

# WE ARE ONE

February 2023 Adar / Nisan 5783



## PURIM SHPIEL & CARNIVAL

MARCH 5, 2023

Monroe Temple is partnering with the Orange County synagogues in a collaborative Purim celebration!

On Sunday, March 5th, from 10am - 1pm, we will be hosting a joint Purim Shpiel and Carnival. Please come and join us for this wonderful celebration of our sacred day!

There will be games, prizes and food. Come wearing your favorite costume for our costume parade!



MONROE TEMPLE AND RABBI LERNER  
WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR A WEEKEND OF LEARNING  
AND REFLECTION WITH  
RABBI EMERITUS GARRY LOEB  
*and*  
JEWISH EDUCATOR, SOREL LOEB

MONROE TEMPLE BETH-EL  
MARCH 10-12, 2023

### Jewish Identities in the 2020s:

Who we WERE, who we ARE, who we WANT TO BE

- Friday, March 10 - 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
- Shabbat, March 11 - Registration closed for Saturday
- Sunday, March 12 - 9am-11am Raising proud Jewish kids in the 2020's - for parents and grandparents

There is no cost for these programs. It is open to the community. We welcome 13 and older to participate.

This program is made possible by the generosity of individual donors, Monroe Temple and Jewish Federation of Orange County

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 1ST HERE:  
[jewishorangeny.org/MonroeTempleLoebWeekend](http://jewishorangeny.org/MonroeTempleLoebWeekend)

### Partial Jewish Summer Camp & Israel Experience Scholarships

For Jewish children residing in Orange County. The amount of each award depends on individual need as well as the number of applications received. Parent/guardian must be member of our Federation.

Complete the application online: [jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships](http://jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships)



*Where in 2 months 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.

**The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff Israel 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.

**Deadline for all Scholarship applications is March 31st.**

Please email [sharon@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:sharon@jewishorangeny.org) with any questions.



*A trip your child will remember forever.*

## ISRAEL

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

Not sure which camp is right for your child? Find a camp here: [jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper](http://jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper)

CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 75TH WITH AN INTIMATE EVENING OF COMEDY AND COCKTAILS



Saturday, April 15th 8:30PM at Temple Sinai  
 Sunday, April 16th 10AM for Teens at Temple Sinai

Back by popular demand, comedians Benji Lovitt and Joel Chasnoff, straight from Israel with their new book: Israel 75; 75 Insights and Revelations About the Magic and Mystery of Israel, pulling back the curtain to unveil a more complete and comprehensive portrait of Israel that extends beyond the typical Israel narrative.

@benjilovitt, @joelchasnoff, www.Israel201.com

Saturday night: Living in the Land of Milk and Funny Stand-up comedy about all things Israel and the Diaspora-Israel relationship, from teen tours and supposedly-English-speaking Israeli tour guides to the joys and oys of moving to, and raising a family in, the Holy Land.

Sunday morning for teens: Never Too Soon, an audiovisual presentation on Israeli humor, including how and why the comedy you'll experience in Israel is so different from the Jewish humor we traditionally enjoy.



Sponsored by the Levine Family Speaker Series and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

RSVP:

[jewishorangeny.org/IsraelComedyNight](http://jewishorangeny.org/IsraelComedyNight)

TRI-COUNTY SHABBAT TOGETHER



Sunday, March 12

2:00-3:30pm

at Kedem Winery, Marlboro



A Taste of Shabbat

Candle Holder Making - Grape Juice Tasting

Challah demo by the Challah Pixie

RSVP [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)

All Ages Welcome!  
 Suggested Donation:  
 \$5 pp, \$18 per family



### Happy Purim!

When I was a kid, Purim was definitely the Jewish holiday I enjoyed most. Why wouldn't it be? We were allowed (in fact encouraged) to YELL and make lots of noise in synagogue – when we were otherwise told to sit quietly! We could wear costumes and play games, eat cookies, and hear the story of a woman who helped to foil the plans of an evil man, thereby saving the Jews of her time.

Purim is still one of the holidays most enjoyed by kids and adults alike. While, as an adult, I have found other traditions and holidays that I appreciate on a different level, the kid in me still loves Purim. Perhaps because, to me, it still represents just having some fun & getting a little crazy with my Jewish friends.

