

My Tree In Israel

- * Adopt a whiskey barrel by 4/30/24 for June '24 delivery of your whiskey
- * Adopt an olive tree by 11/15/24 for December '24 delivery of your olive oil
- * For adoptions after these dates, expect delivery of your gift in the 2025 season



Use The QR Code To Order Or The Link Below. They Are Now Offering Whiskey Too, Visit The Website To Learn More! Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office 845-562-7860.



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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.

This program is being presented at the **Stop Hate Symposium for Orange County Students who have participated in the Stop Hate Challenge.**

Watch for dates for this important presentation open to the entire community at a later date. Co-sponsored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission.

Have an idea?

Jewish in OC Micro Grant

Applications Open Today!
JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/MICROGRANT

A Micro-Grant can foster new ideas in the Orange County Jewish community bringing us together, connecting us with a positive impact and helping the community learn and grow together.

Apply here: jewishorangeney.org/microgrant

THERE'S A LOT OF EXCELLENT PROGRAMMING IN ORANGE COUNTY THIS MONTH.

ALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

5:30PM AT TBS

second night seder

open to the entire community

Following the tradition of providing a place for all to celebrate Passover, we invite the entire community to join with our TBS family.

Fully catered; salad, matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, potatoes, green vegetable, fruit and desserts. All the other Passover goodies provided by TBS.

Adults-\$50 Kids 5 to 13-\$18
Under 5-FREE

RSVP by April 16th with check payable to TBS to Gail Conklin, 11 Weathervane La., Middletown, NY 10940 or pay online at tbsny.org/donate, indicate 2024 Seder

Subsidized in part by a grant from The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County

Sponsorships:

- \$50 helps a family that cannot afford to pay
- \$180 helps pay for security
- \$180 helps pay our servers
- \$200 helps pay for the food

No gift is too small!



MY TREE STRENGTHENS THE IDF,
WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WE ARE RESOLUTE IN ISRAEL'S
TRIUMPH!



Amidst the mourning of lives lost, urgency grips us as we face the realities of war. We are resolute in triumphing for our home. Your steadfast support, both past and present, is our anchor in these critical times.

This season, adopting your tree takes on newfound significance as we urgently allocate proceeds to Beit Kobi, bolstering the Israeli Defence Forces.

Stay resilient – together, our strength is paramount!



CREATE YOUR PRIVATE BRAND OF
OLIVE OIL • WINE • WHISKY
FROM YOUR FARMERS IN ISRAEL



A portion of the proceeds are donated back to the community and Israel's Defence Forces.

mytree.org.il/federation-orange-county-ny



Stop Hate Symposium

“Building Bridges For Humanity”



The Jewish Federation
OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY

Reverend Earl S. Miller
Humanity Focused Solutions



Dr. Ron Israelski
Orthopaedic Relief Services
International



The Tulsa Massacre, 1921
“Black Wall Street Massacre”



Kristallnacht “The Night of Broken Glass” 1938
A harbinger of
The Shoah/Holocaust



Tuesday April 16, 5 PM
Middletown High School
30 Gardner Ext Ave. Middletown, NY



Winning entries from Stop Hate Challenge will be read & performed by students



BEIT SEFER • בית ספר

Beit Sefer of Orange County • A new twist on Jewish education!

Lower East Side Field Trip

The trip will be on Sunday, April 14th and will include the bus ride to NYC, Museum at Eldridge Street, lunch and more!

Registration and fee are due on Sunday, March 17th

\$25 per person -

This fee is subsidized by Grants from The Monroe Temple & Jewish Federation of Orange County

Parents are welcome, space is limited

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE!

Contact Monroe Temple Beth El for additional details:

845.783.2626

Office@MonroeTemple.org

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!
NEWBURGH JCC PASOVER SEDER
EXPERIENCE For KIDS!

Friday, April 12 3:30-5PM
Kol Yisrael, 290 North St, Newburgh
**Free, designed for
children under age 12!**
Questions, contact Amanda:
visitnewburghjcc@gmail.com

The Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat Experience is a free ongoing program, made possible by a grant from PJ Library. This is a collaborative event with the Newburgh JCC, The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, held at Kol Yisrael, 290 North St, Newburgh



PJ Library Get Together Grants!

Receive \$100 to "Get Together" with friends, & Do Something Jewish! To Learn More, Visit PJLibrary.org/qt



Passover Seder Experience for Kids

Friday, April 12
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
FREE! Designed for children under 12

Join us for a Seder experience where kids can see, touch, taste, and hear the story of Passover.

