


# WE ARE ONE

January 2026 tevet/shevat 5786

**Virtual Book Talk  
with Author  
Stephen Lee Crane**





STEPHEN CRANE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DRAWN TO NONFICTION SUBJECTS FOR THEIR UNDENIABLE REALITY. CRANE PRESENTS A CAREFULLY RESEARCHED CASE THAT BLENDS ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORICAL RECORDS TO PROVE THAT THE EVENTS IN THE TORAH ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | 2PM**


*Stephen Lee Crane's book "When Bible Meets History: Ancient Voices Tell Their Version" explores how the narratives in the Five Books of Moses align with known events in ancient history, including the 10 Plagues and the Exodus.*

ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION


REGISTER AT:  
[JewishOrangeNY.RegFox.com/Stephen-Lee-Crane](https://JewishOrangeNY.RegFox.com/Stephen-Lee-Crane)



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of Greater Orange County  
Building Our Jewish Community Together



**HAPPY  
New Year**

Wishing you peace and good health in the year ahead, on behalf of  
The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County  
Board of Directors & Staff.

**As One**

We Inspire Jewish Connection  
We Stand United Against Hate  
We Rebuild Israel

**Help us close our 2025 Annual Campaign  
from a place of strength**

**Help us support Jewish Joy in our  
community**

**Help us work to keep our community safe**

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**Scholarships!**

**For Jewish children residing in  
Orange County, NY**



**SUMMER CAMP!** **ISRAEL**

Applications for 2026 summer programs due by 3/31/26

Religious School and  
Other Jewish Experiences

Applications accepted on a rolling  
basis

Use QR code or at:  
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# From The Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

As we move into 2026, we give thanks for your support, which enabled us to do so much for the community in 2025!



**Your gifts in 2025 helped support the Orange County, NY Jewish community in so many ways!**

**Thank you!**

14 unique programs through:

## Microgrants

for programs that;

Build Jewish community

Address a social justice issue from a Jewish lens

Create new Jewish educational experiences

Educated nearly 4000 students & adults on antisemitism

**ZACHOR**  
**זכור**  
**NEVER FORGET**

**Thank you!**

## Scholarships!

For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY

Jewish summer camp  
Trips to Israel  
Religious school tuition  
Other Jewish experiences

6 for Jewish summer camp

3 for Israel trips

5 for teen Jewish Experiences

3 for Religious School

**PJ Library**

Free monthly books, and events for over 250 Jewish children and their families

**PJ OUR WAY**

Programs and events at:



**NEWBURGH**  
Jewish Community Center  
SERVING THE GREATER HUDSON VALLEY

**Thank you!**

9 author visits through:



**Jewish Book Council**

**Thank you!**

And the ongoing work of:

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**COMMUNITY SECURITY INITIATIVE**



**Jewish Federations**  
of North America

**Thank you!**

**Thank you!**

Financial or social support for over 1000 members of the greater Orange County community through:



**Jewish Family Service**  
of ORANGE COUNTY

Want to do more in 2026 to help us make a difference in the local Jewish community?

Contact Wendy to learn how you can volunteer, open a fund to generate perpetual income, and more:

[Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org)  
845.562.7860

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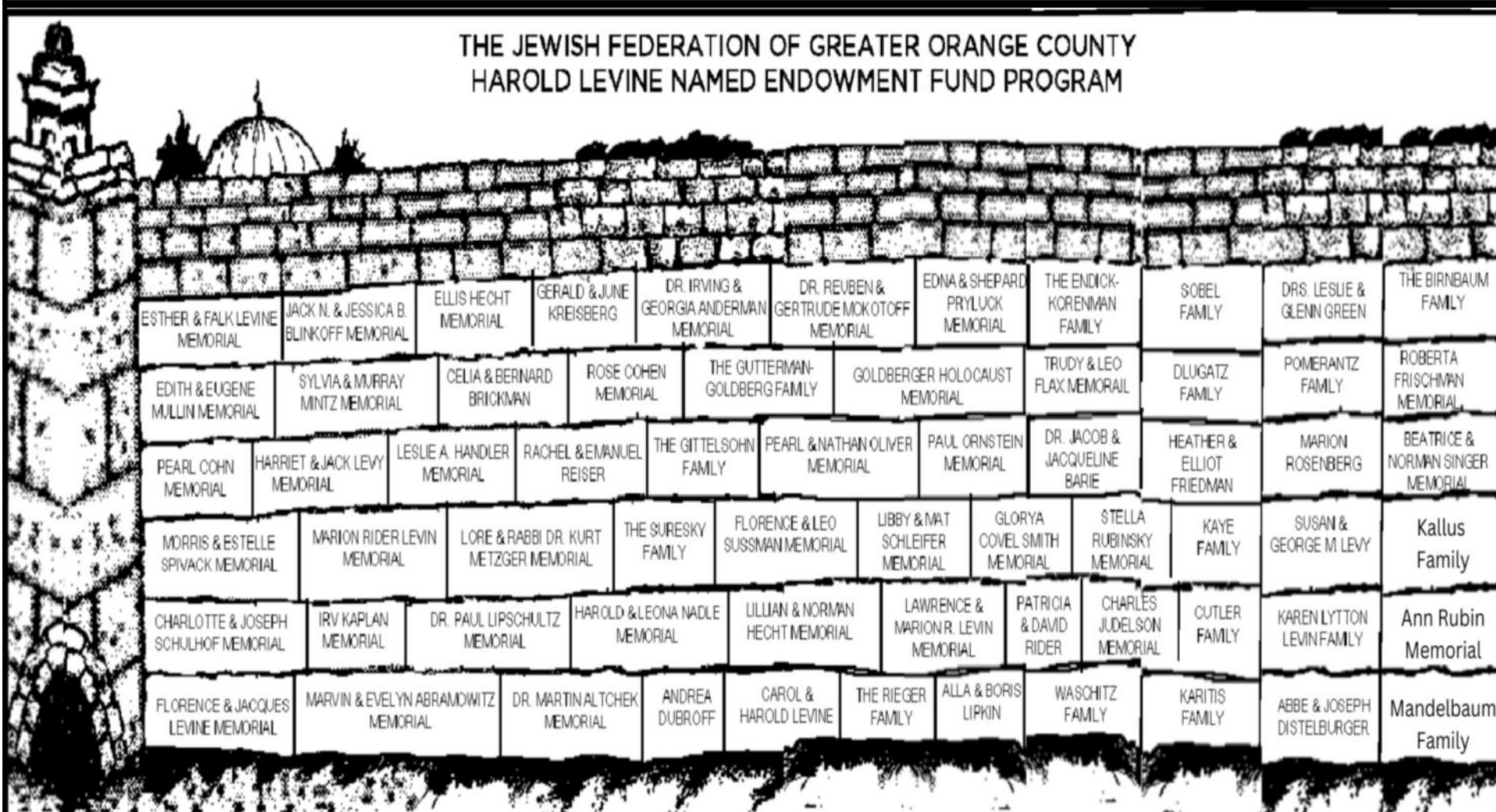


## The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

The Harold Levine Endowment Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County currently has 65 Endowments with a principle of over \$5,000,000. 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: [jewishorangenyny.org/donate/endowments](http://jewishorangenyny.org/donate/endowments)



**We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for December '25:**

- ✧ The following gift was given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Genie Abrams by Mary and David Tamaney
- ✧ The following gift was given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Rochelle Marshall by Ava and Larry Kravitz.
- ✧ A donation was given in honor of Doris and Steven Rubinsky by Paula Spector.
- ✧ A donation was made for PJ Library in honor of Erica Scher & Matthew Watson and Alex Scher by Louise and Dean Scher.

**Post Holiday / Ringin In The New Year  
Sisterhood Brunchin**

**Sunday, January 11th 11AM  
Copper Bottom, 162 N. Main Street, Florida  
Cost \$40.00**

Collecting scarves, hats and gloves to be donated locally.

