

WE ARE ONE

May 2025 iyar/sivan 5785

SAVE THE DATE!!



Jewish Federation
of Greater Orange County
Building Our Jewish Community Together

Federation Partner Synagogues & Organizations will honor special individuals who have shown outstanding service as their

Volunteer of the Year!

Election of Trustees will be held, **Only** members* in good standing may vote

*Membership requires a min. gift of \$36 to the 2024 Campaign.

JOIN US

49th Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 8
10 AM
at Kol Yisrael
290 North St, Newburgh

Free Event

Registration Required at jewishorangeny.regfox.com/49th-annual-meeting

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Looking for a way to make a difference in the local Jewish community?

The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County has a place for you!

Share your passion for the Jewish community with us!
Join a committee, volunteer, help fundraise

Support Jewish families

Scholarships!

For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY

Jewish summer camp
Trips to Israel
Religious school tuition
Other Jewish experiences

Help educate on antisemitism

ZACHOR
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NEVER FORGET

Support ideas for unique programs

Microgrants

for programs that;

- Build Jewish community
- Address a social justice issue from a Jewish lens
- Create new Jewish educational experiences

Free books & events for Jewish children thru age 13

Connect to the greater community

Community Relations Council

Connect our Jewish community with:

- Interfaith Communities
- Intra-faith Concerns
- Elected Officials

To learn more, contact Wendy:
Director@JewishOrangeNY.org
845.562.7860



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Give Where You Live

May 21, 2025

Your gift on **May 21st** opens opportunities for cash prizes and matching gifts to help us achieve our mission in 2025!
Give at HVGives.org on May 21 (or anytime in May)!



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Dance With Shmulik
WWW.SHMULIKGOVARI.COM

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

COMING TO ORANGE COUNTY IN 2025

REGISTER TODAY!

NOTE DATE CHANGES SUNDAYS:

- March 9 at Newburgh JCC
- May 4 at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY
- August 17 at Federation Funday!
- November 2 location TBA

Made possible by funding from:




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

REGISTER HERE:



jewishorangeny.regfox.com/israeli-dancing



Jewish Federation
of Greater Orange County



2025 Stop Hate Symposium

Human Rights; Peace, Dignity & Equality

With guest speakers:

Inaudy Gil, Executive Director, Orange County Human Rights Commission

Tracy Wallace, Compliance Coordinator, Independent Living, Inc.

Todd Hulet, Executive Director, Orange County NY Arts Council

Judy Ronay, Director, Zachor Antisemitism Initiative

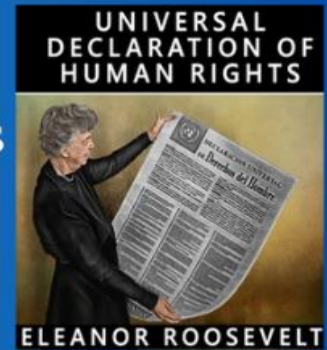


Winning entries from the Stop Hate Challenge will be read by students and prizes for the winning entries will be awarded

Dinner will be served, please register by Monday May 12 at jewishorangeny.org/-stop-hate-challenge or scan QR Code

Questions? email: Zachor@JewishOrangeNY.org

Monday May 19 | 5 PM, Middletown High School
30 Gardner Ext Ave, Middletown



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



JOIN US FOR AN EXTRA MEANINGFUL BOOK TALK WITH A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR IN HONOR OF JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

THURSDAY
MAY 8TH
6:30PM

AT TEMPLE BETH-EL
118 S. GRAND AVENUE, POUGHKEEPSIE
(IN THE SOCIAL HALL)



WITH JANET SINGER APPLEFIELD

Becoming Janet takes the reader on an authentic, emotional journey to Nazi occupied Poland, vividly depicting the broken, lonely, and tortured years of little Gustawa hiding in plain sight.



Community collaboration with Beacon Hebrew Alliance, Congregation Beth David, Congregation Schomre Israel, Congregation Shir Chadash, Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, Pj Library Mid-Hudson, Temple Beth-El, and Vassar Temple.

REGISTER AT: WWW.JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/2024-2025-JBC
CALL 845-562-7860 OR OFFICE@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG
ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE | BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT



Become a vendor!

