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March 2025 adar/nisan 5785



We continue to pray for the families of the hostages as we see the release of some of their loved ones from captivity.

May we find our way to a world of peace today, and forevermore.

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Games & Music

MARCH 1, 2025 / 6PM-8:30

Temple Beth-El
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Phone: 845-783-2626

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The Jewish Federation OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY
Building Our Jewish Community Together

Temple Beth Shalom
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WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Jewish Book Council

JBC Author Series with Shira Dicker

JOIN US FOR A BOOK TALK AT
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
13 ROOSEVELT AVE, FLORIDA, NY

**SUNDAY
MARCH 2ND
2:00PM**

LOLITA
AT LEONARD'S OF GREAT NECK
and OTHER STORIES from the BEFORE TIMES

with Shira Dicker
Shira Dicker is a restless writer who is captivated by contemporary culture. The mother of 3 adult children and a grandmother known as "EeHee," she lives in NYC with her husband.

The 5 compelling tales of *Lolita at Leonard's of Great Neck and other stories from the before times* take you on an immersive journey from 1974 to the 2000s. The characters of this unforgettable collection inhabit the golden era of the post war, pre-pandemic world. Heartbreaking & sometimes hilarious, their stories disclose & document what it meant to be American, Jewish, and female.

REGISTER AT: WWW.JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/2024-2025-JBC
CALL 845-562-7860 OR OFFICE@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG

Sponsorships Opportunities Available | Books Available at The Event

Join us at Temple Beth Shalom on Sunday, March 2 | 2pm for a book talk with Shira Dicker, author of "Lolita at Leonard's of Great Neck and Other Stories from the Before Times". Use the QR Code to register



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 May 4 at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY
 August 17 at Federation Funday!
 November 2 location TBA

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A Jewish community collaboration
 invites you to an:
Almost-Spring Mixer

Sunday, March 16 | 2-5pm

Featuring the live band:

Nina and the Blender Brothers



Pine Island Tap House
 682 County Route 1
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No Cover Charge
 Food & Beverages Available for purchase

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

- ✧ A contribution has been made, in memory of Adam Pomerantz, beloved son of Dr. Paul Pomerantz by:
 - ✧ Suzanne and Jack Berkowitz
 - ✧ Karen Levin
 - ✧ Carol Levine
- ✧ A contribution has been made, by Ellen, Stephen and Daniel Solomon and Melissa Kornhaber, in honor of Martin Rosmarin's 100th Birthday; Mazel Tov!
- ✧ A contribution has been made in memory of Linda Stein, given by her community on "Ever Loved."
- ✧ A contribution has been made, in memory of Patricia Rider, beloved wife of David Rider by Carol Levine.
- ✧ A contribution has been made, in memory of Harold Suresky, beloved father of Joseph Suresky by Carol Levine.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County and Partner Organizations Welcome You To A

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

"MAKE SOME NOISE" AS WE TELL ESTHER'S STORY WITH SONG & SILLINESS!

COME IN COSTUME! GRAB SOME LUNCH! **PLAY GAMES & WIN PRIZES! NOSH ON HAMANTASCHEN!**

PARTICIPATION FEE - THE PURIM MITZVAH OF PROVIDING FOR OTHERS IN NEED; BRING 5 NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS OR \$10 DONATION TO THE FLORIDA FOOD PANTRY PER FAMILY.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
 13 ROOSEVELT AVENUE
 FLORIDA, NY 10921

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Stop-Hate-Challenge 2025

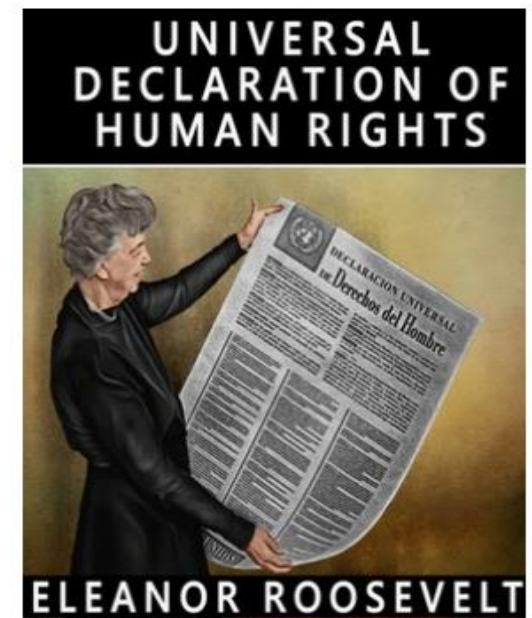
Sponsored By:

Zachor Antisemitism Initiative, Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County NY

to promote tolerance & understanding through education

Topic: *The United Nations: Peace, dignity & equality on a healthy planet; The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

- Open to Orange County Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12
- CA\$H prizes will be awarded to winning students & teachers!
- All student submissions are due no later than March 28, 2025



More info, please use QR Code, visit:
jewishorangeny.org/-stop-hate-challenge
Or
Email: Zachor@jewishorangeny.org



**Stop Hate Symposium Monday May 19,
@Middletown HS 30 Gardner Ext Ave,
Middletown, NY
More details to follow**

 www.jewishorangeny.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

As 2025 settles in and spring draws near, that means that Purim is around the corner! In case you don't remember the whole Megillah, here's my non-rabbinic synopsis: In the story of Purim, Mordechai and Esther passionately work to ensure the future of our people as the existence of Jews is threatened once again. Without their commitment to their community, it's feasible that the Jewish community of today would be vastly different, if it existed at all.



As much as times are different today than they were for Esther and Mordechai in Shushan all those centuries ago, the themes of history can repeat themselves. We could argue all day (as us Jews are want to do...) about who a modern-day Haman (boo!!) might be. But, no matter the result of that argument, you have the potential today to make a difference in the future of Jewish life that would have a similar effect to that of Esther and Mordechai. In modern times you don't have to have the ear of a king or queen to make a difference. Rather, by making a gift to our Annual Campaign, or by opening an endowment to ensure that your gift continues to give even after you're gone, you are helping to ensure the future of our people. As antisemitism rises in our community and around the world, the State of Israel persistently fights for her right to exist, and connections to organized religion decline, the Jewish Federation works to build Jewish community here in Orange County, and to support Jews around the world.

You'll see in this edition, examples of some of the upcoming community activities that your gift can help support. Watch your mail and email for more opportunities throughout the year. There will be plenty of chances to connect with your Jewish roots. Whether it's attending the upcoming county-wide Purim Carnival, attending a presentation by an author from the Jewish Book Council, or participating in a program supported by one of our microgrants, there's something for everyone in Orange County. Have questions about finding religious education for your kids or yourself? We can help with that too. Very few of our programs require payment to access. It's the generosity of our community that makes that happen.

If you're so moved to support your Jewish community and be like modern day Mordechai and Esther, you can make your gift on our website: JewishOrangeNY.org (we even take PayPal!), or by sending your gift to us at: 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Wishing you a happy Purim, and we hope to see you at an upcoming event!



Wendy Cedar, Executive Director | Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845-562-7860

Stay connected with us through our weekly **We Are One Newsletter E-Blast** (sign up by emailing office@jewishorangeny.org or Call 845.562.7860 & provide your email address), online at 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](https://www.facebook.com/JewishFederationofGreaterOrangeCountyNY)



Temple Beth Jacob

Presents:

Scholar-in-Residence

AI, Robotics and Torah: Where Judaism and Science Meet

Friday-Sunday, March 21-23, 2025



Featuring:

Rabbi Geoff Mitelman

Founding Director

Sinai and Synapses,

An organization bridging the scientific and religious worlds



Friday, March 21, 7:30pm

Rabbi Mitelman will speak at Shabbat Services on *"Has Science Replaced God?"*

Saturday, March 22, 6:00pm

A dinner program for adults will feature Rabbi Mitelman leading an interactive session of *"AI Doing Torah: Can AI Develop a Neshama?"* Bring your laptop! It will be wild, fun and surprising! **In conjunction with Student Cantor Concert.**



Sunday morning, March 23, 10:00am, an interactive program for adults in the community: *"There Are Places I Remember: Outsourcing our Memory!"* With concerns for memory as we age, what can technology add or replace?