RSVP by January 9th to Robin Bordman

Text or call 845-699-6460 OR email [thebordmans@aol.com](mailto:thebordmans@aol.com)





# Camp Scholarship Recipients

Dear Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County,

I would like to thank you for your help with my amazing summer this past year. I really enjoyed camp. It was really fun! The best part was being with other Jewish kids my age which is something I don't have where I live. This was probably my last year as a camper, so it was very meaningful that I got to spend my last summer as a camper having a blast. I also made many new friends that I still keep in touch with. This was one of my best years of camp because I was in the oldest bunk and we went on 3 trips every week. One of my favorite trips was mountain climbing. We climbed up a mountain while our friends held the ropes. Another trip I liked was when we went to an amusement park. We were there the whole day and I went on tons of roller coasters. My favorite trip was the overnight where we did a bunch of trips over 2 days. My favorite one was when we went on a really fast boat that spun around. I am really grateful for your assistance in making this happen.

Sincerely

**Moussia Serebryanski**



Dear Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County,

This summer was something I'll never forget. It was my first summer in overnight camp and I've been waiting to go for many years. I loved my counselors and bunk mates. Even though I'm gluten free they were able to accommodate me because the camp mother cooked for me in her kitchen. In the middle of camp my cousin had a bat mitzvah so my mother and sister came to visit. We had a lot of trips and it was really fun. We played a lot of sports and I love sports. I love thinking about my summer now and all the fun I had. I loved the gymnastics and activities which were so much fun. I really hope I go back there next summer. I miss my friends a ton and wish I could meet up with them again. I had the best time ever. Thank you so much for helping make this happen for me. I will never forget it.

Sincerely,

**Chana Serebryanski**





Make your 2025 Annual Campaign gift today to the  
Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County!  
Help us keep Jewish Life in Orange County alive.  
To do so Click the "Donate Now"



Did you know, you can set up a monthly reoccurring donation?  
Contact us if you would like to do so today! [845-562-7860](tel:845-562-7860)

# HAVE AN IDEA?

## Jewish in Orange County Micro-Grants

A Micro-Grant can foster new ideas in the Orange County Jewish community bringing us together, connecting us with a positive impact and helping the community learn and grow together.

Apply Today at

[www.jewishorangenyny.org/jewish-life/microgrants](http://www.jewishorangenyny.org/jewish-life/microgrants)

or Use the QR Code



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OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY  
Building Our Jewish Community Together



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Jewish Federation  
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# JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT 2026

WITH THE HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES



WED | JULY 8TH

6:35 PM GAME

SAVE THE DATE!

AT HERITAGE FINANCIAL PARK | WAPPINGERS FALLS

TO GET YOUR CONGREGATION INVOLVED, PLEASE  
REACH OUT TO:

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Your private collection of wine represents your personal and direct connection to the Israeli farmer, who cultivates the land with a passion for producing the best wine from the Land of Israel for you. My Tree in Israel's program is an extraordinary way to express your love and support for Israel, and we look forward to making this partnership a tradition for years to come.

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Current Price only \$70

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- Petite Syrah
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- White Blend
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Support an Israeli Farmer and Receive From Their Bounty, Your Own Private-Label: Olive Oil, Kosher Wine or Whisky!

- ☆ Wine (Private Label) | Feb 13, 2026 | Delivery Passover
- ☆ Wine (Avivim) | Feb 13, 2026 | Delivery Passover
- ☆ Whiskey | May 3, 2026 | Delivery June (Father's Day)
- ☆ Olive Oil | November 6, 2026 | Delivery December

Use The QR Code To Order or visit our Website  
[Jewishorangenyny.org](http://Jewishorangenyny.org) To Learn More!

Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office **845-562-7860**.





# GIFT OF LIFE

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY | TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!

**WOO HOO!! Match #169! It's time for another happy dance!!**

Gift of Life Marrow Registry believes every person battling blood cancers, and a hundred other diseases, deserves a second chance at life — and we are determined to help make it happen. Many of our donors have been found as a result of the swabbing drives we have held on local college campuses, in fitness centers, and at festivals and events. Visitors to our swabbing tables are able to join the registry on the spot with a quick swipe inside their own cheeks with a cotton swab. Every donor who joins the registry has the potential to save someone's life

If you are available to help out at a donor recruitment drive, even for a couple of hours, please contact Sherrill Lazarus [smlazarus@yahoo.com](mailto:smlazarus@yahoo.com) | Gail Oliver [gailao777@aol.com](mailto:gailao777@aol.com), You can request a swabbing kit at home, [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org).