I was lucky. I was connected to a national Jewish youth organization for many years of my life, and many of my Jewish connections today are the very people I met through that organization. Those connections are invaluable to me. As I learned in Girl Scouts, “Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold.”

Jewish kids in Orange County, NY today do not have the same opportunities to meet other Jewish kids. Some Jewish families are less engaged in Jewish life, so their children are too. Some families have parents with different religious backgrounds, so they may not think they'll be accepted in Jewish spaces. Many people are anti-organized religion, in general. National youth organizations are having their own membership challenges.

That is why the Jewish Federation provides opportunities for connection to the Jewish community for young families and kids of all ages.

- ✧ We sponsor the PJ Library program, which provides free, Jewish-themed books every month for children age 6mo. through their 13th birthday. There's even an opportunity for grandparents to receive books!
- ✧ We've also created our JOY (Jewish Orange Youth) program – with get-together opportunities for kids and parents, and even a separate program for the teens.
- ✧ We support county-wide programs and content created by our clergy. This year, we had an exuberant Tu B'shvat experience at Temple Beth Shalom in Florida, NY, and our lively Purim carnival (was, or will be on March 5th – depending when this goes out!) at Monroe Temple Beth El.
- ✧ Your support of the Jewish Federation allows us to keep these programs alive and to keep our kids and young (or less-young) families engaged in Jewish life.

Thank you for helping us to support Jewish life in Orange County. If you haven't made your pledge to our 2023 campaign yet, you can do so by:

- Contacting the office at: 845-562-7860 or [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org)
- Donating on our website: [JewishOrangeNY.org](http://JewishOrangeNY.org)
- Asking us how to use the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your tax-deferred retirement account as your annual pledge.

*B'shalom, Wendy Cedar, Executive Director*



**Sunday, April 30th 4 to 6PM**  
**Monroe Temple 314 N. Main St., Monroe**

**Topic: "What Does Your Religion Teach Us About How We Are To Conduct Ourselves Towards The Stranger?" Featuring the Monroe/Woodbury Interfaith Council and Clergy from several local congregations.** A discussion with questions taken from the audience. The goal of this event is to bring members of different religious faiths together to begin to understand each

other, accept & tolerate each other and create paths to work together to help bridge the gap between different social, racial and economic justice groups.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is free to attend. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry and/or make a donation to your clergy member's favorite charity. Please **RSVP to [lauren.vitkovsky@monroetemple.org](mailto:lauren.vitkovsky@monroetemple.org)** so we have enough seats & refreshments. Please include any questions you have for the clergy related to the main topic.

This event is presented by the Monroe/Woodbury Interfaith Council, the Monroe Temple Social Action Committee & the Monroe Temple Sisterhood/WRJ and made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

## Learning and Remembrance

Holocaust survivor, Zvi Gill, in his Closing Message to the Conference on the Legacy of Holocaust Survivors in April 2002 at Yad Vashem, said, "In Jewish tradition, the command to remember is absolute. But its obligation does not end with the cognitive act of memory- it must be connected to both meaning and action. Today, we for whom the memory is burned in our hearts and on our flesh gather to pass the torch of memory to the next generation. We pass to you, as well, the fundamental lesson of Judaism: that memory must be accompanied by action of ethical and moral intent. This must be the foundation and the focus of your energies toward the creation of a better world."



Mimica Tsezana Hyman is carrying forward the torch as she tells her story of being a second-generation Holocaust survivor to audiences in our county, country, and world.

On February 8, 2023, Ms. Tsenzana Hyman shared the story of her family with the entire 12th-grade student body at Washingtonville High School. For the past 10 years, Mimica has presented her family's story of the survival of all 275 Jewish community members on the Greek island of Zakynthos during WWII. Along with an edited version of the documentary "Song of Life" by Toni Likouressis, Mimica shares the personal story of how her father and his family were protected from the Nazis by the bishop, the mayor, and other residents on the island. It is an essential story of courage, friendship, hope, and resilience that intimately moves her audience. "I strongly believe that this presentation matters greatly and that the story should become known worldwide," states Ms. Tsezana Hyman.

