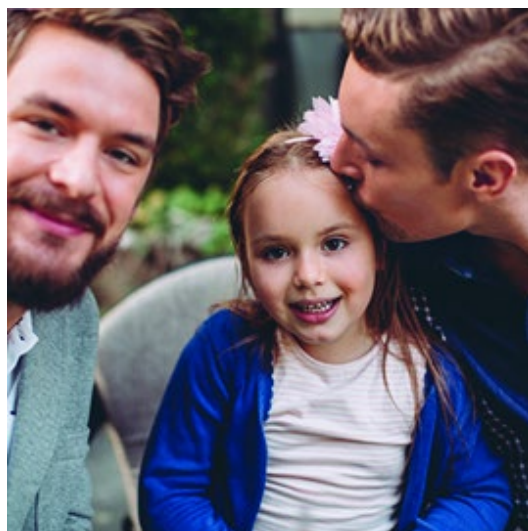




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Your impact matters ...

We are currently seeking several part-time paid connectors in Montclair and SOMA for our new JHub connector program. If you match-make your friends and love schmoozing AND Judaism this gig is for YOU! Help us connect interfaith and/or LGBTQ families with young children to Jewish life in their communities. If you're intrigued or know that perfect someone, [click here](#) to find out more, or contact [Leemor Ellman](#) (973) 929-2979.



If you haven't taken our most recent PJ Library program survey [please complete it now](#) (it won't take more than 5

minutes). Your input will enable us to explore additional ways to support Jewish educational efforts in Greater MetroWest, and your voice is an important one in this conversation.



Thanks to generous local Greater MetroWest NJ donors, your family receives PJ Library books each month? Did you know that for as little as \$40 another child can receive the gift of PJ Library? We have exciting news! Every new and increased gift to the 2019 UJA Campaign from a **NextDor** donor, ages 25-45, will be matched dollar for dollar. **To donate please [click here](#).**



Family events comin' your way...

Sunday, March 10

Purim Arts

122 Gregory Ave.
West Orange
10:30 a.m.

Join the Golda Och Academy arts

faculty and students for hands-on arts projects, singing, and dancing. Come in your costume!



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Sunday, March 10 PJ Library in the USA

146 Dover Chester Rd.

Randolph

12:30 p.m.

Make your own masks and noise makers out of beads, create a bead mosaic, and get your face painted at GRTW Academy!



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Sunday, April 7 commUNITY Mitzvah Day

Join us for a day of hands-on service experiences throughout Greater MetroWest. Activities available for all ages and stages – choose the activity that is best for your family. Which mitzvah will



YOU find meaningful?

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

LOCAL PURIM PROGRAMS!

Check out the **JFamily Calendar** for Purim Carnivals and megillah readings, family programs, mommy & me's, and MORE all throughout Greater MetroWest. All events are open to the community.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE JFAMILY CALENDAR EVENTS](#)

BOOK YOUR SITTER AND JOIN THE FUN!

Thursday, March 14 - **Game On with NextDor @ YESTERcades**, 8 p.m. in Westfield

Thursday, March 28 - **LIVE365** featuring Israeli Chef & Restaurateur Michael Solomonov & local chef Many Vaknin of Montclair's MishMish, 7 p.m. in Parsippany.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS](#)

A NOTE FROM ANDREA...



Hello PJ Library family and welcome to all our new families!

We hope that between reading the delicious PJ Library books you receive each month, you'll enjoy the information in this monthly e-newsletter, and **join us at some events**. I'm especially looking forward to **LIVE365** and **commUNITY Mitzvah Day** and would love to see you - let me know if you're coming!

I work with an incredible group of professionals at **Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ** and I am happy to consult with them to answer any questions you might have about the community. Whether you are new to living here, or simply looking to make connections with other parents or families, we look forward to helping you along your Jewish journey any way we can. Please be in touch - I'd love to hear from you. Shabbat Shalom!

Warmly,
Andrea Bergman, Director, PJ Library & Special Projects
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RECIPES, CRAFTS & FAMILY FUN

The 4 Mitzvot of Purim

While everyone loves to eat, drink, dress up, and be merry on Purim the four *mitzvot*, or commandments, of Purim, are all about **taking care of each other**.

7 Gifts in a Jar for Purim

If you've never made *mishloach manot* (Purim gift baskets) or if you're looking to change up your gift-giving routine, you can get creative with these **seven fun gifts in a jar** that you can make with your kids.

Quick Guide to Celebrating Purim With Kids

Purim is a fun holiday to enjoy at any age, from baking to dressing up in costumes to making tons of noise! Here is what **you need to know** to get started.

COMING UP IN APRIL:

Everything You Need to Know About the Passover Seder

The celebration of Passover includes stories, questions, explanations, special foods, and even a game of hide-and-seek. The *seder*, or ritual meal, is a **fun experience** for the whole family.

How to Make Your Own Question Catcher for Passover

Here is a fun and easy way to make asking questions even easier during Passover or any time of the year – **create your own** question catcher!

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March's PJ Our Way Books

There are four great selections available for PJ Our Way this month: a time traveling adventure to ancient Egypt, a modern choose your own adventure style book about a girl celebrating her bat mitzvah, a Newberry Medal-winning novel about the adventures of an Academic Bowl team, and the second book in the beloved All-of-a-Kind Family series. Don't miss out on **these great books** - make your pick by March 10!

***Wishtree*: Lessons in Kindness from a Talking Tree**

Wishtree arrived in mailboxes in February. Whether you selected this book or not, there are **important lessons** we can learn from this incredible story of the power of kindness and what happens when a community comes together in response to hatred and xenophobia.

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