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September 2026 Elul 5786/ Tishrei 5787



Klezmer on Hudson
Building intergenerational community through
Yiddish culture in the Hudson Valley

SHTTL
Award-winning 2022 Film
at the historic Ritz theatre
in Yiddish with English Subtitles

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
1:00 PM • THE LOBBY AT THE RITZ • NEWBURGH
Live Klezmer Band before show!

ONE DAY. ONE SHOT. A WORLD ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR.
A man returns from Kyiv to his shtetl to marry the woman he loves – but finds she is expected to marry an aspiring rabbi. Filmed in one unflinching shot, SHTTL captures a Jewish village in its final hours.

POST-SCREENING Q&A WITH STAR MOSHE LOBEL
The Vigil • Unorthodox High Maintenance

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SAVE THE DATE

Museum of Jewish Heritage
A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
Sunday, October 18 | 10AM

Join us for a guided tour of Resistance & Resilience. We will meet at CAI and car pool. \$10 per person. Tour ends at 12 noon, then we will go to a local Kosher restaurant. Lunch fee will be extra. Maximum 20 people. Sponsored through a grant from the Jewish Federation of G.O.C.

Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County *Stay Tuned for Details*

JEWISH VOICES, SHARED STORIES:
A JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL AUTHOR SERIES

Bringing Authors and Readers Together Through Meaningful Conversations

The Jewish Book Council Author Series returns for an exciting new season in collaboration with Monroe Temple Sisterhood, Temple Beth Jacob, Temple Sinai, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

Jewish Book Council

Join us for engaging virtual and in-person programs featuring acclaimed authors, inspiring stories, and meaningful discussions that bring our community together through the joy of reading.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Time & Location: To Be Announced
Details coming soon!
www.jewishorangenyc.org

PJ Library **ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**
IT'S TIME FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR!

A HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- TESHUVAH** Return to our best selves
- TIKKUN OLAM** Repair the world
- SH'MIAH** Listening is powerful
- Joy in every moment**
- TIME IS A GIFT** Every minute matters

For children 8 & under and their grownups!

WE ARE THE MUSIC. WE ARE THE TIME. WE ARE THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE!
SHANAH TOVAH!

Sunday, September 13, 11am, Mountain Lake Park, Warwick

Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
Building Our Jewish Community Together
For more information: e.m.frederick@gmail.com

Shana Tova

A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

As we enter the High Holy Days and welcome a new year, Rosh Hashanah reminds us that the year ahead is not yet written. At this moment of introspection, we pause to **reflect on who we are, what we value, and the future we want to help shape together.**

The challenges facing the Jewish people are real. But, we will not be defined by what we face, but rather, by how we respond as we move forward.

You'll receive a lot of requests for gifts to Jewish organizations during the High Holiday season. As you do, know that your Jewish Federation is ready to meet the moment, and that we can only do it **with your partnership.**



Your Jewish Federation works to support the gamut of Jewish life in Orange County and beyond.

As One, we strengthen Jewish connection and ensure every individual can find their place in Jewish life. This year, we'll be reaching out to learn what community members want, and how we can facilitate meeting those needs. We hope you'll answer the call to give us a clearer understanding of the needs of your Jewish journey.

As One, we protect our schools, synagogues, and community spaces so Jewish life can continue openly and proudly. Our new Security Endowment, with your help, will aid that in perpetuity. We build this long-term solution to our current challenges, while we work to build a future in which it is no longer needed through our **Zachor Antisemitism Initiative.**

As One, we stand with the people of Israel, our brethren — helping communities and individuals affected by yesterdays, today's, and tomorrows challenges rebuild, recover, and move forward with resilience and hope. Your local support keeps Jewish life around the world strong, from generation to generation.

This is the power of your Jewish Federation: bringing our community together to meet this moment with purpose, responsibility, and heart.

This year, as the sound of the shofar calls us forward into a new year, **we invite you to take part** in shaping what comes next. Consider volunteering your skills and passion to the work of our board, committees, and teams. And, we welcome you making a meaningful High Holy Day gift or pledge to our Annual Campaign or Security Endowment at: **JewishOrangeNY.org**, or by returning the request you have received, or will receive in the mail.

Together, we can help ensure a stronger, safer, and more connected Jewish future for generations to come.

Looking for a place to celebrate the new year in community? Find an opportunity near you in this newsletter or on our website. No membership or fee required for most communities. Reach out directly to your community of choice for more details.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, and meaningful New Year.

Shanah Tovah,

Wendy Cedar Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860



Or go to

jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now

L'Shana Tova!



