serving Orange County. And, within that Board role, I am especially pleased to co-Chair the Community Relations Council (CRC) of the Jewish Federation, along with my co-chairperson, Jeff Berkman.



What is a CRC, and what do we do on your behalf?

Your CRC has a primary responsibility of developing and maintaining relationships in the broader community, especially with other Jewish and non-Jewish religious groups and organizations, school entities, municipal leaders and elected officials. Thus, our CRC has three sub-committees which respectively focus on Intra-Jewish affairs, Inter-Religious Affairs, and Governmental Relations. Our teams regularly monitor city councils, school boards, school activity and elected officials for decisions and messages which may affect our Jewish community. As well, we deeply appreciate hearing from you – our stakeholders – when you may hear of incidents in the community.

As well, we are tasked with responding to concerns of anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism in the community, along with our wonderful Zachor program. Zachor sends teams to schools to teach hundreds of students annually lessons from the Holocaust. And, Zachor helps school leadership across our county to respond to troubling activity which, unfortunately, arises in schools from time to time.

Also, we dutifully meet with our elected officials – from city councils to County officials and our Congressional representative – to establish and enrich our relationships. Our premise is to build healthy connections before episodes occur, so that we can assure cooperation and attention when matters do arise. Last year, Representative Ryan was especially responsive and allied with our Jewish Federation in support of Israel – due to our healthy relations. In January, I was privileged to speak at Rep. Ryan’s swearing-in ceremony, as a reflection of the connections forged in our community.

Lastly, we work closely with other CRC’s in our area, and with the Federation’s national Jewish Community Public Affairs Council, following their council and collaborating with their leaders.

Thus, your CRC is a vital extension of each Orange County Jewish community member. We rely on your information and help, and we respond thoughtfully on your behalf. We are your behind-the-scenes volunteers, serving even when our “day jobs” demand other attention.

It is our privilege to help insure that all of us thrive in Jewish Orange County.

With Shalom,

Rabbi Douglas Kohn
Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh



The Community Security Initiative (CSI) has partnered with the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County to provide its services in the region.

As the Regional Security Director for the Greater Hudson Valley (GHV) since early 2023, I bring the experience of 35 years in law enforcement, with the New York State Police, holding operational positions at every level, including; Deputy Superintendent, Field Commander in charge of all day to day operations and planning, including patrol, investigations, intelligence and counterterrorism, as well as special operations for the 9th largest police agency in the US. My additional experience with CSI, and as an Investigator in the Rockland County Sheriff's Intelligence Center has positioned me to be a resource to the Jewish community across the region.

As we step into 2025, both the domestic and international security landscapes are painted with uncertainty. The vulnerability of the Jewish community is not new, but the world landscape, and the increasing vitriol directed at the Jewish community in the US highlight the need for awareness, security procedures, and emergency planning for Jewish institutions.

What can you do? The strength of the Jewish community has always been in its unity. It is more important now than ever to establish, open, and reopen lines of communication amongst all elements of the Jewish community. The Federation is very fortunate to have such an engaged Executive Director, who serves as an excellent hub for those communication lines.

Every institution should have security protocols and emergency plans. When possible, have security awareness and active threat response training, which our organization can provide free of charge. Weaving security into the fabric of daily life will help keep communities and institutions safe. It doesn't mean living in fear of an imminent attack, but taking daily precautions and paying attention to surroundings in the same manner that you might lock your car doors or secure your valuables.

It is also important that you report anything suspicious. Virtually all attacks are precipitated by pre-event indicators. Reporting suspicious people, vehicles, packages, or circumstances is critical. Always call 911 in an emergency, but insure that anything you think is "not quite right" gets reported. CSI is always willing to field information and offer guidance as to the proper forum to report.

The Community Security Initiative is a project of the UJA Federation of NY and the JCRC-NY, and is the primary point of contact for all Jewish communal security needs and resources in the Greater Hudson Valley. As CSI's Regional Security Director for the greater Hudson Valley, I can coordinate available resources for any institution. Training, vulnerability assessments, threat analysis, emergency planning, and general connectivity should be near the top of every institution's "to do" list. I encourage all institutions to contact me and establish connection so I can best find ways to help.