At our 3rd Annual
Federation FunDay

A Day of Community
with hundreds of potential
customers for your business!
Food | Vendor Fair | Silent Auction | DJ

Sunday, August 17th

Our Location
Thomas Bull Memorial Park

For more information
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Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

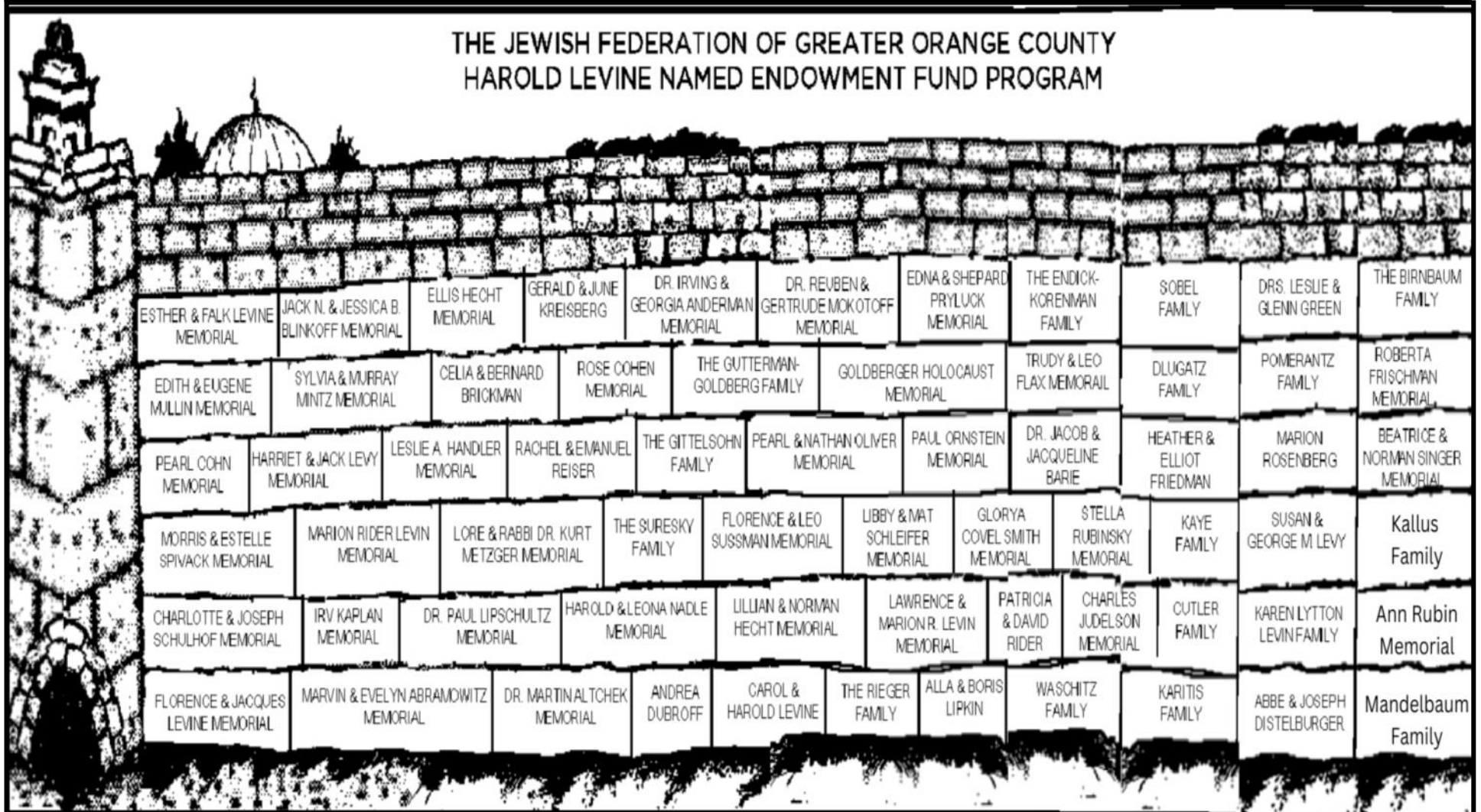


The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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.

Read more here: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments



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

- ✧ A contribution has been made, to the Zachor Anti-Semitism Initiative in memory of Rose Jacoby, beloved mother of Dr. Leslie Green by Sharon and Jerome Goldberg.
- ✧ A contribution has been made, in memory of Harold Suresky, beloved father of Joseph Suresky by Leslie and Glenn Green.

