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Damage Done: Wikipedia Leaves Biased Edits Unchecked Despite Editor Bans

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Executive Summary

More than a year after ADL published “Editing for Hate: How Anti-Israel and Anti-Jewish Bias Undermines Wikipedia’s Neutrality,” exposing a coordinated, multi-year campaign by approximately 30 Wikipedia editors to inject antisemitic and anti-Israel narratives into entries on Israel, Hamas, Zionism, and Jewish history, the underlying bias remains embedded in the online encyclopedia’s most-read pages on the conflict, and the work of even sanctioned editors is still largely intact and unreviewed.

The Wikipedia community banned some of the editors identified in the original report from the topic area, or the site entirely, with sanctions beginning in January 2025 and afterward amid sustained external scrutiny from media, Congress, and federal officials. The Wikimedia Foundation, under new leadership, signaled commitments to anti-abuse mechanisms. But the edits themselves were never systematically reviewed, and much of that original damage is still standing.

This matters beyond Wikipedia as these articles feed into AI training pipelines, Large Language Model (LLM) outputs, and search engine results in a matter of minutes, carrying the distortions with them and shaping how millions of readers encounter this information.

Wikipedia’s “Gaza war” article, for example, was stripped of the forensic record of the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, 2023, by a since-banned editor who removed sections covering forensic documentation that victims were bound with wire and burned, evidence of sexual violence, and video evidence of an attempted decapitation. What remains is a single line about how terrorists “reportedly engaged” in such violence during the attack. That same banned editor worked on the “Hamas” article, which does not even identify the Palestinian Islamist extremist group as a terrorist organization designated by the U.S. and other governments until the very end of the lead section; everything before that describes Hamas in terms consistent with a governing authority in Gaza, not the terrorist group that led the worst antisemitic massacre since the Holocaust.

Wikipedia’s “Zionism” article, meanwhile, defines Zionism as achieved “through colonization” and states, as fact, that Zionists sought a state with “as few Palestinian Arabs as possible” — a characterization Wikipedia’s own editors have internally flagged as disputed. As “Editing for Hate” reported, six editors who were later topic-banned were among those who installed that language, and a February 2025 moratorium on further discussion locked it in place. The moratorium has expired; the central framing remains.

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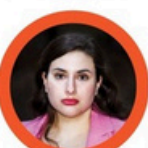


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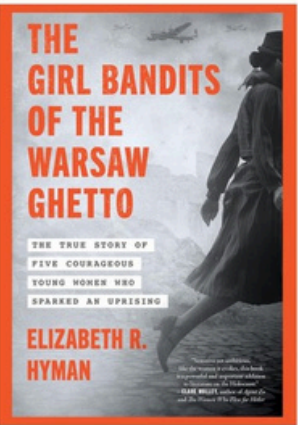
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submitted by Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

Anybody Can Be Fooled

A major technology summit in San Francisco recently began with an ingenious demonstration of why scams can work - on anybody.

Over 1,200 participants in this conference received an email from conference organizers, discussing the importance of computer security. Included in the email was an offer of free WiFi to conference participants. Just click here, it said.

Of the 1,200+ emails that were sent, over 700 opened the email.

418 clicked the link.
54 started submitting personal data.
9 entered their credit card info.

The email was a trick: a phishing attempt, designed to scoop up users' personal and financial information. And it worked.

The name of the organization that held the conference, whose participants were duped, is:
The Global Anti-Scam Alliance.

You’re reading that correctly. Some of the world's top professionals in scam and fraud prevention, banking, and telecoms...were fooled by this practical joke.

Stories like this are why we need to lead with empathy for ourselves and others when it comes to being targeted and victimized by scams - especially romance and companionship scams.

For our older adults, the prospect of loneliness and social isolation can make them prime targets for scammers.

Chances are you're safe from scammers while you're reading articles like this one, because the prospect of being scammed is top-of-mind; but what happens if you’ve had a rough day or your brain is on autopilot. What if you're distracted, tired, or feeling lonesome?

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These activities expanded one of the Club’s core missions: To provide informal, fun environments where friendships can grow.

The Club, founded during the Harding Administration, has flourished for over 100 years. The Club is one of the nation’s oldest Jewish men’s social clubs located outside a major metropolitan area. We believe the long life of our club reflects the lasting happiness achieved by enabling new, and deeper, friendships among Jewish men.