Program sponsored in part by Temple Beth Jacob's George and Annette Packer Scholar-in-Residence Fund, and by a Microgrant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

Temple Beth Jacob presents an Evening of Music and Joy! Sondheim, Sing Alongs, and Surprises From Broadway to the Bima, and Beyond

Don't Miss a Fabulous Concert!

Saturday Night, March 22, 2025

at 7:30pm



Join Student Cantor Sam Chamberlin for an evening of song, featuring secular and Jewish favorites!

Acquire your Concert Tickets now!

Adult Tickets	\$25
Children (under 15)	\$10

Featuring Surprise Guest

David Epstein

Concert Sponsorships available! Sponsorships include two tickets, reserved seats up front, notice in concert program, and wine & cheese reception in advance of concert.

NOTE-able Sponsorships	\$250
MEASURE-able Sponsorships	\$180

In conjunction with the Scholar In Residence!



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 **Lily 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

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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 ifeds.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

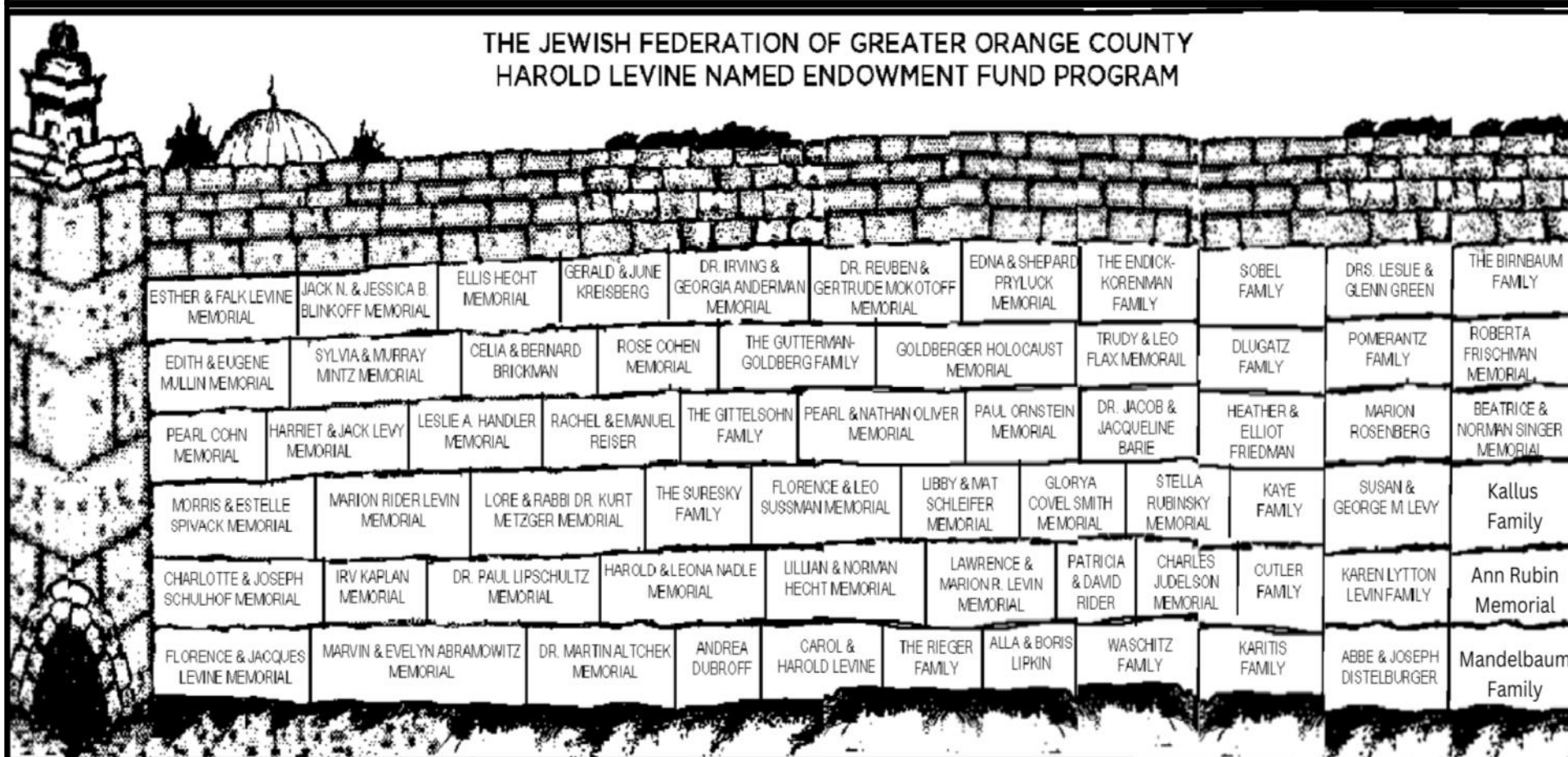


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The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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



Get Ready For Passover! Order your Kosher for Passover wine through our Kedem Winery fundraiser today!

