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April 2023 Nisan/Iyar 5783



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.

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Stop the Hate Symposium

for middle and high school students
and educators in Orange County, NY

For more information
or to register contact
zachor@jewishorangeny.org

April 20, 2023

3:45pm (registration) - 7:30pm

Monroe-Woodbury
Middle School

Join award-winning educator Joe Nappi as he explores the lessons, he created for the recent Ken Burns documentary "The U.S. and the Holocaust" on US Immigration Policy, Jewish attempts at Immigration during the Holocaust, and the Modern Global Refugee Crisis.

Through an examination of our past, attendees will be challenged to consider their agency in dealing with the modern global refugee crisis of today and the challenges we are certain to encounter in the future.



Dinner is included and winners of Stop the Hate contest will be acknowledged.

This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to and share ideas with students and educators from all over the county! Please join us.



EXPANDING MY WORLDVIEW AND STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION TO MY JUDAISM DILLON MURILLO, BLINKOFF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

This past summer, my journey traveling across Israel, Italy, and Slovenia last summer was an unforgettable and enriching experience. For 5 weeks, I traveled across these nations with a group of 48 other Jewish-American teens through the Jewish youth organization, BBYO. Every single day there was a new natural or architectural wonder to admire, a new culture to experience, and a new perspective to be gained.

One aspect of my trip that stood out to me was the absolute beauty of all of the places I visited. Italy's elegant architecture from the ancient and Renaissance eras and the rolling fields of the countryside were awe inspiring. During my brief stint in Slovenia, I was blown away by the vibrantly green and towering mountains of the Julian Alps as well as its various rivers and lakes. In Israel, I was able to see all of the country's impressively diverse landscapes, from the sun kissed Mediterranean Coast to the vast and rocky Negev Desert to the semi-arid hills and plains of the Galilee Region. The traditional middle-eastern sandstone architecture of places such as The Old City of Jerusalem and Tzfat combined with the more modern buildings built since 1948 provided a pleasant mix of new and old, a duality that reflects Israel as a whole.

One of the most striking parts of my journey was being immersed in a primarily Jewish environment. Firstly, being around a group of 48 other Jewish teens in my tour group was in and of itself a unique and comforting experience, as back home I am basically one of few Jews my age. In Israel, the large Jewish population and the openness by which Judaism could be proudly displayed provided a sense of liberation and excitement for me. In America, Jews are vastly outnumbered and unfortunately must sometimes keep Jewish expression limited out of fear of anti-Semitism. Most nights of my trip, whether we were at our accommodations or in a public market or even at the Western Wall, our group would dance and sing variations of prayers from the Torah to close out the day. On our travels, we got to meet many passionate and interesting Jews, from a Kabbalistic artist in Tzfat to a filmmaker in Tel Aviv to members of a Kibbutz, and each of them helped expand my understanding of

our people's values, history, and culture, as well as the unique circumstances of Israel itself.

One moment from the trip I'll never forget is when our group was staying in the Jewish Ghetto in Venice. When coming back to our accommodations on Shabbat, we crossed paths with a large group of Orthodox men. We quickly joined them and had a blast singing and dancing for hours. The whole time I kept thinking about how unreal it was that I was celebrating Shabbat with Italian Jews halfway across the world.

Visiting the Old City of Jerusalem, the Western Wall, and Masada were very surreal. I have heard so much about them throughout my Jewish education. At the Western Wall especially, I felt very honored, after years of hearing about it through Torah stories and turning toward it during services at home. I was finally before our religion's holiest site.

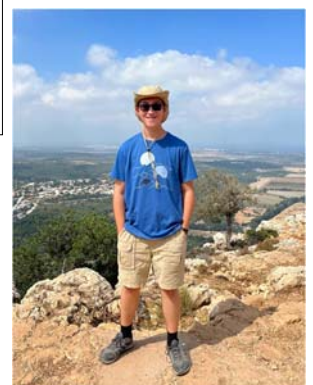
The large presence of the Roman Empire in both Italy and Israel was also fascinating. Masada, along with being incredibly serene at sunrise, was profound to me as it was the site of Jewish and Roman ancient history, being the location of the last stand of the Jews during the Roman Siege. Traveling to Rome and seeing the remnants of the old seat of the Roman Empire at the Roman Forum and the Coliseum added to the wonder as I was able to experience two different locations of this once mighty empire.