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Continued from front page. Damage Done: Wikipedia Leaves Biased Edits Unchecked Despite Editor Bans

At the same time, biased editing across Wikipedia has continued through quieter, subtler techniques than those documented in 2025, even as the visible coordination decreased significantly. A newly identified cohort, working alongside some members of the original 30 who avoided consequences for the coordination, now carries this work forward.

This follow-up report by the ADL Center for Technology and Society (CTS) presents four main findings:

Finding 1: Past biased edits have not been undone. No banned editor's body of work has been systematically reviewed to determine which edits should be corrected. On Wikipedia's "Hamas" article, one banned editor's changes remain in place a year after the account was banned. Across six flagship articles examined in this report, roughly 91% of that editor's edits are still in the live text, with no review since the ban.

Finding 2: Sustained external pressure and enforcement have driven a measurable decline in coordinated activity. Talk-page coordination within the original 30-editor group fell 95%, and same-page tandem editing fell 88%, following congressional, federal, and platform scrutiny.

Finding 3: Biased editing continues, quietly. A July 2026 review found 19 accounts actively editing Israel- and Palestine-related articles: eight editors from the original 30 who avoided sanction, and 11 newly identified editors. Their techniques are more subtle: undoing other editors' changes to hold a framing in place, hedging factual claims, and rebuilding articles slowly enough that no single edit draws attention.

Finding 4: The new cohort now sets the frame. On the 229 articles where these 19 accounts overlap, the 11 newly identified editors are far more active recently and hold the most recent edit, effectively a page's current text, on roughly six in ten of them. Several of these editors are among the principal authors of Wikipedia's pages on October 7 sexual violence and have installed and defended a skeptical framing for more than two years.

To read the full article and ADL's recommendations to the Wikimedia Foundation, to search engines and AI developers, and to policymakers and the public who rely on Wikipedia, go to adl.org/resources/report/damage-done-wikipedia-leaves-biased-edits-unchecked-despite-editor-bans

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Respectfully Submitted, *Adam Belok*

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Rabbi’s Blog *by Rabbi Joshua Boettiger*

We live in multiple civilizations and each of these different civilizations keeps a different time. In one way of counting, we are close to the end of Fall, passing Halloween, daylight savings, and nearing the midway point of the NFL season. In another, we are in the thick of the book of Genesis. Our most famous commentator, Rashi, asks why the Torah begins with the story of creation. The Levinas scholar, Richard Sugarman, points out that essentially what Rashi is asking is: what is the point of Genesis? The first commandments don’t appear until the book of Exodus, and if the laws of conduct are the most important thing – the guidelines for how to act – why spend the first twelve weeks of the year reading a book that consists “only” of narratives and stories?



Rabbi Joshua Boettiger

Sugarman writes, “Before going, before walking, one must stand upright and take a stance towards one’s destination, even if that destination is open-ended...In other words, before we are given commandments, we must gain some idea, however dim, of who we are and the direction in which we are going.” We begin to identify such a stance, then, in these early narratives. They are not always instructive directly; that is, we should not imagine that emulating the characters in Genesis is the goal. But somehow it is through engagement with these stories, through a process of studying with others and turning the texts in question over and over, that we begin to identify a stance that teaches us about our human responsibility, about our lives with others.

Sometimes this stance is revealed more plainly in the text itself. In parashat Chayei Sarah, we read about how Abraham’s servant knew that Rebecca was the right match for Isaac – because of her extraordinary strength and generosity in bringing forth abundant water from the well for everyone. Or we read of Isaac and Ishmael coming back together to bury their father Abraham.

Sometimes the medium is the message in that we are encouraged to study Torah with another person in a dyadic relationship called a chavruta. The chavruta partners are there to study a text together and help one another understand it. Bonita Taylor, my clinical pastoral education supervisor in New York City years ago, taught us to try to see the other person themselves as a text. There are four levels of reading Torah – the literal, allusive, the metaphorical, the secret – and it has been taught that these four really stand in for two million four hundred thousand. What if we have all these rules about how to read Torah – infinite levels of interpretation, non-linearity – in order to learn and then apply these skills to the person in front of us? Despite all of our training in the multiple possibilities of reading Torah, we persist in reading the other person’s life, usually, from a literal perspective. We often read our own life the same way, as chained to a single interpretation. It’s safer to imagine that a text has an infinite number of stories, than it is to imagine the same for another human being.