## Upcoming Swabbing Drives:


- Sunday, February 15, 2026 | 9am-1pm -Vassar College | EWFC Invite

Gift of Life is searching for a miracle match for Nava, an 8 year old Jewish girl suffering from leukemia.

What can you do? ·

- ✧ **Recruit:** Encourage the next generation to join by inviting your children, grandchildren, or friends aged 18–35 to swab and save a life. If they come visit you over their winter breaks, please talk it up. OR they can go to [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org) and request a swabbing kit.
- ✧ **Advocate:** Share our story, speak to your friends in your community and elsewhere, or write about why you believe in our mission and inspire others to get involved.
- ✧ **Volunteer:** Help at donor drives, community events, Your passion makes every effort count.





## SHABBAT WITH NESHAMA CARLEBACH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026 AT 5:30PM

**COME FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER, SONG, FOOD, AND COMMUNITY WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SINGER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, NESHAMA CARLEBACH**

**Event Schedule**  
5:30 PM – Kid's Service  
6:00 PM – Community Dinner  
7:15 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat: Uplifting music and prayer service, co-led by Neshama + Cantor Sayres.



Followed by an Oneg Shabbat: Meet Neshama, connect with friends old and new, and enjoy a sweet table of desserts.

Don't miss this evening filled with incredible music, heartfelt prayer, and the strength of community.

Pre-Registration is required.  
\$18 Adult, \$10 Child  
\$50 Max/Family  
To RSVP, scan the QR code or call 845-562-5604

RSVP by January 7

This program is made possible by a generous grant from:



**BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL Volunteer**

## Build the Future of Israel

Be a force of hope, resilience, and restoration while gaining personal growth, unforgettable memories, and lifelong friendships.

After October 7th, a wave of solidarity from Birthright Israel alumni and the global Jewish community swept across the world. People didn't ask if they should help — they asked how. Birthright Israel answered. Through our Volunteer in Israel programs, in partnership with the Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish adults (ages 18–50) can join 8–14 day experiences supporting Israeli communities — from agricultural work and food distribution to rebuilding and hands-on aid. Over 10,000 have stepped up.

Will you be next?

Now you can participate for only \$600 - which includes airfare!!!

Get more information at:  
[BirthrightIsraelVolunteer.com](http://BirthrightIsraelVolunteer.com)  
Select "Classic Volunteer"

(opportunities for those 50+ anticipated in April '26!)





## JFS Senior Independence Program

register for the training or for more information about services available for older neighbors throughout Orange County call or email | 845-341-1173 | [volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsorange.org)



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Our doors are open to the entire community

## COUNSELING SERVICES

When life feels overwhelming, our compassionate counseling team offers a safe, confidential space. Explore your thoughts, process emotions, and develop healthy coping strategies.

*\*Individual & Group Sessions Are Available.*




### WE CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Stress & Anxiety
- ✓ Depression
- ✓ Life Transitions
- ✓ Personal Growth
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**CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE**

**(845) 341-1173 x300**




## SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

Our Doors Are Open To The Entire Community

## VOLUNTEER IN YOUR TOWN

Sign up today and be part of a program that promotes dignity, connection, and independence for seniors in our community.

Opportunities include Transportation, Visits, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping Assistance, and more.

**JOIN OUR VIRTUAL TRAINING**

*\*Pre-approval is required to attend training. Please contact us for an application.*

**Look for Upcoming Training Dates in the Weekly We Are One e-blast!**

Alternate training dates are available upon request.

**Contact Us!**  
[volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsorange.org)  
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This program was made possible by a grant from



Jewish Family Service-Support for Holocaust Survivors is collecting the following items (below).

These household items can be dropped off at JFS: 720 Route 17M Middletown, NY 10940 or pick-up can be arranged by calling 845-341-1173 ext. 306. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please go [jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online](https://jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online)


### Household Items:

- ✧ Toilet Paper
- ✧ Paper Towel
- ✧ Garbage Bags
- ✧ Storage bags/new containers of all sizes
- ✧ Paper goods; plates, napkins, cups

- ✧ Cleaning supplies
- ✧ Laundry detergent/softener
- ✧ Bleach
- ✧ Sponges

### Personal Care Items:

- ✧ Bar/Liquid Soap
- ✧ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ✧ Moisturizer & Hand Cream
- ✧ Tooth Brushes
- ✧ Personal Care Wipes
- ✧ Store Gift Cards Are Accepted



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## Medicare GUIDE Program for Dementia Care


GUIDE aims to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia and empower caregivers with support and services. JFS offers care navigation services for people enrolled in GUIDE, including:




- Respite Care
- Care Coordination
- Medical Services Support Line
- Caregiver Education & Support
- Case Management
- Resources & Referrals

**All of these services are covered by Medicare and are free of charge to you.**

If you are a caregiver looking for support, please call us today.