Stay connected with us through our monthly **We Are One** and our **Weekly We Are One Newsletter E-Blast** (sign up by emailing office@jewishorangeny.org or Call 845.562.7860 -provide your email address), or online at Jewishorangeny.org. Follow us on Instagram at **JFedOC_NY** or Facebook at **Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY**



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)



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



From the Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Israeli dancing; the Stop Hate Symposium; Hudson Valley Gives; Memorial Day; Shavuot; our Annual Meeting and Volunteer of the Year recognition.

These are just some of the things to look forward to in May and early June!

I have heard from so many community members that, given the state of the world, and some local antisemitic incidents, they feel uncomfortable navigating the world outwardly expressing their Jewishness. Despite my job title, I can actually relate to that as well. One of the things that helps me feel more comfortable is spending time with other Jews so I am reminded that we are stronger together and we are not alone!



Whether you want to do some Israeli dancing, attend a Shabbat or holiday service, learn with youth in the county about how to stop hate, give a gift to help support Jewish life here and abroad, or just get together for a social event, there are plenty of opportunities in Orange County. This newsletter and our weekly email abound with opportunities. If you break down those invisible barriers related to distance, and focus on the positive feelings you'll have after spending time with your community, then you'll open yourself to dozens of opportunities every month. All of the Jewish organizations in Orange County will welcome you with open arms. You no longer have to be a "member" to be welcomed into these spaces.

I once heard a rabbi, describing part of the process of conversion for someone who was planning to marry a Jew, say "loving Judaism isn't the same as loving a Jew". In our modern world, I would paraphrase and modify that a bit to suggest that for many of us, loving our Jewish heritage isn't necessarily the same as loving the religious aspects of Judaism. So many of us are unwilling or uncomfortable stepping inside a synagogue (although, as mentioned, most synagogues are much more welcoming and open than in the past), but we still crave a feeling of community that comes with being around others who understand our heritage and our present experiences. Just as our prayers are supposed to be done in community - with a minimum of 10 adults, those of us looking for connection to other Jews can find it in Orange County. Take the step to come out to any of the events you see here or on our website, most of which are free or low cost. Take a moment to introduce yourself if you don't know anyone there, but chances are good you'll recognize someone. Even if you don't the first time, you will the next time!

I look forward to seeing you in community, somewhere in Orange County. If we haven't met, please introduce yourself. I would be happy to introduce you to your brethren and help you find a sense of Jewish community in Orange County.

I'll definitely be at Israeli dancing on May 4th (May the 4th be with you ;). Come on out, say hello, and get some exercise!

Looking forward to meeting you,

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845-562-7860

Getting Grounded in Israel and Zionism



Getting Grounded in Israel & Zionism

Jewish Federations' self-paced course, *Getting Grounded in Israel & Zionism*, offers a thoughtful foundation for anyone looking to better understand Israel today. Led by Rabbi Mike Uram, the course explores key historical events, essential concepts, and the complex issues at the heart of Zionism—equipping you to engage in more informed and meaningful conversations.

More info here: www.jewishfederations.org/getting-grounded

HUDSON VALLEY
RENEGADES
JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY JULY 9

GAME TIME @ 6:35pm | GATES OPEN @ 5:30pm

SUPPORT THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF **DUTCHESS, ORANGE, & ULSTER COUNTIES!**

Kosher Food Options Available



SCAN THE **QR CODE** OR CLICK THE LINK FOR TICKETS [GOFEVO.COM/EVENT/JEWISHHERITAGE535](https://gofevo.com/event/jewishheritage535)



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My Tree In Israel

Support an Israeli Farmer and Receive From Their Bounty, Your Own Private-Label: Olive Oil, Kosher Wine or Whisky!

- ✦ Wine (Avivim) May 15 | Delivery June 2025
- ✦ Wine (Private Label) | Aug 18 | Delivery Sept.
- ✦ Whiskey | Oct. 31 | Delivery | Dec.
- ✦ Olive Oil | Oct. 31 | Delivery | Dec.

Use The QR Code To Order or visit our Website

Jewishorangny.org

To Learn More! Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office
 845-562-7860.