The stories of Genesis, both challenging and inspiring, help us engage with the large and vexing questions of justice, forgiveness, scarcity, and covenant, among others. Through this engagement we come to consider our own stance towards one another. We need to do this work before we arrive at Sinai. The laws, when they do come, need to have a place in our hearts to land, a way of being received and then put to work.

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger is the Rosh Yeshiva at the Center for Contemporary Mussar, and the Jewish Chaplain at Bard College.

Meet Your Neighbor *by Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe (MOT)* the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, we are excited to introduce **Mark Cooper**, who took time from his retirement to speak with us.



Mark Cooper

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Playful. Although the world is a serious place, I have always thought people don’t play enough.*
Least Favorite: *I don’t really have one, as I am a very optimistic kind of person. But, I hate when people say “literally” as they usually use it incorrectly.*
- 2. What inspires you?** *That the world can be a better place.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?** *“Behind Blue Eyes” by The Who.*
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?** *Other than playing for the Knicks (Knicks in 5!), I think being a financial planner. I have always loved helping people do more with less.*
- 5. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Director of the Jewish Federation. Ok, seriously, anything that involves too many processes. I have always thought that processes make poor performers average at the expense of curbing high performers.*
- 6. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *I like when I make people smile.*
Dislike: *I’m too much of a perfectionist. One line I have to keep reminding myself is that “The enemy of a good plan is the pursuit of a perfect plan”.*
- 7. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?** *Pizza (Jewish food: Falafel).*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don’t know about you?** *That I’m a child of Holocaust survivors and that I went to yeshivas (SAR Academy and Ramaz) for school for 12 years as a kid.*
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?** *Time travel. Would love to be present at so many historical events and perhaps make some small modifications.*
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *For the past 35 years, I have worked for one week/year at a camp for children who have cancer.*
- 11. Do you have a “bucket list” and, if so, what is on it?** *I want to go see all 4 Grand Slam tennis events live.*
- 12. What is your earliest Jewish memory?** *In 2nd grade, I remember the Yom Kippur War. Maybe not a happy memory or one I truly understood at the time, but I remember feeling different just because I was Jewish.*
- 13. What is your favorite Jewish memory?** *Speaking at my kids’ bar and bat mitzvahs.*
- 14. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?** *Everyone put down their weapons.*
- 15. In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?** *Jewish programming makes people aware of Jewish issues going on in the world today.*
- 16. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?** *Welcome!*
- 17. What is one question you wish we asked and what is the answer?**
Q: *What is my relationship with Israel?*
A: *We almost moved to Israel when I was a little kid. I remember learning how to swim in Israel on a kibbutz while my parents were looking for a house. I believe wars at the time changed my parents’ minds, But I have always felt a sense of home in Israel. I’ve been to Israel 6 times, most recently visiting each of my children on gap year programs before college.*

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Jewish Students’ Bill of Rights

Antisemitic incidents in K-12 schools have increased by over 400% since 2020, with survey data indicating 71% of Jewish teens in the US and Canada have experienced antisemitism since 2023.

Jewish students – like all students – deserve to attend school without fear of bullying, harassment, bias, or exclusion. The undersigned Jewish organizations call on schools and districts to ensure that that every Jewish student can attend school safely and without discrimination by:

1

Ensuring that administrators and staff are equipped to **identify** antisemitism and the ways it manifests in modern educational environments.

2

Maintaining a clear, transparent **process** for reporting and responding to antisemitic incidents following all applicable laws and with the same gravity afforded to all other hate and bias incidents, with assurance of accountability and follow-through.

3

Ensuring that all **teaching** about Jewish culture, diversity, history, the Holocaust, antisemitism, and Israel is accurate and representative.

4

Treating religious **observances** as excused absences and avoiding scheduling school events on widely celebrated holidays.

5

Protecting Jewish students’ right to express their identity, and fully participate in all aspects of school life without religious coercion, bullying, or pressure to distance themselves from any aspects of that identity, including their connection to Israel.

6

Assuring that educators and curricula present contested issues in a balanced way rather than using the classroom to advance specific political or ideological viewpoints.

Happy Thanksgiving!

National Night Out
August 4, 2026



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The Kulanu school welcomes all students who wish to learn Hebrew and deepen their knowledge of Jewish Tradition. We believe that Jewish learning should be an organic part of our students’ experience. Our students explore religious and spiritual concepts through Hebrew texts. They also celebrate Shabbat and holidays together while extending their connection to Jewish culture through art, cooking, music, and movement.