A portion of all proceeds support the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. **To help us defray costs, will you add \$1 to orders of 3-6 bottles, for the reusable bag in which they will be packaged?**

Note: Other wines are available upon request, call Tara at Kedem at **845.236.4000 Ext. 105. ACCESS ORDER FORM HERE: jewishorangenyny.org.**

Please make checks payable to: Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. Return Order Form and Checks to the office or pay through our website: JewishOrangeNY.org (please indicate website payment on order form) **by March 31** via Email: Director@JewishOrangeNY.org;
Mail: 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550.
Orders will be available for pick-up at select locations beginning April 9-11

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ **Select Pick Up Location:**

Federation office; Kol Yisrael; Monroe Temple; Cong. Eitz Chaim; Cong. Beth Hillel; Temple Beth Shalom; Temple Sinai; B'nai Torah Shul

1519 Route 9W, Marlboro, NY 12542 Tasting Room Tel: 845-236-3651 **PASSOVER WINE LIST 2025** Call Tara for other options: 845-236-4000 x 105

WINE	PRICE	QTY	\$ AMT	WINE	PRICE	QTY	\$ AMT
NYS - Kedem				Rashi			
Concord	\$5.25			Joyvin Red	\$11		
Malaga	\$5.25			Joyvin Peach Moscato	\$11		
Cream Niagara	\$5.25			Claret (semi-sweet)	\$11		
Cream White	\$5.25			Spain			
Cream Rose	\$5.25			Ramon Cardova Rioja	\$16		
Matuk Kal 4.5%	\$5.25			Capcanes Peraj Petita Rosat	\$18		
Blush Chablis	\$7.75			New Zealand - Goosebay			
Marsala (cooking)	\$10			Pinot Noir	\$25		
Port	\$18			Sauvignon Blanc	\$20		
NYS - Laufer				Israel			
Mead Honey Apple	\$12			Tabor Cabernet Sauvignon	\$20		
California				Tabor Merlot	\$20		
Baron Herzog				Barkan Classic			
Jeunesse Cabernet (semi)	\$13			Chardonnay	\$12		
Jeunesse Blk Muscat (semi)	\$13			Malbec	\$12		
Chardonnay	\$13			Pinot Noir	\$12		
Merlot	\$13			Teperberg			
Cabernet Sauvignon	\$13			Cabernet-Petite Sirah Blend	\$12		
White Zinfandel	\$11			Late Harvest Riesling (500 ml)	\$18		
Chenin Blanc	\$11			Segal's			
Lineage Pinot Noir (reserve)	\$22			Red Blend Fusion	\$15		
Late Harvest Orange Muscat	\$25			White Blend Fusion	\$15		
Dignitary - Cabernet (reserve)	\$30			Carmel			
Weinstock				Riesling- Chenin Blanc (semi-dry)	\$12		
Red by W	\$12			Mango Moscato	\$12		
Cabernet	\$12			France - Hippie Rose	\$17		
Stoudemire - Cab Sauvignon	\$24			Koenig Riesling (dry)	\$18		
Italy				Chateau Trijet Organic Bordeaux	\$15		
Bartenura				Riganes Cabernet Franc	\$13		
Malvasia	\$15			Australia			
Moscato 5%	\$15			Teal Lake Shiraz	\$14		
Moscato Cans - 4 pack	\$16			Kedem Juices			
Pinot Grigio	\$15			Organic Concord 22 oz	\$4		
Prosecco	\$20			Concord Juice 22 oz	\$2.50		
Sparkling Moscato Rose	\$20			Peach Juice 22 oz.	\$2.50		
Montepulciano	\$15			Sparkling Concord Juice	\$3.50		
Vera Wang				Sparkling Peach Juice	\$3.50		
Prosecco Rose	\$25			Foods			
Hungary				Kedem Gefilte Fish	\$7		
Laufer Select				Bartenura Olive Oil (16.9 oz)	\$12		
Tokaji Ice Wine (375 ml)	\$42			Bartenura Balsamic Vin (16.9oz)	\$12		
Tokaji Late Harvest	\$42			Zeta Basil-Garlic Olive Oil (8.5oz)	\$12		