Our mission remains to help rebuild Avivim Winery. We are thankful that many communities joined our mission after hearing about the tragedy and made an effort to spread the word.

Many of you already contributed, but the mission isn't completed yet. Many bottles still remain. Sharing with family and friends is essential to increase the impact.

In addition to your meaningful contribution, you'll receive an exceptional, premium-quality, wine crafted to the highest standards.



Rebirth Reserve

- Petite Syrah
- 28 months in the cask
- 2019

Tkumah Reserve

- 50% cabernet sauvignon, 30% Petite Verdot, 20% Syrah
- 40 months in the cask
- 2018

Avivim Spirit

- White Blend
- 6 months in the cask
- 2023



Please share this with your local community, family, and friends to help spread the word

The beginning of 2025 has seen a continuation of security concerns for Jewish communities in the United States. Anti-Israel sentiment continues to fuel antisemitic incidents. From an intelligence and threat analysis perspective, the concern with much of the harsh rhetoric is sometimes less with the groups or individuals that are spewing it, but rather with the currently unknown people it can inspire.



A significant illustration of this point can be found in the recent attempted murder of the Pennsylvania governor and his family during Passover. While much will be dissected about the event in the future, it is clear that the perpetrator in this case had mental health issues, and was inspired to act based on bits of information that he was seeing online regarding Israel and its actions around the war rather than any formal research. Because of its unpredictability, this type of irrational acceleration of one's pathway to violence is very difficult to detect. One successful method of detection has been CSI's Intelligence Team, which has been at work monitoring events in Orange County to detect potential threats. In addition to regular interaction with law enforcement, contacting your CSI regional security director about any concerning social media post, or other communication, is always advised.

CSI has had multiple meetings in Orange County involving public officials in government, emergency management, and law enforcement on the county and state levels, building upon the federation's great relationships, with a specific focus on security. One of the emerging resources in communities throughout New York State is individual county Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams. Teams were designed to provide intervention for individuals who may be on a pathway to violence against a group or individual. Recently, the Orange County Sheriff invited CSI to attend a TAM meeting and explain how its involvement in TAM teams in other counties has been mutually beneficial. Orange County is still refining its processes for right sizing and information sharing but will be an increasingly valuable resource to the Jewish Community. If there are any questions about the TAM concept or process, please contact me.

CSI has also conducted several Vulnerability Assessments in Orange County. One takeaway from these assessments is the need for training and security awareness that can help inform policies and procedures. Security involves everyone, not just security personnel. Please contact CSI to arrange training, an assessment, site visit, or for help developing or updating policies and procedures.

Patrick Regan

Regional Director - Greater Hudson Valley

Community Security Initiative

Mobile: 929-302-9550 reganp@csiny.org

www.csiny.org





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**

JFS Jewish Family Service of Orange County, Inc.
Our doors are open to the entire community.

DONATE NOW

Help JFS recognize Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, by collecting items for Holocaust Survivors in Orange County.



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Sanitizing wipes
- Storage Bags-all sizes
- New storage containers
- Paper plates, cups & napkins
- Cleaning supplies
- Sponges and rags
- Laundry detergent & bleach



SURVIVOR SUPPORT

JFS of Orange County supports Holocaust Survivors with home healthcare aides, cleaning assistance, socialization, transportation, food security, financial assistance.



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Bar Soap
- Liquid soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Moisturizer
- Hand cream
- Tooth Brushes
- Personal care wipes

Store gift cards are accepted

To donate: 845-341-1173 x 306 or email slulkin@jfsorange.org

For more information about JFS visit our website jfsorange.org

JFS Jewish Family Service of Orange County
Our Doors Are Open To The Entire 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.*

- May 20th in person Cornwall Library 10:00 am- Noon
- May 29th Virtual 5:00pm-6:45pm

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

Alternate training dates are available upon request.



This program was made possible by a grant from  Office for the Aging

 The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
Building Our Jewish Community Together

SOMETHING FOR ALZ: MUSICAL MOMENTS



Join us for this free, interactive music session designed for people living with dementia and their caregivers. No previous musical experience needed.