Our educational programs are designed to grow with your child, from Shalom Tots (ages 2–Pre-K) through B'nai Mitzvah preparation. Families can enjoy a mix of weekend classes, monthly Shabbat Tables, online learning, and individualized tutoring, creating meaningful opportunities to connect with Jewish traditions, values, and community throughout the year.

Shalom Tots (Ages 2–Pre-K) meets once a month and is a fun and welcoming introduction to Jewish life for our youngest learners and their families.

Gan (Kindergarten–Grade 2) meets weekly and builds a foundation of Jewish learning through engaging classes, celebrations, and community experiences.

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For more information, rsdirector@vassartemple.org
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PJ Library brings families and our community together, sharing Jewish culture, traditions, and values in a fun and heartfelt environment.

As we enter this season of giving, please consider making a donation to support our PJ Library programs and help bring meaningful Jewish experiences to local families.



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- Hands On Crafts
- Music And Sing-Alongs With Rabbi Jeff
- Balloon Artistry By Darryl Bielski
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Sunday, November 15
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2026

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- Songs in the sanctuary with Pizmon, a Jewish a cappella group of Columbia University
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- Balloon artistry by Darryl Bielski
- Hanukkah crafts /PJ Library doughnut bar
- Light fare

December 6, 2026
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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סוכות - חג ההודיה

Thanksgiving - Sukkot

Sukkot and Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree

Source: Original craft/Source unknown

Materials:

- Brown construction paper
- Fall-colored construction paper: yellow, orange, red, green
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Crayons or markers
- Optional: brown paper bag or bulletin-board paper for a larger tree
- Optional: small paper apples, pumpkins, or leaves for extra decoration



Directions:

Step 1 — Make the tree

- Give each child a piece of paper.
- Have them cut a large tree trunk with branches from brown construction paper. It doesn't have to be perfect—crooked branches actually make it look more like a real tree!
- Glue the trunk and branches onto the paper.

Step 2 — Make the leaves

- Have the children cut out 6–10 leaves from fall-colored paper.
- You can make this easier for younger children by giving them a leaf template to trace.

Step 3 — Add gratitude

- On each leaf, the child writes or draws one thing they are thankful for. **Ideas:**
 - My family ♡ My friends ♡ My pets ♡ My teacher
 - My home ♡ Food ♡ Nature ♡ Being healthy ♡ Shabbat
 - My synagogue ♡ Something that makes me happy
- For younger kids, they can draw instead of write.

Step 4 — Connect it to Sukkot

- Here's the really nice part. Tell the children: "During Sukkot, we remember to be thankful for the food we have, the people we love, and all the blessings in our lives. A sukkah reminds us that we don't need a fancy house to be happy—we need people to share our lives with."
- Then have them glue their gratitude leaves onto their tree.

Step 5 — Add a Sukkot touch

- At the top of the page, write:
 - חג סוכות שמח!
 - Chag Sukkot Sameach!
 - Happy Sukkot!
- You could also add little paper lulav leaves and an etrog around the bottom of the tree.

Step 6 — The Thanksgiving connection

- At the bottom, add:
 - Sukkot = A Time to Give Thanks
 - Thanksgiving = A Time to Give Thanks

PJ Library, a flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), was launched with a humble beginning in 2005 in Western Massachusetts, sending children's books about Jewish holidays, culture, and values. Today, PJ Library has grown into an international- ally recognized \$40M global cultural literacy venture that partners with philanthropists and Jewish communities around the world to provide families raising Jewish children ages 0-12 with the gift of free, high-quality, children's books and other resources that foster a deeper connection with Jewish life (www.hgf.org). Thank you!

Thanksgiving - Sukkot

by Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Sukkot and Thanksgiving are often both considered harvest holidays. While Sukkot lasts seven days (eight days in many communities outside Israel), Thanksgiving is one day of celebration. During Sukkot, we build and spend time in a temporary outdoor shelter, the sukkah.. It reminds us that our homes and possessions aren't the only things that make us safe and happy—and that we should appreciate what we have. Thanksgiving doesn't have a sukkah. Instead, its traditions center around the Thanksgiving meal, family gatherings and expressing gratitude.

Another significant difference is that Sukkot is an ancient Jewish holiday with religious traditions and prayers whereas Thanksgiving is an American national holiday with historical and cultural traditions. Sukkot is sometimes called a Jewish harvest and Thanksgiving holiday. Just like Thanksgiving, we gather with family and friends, enjoy food and think about all the things we are grateful for but instead of sitting only inside our homes, during Sukkot we go outside into a sukkah.