My visits to the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, Yad Vashem, and Mount Herzl also instilled in me a profound sense of pride. Mount Herzl is the site of Theodor Herzl's grave along with the memorials of many Israeli politicians, soldiers, and victims of terror. These places had an emotional impactful on me, and were instrumental in strengthening my respect for the Jewish people as they exemplify our people's resilience in the face of oppression and hardship.

I would have never had the chance to take this once-in-a-lifetime trip if it were not for the Jewish Federation and the Blinkoff Family. I am eternally grateful that I was given this opportunity, as it greatly helped me expand my worldview and strengthen my connection to my Judaism, the world, and humanity. It was an incredible journey that I will forever cherish.



Dillon is a senior at Newburgh Free Academy. His family is affiliated with Temple Beth Jacob and Congregation Agudas Israel in the City of Newburgh, as well as Chabad of Eastern Orange County in New Windsor. Dillon lives in New Windsor with his mom and dad and 21 year old brother, Logan.





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** 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.



Sunday June 4th - Time TBA
5th Avenue from 57th St. 73rd St. NYC

Even though we cannot march in the parade as a community this year, you can still watch it.

The JCRC-NY Celebrate Israel Parade is unquestionably the world's largest expression of solidarity with the Jewish state, and this year, it will mark Israel's 75th birthday. No other event in the world brings as many people together to celebrate Israel.

The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund 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 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

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FREE and open to the entire community.



Meet Author Kitty Zeldis
Sunday, May 7th 4PM via Zoom

The Dressmakers of Prospect Heights

A haunting meditation on the bonds between mothers and daughters. Zeldis offers a fascinating look into historic New York City and New Orleans, and her skill as a storyteller is matched by her compassion for her characters.

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March 26 April 30 May TBD	March 26 April 23 May 7	March 26 April 30 May 21	March 26 April 30 May 7

Come join us for story-time!

April ~Yom Ha'atzmaut

May ~ Shavuot

Make a fun craft activity too!

This is a free event, bring a friend.

Look to see when it will be in your area.

Hope to see you there.



GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY - We continue to look for miracle matches for Murray, Maxine, and 4 year old Erin. Please suggest to your children or grandchildren (ages 18-35) that they join the registry. They just have to go to www.giftoflife.org to request a swabbing kit be sent to them.

Newburgh Illuminated: Saturday, June 3rd
12-6PM Broadway, Newburgh

Sportsplex: Wednesday, July 12
4-8PM 2902 Rte 9W, New Windsor

If you can help out, even for just a couple of hours, at any of these events, please contact Sherrill Lazarus, smlazarus@yahoo.com. Our amazing volunteers have now found our 42nd match!! There is no greater feeling than knowing that YOU may have helped save a life!!



From Bima to Broadway

Saturday, April 22nd

An entertaining musical extravaganza celebrating friendship and camaraderie within our community starring Cantor Shira Nafshi and Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky with a special tribute to Israel Independence Day.

Doors open at 7:30pm Show time 8:15 pm
Minimum Donation \$45 per person

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Yom Hashoah Commemoration 5783
April 17, 2023

In loving memory of Cécile Widerman Kaufer ל"ת



Services begin 6:45 PM
Monroe Temple Beth-EL
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845-783-2626



Film: "The Mortal Storm" Monday, April 17th 1PM at the Albert Wisner Public Library, 1 McFarland Drive, Warwick NY 10990. Introduced by Temple Sinai member, Linda Dubin, as part of its weekly event. "Monday Afternoon At The Movies." Shown in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed this year on Monday, April 17, 2023 (eve) and Tuesday, April 18, 2023. This program is Free and Open to the Public.

albertwisnerlibrary.org/content/monday-afternoon-movies-mortal-storm

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