**Contact Us:**

**(845) 341-1173 x306** 

## Jewish Roots

### Winter/Spring 2026 Series

**Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M. (Wednesday Evenings)**

**Dates:** February 25, March 4, March 11, March 25, April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6

**Location:** Temple Sinai, 75 Highland Ave, Middletown, NY 10940

**Cost: \$200 Per Individual (Covers all 8 weeks)**

ROOTS helps adults with developmental disabilities connect to the Jewish community by teaching them about Jewish language, holidays, and religious traditions. Our doors are open to the entire community, including individuals of all abilities.

**A Program of Jewish Family Service of Orange County Inc.**  
720 Rte 17M, Middletown, NY 10940


Please mail or drop off payment to the address above.

Registration forms can be sent to the email provided, or be sent with payment by 2/2/26.

Snacks are provided.

For questions about the program, please contact Loretta Tranco, LMSW at 845.341.1173 ext. 302 or email [Ltranco@jfsorange.org](mailto:Ltranco@jfsorange.org)

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**Do you know a  
Jewish  
21-27 year old  
who is interested  
in shaping the  
Jewish future?**

Nominate them today! ➔



## Jewish Changemakers Fellowship Applications for Winter & Spring 2026 are open!

Jewish Changemakers hone their leadership skills, expand their networks, and empower themselves to make a real difference in the world!

The Jewish Changemakers Fellowship is now accepting applications for its Winter and Spring sessions! This six-week virtual program for Jewish young adults (ages 21-27) fosters personal and professional growth through a Jewish lens. Fellows explore leadership, build community, and join a North American network of emerging Jewish leaders. The Winter Fellowship runs January 13-February 17 (apply by December 28), and the Spring Fellowship runs March 3-April 7 (apply by February 1).

**Apply Now!**

## Shabbat Potluck



B'nai Torah Shul  
14 Lakes Road  
Greenwood Lake, NY

### FIRST FRIDAYS

6:30PM POTLUCK  
7:40 PM SERVICE

RSVP: [bnaitorahshul@gmail.com](mailto:bnaitorahshul@gmail.com)

Light the candles, sip the  
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Please bring a Kosher dish.

[bnaitorahgwl.org](http://bnaitorahgwl.org)

## Monroe Temple Sisterhood/WRJ

### ANNUAL ZOOM SCAVENGER HUNT

**Monday  
Jan 5, 2026  
7:00 pm**

Join the fun,  
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### Getting Grounded in Israel & Zionism

Jewish Federations' self-paced course, *Getting Grounded in Israel & Zionism*, offers a thoughtful foundation for anyone looking to better understand Israel today. Led by Rabbi Mike Uram, the course explores key historical events, essential concepts, and the complex issues at the heart of Zionism—equipping you to engage in more informed and meaningful conversations.

More info here: [www.jewishfederations.org/getting-grounded](http://www.jewishfederations.org/getting-grounded)



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A safe space - no politics, opinions, or controversy.  
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290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**January 4 | February 8**

10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Generally second Sunday of the month.

For more information:  
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org



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**Do you want to help kids in need?**  
**Do you have a car?**

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Dinners 4 Kids provides meals for children in food insecure families.

With your help we can deliver meals each week to kids in our area.

For more information or to sign up email:  
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## BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW A YEAR OF CHARITABLE GIVING



**JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE NEEDED ITEMS FOR OUR  
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MONTH(S)	SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
ITEMS COLLECTED	<b>NON-PERISHABLE FOOD</b>
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED	LOCAL FOODBANKS



Applesauce, Canned Beans, Canned Chicken & Fish, Canned Vegetables,  
Cooking Oils, Crackers, Dried Herbs and Spices, Fruit (Canned or Dried),  
Granola Bars, Treats, Etc.