Examine the chart below to see some of the similarities and differences of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot and the American holiday of Thanksgiving.

Sukkot 🌿	Thanksgiving 🦃
A Jewish holiday	An American holiday
A time to give thanks for the harvest	Originally connected to the harvest
We celebrate with food and special meals	We celebrate with a big meal
Families and friends gather together	Families and friends gather together
We think about the blessings in our lives	We think about what we're grateful for
Food is an important part of the celebration	Food is an important part of the celebration
We decorate and make things festive	We decorate and make things festive



Tamatha



Suzanne



Celebrating Simchat Torah With Songs, Stories and Smiles
by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

Last month, PJ Library was thrilled to celebrate Simchat Torah with Vassar Temple's Tiny Temple! Before families entered the temple's Little Mensches learn and play space, I prepped for the special craft that I had planned for the children. Admittedly, I was a bit nervous about how successful my craft idea would materialize for our young audience. Using popsicle sticks and colorful craft paper, I envisioned the children making small "torah" scrolls, hopeful that when they rolled their mini torahs they would take shape.

Families began to scurry in and after a warm welcome from Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh, he directed the children to the PJ Library craft table. As I began to demonstrate how to make the scrolls, Rabbi Jeff interjected with a wonderful suggestion. Instead of rolling the scrolls, we would write heartfelt sentiments on our craft paper and leave the scrolls open so that our messages could be seen and read. Rabbi Jeff pointed out the empty bulletin board hanging on the wall and enthusiastically offered us that space to use for display. After hanging them, I recognized that our scrolls had become meaningful works of art. I read them outloud one by one, "Be understanding", "Love one another", "Be the light and spread love", "Be kind", "Spread peace" and "Be respectful".

After our craft was complete, Rabbi Jeff grabbed his guitar, engulfing the room with music and movement. We sang and danced and smiled as we brought to fruition the meaning of the scrolls. We concluded Tiny Temple with two books that echoed the bulletin board art. "I Can Help" by David Hyde Costello is a tale about showing kindness and the power of paying it forward as a duck who is lost encounters a monkey who comes to help. As the book goes on, other animals find themselves in need of assistance and one after the other, the animals all lend a "hand" along the way. The second book, "No Rules For Michael" by

Sylvia A. Ross, demonstrated through a chaotic no rules day at school, that rules help to create order and play a significant part in positively shaping the way we interact with one another. Upon reflection, I felt grateful for the time spent together and that the craft turned out most memorable as it mirrored the sentiments we had written on our scrolls.

Invite PJ Library to your synagogue for an event, email me at programs@jewishdutchess.org. Come see us at our next event on Sunday, November 15 at 9am (flyer on previous page).



Stay Tuned for Camp Scholarship Information!

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County will soon be sharing information about our upcoming Camp Scholarship opportunities. These scholarships help Dutchess County children and families enjoy meaningful Jewish summer camp experiences. Watch for more information in our weekly "Jewish in Dutchess" email on Thursday and in next month's The Voice.

Our Executive Director



Unfortunately, the world also has plenty of darkness,

Our history has also taught us that we must do our part to battle evil directly. That takes courage and strength.

Sadly, confronting evil demands increasing effort and resources. Deception adds to the challenge: darkness presents itself as light, and lies are disguised as truth. The Jewish Federation must be a voice for truth—and a source of strength for our community.

By maintaining our Jewish connection—to our faith, our traditions, and one another—we find the courage to face that fear. We are stronger together. We may not say it explicitly in our mission, but the Jewish Federation is here to help us face the unique fears we carry as Jews in these times. We spread light, bring people together, and strengthen our community.

We each have a part to play. We cannot leave the needs of our Jewish community to others. Participate. Volunteer. Give. Each night of Hanukkah, we add another light. Each of us can add ours.

JFedDC recently produced a video that brings this message to life. Please take a moment to watch it when it debuts in our weekly email “Jewish in Dutchess.”

Thank you to Rocky Santo, President of Lenscape Media for helping share our story.

Your Jewish Federation cannot do it alone. We need you. We are stronger together.

