

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE: TWO FAMILIES ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS

Susan and George M. Levy Endowment Fund

By George M. Levy

My interest in Jewish Federation goes back to before I was born. My father, Dr. Joseph R. Levy, was a very giving person. As I grew up, I learned from him the values of a Jewish life. He was my role model. He served his synagogue as its President and was a donor in what was then called UJA, the United Jewish Appeal. After my marriage to Susan and our move to Syracuse, New York, I served on the Board of Temple Concord. I was also active musically there, singing and playing the guitar for events. After moving to Newburgh, we became active at Temple Beth Jacob and I continued my interest in serving on the Board. I became President of the Temple and continued my dedication to the synagogue. I was asked to become President a second time when the synagogue ran into financial problems. I served that term and continue to this day to sing and play guitar at services and special events. Susan followed and became President of TBJ as well. We also gave our time to Federation. I by doing the teaching of those who were to make donor calls on Super Sunday and Susan by volunteering on Super Sunday. We did that each year for many years. Although I never served on the Federation Board due to work responsibilities, we believe in the work that the Federation does locally, in America and abroad and we want to support it. Our endowment accomplishes that for now and all time.



Pictured: the Levy Family

Green Family Endowment Fund

By Leslie Green

When we moved to Orange County we did what most young Jewish families do, joined a synagogue, and tapped into the local Jewish community for friendship, information, and support. However, we were not very informed about Jewish Federation and all they do for our Jewish community, here in Orange County, in Israel and the world over. Fast forward a few years, we were the parents of 3 young children, the oldest of whom was ready to enter kindergarten. One of our priorities was sending our children to Hebrew Day School. We searched for a school with a good secular curriculum, strong Zionist values, that would instill a love of Judaism and teach our children to speak contemporary Hebrew fluently, so that they could converse and study the core texts in the original. There was no Day School in Orange County, but we found exactly what we had been looking for in Rockland County. As two working parents, our schedules made transporting our children logistically impossible without a bus. Tuition for HDS being steep as it is, Orange County parents interested in HDS could not afford to hire a private bus. Federation stepped in with a significant grant; the school and HDS parents paid the remainder of the costs. In addition, Federation established a Day School scholarship, whose committee I joined. Federation's generosity has enabled nearly 50 children to attend Day School! When some of these families decided to continue Day School education into the High School years, Federation assisted us with a grant for the bus to the Westchester Solomon Schechter High School in Hartsdale. Our children attended Jewish summer camps and traveled to Israel as Day School students and later as Birthright participants. All these immersive experiences are supported in part by Jewish Federations and have had a profound impact on our children and our family. As time went on, as we became more involved, we learned of the extraordinary impact of the 146 Jewish Federations across North America, in Israel and in more than 70 countries around the world. Jewish tradition teaches that one of our main responsibilities is to make the world a better place for future generations. Establishing an endowment is our way to demonstrate our confidence in the continuity of Jewish life for generations to come. This Jewish community gave to us in our time of need and has enriched our lives in so many ways. We hope that our endowment will, in some small way, similarly enrich the lives of Jewish families all across Orange County, no matter what their needs.



Music & Movement PJ Story Time
PJ Play Arts & Crafts
 For children 18mo-5yrs & their grown-ups
 Join us each month in your neighborhood!

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

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@jewishorangenj.org.

In February, the children painted parsley pots and read "Sadie's Snowy Tu B'shevat."



Above and Left: Kol Yisrael, Newburgh

Above: Monroe Temple

Below - Temple Beth Shalom, Florida



A BRIEF NOTE FROM A CAMP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear Jewish Federation Board,

Thank you for your generosity and the scholarship to go on USY on Wheels Classic last summer. It helped develop my Jewish identity as I was able to bond with other Jewish teens from different parts of the country. Some highlights of the trip were davening Shacrit while watching the sunrise over the Grand Canyon and having the opportunity to experience Shabbat with different Jewish people each week. Other highlights of the trip were visiting Disneyland, New Orleans, San Francisco, Iowa and Texas. I also visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC and the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh which were very moving and had a profound affect on me.

Being on this trip inspired me to get more involved in my Temple's youth group and USY. I can't thank the Jewish Federation Board enough for this amazing opportunity.
 Sincerely, Andrew Grunes



Andrew at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and at the Grand Canyon.



It's SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES ARE MARCH 31, 2020



JEWISH SUMMER CAMP - Partial scholarships for Jewish children residing in Orange County. *Download an application at jewishorangeny.org/scholarships*

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

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.

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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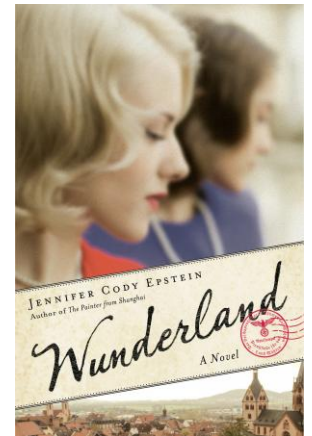


JENNIFER CODY EPSTEIN "WUNDERLAND"

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 2PM

CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL, NEWBURGH

Traces the lives of three women across two generations and the devastating repercussions of choices made in the dark days of wartime Germany. Once inseparable, Berlin teenagers Ilse and Renate find their friendship ripped apart by their nation's abrupt swing into fascism. Ilse, a so-called "Aryan," throws her lot in with the Nazi Party, while Renate sees her once-secure world dismantled by its race laws and then shattered by a shocking betrayal. Decades later, that same betrayal will upend the life of Ilse's daughter, Ava, as she discovers long-buried truths about her mother's past.

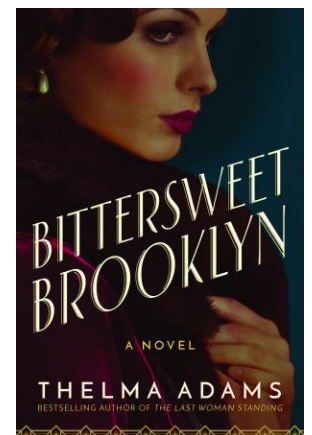


THELMA ADAMS "BITTERSWEET BROOKLYN"

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD 7PM

TEMPLE BETH JACOB, NEWBURGH

A vivid, wrenching, female driven immigrant family saga set against the birth of the Jewish mob in Brooklyn at the turn of the 20th Century. Flipping the familiar script of The Sopranos, Bittersweet Brooklyn explores the shattering impact of mob violence on the women expected to mop up the mess. Winding its way over decades, this haunting family saga plunges readers into a dangerous past - revealed through the perspective of a forgotten yet vibrant woman.




These events are free. Books will be available for purchase and autographs.

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