Help us defray costs! Add \$1 for every 3-6 bottles, for the reusable bag in which they will be packaged. **Total Amount \$** _____

A portion of all proceeds support the work of **The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County**.
Place Order & Payment by **Mar 31, 2025**; Mail: 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550 Email: Director@JewishOrangeNY.org
Or: pay through our website: JewishOrangeNY.org/donate/donate-now (indicate website payment on order form)
Orders will be available for **pick-up at locations above, April 9-11, 2025** **THANK YOU! And Happy Passover!**

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



UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING GRIEF AND LOSS

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

This presentation is free and open to the entire community!

March 10th 7:00pm-8:30pm
Virtual - Zoom

To register for this virtual Zoom Presentation, send your name, e-mail address & phone number to Hal K. Marcus at Hmarc57@yahoo.com, or call (914) 443-7202

Presentation by Hal K. Marcus, MA, Master CASAC, Consultant Psychotherapist

with an introduction by

Paula Blumenau, JFS Orange Outreach Coordinator



SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

SPRING INTO SERVICE-- VOLUNTEER THIS MARCH!

MARCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Virtual training sessions on March 5th & 25th at 5:00pm

Interested?

Contact Paula at (845) 341-1173 x305 or by email at volunteer@jfsorange.org
JFSORANGE.ORG



Join our Senior Independence Program team to provide our senior neighbors with Local Transportation, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping, Friendly Visits, and more.

*Pre-approval is required to attend training. Please contact us for an application. Alternate dates and times can be made available upon request.



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Through Federation, You Can Do Good That Goes Everywhere
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While you're reading this, your gift is impacting Jewish lives around the world. From North America to Ukraine to Israel and across 70 other countries - your gift impacts lives around the world.

My Tree In Israel

Support an Israeli Farmer and Receive From Their Bounty, Your Own Private-Label:

Olive Oil, Kosher Wine or Whisky!



Kosher for Passover Wine | March 5th
Whiskey | April 25th
Olive Oil | October 25th

Use The QR Code To Order or visit The Website Jewishorangny.org To Learn More! Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office 845-562-7860.



Our tradition provides us with endless examples of opposites: light contrasting with darkness in the creation story, the separation of holy versus profane time, and the distinction between kosher versus traif food and ritual objects are but a few. Although this year of 5785 presents symmetry between the first day of March with the first day of the Hebrew month of Adar, we discover yet one more stark contrast between the frivolity and fun of Purim with the recent unspeakable sorrow shared concerning the fate of the Bibas family. In anticipation of Purim, the Talmud asserts that “joy increases with the arrival of Adar,” yet after 16 months of still awaiting the return of all the remaining hostages in Gaza, this instruction may feel too difficult to manage.



Yet, a deeper dive into that Talmudic text (Ta’anit 29A) may provide a model, for it too contains a contrast, one between lamentation and celebration. The first refers to the Hebrew month of Av, the time during which tradition asserts both the First and Second Temples were destroyed (in 586 BCE and 70 CE respectively). According to Rav Yehuda, “Just as when Av begins one decreases rejoicing, so too when the month of Adar begins, one increases rejoicing.” In other words in spite of the theological and national trauma experienced as a result of those tremendous losses, the rabbinic tradition modeled a path forward. “Decreasing joy” may seem to be an inadequate response to this latest tragedy, or maybe it is an invitation to continue in spite of it.