About the Jewish Social Action Coalition, JSAC

Written by Sandy Corwin

WHO WE ARE

About ten years ago members of our various synagogue social action committees decided to join together in order to make a bigger impact on some of the concerns of our greater community. Our coalition is all volunteer, composed of folks from Schomre Israel, Shir Chadash, Temple Beth -El, Vassar Temple and the Harding Club. The main thrust of what we currently do is a partnership with the Sojourner Truth Elementary School, formerly called S. F. Morse School, in the city of Poughkeepsie. We have established a close relationship with the leadership, faculty, staff and families at this school which is now a primary center with students in pre-school through second grade.

WHAT WE DO

We help schools meet the nutritional, hygiene, clothing, and school supply needs of students and families in need. Through the Regional Food Bank, we provide food to students and families who need assistance. We provide hygiene items and funds for essentials such as soap and lice treatments. We also provide clothing, including socks, underwear, and sweatpants, as well as school supplies for students in need.

In consultation with the school personnel we arrange for some Arts in Education programs such as a storyteller workshops for the children. We help to enhance the educational resources available to the school population. During this past academic year we funded science materials and programs that the school wanted for its Innovation Lab. We provided an axolotl and its environment, chicks for a hatching project, and caterpillars. We have purchased sensory path floor and wall decals, a purchase that the school principal is thrilled about.

At Thanksgiving and the winter holidays we provide gift cards to a local store. The school social worker and the community school liaison distribute the cards to families who need them. We've helped with decorations and supplies for a school social event. We have also contributed funds to Waring School, the school where some of the 'graduates' of Sojourner Truth attend, for a special school event. We help with Temple Beth El's Kulanu Bright Nights winter coat drive distribution at the school.

We have special funds set aside for emergencies that might arise. In past years we purchased bedding for a family that was displaced by a fire. We have volunteers who help in the school library. In past years we helped reorganize the library and purchased and donated materials.

If you have any questions about JSAC you are welcome to contact me, Sandy Corwin, by phone 845.452.2436

Many thanks to all of you who donated funds to the recent **Hanukkah in August** campaign sponsored by the Jewish Social Action Coalition and the Jewish Federation. The donated money is being used to provide the health office at Sojourner Truth School with clothing, especially socks and underwear, and other supplies such as wipes and hygiene items needed for this pre kindergarten through second grade school year. We have also used donations to provide school supplies and backpacks to the school.



I admire artists: a musician who can create music from nothing, an author who combines words to create a story, or a painter who uses a blank canvas and materials to create something completely new. I sometimes wish I had that capability: to use an outlet to express all the emotions running through my head. Positive. Negative. Fear. Joy. Anger. Hope. Hopelessness.

One former boss told me that my brain is like a CPU,

running a million miles in many directions and definitely faster than my mouth can speak. Wouldn't it be wonderful to put those thoughts and emotions down on a canvas? But how do I communicate the fear and concern I have for the Jewish community with the rise of antisemitism, the growing libels on paper and on social media, and the hatred streaming from both political parties? How do I paint a picture of the gravity and responsibility I feel for the security and safety of our community? How do I extract the worry when my head and heart are full and the pressure feels insurmountable?

I used to tell my children that you cannot control what others say or do, just your own response and reaction to it. I would love to think this advice applies in all situations, but clearly, it cannot. A woman who attacks a Jewish man in broad daylight with a syringe exceeds the applicability of that advice.

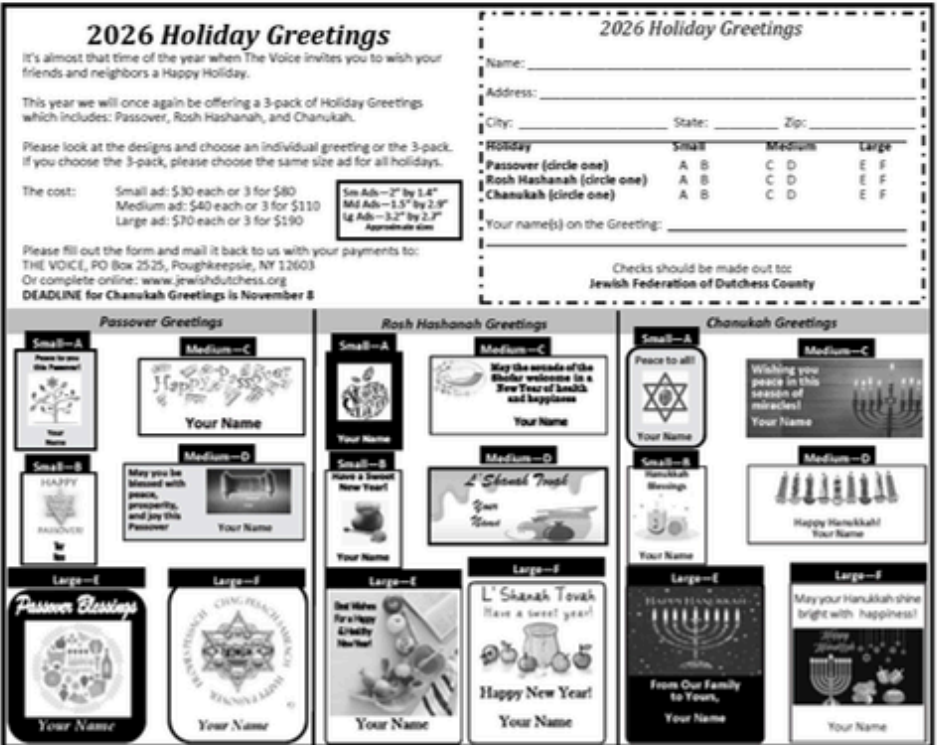
That being said, I cannot just succumb to doom and gloom. I am not ready to surrender. Defeat is not an option. Too many lives have already been taken for the sole reason of their waking up being Jewish. The fight is not just for us; the fight is for our children, our grandchildren, and our great-grandchildren. It may be time to do as the flight attendant says: "In case of emergency, put on your own mask before putting on the mask on the person next to you."