Beit Kulanu Invites You To Our Rosh HaShana Lakeside Experience

Sunday, September 13th 11AM
Mountain Lake Park Warwick, NY

- Bring your own picnic lunch, drinks and dessert provided
- Enjoy traditional and modern melodies
- Creative Tashlich ritual
- PJ Library activity for children 8 & under and their families
- Not a formal service

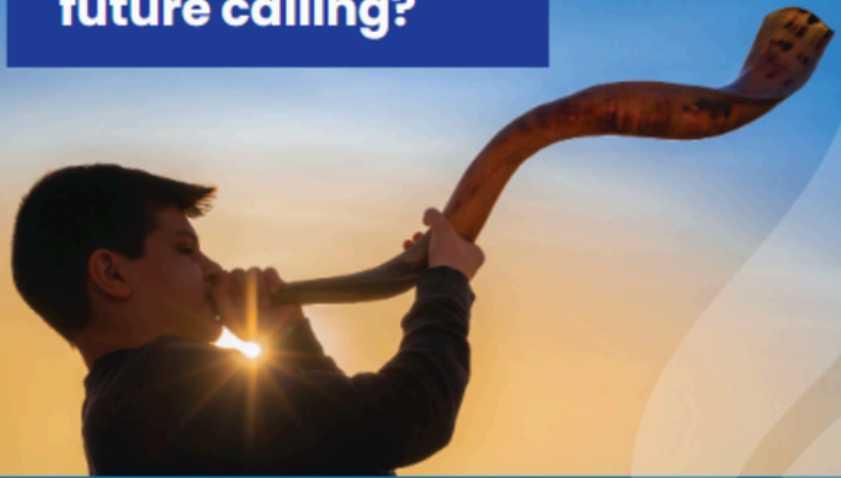


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This New Year, answer the call by making a legacy gift, ensuring a strong Jewish community for future generations.



Life & Legacy
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Jewish Federation
of Greater Orange County
Building Our Jewish Community Together

Be remembered forever with a gift to The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange county in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Wendy Cedar, Executive Director
845.562.7860 | 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 67 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:** jewishorangenyc.org/donate/endowments

The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

Leslie A. Handler Memorial 1984	Esther & Falk Levine Memorial 1984	June & Gerald Kreisberg Memorial 1986	Leona & Harold Nadle Memorial 1986	Jessica B. & Jack N. Blinkoff Memorial 1987	Edith & Eugene Mullin Memorial 1988	Rose Cohen Memorial 1995	Rabbi Dr. Kurt & Lore Metzger Memorial 1997		
Celia & Bernard Brickman Memorial 1998	Irv Kaplan Memorial 1998	Sylvia & Murray Mintz Memorial 1998	Pearl Cohn Memorial 2000	Gertrude & Dr. Reuben Mokotof Memorial 2000	Edna & Shepard Pryluck Memorial 2000	Ellis Hecht Memorial 2001	Marion Rider Levin & Lawrence Levin Memorial 2003	Harriet & Jack Levy Memorial 2003	
Alla & Boris Lipkin 2003	Rieger Family 2003	Charlotte & Joseph Schulhof Memorial 2003	Estelle & Morris Spivak Memorial 2003	Florence & Jacques Levine Memorial 2004	Marion Rider Levin Memorial 2004	Rachel & Emmanuel Reiser 2004	Libby & Mat Schleifer Memorial 2004	Evelyn & Marvin Abramowitz Memorial 2005	
Dr. Martin Altchek Memorial 2005	Florence & Leo Sussman Memorial 2005	Georgia & Dr. Irving Anderman Memorial 2006	Goldberger Family Holocaust Education 2006		Dr. Paul Lipschultz Memorial 2006	Pearl A. & Nathan S. Oliver Memorial 2006	Andrea Dubroff 2007	Gittelsohn Family 2007	The Gutterman-Goldberg 2007
Lillian & Norman Hecht Memorial 2007	Carol & Harold Levine 2007	Suresky Family 2007	Gloria Covell Smith Memorial 2009	Paul Orenstein Memorial 2010	Patricia & David Rider 2011	Endick-Korenman 2013	Trudy & Leo Flax Memorial 2013	Jacqueline & Dr. Jacob Barie Family 2014	Heather & Elliot Friedman 2014
Charles Judelson Memorial 2015	Dlugatz Family 2016	Kaye Family 2016	Sobel Family 2016	Waschitz Family 2017	Cutler Family 2019	Karitis Family 2019	Drs. Leslie & Glenn Green 2019	Pomerantz Family 2019	Susan & George M. Levy 2020
Karen Lytton-Levin 2021	Beatrice & Norman Singer Memorial 2021	Birnbaum Family Memorial 2022	Roberta Frischman Memorial 2022	Harvey Kallus 2023	Ann Rubin Memorial 2023	Mandelbaum Family 2024	Ida Marshall Memorial 2025	Lynda Wasserman 2025	
									Picture Your Endowment Here!