Community Security Initiative (CSI) CSI monitors and responds to antisemitic incidents, extremist activities, and related threats across New York State, and Southwest Connecticut, including the Greater Hudson Valley (GHV). The GHV encompasses the areas served by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, the Jewish Federation of Orange County, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, in addition to the counties of Sullivan, Ulster, Putnam, and portions of Delaware County.

CSI Provides:

- * Advanced Threat Monitoring: Tracking threats targeting the community on the deep and dark web through dedicated threat intelligence analysts.

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Continued, CSI Provides:

- ✧ Enhanced Physical Security: Strengthening the security of institutions across the region.
- ✧ Active Threat and Security Awareness Training: Offering specialized training for staff at synagogues, schools, Jewish Community Centers (JCCs), and camps to prepare for active shooter situations.
- ✧ Security Assessments: Conducting comprehensive physical security assessments to support applications for federal and state grants.
- ✧ Real-Time Emergency Communications: Supplying a networked communication system that connects Jewish institutions across the region, ensuring swift coordination during emergencies.
- ✧ Connection With Other Jewish Communal Security Resources: CSI collaborates with and connects as necessary institutions across the GHV with resources from partner entities such as the Secure Communities Network (SCN), The Community Security Service (CSS), as well as with law enforcement.

**Patrick Regan, Regional Director – Greater Hudson Valley
Community Security Initiative 520 8th Avenue Suite 1400 New York, NY 10018
Office: 212-983-4800 ext 109 Mobile: 929-302-9550
reganp@csiny.org www.csiny.org**

Starting February 5th (Wednesdays)

7PM

Tai Chi

 **B'NAI TORAH SHUL**

Our brilliant Howard Steng will be leading everyone in the art of Tai Chi this Wednesday. Come learn this form of balance and alignment with a supportive community!

\$10 for each drop in class

**Donate to Help Supply IDF soldiers
with Warm Winter Gear.**

Rochelle Marshall will be heading to Israel in February with funds for Pam Lazarus' supplies for IDF soldiers. Donations are going towards new warm thermals and other winter gear for them.



To donate please do one of the following:

- **Contact Rochelle (845-783-2495) to drop off cash donations before February 18th**
- **Mail checks (made payable to Pamela Lazarus) to Samantha Karni: 4 Winged Foot Drive, Livingston, NJ 07039**
- **Send funds through PayPal or Zelle using the email address: pamelalazarus@hotmail.com.**



**Synagogue Outreach and Marketing
Coordinator
Congregation Agudas Israel-
Newburgh, NY**



Are you passionate about community building and creative communication? Congregation Agudas Israel is seeking an enthusiastic and skilled Synagogue Outreach and Marketing Coordinator to increase awareness of our vibrant programs and services throughout Newburgh and the surrounding areas.

We are launching exciting new classes and programs, and we want to ensure that everyone in the Jewish community knows about them. From curating a dynamic social media presence to distributing flyers at local businesses, your role will be pivotal in spreading the word and engaging with the community. You'll also explore new opportunities for outreach, connecting with the Jewish community outside the synagogue walls. You will work directly with our congregation's spiritual leader to ensure our outreach and marketing efforts align with our vision and values.. Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter detailing your experience and interest in this role to Carl Sayres, cantor@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org Full Job Description Here: www.jewishorangenyny.org/jewish-life/new-career-center/career-center

JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON CIVIL DISCOURSE

by Rabbi Eitan Bloostein

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON ZOOM

- October 31 - Date change due to Sukkot
- November 21
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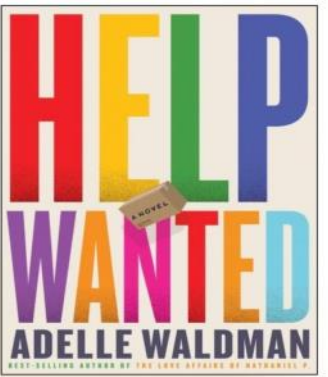
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