

# WE ARE ONE

January 2020 Tevet/Shevat 5780

## LEVINE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES CONCLUDES WITH RABBI SALLY PRIESAND

**R**abbi Sally J. Priesand, America's first female rabbi, was ordained in June, 1972, by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1981-2006, she served as Rabbi of Monmouth Reform Temple, becoming Rabbi Emerita upon her retirement. Nationally, she has served on the Executive Board of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism. Locally, she is President of Interfaith Neighbors, an organization whose primary purpose is to provide rental assistance and support services for the working poor.

Rabbi Priesand was at Temple Beth Shalom in Florida, NY for Havdalah and a dessert reception on Saturday, December 7th, where she spoke about Rabbi Regina Jonas, the world's first female rabbi. Very few people have ever heard of her because her papers were hidden away until after the fall of the Berlin Wall when they were discovered. Rabbi Priesand traveled to Germany five years ago with a group of rabbis, scholars and lay people to follow in the footsteps of Regina Jonas and dedicate a plaque in her memory at the concentration camp Terezin.

On Sunday, December 8th, Rabbi Priesand spoke to the audience at Temple Sinai in Middletown about her life as a Rabbi. We learned that she wanted to be a Rabbi since the age of 16, regardless of the fact that there were no females in the rabbinate at the time. She persevered, however, and overcame stumbling blocks along the way, to be ordained in 1972.

Rabbi Priesand is proud to be "the first" and as such, appears at many ordinations and conferences to share her story. Orange County was honored to have her in our midst.



At Temple Sinai, l-r: Federation Executive Director Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein, Rabbi Sally Priesand and Rabbi Rebecca Shinder.

At Temple Beth Shalom, Rabbi Priesand celebrated Havdalah, the separation of Shabbat and the beginning of the new week.

Photos by Gail Conklin



*We are grateful to the family of the late Jacques, Florence and Harold Levine for their generosity and kindness.*

*Where in a summer 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.

Go to [www.JewishOrangeNY.org](http://www.JewishOrangeNY.org) to get more information about camp scholarships available through Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. The deadline to apply is March 31st.



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### JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

Partial scholarships for Jewish children residing in Orange County.

### ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

Partial scholarships for educational programs and experiences in Israel for Jewish teens residing in Orange County. The amount of each award depends on individual need as well as the number of applications.

### THE JACK AND JESSICA BLINKOFF SCHOLARSHIP

A full award covering the cost of one trip to Israel, given to one special 11th or 12th grade student, based on need and merit.

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...where they'll reinforce their Jewish identity, appreciate their homeland and its culture, and strengthen a connection with Israel that will last a lifetime.

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**PJ Library is offering more children the opportunity to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time with grants to qualifying families in the amount of \$700 for campers who attend overnight camp for 12-18 days or \$1,000 for campers who attend camp for 19 days or longer.**

**Get more information here: [pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pj-goes-to-camp](http://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pj-goes-to-camp)**

Music & Movement PJ Story Time Arts & Crafts

# PJ Play

For children 18mo-5yrs & their grown-ups

Join us each month in your neighborhood!

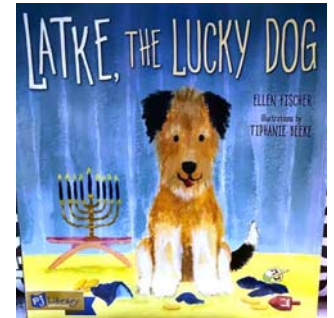
Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave MIDDLETOWN 9:30AM	Temple Beth Shalom 13 Roosevelt Ave FLORIDA 10:30AM	Kol Yisrael 290 North St NEWBURGH 10:30AM	Monroe Temple 314 N. Main St MONROE 9:30AM
January 12	January 26	January 12	January 12
February 2	February 23	February 9	February 2
March 1	March 22	March 8	March 1
April 19	April 26	April 19	April 19
May 3	-	May 3	May 3

Little ones will love rocking out to our Music and Movement Jam, reveling in PJ Library Story Time and making their own creations in Magical Craft time. Connect with other families with young children in your neighborhood at this one-of-a-kind Jewish parent/tot experience. You'll want it to become a regular part of your Sunday morning routine!



For more information and to register, call 845-562-7860 or email [rachel@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:rachel@jewishorangeny.org).

Right: At Temple Sinai, we sang with Rabbi Marcus, listened to a great story about pet adoption and colored ping pong balls for two local cat rescues. Chanukah is about perseverance and miracles and shelter animals deserve that as much as we do.



Left and below: At Kol Yisrael in Newburgh, the kids read Latke the Lucky Dog and made dog toys for a local shelter.



Above: So much fun at PJ Play Monroe! We sang Hanukkah songs with Rabbi Roger Lerner, read Latke the Lucky Dog and decorated ping pong balls to donate to the cats at the animal shelter!



**CELEBRATING SUKKOT: WE LIVED IN BOOTHS...AND WHAT WE LEARNED,**

was presented at Temple Beth Shalom and facilitated by Sharon Halper with a MicroGrant provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. The program was a ‘round-robin’ event suited to families with children from Grades K to 6. The content was largely text-based, based on agricultural mitzvot and Sukkot traditions. The texts were taught and then adapted to activities in which the families engaged.

Families read the text dealing with leaving the corners of our fields for the poor and the stranger. Anecdotally, when Sharon asked why participants thought the Torah teaches that we leave the corners of our fields unharvested, a 4 year-old participant raised her hand while shouting out – to everyone else’s amusement “so the hungry people could pick it up!”



**Chanukah Happenings in Orange County**



Top: Jessica Lewis and her husband, Scott, far left, with Greenwood Lake Mayor Jesse Dwyer at the Greenwood Lake menorah lighting.

Below: Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein lights the first candle with members of Temple Sinai and the Jewish community.





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*Building Our Jewish Community Together*

**The Monroe Temple  
Continuing Education Committee  
and the Jewish Federation CRC  
present**

**THE POLITICAL TOOLBOX**  
A series of speakers on wedge issues  
that motivate voters

Please welcome our first speaker,  
**SHANNON WONG,**  
Hudson Valley Chapter Director, ACLU of NY  
Sunday, January 12, 2020, 11AM  
Monroe Temple Library  
314 North Main Street, Monroe, NY

**Refreshments  
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RSVP regarding Child Care**



**ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
Enhance your academic résumé for college!  
**THE 2020 STOP HATE STUDENT/TEACHER CHALLENGE**  
**THIS YEAR’S THEME: MORAL COURAGE**



**Student Competition** - In addition to our traditional essay contest we are offering prizes this year for creative student responses to our challenge, these include: Posters, Podcasts, Electronic Public Service Announcements (PSAs), Other creative videos, Children’s books, Graphic Novellas, Songs, Poems, and Plays.

**Teacher Mini Grant Proposal** - In addition to the Student Moral Courage Competition, Jewish Federation is offering a mini grant for any teacher working with a student or group of students who puts together a proposal on how to Stop Hate in their school community. The mini grant is intended to assist teachers/students with implementing their idea. Teachers overseeing students will receive a stipend for their efforts.

More information is available on the Federation website, [jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/2020-stop-hate-teacher-student-challenge](http://jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/2020-stop-hate-teacher-student-challenge). You may call the Federation office at 845-562-7860 or email [sharon@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:sharon@jewishorangeny.org) with any questions.

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