Led by our PJ Library partners and educators.

This program made possible through an engagement grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.



Newburgh Chamber Music
presents



Photo Credit: Peter Schaaf

The AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

Featuring the music of Beethoven,
Shostakovich, and Brahms

Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m.
Kol Yisrael
290 North St. Newburgh

Tickets: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, \$10 students.
Available at the door (cash or check only) or at
newburghchambermusic.org

NFTY GER-PAR
April 5-7
Camp Harlam Kunkletown, PA

Spring Kallah

GRADES 8 - 12

NEW EVENTS
-game show -talent shows
-region wars -social action

Sign up link: <https://cvent.me/8Xb7uR>

April 22 & 23 (Mon/Tue)

Passover Seders!

@B'nai Torah Shul

Save the date for our Passover Seders! Tickets will be available soon!

First Night, April 22nd, Traditional kosher dairy Potluck Seder (FREE TO ATTEND)

Second Night, April 23rd, catered seder with lots of fun, music, and more (TICKETS REQUIRED, 45 Person Limit)

SAVE THE DATE:

DARTH SEDER

TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024

MONROE TEMPLE

**AN OUT OF THIS WORLD SEDER
LIKE YOU NEVER EXPERIENCED
BEFORE!**



Temple Beth Jacob Woman's and Community Passover Seders

Women's Seder: Sunday, April 14 at 1pm. Open to all Women of Orange County.
\$18 per person. **RSVP by April 4** to (845) 562-5516.

TBJ Community Seder: Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm. Join Rabbi Kohn, Student Cantor Phillip Fisherman and your fellow TBJ friends & families for a meaningful & musical Seder. \$20 per person/\$10 children 5 - 13 (under 5 free). Bring a bottle of Kosher for Passover wine to share with your table. Afikomen prizes. Dinner will be soup, chicken & traditional sides (vegetarian option available). **RSVP by Thursday, April 18** to (845) 562-5516.

CONGREGATION **BETH HILLEL**
WALDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MODEL SEDER
WALDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Sunday April 14 at 11 AM

Join us as we conduct a Model Passover Seder for our congregation in advance of out at home Seders. Questions: 845-778-7374 (leave a message)

PASSOVER FOOD SAMPLING AND RECIPE SWAP

Tuesday, April 16th
at 7:30pm in person

Sign up to make any Passover food: appetizer, entree, snack, dessert, or anything of your choice! Serve in sampling-size portions. Make sure to bring copies of the recipe to share. Have a fun night out while discovering new Passover recipes for your cookbook! Do you want to just sample food? That's ok too!

RSVP BY 4/15 IS REQUIRED - WITH FOOD CHOICE OR IF YOU'RE JUST SAMPLING
beth61089@gmail.com

All temple members welcome!

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Sit onager together
Monroe Temple Sisterhood/WFJ
Women of Reform Judaism

Congregation Agudas Israel Passover Services at the synagogue

CAI

- 1st Day: Tuesday, April 23rd- 9:15am
- 2nd Day: Wednesday, April 24th-9:15am
- 7th Day: Monday, April 29th- 9:15am
- 8th Day: Tuesday, April 30th- 9:15am

BEIT SEFER בית ספר
Beit Sefer of Orange County • A new twist on Jewish education!

SHUL-IN
April 19 - 20th

Services with Oneg to follow
Crafts, activities, movies and more!

Check in: Friday 6:15pm
Pick Up: Saturday 9:30am

*breakfast and snacks will be provided

Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism
314 North Main St.
Monroe, NY

RSVP by April 12th to
office@monroetemple.org

TEMPLE SINAI Shacharit for Passover

- Day 1: Tuesday, April 23rd- 9:15am
- Day 2: Wednesday, April 24th-9:15am
- Day 7: Monday, April 29th- 9:15am
- Day 8: Tuesday, April 30th- 9:15am, Yizkor- 10:30am

The Jewish Federation

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

Join the Jewish Federation for Jewish Heritage Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 19th, 2024
First Pitch: 2:05PM
Gates Open: 1:05 PM

Night Includes:
Kosher food options
Pre-Game Performances
In-Game Performances
AND MORE