We have a responsibility to our ancestors and to our future. I wish I could click my heels together and say, "There's no place like home," and return to a land far, far away, but reality is much more complicated, and I do not have the magic solution to make it all go away. What we do have is the Jewish Federation and the community to stand up, speak out, and find a way to unite in this fight, because together we are stronger.

So maybe my painting currently has to be that of a fighter, with an army of community supporters, and a dark storm brewing, but off in the background is the glimmer of a beautiful rainbow, or something symbolizing hope for a better, calmer, more positive outlook for us all.

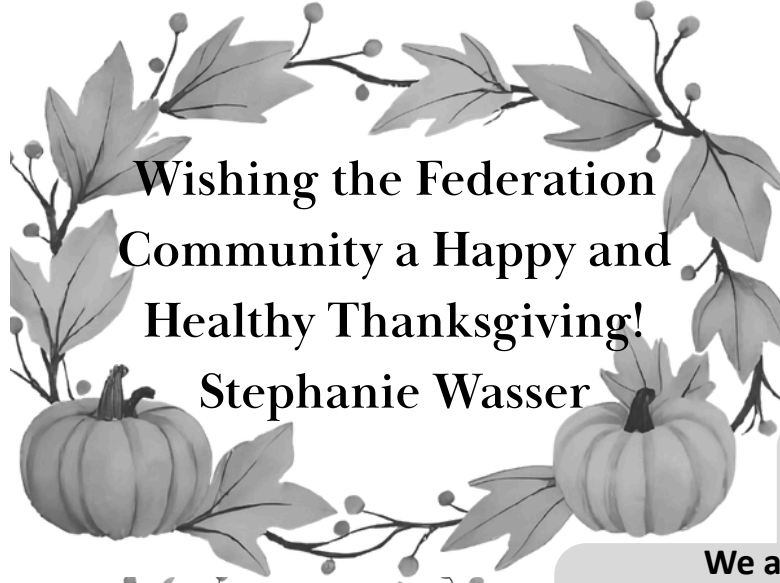
A legacy of trying to help protect and sustain Jewish life is not such a bad goal to have. I leave you for now with this one question for future discussion: “What will your legacy be?”

Happy Thanksgiving and feeling full of gratitude,
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director





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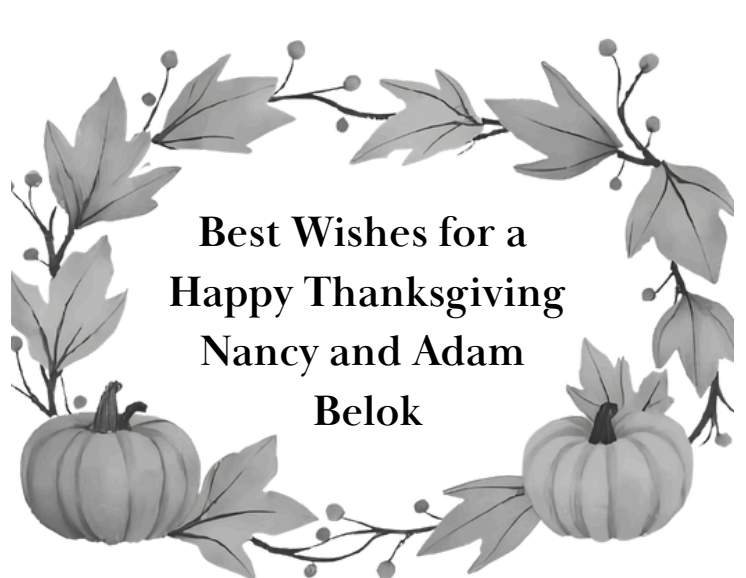
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Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays, 11/8 and 12/13 (9:00 am schmooze, 9:30 am meeting). Some transportation assistance is available by prearrangement. In case of bad weather, we will automatically meet on Zoom. The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info, contact Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or email Rschwa9881@aol.com.