Preregistration required. To take part in this free program, call JFS Orange County. **Stacy at: 845.341.1173 ext. 306**

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health

Wednesday, May 14
1:00- 2:00 pm
Holistic Imaginations
12 Evergreen Drive
Middletown, NY 10940

 Jewish Family Service 

 **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**
Hudson Valley Chapter

alz.org/HudsonValley | 800.272.3900

JFS Jewish Family Service of Orange County
Our doors are open to the entire community.

UNDERSTANDING & PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM SCAMS & IDENTIFY THEFT VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

This presentation is free and open to the entire community!

May 19th 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 moderation by
Paula Blumenau, JFS Orange Outreach Coordinator

Rabbi's Blog

Pesach is not over.

This holiday of Passover encompasses so many layers for us to unpack.

There were weeks of preparation, shopping, cleaning and of course cooking and baking.

As for me, it is exhausting, and my husband works tirelessly as well. We thought we were pretty well organized, and then, we awoke on the morning of Erev Pesach to a snow-covered world. Yes, I was aware of the weather forecast, but I chose to ignore it. So, now the Aviv (Spring) of our world is left to our imagination in the face of our expectation for warmer days.

Our Pesach journey takes place outside of the physical world, as we leave the celebrations and begin to count the Omer. This daily Omer count is an experience that transcends the tangible world. We count beginning on the evening of the first day of Passover and continue for seven weeks – regardless of the weather, political chaos, even war.

We, as Jews, have been blessed with purpose, opportunities for renewal and Tikkun Olam. We march onward and forward as we count 49 days towards accepting the Torah at Mt. Sinai. The Omer counting is also the gift of time. Time to reflect. Time to rethink our purpose and time to make tough decisions.

Although our mitzvot should be fulfilled despite everything that happens in our world, they do not absolve us from responding to injustice, hatred, bigotry and bullying. We must use our voices against the chaos our leadership hurled upon us. Especially now as we advance towards our goal to accept Torah.

If we feel rage, we should not set idle and expect something to happen. Standing up against the chaos will help us as well as our community.

This is a huge test. Let us pass it with flying colors.

It is our obligation to stand up for justice.

When we celebrated the Passover Seder on April 12, hopefully with family and friends, our joy was clouded by the tragedy of October 7 and the heartbreak of the hostages still withering, starving, in the tunnels of Gaza, only a mile away from Israel, yet a million miles from freedom. Let's cry out for them as well and bring them home.

When the Seder celebration ends, we become focused on who we are as individuals. We count the days and weeks, whether we are alone or gathered in the community. We count through and despite all that we experience, refraining from parties and celebrations so that we can feel the intensity of the holiday of Shavuot when we get there.

On Erev Pesach morning I watched the snow-covered tree from my picture window slowly emerging from the snow and proudly showing off its red buds.

Aviv hige'e'ah; Pesach bah. Spring is here; Passover has arrived.

We are the people of hope, of faith and renewal. We are the people who answer when we hear the pain of injustice.

Cantor Nava Herzog, Congregation Beth Hillel, Walden



Scholarship Recipient, Yasmine Mosker

My Cteen Shabbaton Experience

By Yasmine Mosker

The Cteen Shabbaton experience is a memorable weekend that I will never forget. My 2 brothers had been on Shabbaton before and told me how amazing it was. I was a little uneasy going into it because I was nervous, not knowing many people and being confused for what I was in for. But as soon as I met my chapter everything changed. I was smiling the whole time. I didn't realize but I was going to see a lot of old friends from camp and make many, many new friends that I would hopefully see next year! I saw everyone from friends I've known all my life, to people I had just met on the train but somehow the connection was just as strong! But the most memorable and beautiful thing about the whole experience was that we all came together as a community for one thing: Judaism. There were some times where I wanted to cry from joy like when I saw the Jewish community in Crown Heights come together and welcome 3000 teens from so many different countries! Other times where I wanted to sing and dance like in time square for the huge concert. But The Shabbat dinner was one I'll never forget, seeing that many girls in one room sitting together enjoying a meal was amazing. It made me realize that you don't have to be siblings to be family, I felt like I was with all 1,500 of my sisters. Overall the Cteen Shabbaton was an amazing experience, one I can't wait to relive for the next 3 years.