Rabbi's Blog

Dear Friends,

Tekiah!

That just about sums it all up!

We are commencing the High Holy Day season, and immersing ourselves in a fabulous, communal month of self-reflection and personal critique.

It is not easy to do. Our *Machzor* – our High Holy Day prayerbook – attempts to guide us through this journey, but in truth, it is not up to the prayerbook. It is up to us.

If we take this seriously – and I do hope that we do – for together you and I are devoted contributors and participants in the life of our Jewish community in Orange County and our Jewish Federation, then we have much work to do. During the balance of the year, irrespective of how conscientious, self-aware and reflective we may be, the pressures of life manage to overtake our highest moments and our best impulses. There are work demands, interpersonal challenges, health and wellness interruptions, and our efforts at personal review get shunted aside for the vicissitudes of daily living.

Thus, we have this period of Elul and Tishrei, the two months of the High Holy Day season. They offer a respite, and a vital one at that. Yes, they offer time to pray, to ponder and to think, but most importantly, they offer time to listen.

To listen.

It was said by a wise sage that God intentionally gave us two ears and one mouth, so that we would listen far more than we would speak. Sadly, for too many of us, the ratio is reversed. But, at this season, we are urged to put that scheme back in a proper proportion.

Tekiah! It is the call and the sound of the primary Shofar call. It is one simple blast, interrupting either the quiet of the sanctuary or the stillness of the morning, or the complacency of the heart. It breaks the unchallenged ease or unquestioned momentum of undemanding self-absorption, and opens pathways of the ears and the soul. It demands to be heard, and it punctuates the message of seeking Godliness, which the *Machzor* and the season seek to convey. It wants us to listen to our inner selves, our joys and our shame, our hopes and our fears.

Tekiah is the tonic towards a meaningful life, and a life of meaningfulness. It is a passage to holiness. It reminds us to once again listen, and thus to be in sacred relationship with family and friends, birds and the wind, the earth's rumble and God's whispers.

It is a one simple blast. But that may be all we need.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu – For a Good and Meaningful New Year,

Rabbi Douglas Kohn

Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh

tbjnewburgh.org



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High Holiday Service Schedules and Other Pertinent Info- Subject to Change, Please Check with the Synagogues First.

Beit Kulanu | Florida, NY (formerly Temple Beth Shalom & Monroe Temple Beth-EL)

Selichot

Saturday, September 5 | 7PM - Musical Selichot Service with Havdalah.
Prepare for the High Holidays, reconnect with and meet new members and share sweet treats for a sweet new year.

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 11 | 7:30PM followed by dessert Kiddush

Rosh HaShanah

Saturday, September 12

- 10AM Morning Service followed by luncheon
- 2:30PM Family Service followed by Oneg

Rosh HaShanah II

Sunday, September 13

- 11AM Informal Lakeside RH Experience | Bring your own picnic lunch

Erev Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20 | 7:30PM Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

- 10AM Morning Service
- 1:30PM Family Service
- 3:30PM Haftarah Jonah in the sanctuary, then a concert in the garden
- 5PM Yiskor/Memorial service, Ne'ilah ½ hour before sunset
- 6PM Break Fast - reservations required

Sukkot Under the Stars

Friday, September, 25 7PM | Informal Shabbat service and potluck Oneg

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2 | 7PM



B'nai Torah Shul | Greenwood Lake

Rosh Hashanah Evening

Friday, September 11 | 6:30PM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Saturday, September 12 | 9AM

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Sunday, September 13 | 9AM

Kol Nidrei

Sunday, September 20 | 6:30PM

Yom Kippur Morning

Monday, September 21

- 9AM Yizkor
- 5:45PM Mincha / Neilah
- 7:30PM Break-fast

[Click Here to Register](#)



Congregation Agudas Israel, Newburgh

Selichot

Saturday, September 5 | 7PM Searching for Teshuva in American Music in the small sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 11 | 7:30PM