Read more: [jewishorangeny.org/antisemitism/zachor-in-school-programs](http://jewishorangeny.org/antisemitism/zachor-in-school-programs)



## 2023 STOP HATE CHALLENGE

The challenge is open to Orange County, NY students in grades 6-8 and 9-12.

There will be one winner from each group, each with a cash prize of \$200. The teachers of those winners will receive \$100.

**Topic: Immigration and Refugees: past, current, and future...**

Due Date: March 28, 2023

Please visit: [jewishorangeny.org/2023StopHateChallenge](http://jewishorangeny.org/2023StopHateChallenge) for specific directions and requirements.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Zachor Antisemitism Initiative.

If you have questions please email: [zachor@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:zachor@jewishorangeny.org)

**SAVE THE DATE: STOP HATE SYMPOSIUM – THURSDAY, APRIL 20th**



# The Bart Bookman Community Education Program



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## Parkinson's, What You and Your Family Should Know"

Thursday, March 9th, 7 to 8:30 PM

Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave., Middletown

Facilitated by Nancy R Nealon, an expert in Parkinson's who is Senior Community Program Manager for the Parkinson's Foundation, NY& NJ Chapter. This is of interest to anyone who has Parkinson's, or who knows someone who has this disease. Ms. Nealon will talk about who gets it, early signs of the disease, treatment options, resources and support groups. This Program is FREE and Open to the Entire Community. To Register for the ZOOM Link, send your Name, E-Mail Address and Phone Number to Hal K Marcus, Hmarc57@yahoo.com or call 914-443-7202.

**March 16  
7PM**

**quinnz pinz**  
13 Railroad Ave  
Middletown, NY 10940

# shuligans

## pins & pinball

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bnaitorahgw.org/shuligans  
  
 More info:  
teppersaffen@gmail.com

Are you in your 20s or 30s?  
Join the shuligans every  
Third Thursday  
for some  
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of Greater Orange County



## second night seder open to the entire community

Thursday, April 6th 5:30PM  
Temple Beth Shalom  
13 Roosevelt Ave., Florida NY  
Passover 2nd Night Seder

Fully catered with; salad, matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, potatoes, green vegetable, fruit and desserts.

All the other Passover goodies provided by TBS.

Bring your own Kosher for Passover wine.

ONLY \$40 for adults, \$18 for kids 5-13, under 5 FREE.

RSVP: catherinegreenblatt@gmail.com

Subsidized by a MicroGrant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

**PJ Play**

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

Join us each month in your neighborhood!

Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave MIDDLETOWN	Temple Beth Shalom 13 Roosevelt Ave FLORIDA	Kol Yisrael 290 North St NEWBURGH	Monroe Temple 314 N. Main St MONROE	Cong. Beth Hillel 20 Pine St WALDEN	B'nai Torah Shul 14 Lakes Rd Greenwood Lake
9:30AM - 10:30AM	10:30AM - 11:30AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11:00 AM - 12:00PM	9:30AM - 10:30 AM	1:00PM - 2:00PM
February 26	February 12	February 26	February 12	TBA	TBA
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April 30	April TBA	April 30	April TBA	April TBA	April TBA
May TBA	May TBA	May 21	May TBA	-----	May TBA

**The Jewish Federation**  
OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY

For more information and to sign up:  
office@jewishorangeny.org  
or (845)562-7860

## Spring Into Action! Volunteer with The Friendly Visitor Program

- Grocery Shopping Assistance
- Rides to Essential Appointments
- Visits and Minor Chores
- Wellness Calls and more

SUPPORT  
OLDER  
NEIGHBORS  
IN YOUR  
TOWN

### Volunteer Training Dates

Tuesday 2/28/23 at 5:30PM

Thursday 3/9/23 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday 3/21/23 at 5:30 pm

Virtual  
&  
90-Minutes

Do you know an older neighbor in need of help?

Call: 845-341-1173 x300

To volunteer or register for the training:

email: volunteer@jfsorange.org

or call: 845-341-1173 x305

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This program is made possible by a grants from:



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## The Harold Levine Endowment 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 these 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](http://jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments)

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