JOIN US FOR:

JEWES & BREWS

THURS MAY 1, 2025

CELEBRATING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

1ST BEER IS FREE

6PM - 7PM:
ASK THE RABBI ANYTHING

7PM-?
KARAOKE

AT: *Newburgh* BREWING CO., NY
88 SOUTH GOLDEN ST. NEWBURGH, NY 12550



First Fridays

B'nai Torah Shul
14 Lakes Rd,
GWL, NY

Shabbat Potluck!

Bring a Kosher Dairy Dish
RSVP: beaabloom@gmail.com

Light the Candles
Sip the Wine
Break the Bread

6:30PM Potluck
7:40PM Service

bnaitorahgwl.org

Service is in-person and on zoom





URGENT APPEAL

3 MINUTES CAN SAVE A LIFE!

WHO CAN JOIN THE REGISTRY?

Joining the registry is as easy as a simple swab of your cheek. Eligible donors must be between the ages of 18-35 and in general good health, meet the guidelines and be willing to donate to any patient, at any time, worldwide.

Scan the QR code for more information



HELP US SAVE IGNACIO'S LIFE

Ignacio, a 50-year-old husband and father of two, was recently diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a rare form of blood cancer.

His best hope of a cure is a blood stem cell or marrow transplant from a donor who shares his genetic heritage.

Because tissue type is inherited, Ignacio's donor is most likely to be someone of Jewish, Spanish, or Portuguese ancestry, but everyone is urged to join the registry.

You could be Ignacio's life-saving hero without even knowing it! All it takes is a swab of your cheek to find out if you are a match for him or another patient in need.



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

WOO HOO!! Match #131!

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.giftoflife.org.

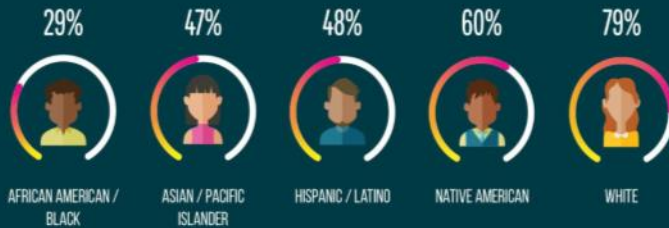
Dutchess County Mitzvah Day

Sunday, May 4, 2025 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Congregation Schomre Israel 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie

DIVERSITY NEEDED

PERCENTAGE ABLE TO FIND A MATCHING DONOR



giftoflife.org/ignacio

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- ✧ Sunday, May 4 | 8:30am-12pm - Dutchess County Mitzvah Day: Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie
- ✧ Thursday, June 12 | 5-8pm - Gold's Gym, 15 Racquet Rd, Newburgh
- ✧ Thursday, July 3 | Time: TBD - Community Day-Algonquin Park, Newburgh
- ✧ Wednesday, July 9 | 6:30pm - The Hudson Valley Renegades Jewish Heritage Night, Heritage Financial Park, Wappingers Falls



Highlights from some of our 2025 events

Book talk with Shira Dicker, author of "Lolita at Leonard's of Great Neck and Other Stories from the Before Times" at TBS, Florida By Judy Ronay





**JEWISH PERSPECTIVES
ON CIVIL DISCOURSE**

May 15 | 7pm

**CONGREGATION
EITZ CHAIM**

by Rabbi Eitan Bloostein
ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON ZOOM

A Publication of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County | 292 North St., Newburgh, NY 12550—www.jewishorangeny.org

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CHAVURAH

A warm and spiritual gathering for our entire Temple family



Please join us on

Saturday – May 3, 2025 - 10am

In the Temple Lobby

KIDDUSH BRUNCH TO FOLLOW

Please RSVP by April 25 – harpvibes@yahoo.com or 845-800-7220

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL'S
FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAR MITZVAH
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 at 11:30AM



TURN YOUR CAR INTO A MITZVAH MOBILE BY BRINGING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK AND RECEIVE A BEAUTIFUL TRAVEL MEZUZAH ALONG WITH A BLESSING FROM CANTOR CARL SAYRES



EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL
290 NORTH STREET
NEWBURGH, NY 12550
(845) 562-5604

Alex Solomon Parents/Grandparents
Bereavement Support Group



*If you have lost a child or grandchild,
no matter what age or when,
come to find and share support.*

A safe space - no politics, opinions, or controversy
Nondenominational
Open to the entire community

Sponsored by Congregation Agudas Israel
Meeting at the Kol Yisrael Campus
290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

**12-1:30pm
May 4th**

For more information:
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org

Mitzvah Saturday

On Saturday, May 10th Temple Beth Shalom is in charge of the Food Pantry "give-away"! Arrive at the Presbyterian Church in the Goshen Village Square at 8AM and be done by 10AM!