Rosh Hashana Day 1

Saturday, September 12 | 9AM

Rosh Hashana Day 2

Sunday, September 13

- 9AM Service
- 3PM Tashlich at Downing Park Pond with Shofar Blowing

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20 | 6:30PM

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

- 9 AM Morning Service with Yizkor
- 10 AM Yom Kippur Family Service
- 4:45PM Mincha & Book of Jonah followed by Ne'ilah & Ma'ariv
- 7:36PM Shofar Blowing & Havdalah with Break Fast to follow (Please RSVP)

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25 | 5PM Family Service & Dinner

Sukkot

Saturday, September 26 | 9AM Morning Service

Shemini Atzeret

Saturday, October 3 | 9AM Morning Service with Yizkor

Erev Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2 | 7:30 PM (with TBJ) Service

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 4

- 9AM Simchat Torah Service
- 10AM Hakaftot

There is no charge to attend services. However, you must call (845) 562-5604 to have your name, including children, placed on the reservation list.

Congregation Beth Hillel | Walden

Selichot

Saturday, September 5 | 8PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11 | 6:45PM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Saturday, September 12 | 9:30AM

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Sunday, September 13 | 9:30 AM

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20 | 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

- 9:30AM Morning Service
- 12PM Yizkor
- 6PM Neila



Please forgive any errors or omissions. Please check with your synagogue for the most up-to-date details and any schedule changes.

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Congregation Eitz Chaim | Monroe

All services will be held at: 11 Stage Road, Monroe, NY

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11

- 6:15PM — Ma'ariv
- Candle lighting by 6:54PM Light Yahrzeit candle to have an existing flame to light candles the next night. Recite 3 blessings: Shabbat, Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu

Saturday, September 12

- 9AM — Shacharit–Musaf
- Candle lighting is after 7:52 PM from an existing flame. Recite 2 blessings: Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu

Sunday, September 13

- 9AM — Shacharit–Musaf | Shofar is blown.
- 5:15PM — Tashlich followed by Mincha
- At home: Havdalah blessings at 7:51 PM

Tzom Gedalyah / Fast of Gedalyah

Monday, September 14 | Dawn to Dusk

- 5:12AM Fast begins
- 7:49PM Fast ends

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20

- 6:30 PM — Kol Nidre and Ma'ariv
- Candle lighting by 6:42 PM | Light Yahrzeit candles before holiday candles. Recite 2 blessings: Yom Tov & Shehecheyanu

Monday, September 21

- 9:00 AM — Shacharit–Yizkor–Musaf
- 5:15 PM — Mincha–Neilah–Ma'ariv–Havdalah
- Shofar is blown after sunset at 7:37 PM

Tashlich

On the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashanah, when the first day falls on Shabbat, the congregation will gather at 11 Stage Road and walk to the Millpond for Tashlich.

Participants are asked to bring bread. Following Tashlich, the group will return to the synagogue for Mincha and Ma'ariv.

Zoom

All services will also be available via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found under the “Worship” tab on the Congregation Eitz Chaim website.

eitzchaim-monroe.org/spiritual-life



Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh

Selichot

Saturday, September 5 | 7:30PM in the main sanctuary

Reverse Tashlich

Sunday, September 6 | 12PM

Erev Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 11 | 7:30PM

Rosh Hashana Day One

Saturday, September 12

- 10AM Morning Service
- 2PM Children's Service
- 3:30PM Tashlich at the Newburgh Waterfront

Rosh Hashana Day Two

Sunday, September 12

- 10AM Morning Service
- 1PM Afternoon Hike

TBJ, Newburgh continued above

Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh Continued

Kever Avot

Sunday, September 20

10AM Big Rock Cemetery

11AM Cedar Hill Cemetery

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20 | 7:30PM

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

- 10AM Morning Service
- 12:30PM Study Session
- 2PM Children's Service
- 3:30PM Mincha Service
- 4:30PM Yizkor Service
- 5:30PM Neila Service
- 6:30PM Break Fast



Temple Sinai, Middletown

S'lichot

Saturday, September 5 | 8:30PM Program, reception, and service

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11 | 6:15PM Mincha/Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Saturday, September 12

- 8:30AM Shacharit
- 10:15AM Family Service
- 6PM Mincha/Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Sunday, September 13

- 8:30AM Shacharit
- 5:30PM Tashlich (behind Tow Terrace Apartments)
- 7PM Mincha/Ma'ariv

Kever Avot Memorial Service

Sunday, September 20 | 11AM Temple Sinai Cemetery

Erev Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20

- 6PM Mincha | 6:15PM Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

- 8:30AM Shacharit
- 10:15AM Family Service, 10:30AM (Approximately) Yizkor
- 4:30PM Mincha/Ne'ilah
- 7:35PM Ma'ariv and Shofar Blowing

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot 1 | Friday, September 25 | 6:30PM Ma'ariv

Sukkot 1 | Saturday, September 26 | 9AM Shacharit

Sukkot 2 | Sunday, September 27 | 9AM Shacharit

Erev Shmini Atzeret | Friday, October 2 | 6:30PM | Ma'ariv

Shmini Atzeret | Saturday, October 3 | 9AM Shacharit, 7PM Ma'ariv (Simchat Torah)

Simchat Torah | Sunday, October 4 | 9AM Shacharit

Simchas & Smiles



"Here I am again, August 3rd, is the **thirty ninth** anniversary of my position as **Office Manager** at the **Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County**.