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This Rosh Hashanah, through our Mitzvah Now program, volunteers helped us pack and deliver holiday gift bags to more than 250 Jewish older adults living in assisted living communities and in their own homes throughout Dutchess County.

Three times each year — for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim — this program helps make sure members of our community know they are remembered, cared for and connected.

A tremendous thank you to every person who packed bags, picked up boxes, made deliveries, coordinated routes and helped get these Rosh Hashanah gifts into the hands of our seniors. This program has grown from 25 recipients to more than 250 because of volunteers who continue to show up and help us reach farther into our community. **A special thank you to the Albinder family and Hudson River Fruit Distributors** for once again so generously donating the apples for our Rosh Hashanah gift bags.

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

1682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock
(845) 679-2218
Admin: admin@wjcschul.org

Weekly Services:
Friday
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm,
Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat First
Fridays 6:00 pm
Saturday
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

The 1st Friday Shabbat: The students of our Family School co-lead Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Raechel in a warm and fun mix of upbeat, traditional melodies, learnings from class, and sometimes their own original melodies. All children are invited to come up on the bimah, play shakers, and share their own ideas. The services culminate with the Priestly Blessing, a blessing over all the children in the space. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by a full community potluck where members of all ages come together to eat, chat, and play games. This is a sweet intergenerational community experience.

Contact: admin@wjcschul.org for all events and current info or visit the website www.wjcschul.org

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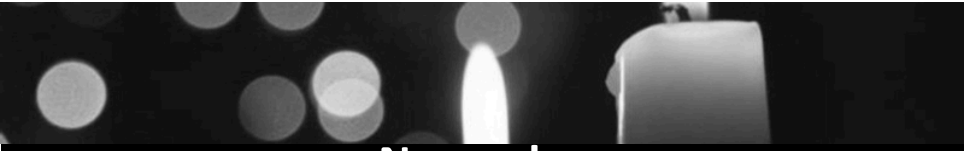
Make a donation throughout November.
100% of donations received through Mitzvah Now will be used to purchase food and clothing for local veterans.

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Scan the QR code or visit:
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November

Candle Lighting Schedule

November 6 - 4:26 pm
November 13 - 4:19 pm
November 20 - 4:13 pm
November 27 - 4:09 pm

Encore! Return of The Big Galut(e)

שש Sunday, December 6, 2:30 pm שש

Join us for an afternoon of klezmer dance tunes, Yiddish theater songs and more, topped off with a great sufganiyot or two (look it up!). This event will be fun for the whole family.



In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and supported by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.

Registration is required and opens Monday, October 19, 10 am.



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DUTCHESS COUNTY PICKUP
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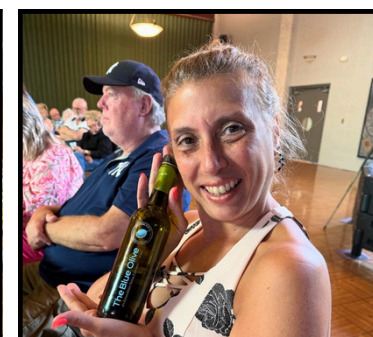


Learn & Lunch Bunch with John Canevari of *The Blue Olive* (in Eastdale), who taught us while we tasted a range of amazing olive oils.



Jewish Federation
of Dutchess County
COMING THIS
CHANUKAH
Latkes
&
L'Chaims

Details coming soon!
Watch for updates at
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The Vassar Temple Brotherhood, assisted by family members, erected the succah.

Discussion of *Sabor Judio* in collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Public Library and featuring CIA Chef Scott Swartz and samples prepared by students from the Culinary Institute of America.





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