Monroe Hadassah Membership Meeting

End The Silence

LET MY WOMEN GO!
A Passover Viewpoint

Thursday, April 18 • 12 noon
314 North Main Street, Monroe NY 10950
 Hamas terrorists are using mass sexual violence and torture as a weapon of war. Help end the silence by standing up together (see page 3). Learn songs that may inspire you!
\$10 • passover potluck • beverages included
Send check payable to "Hadassah" with memo "ID# 30-475-000" to:
Claire Caspe, 108 Scott Street, Monroe NY 10950.
Cards and Certificates will be available!
RSVP ASAP to: Sandy Mardale
845-825-6563 • sandymardale05@gmail.com

Thursday, April 18th @Noon
Passover Potluck: \$10

RSVP ASAP:
Sandy Mardale
845-825-6563
sandymardale05@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE **Upcoming Events**

- Monday, May 6th Community Yom HaShoah Program
- Friday, May 10th Choose Your Own Adventure! Shabbat Adventure Finale!
- Sunday, June 9th at 10am Jewish Federations Annual Meeting
- Sunday, August 18th Federation Funday. Would you like to join in the planning committee? Email: office@jewishorangeny.org

More Details Coming Soon!

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 go to ifeds.org/israelfund2023



JFed QR code

Or your local Jewish Federation at jewishorangeny.org/donate (or scan the QR code to the left).



Swords of Iron QR code

Purim has passed, and our county-wide Purim Extravaganza was a tremendous success! It brings me great joy to see the Jewish community come together in celebration. Both children and adults enjoyed the festivities at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh and Hamantaschen and other triangular food abounded. Our religious leaders and educators led the fun by not taking themselves too seriously and by showing us how silliness can be a great teacher.



With Purim behind us, Passover is right around the corner! I get some comfort from viewing the year from holiday to holiday. It helps to savor the enjoyment of the last holiday while looking forward to the next. You may have heard the interpretation of all Jewish holidays as: "they tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat". Let's see if that tracks: Purim - check. Passover - check. Tisha B'Av - check. Chanukah - check. OK, so maybe not ALL of the Jewish holidays fall into that category, but there are enough to make the saying ring true! And, with very few exceptions, we certainly do have a food item or two that resonate with each holiday.

On that note, don't miss the upcoming conversation with Susan Simon and Rabbi Zoe Zak, authors of *The Cook and the Rabbi* - recipes and stories to celebrate the Jewish Holidays, on Sunday, April 7th, in-person at Temple Sinai in Middletown, with a Zoom option. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. They will present some recipes from their book and give additional insight into the storied customs behind festivities from each of the 14 holidays. It's another great opportunity to get together with your Jewish community and celebrate our past and our present.

Then, comes the future. While most of us don't have vision into the future, I will go out on a limb to say that one thing is certain: If we don't plan for the future today, the next generation will have a more difficult time staying connected to their roots. As the saying goes: L'dor Va'dor, from generation to generation. We have seen how the current war in Israel has divided the Jewish community around the world. If there's one thing we Jews all share, it's a propensity for opinions. AND, we also share a history. A long, meandering, storied history. We have been kicked out of so many places and faced annihilation so many times, and yet, our strong roots allow us to persevere. I don't know what the future will bring, but I know that the Jewish Federation will be here for a large percentage of it, to help support Jewish life, however that looks in the future. You can help ensure the future of our people here in Orange County in a number of ways; you can donate to our Annual Campaign, open an Endowment that will produce perpetual funds, and/or leave us in your Will or Trust. I am happy to discuss with you how you can be an integral part of sustaining the present and future of the Jewish people.

An early Happy Passover.

Warmly,

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org / 845.562.7860

The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

The Harold Levine Endowment Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County currently has 61 Endowments with a principle of over \$4,500,000. 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: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY HAROLD LEVINE NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM

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GIFT OF LIFE

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

WOO HOO!! Match #70!! 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 donors have been found as a result of our Orange County swabbing drives. One joins the registry with a quick swipe inside their cheeks with a cotton swab. Every donor who joins the registry has the potential to save someone's life. If you know someone between the age of 18-35 they can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftolife.org or contact Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com.

Our upcoming drives are:

- Tuesday, April 9th from 10am-2pm. Marist College Breezeway.
- Wednesday, April 10th 11am-2pm. Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine; 60 Prospect Ave, Middletown.
- Thursday, April 11th 10am-4pm. Chabad on Fulton Swabbing Drive at Vassar University, Poughkeepsie
- Tuesday, April 16th 11am-3pm. Mount Saint Mary College: The View, Aquinas Hall
- Thursday, April 18th 10am-3pm. SUNY Orange, Middletown Campus (126 South St), Shepard Building: next to the student center.