The Jewish Federation is a not for profit agency where funds are raised for the Jewish community in Orange County and Israel.

Who knew when I began my job so many years ago - that it would cover a span of **39 years**.

I have been told by many of my Jewish friends, because of my commitment to the people and position, that I am a honorary Jew.

Can't ask for more than that. lol!!"

Do you have a Simchas & Smiles moment to share? Whether it's a special milestone, celebration, or joyful occasion, we'd love to help spread the happiness throughout our community.

Email Pam at office@jewishorangenyny.org, and your Simchas & Smiles may be featured in the next issue of the **We Are One!**

2026 Emergency Security Fund

Building Secure Environments for Jewish Learning and Belonging in Orange County, NY

As antisemitism rises, security needs are growing at an overwhelming pace

Jewish Federations of North America's Emergency Security Fund in partnership with The Tepper Foundation provides crucial grants to support urgent security personnel needs that have increased since October 7 at Jewish institutions serving children, including religious schools, camps, early childhood centers, synagogues, and more.

As part of this grant initiative, the Federation will also engage in a series of interfaith and intergroup efforts to strengthen ties with local faith-based institutions and cultural communities outside the Jewish community.

This time bound opportunity is conditioned upon a local fundraising commitment that will be matched on a 1:1 basis. Your generous support will allow us to secure this critical grant and ensure that our youngest community members can participate in Jewish life in a safe and nurturing environment.



Your gift will generate a total of **\$50,000** toward Jewish communal security



6 sites will benefit from enhanced security coverage



80+ children & their families will be served

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presents...



Lester Millman and...

"Photographs from Ground Zero. From the first night to the March Out in May 2002."*

{This is Lester's photographic record of the events that took place at Ground Zero}

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2026

12:00PM TO 1:00PM

Temple Sinai (social hall)

**75 Highland Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940**

Reservations are suggested. Contact Hal Marcus at 914-443-7202 or Hmarc57@yahoo.com to register. Light refreshments will be provided.

* This presentation is Free and open to the entire community!

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Security & Safety During the High Holidays

As we approach the 2026 high holiday season, we have seen a disproportionate increase in hate crimes in the Jewish community. We have also seen tacit approval of anti-Semitic sentiment. From a security perspective it is important that we look beyond the surface of offensive material and comments in order to bolster our security posture in our individual institutions, and as a community. In most cases, public figures expressing antisemitic positions are less likely to be an immediate threat than they are to inspire others to act. In recent weeks we have had several suspicious incidents throughout the Greater Hudson Valley. These incidents ranged from harassment, to inexplicably taking pictures of synagogues and Jewish residences. While the intent of each individual was likely to harass or annoy, the actions are also consistent with pre-event surveillance, and we should be concerned that this represents a cultural shift that in parts of the country, has led to violence or vandalism, and will certainly contribute toward other incidents in the coming weeks. Any instance that appears to target a Jewish person or institution for any reason should not be taken lightly or dismissed. It is through seemingly irrelevant encounters – both in person and virtual – that information is continually developed by CSI, law enforcement, and our partners in Jewish communal security that has led to the interruption of subjects who were on their pathway to violence.



Throughout the federation, many wonderful events surrounding the High Holy Days are planned. All of our institutions have been making security and procedural improvements each year. In addition to your plans and procedures involving registration, attendance, and screening, consider the following:

- Develop registration and screening processes that can occur outside the main entrance, or in an area where further access to the facility is not possible without being registered.
- Develop a “what to do” plan if encountering a problem both outside the facility, or inside during services; who will call police? Who will respond to assist until police get there? Have you discussed internally exactly how you might approach an unknown guest and how to subtly signal other volunteers that you may need assistance?
- Be alert to probing – both online and in person: questions about occupancy or security, or anything that seems “off”. Try to obtain as much information about a caller or visitor as possible, including a photo if possible.
- Be alert for signs of pre event surveillance: suspicious persons or vehicles. Use caution when approaching individuals. Approaching vehicles is generally not recommended.
- Take a moment at the onset of services and events to briefly review exit /evacuation routes.
- Be alert to vulnerabilities at outdoor events and transition areas (access, egress routes, parking lots, other gathering spaces).
- Report any suspicious circumstance, person or event to law enforcement, and notify CSI. CSI’s nationwide intelligence network and collaboration with other Jewish communal security groups as well as law enforcement and intelligence entities amplifies the ability to identify a concerning trend, group. or individual.
- Hired law enforcement or security personnel should amplify an individual institution’s security plan – not replace or supplant it.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy High Holiday season. As always, please contact CSI with any security related concerns about incidents, events, planning, or physical security improvements.

Patrick Regan

Senior Regional Security Director – Greater Hudson Valley
Community Security Initiative

reganp@csiny.org





JFS Senior Independence Program

Register for the training or for more information about services available for older neighbors throughout Orange County
call | **845.341.1173** or email | volunteer@jfsorange.org

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- Signage displayed at 9th hole

Sam Snead Hole Sponsor \$250

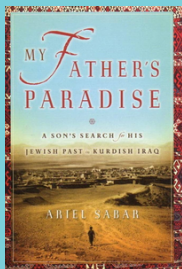
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Town of Walkill Golf Club
40 Sands Road,
Middletown, NY 10941

8:00am Check-In
9:00am Tee Time
Shotgun Start

Proceeds will support JFS Orange, a local non-sectarian 501(c)3 organization that serves older adults, individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities, caregivers, and families in need by connecting them with essential services.

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Sisterhood Book Club
Thursday, September 17 | 1pm
at the temple

Discussion of the book
"My Father's Paradise"
by Ariel Sabar



Sisterhood Tea in the Sukkah

1:00pm on Sunday, September 27
in the Sukkah

\$25 per person. Please RSVP by 9/18

King of Kings

Young at Hearts

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON GATHERING

Hosted by
Temple Beth Jacob

Please join us for an afternoon of
Fall-themed fun, food, and festivities
as we gather in Temple Beth Jacob's outdoor Sukkah.

A Sukkah is a temporary walled booth or hut constructed for the duration of the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot. The practice originates in the Torah (Leviticus 23:42-43), where God commands the Israelites to dwell in these temporary shelters for seven days each year. This is done to commemorate the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering the desert in temporary tents after their Exodus from Egypt.

DATE: Wednesday, September 30
(Please note: this is not our usual week!)

TIME: 12:00 Noon

COST: \$20 per person
Cash or check payable to Temple Beth Jacob payable at the door.

LOCATION: Temple Beth Jacob
290 North Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

Menu
Assorted sandwiches and soups catered by Panera Bread, supplemented by homemade salads, desserts, and drinks.

RSVP: Please RSVP to LariSue McDermott at internut63@gmail.com by Friday, September 25

QUESTIONS? SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS? NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?
Contact LariSue McDermott at internut63@gmail.com or Stacey Yerger at staceyyerger@gmail.com

Note: Please plan to be outside for the luncheon, but we will gather inside if weather conditions are unfavorable.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon together!

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needs your help.

We're looking for passionate, thoughtful leaders to join our **Board of Directors**.

If you care about **strengthening our Jewish community**, this is your opportunity to step up and make a difference!

Interested, or know someone who would be a great fit?
Applications are open, so reach out to us today!

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | www.JewishOrangeNY.org

Bagels & Bible

LEAD BY LENNY

B'NAI TORAH SHUL
Greenwood Lake, NY

About one hour of reviewing texts from the Weekly Torah reading together with Rashi's commentary in a relaxed give and take forum. It will take place every other Saturday. Led by Lenny.

In Person at 10 am
Next Date: TBA

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES! WOO HOO!! Match #225! 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 | Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com, You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- Thursday, October 1 | 11am-3pm | SUNY New Paltz: Main Walkway, 1 Hawk Dr.
- Wednesday, October 7 | 10am-2pm | SUNY Orange: Middletown Campus, Shepard Student Center, 115 South Street



Last month we enjoyed the incredible documentary "One in a Million" in Newburgh, NY. The film told the remarkable true story of Jay Feinberg's worldwide search for a bone marrow donor. The determination of Jay, his family, his friends, and thousands of strangers around the globe was truly extraordinary. Today, Jay is healthy, thriving, and continues to pay it forward through Gift of Life.