It is a joyous event!

We will conclude with a snack.

Please contact Marcia in advance at 845-294-7314 or 845-699-8879, so that we can be well organized and do a great job!

Kids get 3 hours of community service credit for their effort and devotion.



Stronger Together

Monroe Temple
SISTERHOOD/WFJ
WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

GREETINGS FROM SISTERHOOD!



PASSOVER

Join us on a Passover
JOURNEY

Monday, April 21 7:30 PM
Desserts and discussion at
Robin's house
RSVP for address
rsrgrw@optonline.net

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Friday, May 9, 7:30 PM

BOOK CHAT
Monday, June 2 at 7 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 PM
All are welcome

MOVIE NIGHT

TANGO SHALOM

A Tango dancer and a rabbi develop a plan to enter a dance competition without sacrificing his orthodox beliefs. Family, tolerance, and community are tested one dazzling dance step at a time.

Monday, May 5
Arrive 6:45 PM
The movie starts promptly
at 7:00 PM
Leslye's house
5 Mazzella Court Goshen
[RSVP leslyej21@gmail.com](mailto:RSVPleslyej21@gmail.com)
Please be aware that Leslye has
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**Temple Beth Jacob
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County Players Theater
2681 West Main St, Wappingers Falls NY 12590

2:00pm on Sunday, May 18
"Big Fish, The Musical"

A musical adventure inspired by the stories of Edward Bloom, a charming traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest and then some.

\$25.50 per person. Limited tickets available. RSVP by May 9th.

Kol Lag B'Omer Concert & BBQ

12:00pm on Sunday, May 18
at 290 North Street, Newburgh

Kol Yisrael, CAI, TBJ, and the Newburgh JCC are thrilled to be bringing Dahlia Road to our campus.

Enjoy great kosher food and the sound of Dahlia Road.

Dahlia Road is the Jewish acoustic duo of Cantor Turia Stark (Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua, NY) and Miriam Wyman (Temple Beth Or in Montgomery, AL).

\$18 Adults/\$10 children 5 & over/ \$50 for a family of 4
RSVP by May 9th. Financial Assistance Available.



They'll be performing songs from their new album, "Our Way Back Home".

Highlights from our Community Purim Party 2025 By Gail Conklin







Let's meet in support of Israel & to bring our hostages home in good health!
Sundays 12-2PM. Corner of Lakes St & 17th Monroe
Please call Rochelle 845-783-2495
for more info & to confirm dates







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JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

WITH THE HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES



WED | JULY 9TH 6:35 PM GAME

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AT HERITAGE FINANCIAL PARK | WAPPINGERS FALLS



**\$20.00/Person – Checks to: Temple Sinai Men's Club
75 Highland Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940**

There will be kosher food options, pre-game performances, and in-game performances!

We will be carpooling from Temple Sinai at 5:15PM SHARP!

If interested contact: Hal Marcus @ 914-443-7202; or Hmarc57@yahoo.com

Monroe Temple Journey to ISRAEL

Led by Rabbi Roger Lerner

February 12-22, 2026



Israel is a land of connections and reconnections, of first-time discoveries and returning for rediscovery and new adventures. Traveling together as a community, we will bond through engaging and enjoyable shared experiences and deepen our understanding of culture and archaeology, religion and politics, the ancient and the modern, as we explore Israel's millennia-old legacy as the heart of the Jewish people.

ON OUR JOURNEY WE WILL:

- Discover the magic of Israel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and beyond
- Ascend the imposing mountain of Masada and float in the healing waters of the Dead Sea
- Bear witness to the realities of Israel after October 7th and engage in discussions and debriefings about the current state of Israel and the future outlook of the country
- Experience the magic and wonder of the City of Gold, on an Old City walking tour in Jerusalem
- Explore the Golan Heights by jeep and delight in a hands-on chocolate workshop



| PRICING CHART (Based on double occupancy) | CHECK/CASH PRICE | CREDIT CARD PRICE |
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| LAND TOUR | \$5,279 | \$5,442 |
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