Through games, crafts, music and stories, ROOTS helps connect adults with developmental disabilities to the Jewish community and teaches them about Jewish traditions. ALL are WELCOME

A program of JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE of Orange County, Inc.

SPRING 2024 SERIES

Time: 6:30PM—8:00 PM (Wednesday Evenings)

Dates: March 6th
March 13th
March 20th (Purim)
March 27th
April 3rd
April 10th
April 17th (Passover)
May 1st

Location: Temple Sinai
75 Highland Avenue
Middletown

Cost: \$200.00 per individual (covers all 8 weeks)

Payments expected along with the registration form by February 1, 2024

Please mail or drop off payment to:

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE
720 Route 17M
Middletown, NY 10940

A snack and opportunity to attend evening prayer is provided

For questions about the program, please contact

NICKIE RONISINI at 845.341.1173 ext. 307 or email: NRONISINI@JFSORANGE.ORG

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

JFS JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE of Orange County Inc.
720 Route 17M, Middletown, New York 10940
P: 845.341.1173 F: 845.342.6436 WWW.JFSORANGE.ORG

Jewish Family Service-Support for Holocaust Survivors is collecting the following items, below.

- 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

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 <https://jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online>

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.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAININGS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Join our team to provide our elderly neighbors with Transportation, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping and Friendly Visits.



Upcoming Training Dates:

THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Middletown - In Person/Hybrid

THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2024
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Blooming Grove



To register for any of our trainings & other training opportunities, please call 845-341-1173 ext. 305 or email volunteer@jfsorange.org



Upcoming Training Dates:

- Thursday, April 4th 10am-12pm: Middletown, In-Person/Hybrid
- Thursday, April 9th 10am-12pm: Blooming Grove

To Register Call 845-314-1173 ext. 305 or Email: volunteer@jfsorange.org

Event Highlights from March!



**NFTY
NY & NJ
Disney
Day:
Temple
Beth
Shalom**



**Sharing Shabbat with PJ
Library at Kedem Winery
with the Challah Pixie
(Orange, Dutchess & Ulster
County).**



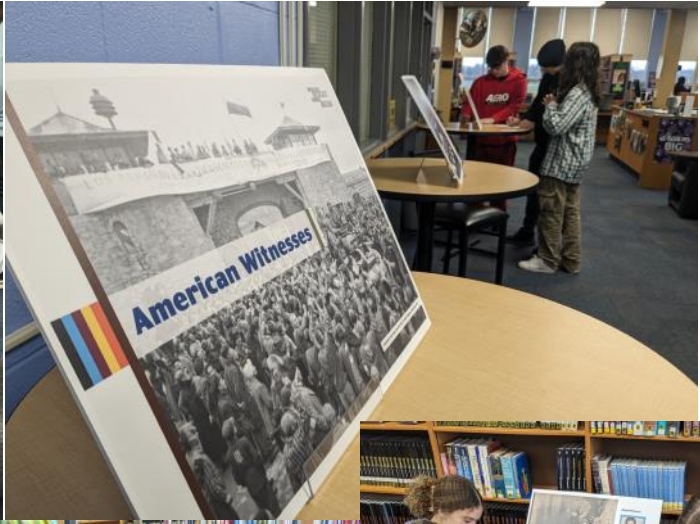
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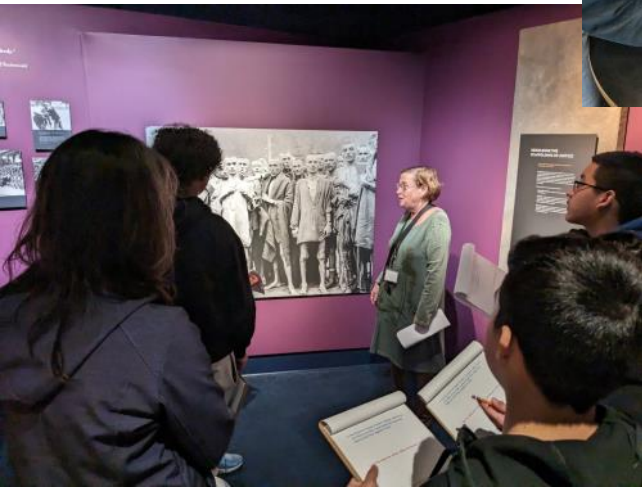
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