Thanks go our special guest speakers Zohar Swain, a donor who saved the life of a little boy and is featured in the film, and his daughter Zoe, a very successful Gift of Life Campus Ambassador,

Special thanks to Gail Oliver, and Sherrill and Stacey Lazarus, as well as the organizations who sponsored the event, who all helped make this wonderful and inspirational afternoon possible.



The Stop Hate Challenge is a yearly competition organized by Zachor Antisemitism Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County NY.

Alani Hyppolite was the 9th Grade **Honorable Mention** winner in the High School category. In her inspiring poem, *"No More Waiting,"* Alani explores climate change, environmental justice, and food systems, reminding us that creating positive change begins with taking action today.

Climate Change - Environmental Justice - Food Systems

Alani Hyppolite, Grade 9

Middletown High School | Teacher: Mrs. Yourman

Inspirational Quote: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank

No More Waiting

The earth is warming quietly,
but the storms are loud.
The oceans ride without asking
who can swim
and who will drown.

In some neighborhoods
the air tastes like the smoke and metal,
while others breathe easy
behind tall green trees.
This is not just climate change,
This is environmental justice.

Who grows food
in cracked and poisoned soil?
Who lives beside highways and factories?
Who feels the heat
when the power goes out?

But we do not have to wait.
Not for leaders.
Not for tomorrow.
Not for permission.

We can plant seeds
in empty lots and in stubborn hearts.
We can lift voices
for clean water, clean air,
and plates filled with fresh food.

We can choose kindness
over hate,
action over silence,
hope over fear.

Because improving the world
is not a future event,
it is a present decision.

And right now,
in this very moment,
we begin.



Past president, **Abbe Distelburger**, represented the Jewish Federation in June, to receive recognition for scholarship support given to some local teens to help them stay engaged in Jewish life.

Looking for scholarship support for Jewish experiences or education for your child?



Learn more and apply here jewishorangeny.org/scholarships.

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BACK FOR ITS SECOND YEAR!

Study the Bible with
The Rev and the Rav



Rev. Victor Sarrazin and Rabbi David Sisen will once again be leading their popular online bimonthly interfaith Bible study. This year, we will begin exploring the Book of Proverbs. Each class will contain perspective from each of the faith traditions, text analysis, and spirited discussion. Bilingual text will be provided, but you are also free to use your own.

Classes for the 2026-2027 season will be held on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** on the following dates: September 24, November 19, January 21, March 18, and May 20.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact:
rabbi@templesinamiddletown.com
or
secretary.grace.episcopal@gmail.com

Do you want to fight antisemitism and be a leader in your community?
Consider this opportunity from the Glass Leadership Institute (GLI)

GLASS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

ADL

GLI empowers young professionals to fight antisemitism and hate in their own communities, while exploring ADL's core mission, "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all."

This new, virtual, national cohort

will connect a diverse network of young professionals from across the country in learning about effective advocacy and leadership in support of ADL's mission. Participants have opportunities for team building, socializing, and engaging with ADL's local and national leadership.

Who's a Great Candidate

- Young professionals between the ages of 22-40* years old
- Passionate about fighting hate
- Motivated to become an ADL Ambassador
- Candidates requiring a fully remote experience

Program Requirements

- Participants should be willing to commit to the 6-month curriculum (October-March)
- Participant cost: \$250** registration/operational fee
- Time commitment of 2-4 hours monthly
- Applications due at the end of September

*Anyone who wants to help locally can join our Zachor Antisemitism Initiative committee.
**Financial support may be available for Orange County residents.
Contact Wendy.Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

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11 October 11 am

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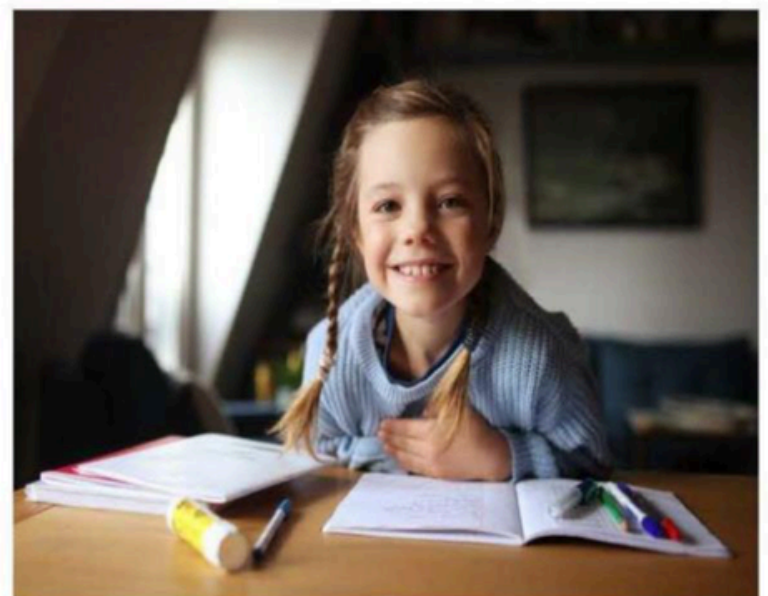
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May 2-13, 2027