Although the story of Purim includes tragic edicts, gruesome violence, and a most likely X-rated beauty contest, this holiday has taken on lighthearted fun, especially our children. With great ceremony we read Megillat Esther, where despite evil counselors and foolish kings, all turns out well, and we are commanded to shout and sing and drink and eat in celebration. But what if we don’t feel like celebrating? What if, especially now, we’re not feeling the joy? Perhaps the answer comes from the megillah itself, the Book of Esther states “That month” – this very month of Adar we are about to enter – “was reversed for them from grief to joy” (Esther 9:22). In other words, the month of Adar was declared a month of happiness, not because the people were already joyful but because they experienced grief. The month of Adar asks us to reach down into ourselves, despite the pain that might surround us, and to find joy within ourselves, and to reverse our grief, even if only for a short time.

Back to that opening contrast from the Creation story, despite the evidence that we now face darkness, we must also remember our sources of light. Whereas we must never forget how the Bibas brothers’ black shrouded coffins were paraded ruthlessly by Hamas, we must also never forget how those beautiful red headed boys smiled in countless image after image with their beloved family and friends. Most of all as we await Purim, I ask that you remember their matching Batman costumes and remember that, now more than ever, we should create a space to celebrate Purim. Many have gathered in these weeks under Orange illuminated landmarks and/or with orange balloons in memory of Ariel and Kfir’s brightly illuminated hair. Others have taken to social media to post messages with orange backgrounds to their non-Jewish friends to speak of the pain, fear, and isolation this time has brought. Others still speak of the importance of performing mitzvot in honor of the entire Bibas family. Perhaps not so coincidentally, there happens to be 4 mitzvot associated with Purim.

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Not only do I encourage you to seek out the various services and programs offered by our congregations and The Jewish Federation of Orange County, but I also encourage you to encourage your kids at college, your adult children, your Jewish neighbors, your Jewish friends on Facebook, to do the same. If getting to a specific place or creating something on your own is challenging then head to the web for finding something appropriate. The four mitzvot are as follows:

1. **Hearing the Megillah**
2. **Mishloach Manot – Giving gifts to friends**
3. **Matanot LaEvyonim – Giving gifts to the poor**
4. **Purim Seudah – A special Purim feast**

Just as we light a third Shabbat candle in honor of those who remain in Gazan captivity, let us do at least one mitzvah of Purim in honor and memory of Ariel and K'fir. Do this for them, do this for you, and encourage anyone you can think of who, at a "time such as this" (Esther 4:14), instead of just saying "oy," could use some Jewish joy!

Purim Sameach!
Rabbi Rebecca Shinder
Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY

Partial Jewish Summer Camp & Israel Experience Scholarships Deadline for all Scholarship applications March 31, 2025

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 a member of our Federation.

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

Two of our Scholarship recipients shared their thanks with us!

Dear Jewish Federation,
Hi, my name is **Moussia**. I want to thank u so much for allowing me to go to **camp 2 months** last year. I loved camp and it was so much fun. the reason it was so fun is because i got to be around tons of girls my age. I also got to be in a special program for girls going into 8th grade and it was so fun! I look forward to camp all year and was so happy that you were able to make that happen.



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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.

For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY

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.

Applications for 2025 summer programs due by 3/31

Use QR code or find the application at: JewishOrangeNY.org/scholarships

Hi, my name is **Chana**.

I want to say thank you for the amazing summer I had last year with the Jewish federations help. I was in the oldest bunk of the middle division. That means I got to go on some trips with the older division and some trips with the middle division. We also went to the pool twice a week and I love to go swimming. I wasn't sure if I was going to enjoy **day camp**, but once I went, I had a lot of fun. Thank you for being a part of the amazing summer I had.



GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY | TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!

WOO HOO!! Match #120!! 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, March 4 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange, Newburgh: Kaplan Hall, One Washington Center
- ✦ Thursday, March 6 | 10am -2 pm - Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, 60 Prospect Ave, Middletown
- ✦ Monday, March 10 | 10:30am-3pm - SUNY New Paltz Student Union Bldg, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz
- ✦ Wednesday March 12 | 10:30am-2:30pm - Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Student Union Bldg: RM 2106-1, 1761 5th St, Troy
- ✦ Wednesday, March 26 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange, Middletown: Rowley Center, 115 South Street
- ✦ Saturday, April 26 | 2 -4pm (outside) at Newburgh Urban Farming Fair- Downing Park, Newburgh



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.jewishorangeny.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
- December 19
- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15



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Holocaust Memorial Day Event

April 23, 2025 | 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

at Kol Yisrael, 290 North St., Newburgh



27th of Nisan, the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

We Remember six million Jewish victims of the Shoah, millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and

We Honor The Survivors!

Program Details:



- Family Craft Programs (for children)..... 4:30 PM
- American Witnesses: Interactive Exhibit..... 5:00 PM
- Light Dinner..... 6:00 PM
- Service and Candle Lighting..... 6:45 PM
- Naomi Miller: You Are The Future..... 7:00 PM

Featuring: Naomi Miller "You Are The Future"

A moving musical & educational Holocaust commemoration program

Naomi, the child of survivors, was born in a displaced person's camp in Landsberg, Germany. She came to the U.S. when she was 2 years old, along with her parents, the sole survivors of their families.

Naomi has been honored to perform throughout the country & in Europe, including at the at the Terezin (Theresienstadt) Concentration Camp



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



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COMEDY FOR PEACE
Sunday April 27 @4 PM

Graham Skea Lodge at Stony Ford

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Wednesdays • 11 am

(2nd Wednesday of each month)

March 12 • April 9

Location TBA

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Please email or write Helene Shafran or Rochelle Marshall if you'd like to join!

MonroeHadassahNY@gmail.com • Monroe Hadassah, P.O. Box 298, Harriman NY 10926

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*If you have lost a child or grandchild,
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Meeting at the Kol Yisrael Campus
290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM

Sunday March 9

For more information:
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org

**First Friday Feast & Shabbat Across
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Friday, March 7 - Join hundreds of synagogues across the continent to take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews – Shabbat! Everyone is invited



Find Friends, Fun, and Fantastic Food at Congregation Agudas Israel!

6:00 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv in the main sanctuary
7:00 PM - Dinner

Feast on a Flavorful, Fulfilling dinner Feast with Fantastic Fixings! Surround yourself with **Fellowship, Friendship, and Family-Friendly Fun** that will leave you **Fed, Full and Festively Fabulous.**



Do us a Favor! **RSVP by Friday, February 28th**

It's **Free**, it's **Fun**, and it's for **Folks** of all **Fashions!** **Fuel** your **Friday** and **Feel** the **Frolicking**, **Find Favor**, and **Fill** your **Friday** with something **Fantastic!**

If you can't join us in person, **please join us via this zoom link!**



How women like Esther have inspired us!

**Monroe Hadassah Membership Meeting
Sunday, March 16 • 12 noon
Location TBA**

Read excerpts from Hadassah's Women in Action series, comparing Esther to three present-day women, Shoshona Cardin, Noa Tishby and Gal Gadot. Share stories of some of our own heroines who inspire us to take action ourselves. Hear from Rochelle Marshall about her recent trip to Israel.

Select from our All-Occasion Assortment of Cards at a special price!

**Registration: \$18
Catered meal!**

RSVP ASAP! Bring JNF funds in!

Write a check at the door or mail a check payable to 'Hadassah' with memo 'ID#30-475-000' to Monroe Hadassah, P.O. Box 298, Harriman NY 10926.

**Sandy Mardale, Program Assistant
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Arrives St James Theater about 12:30

Show begins at 3:00PM (2 hours, 35 minutes)

Depart New York at 6:00PM

Arrive West Nyack Park & Ride about 7:00PM

Arrive Temple Sinai about 8:15

Seats are Balcony 1, rows A, B & C, Mostly center section.



St. James Theatre
246 West 44th Street
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Theater seating assigned in the order we receive reservations. No Exceptions

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Registration form and fee must be received at Temple Sinai by April 17th.

Make checks payable to Temple Sinai Men's Club.

For further information email Stephie Sturman; stephesturman@gmail.com

Or Alan Pressman; alan@rocklanddental.com

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March 7

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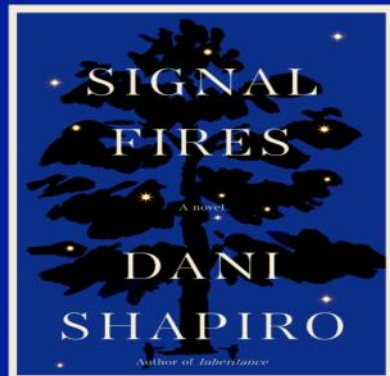
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