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Price per person \$6,760
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Highlights of the journey

- Explore Classical Greece
- Experience Greece's Jewish story
- Enjoy a taste of Greek Culture, its Museums and Cuisine

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- 3 nights Athens – Cypris Hotel
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- 3 nights Corfu – Kontokali Bay Resort

Land Price Includes

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- All Domestic flights and transfers:
- Makor Educator/Field Staff – 11 days:
- All group Transportation on a private luxury bus – 11 days
- Hotel Accommodations per above or similar, pending confirmation
- Source Materials, Hat, Bag, Map
- Water provided daily on bus
- Portage at hotels
- Field Coordinator
- All Site Admissions as per the itinerary
- Meals: Daily Breakfast, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners

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More Information
 Rabbi Doug Kohn (RabbiKohn@TBJNewburgh.org)
 Rabbi Michele Paskow (michmich805@gmail.com)
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Scan the code for more information and to register for the journey

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Begin High Holy Days with Selichot

September 5, 2026

Begin the High Holy Day Season, when we study our lives, with a stirring, hilarious and meaningful evening with Albert Brooks and Meryl Streep:

Defending Your Life, at Temple Beth Jacob!

Saturday evening, September 5, 2026

Movie and Discussion, 7:00pm

Dessert, 9:15pm

Selichot Service and Havdalah with our new Student Cantor, Arielle Kaplan, 9:30pm

Albert Brooks Meryl Streep

Judgment City

DEFENDING YOUR LIFE

THE FIRST TRUE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU DIE

Saturday evening, September 5, 2026

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Selichot Service and Havdalah with our new Student Cantor, Arielle Kaplan, 9:30pm

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.

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 Meeting at the Kol Yisrael Campus
 290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

Facilitated by Rabbi Steven Altarescu, Board Certified Chaplain and Counselor

Upcoming Dates:
10:30am-12pm | Sept 20 | Oct 25
Meeting in the Children's Library

For more information:
 AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org

The Sounds of Independence

Thomas Jefferson had the largest collection of sheet music in America.

Come hear the Kemyndable* Flute Trio Play selections from his Library, and discuss the stories behind his choices for some clues into America's most brilliant, yet problematic Founding Father.

Sept 9
6:30PM
Monroe Public Library

Oct 18
1PM
Greenwood Lake Library

**An anagram of Amy, Deb and Ken, Kemyndable is pronounced 'Commendable'*

ספר תהילים
The Book of Psalms

Please join us as we inaugurate a new monthly online class, where we explore the beautiful poetry of *Sefer Tehillim*, the Book of Psalms. Classes will be held monthly, and texts will be provided. Hebrew skills are not required. We will explore the evocative and sophisticated language of the Psalmist as well as exploring the liturgical uses of some of the most famous chapters. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings on the following dates for 2026-2027:

October 6
 November 3
 December 8
 January 5
 February 2
 March 2
 April 6
 May 4
 June 8

The Zoom link will be available via our normal emails or in advance by contacting the Temple Sinai office or Rabbi/Hazzan Sislen at rabbi@templesinainmiddletown.com.

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Congregation Agudas Israel Selichot Service

WEST SIDE STORY

How Leonard Bernstein used the music of the Selichot service to create West Side Story

Thursday, September 3rd at 8pm live at Kol Yisrael and broadcast on zoom by the Cantors Assembly

In creating West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein transformed Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare's story about chance and fate into a story about choice and T'shuvah. In this 90 minute presentation, you'll learn how Leonard Bernstein used the musical modes of the Selichot service to not only write the music but also to infuse the score with Jewish concepts of T'shuvah and T'shuvah, forgiveness and return (repentance).

CANTORS ASSEMBLY
 Every Jewish Soul Has A Voice

We Sing It Again Hashiveinu

What does a musical about Hellenistic mythology, ideals of beauty, and Polytheism have to do with Selichot? Come for a fascinating discussion comparing and contrasting Jewish ideals, values, and philosophy. And some terrific music!

Saturday Night, September 5th
7pm - We Sing It Again
8pm - Havdalah & Selichot

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