### DROP OFF LOCATIONS

King of Kings Lutheran Church 543 Union Ave., New Windsor 845-565-7645  
Kol Yisrael 290 North Street, Newburgh 845-562-5516

## LITTLE FRIENDS BINGO FUNDRAISER



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**Jan  
31ST**

**290  
NORTH  
STREET**

**6-9  
PM**



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**BEIT SEFER** בית ספר  
Beit Sefer of Orange County - A new twist on Jewish education!

## JOIN US FOR A SUPER SUNDAY !

**FEATURING**  
**\*Denny Social \*Raffles \*Lunch**  
**\*Community \*Door Prizes**

Sunday, January 25, 2026  
Temple Beth Shalom 13 Roosevelt Ave., Florida, NY

Doors open at 11AM ~ Calling at Noon

Admission: \$5 each includes lunch,  
a sheet of tickets plus a door prize ticket

You are welcome to purchase extra tickets.  
Special items will also be available.

Additional food items for sale.

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## Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund



Jewish Federations of North America have established a Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund for Jamaica and other Caribbean islands after Hurricane Melissa-the most powerful hurricane ever recorded—tore through the Atlantic earlier this week, leaving behind a

trail of destruction and despair.  
Federations are coordinating closely with our core partners on the ground such as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to bring immediate relief focused on medical assistance, water and sanitation support, and shelter for displaced residents.

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FOR ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, REVERAND SARRAZIN AND RABBI SISLEN WILL TEACH AND MODERATE A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF AMOS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONLINE, AND THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE. TEXT WILL BE SHARED, BUT FEEL FREE TO USE YOUR OWN IF YOU DESIRE. CLASS DATES FOR '25-'26 ARE: OCTOBER 30, DECEMBER 18, FEBRUARY 26, APRIL 23, AND JUNE 18 AT 7PM.

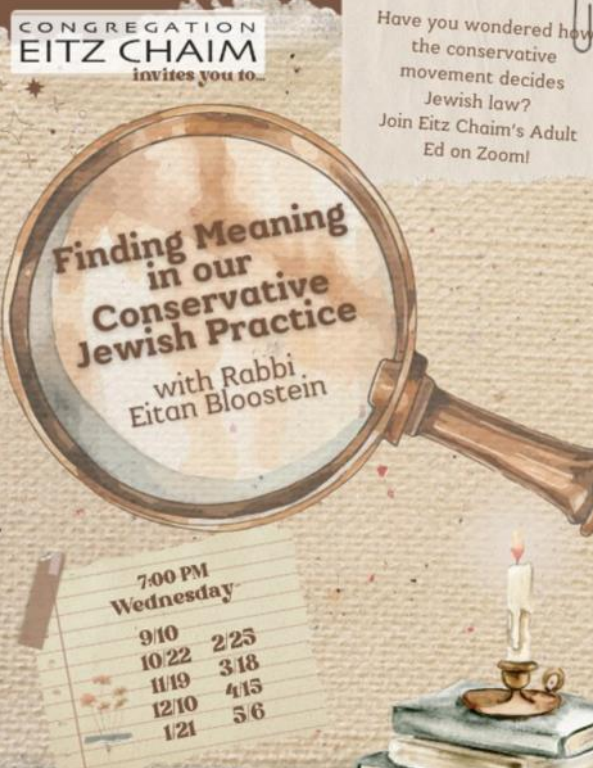
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Have you wondered how the conservative movement decides Jewish law? Join Eitz Chaim's Adult Ed on Zoom!

## Finding Meaning in our Conservative Jewish Practice

with Rabbi Eitan Bloostein




7:00 PM Wednesday

9/10	2/25
10/22	3/18
11/19	4/15
12/10	5/6
1/21	

# Bagels & Bible


LEAD BY LENNY



EVERY OTHER SATURDAY STARTING ON NOVEMBER 22ND

IN PERSON AT 10AM

About one hour of reviewing texts from the Weekly Torah reading together with Rashi's commentary in a relaxed give and take forum. It will take place every other week starting on Saturday during Shabbat, November 22nd at 10 AM



[bnaitorahgw.org](http://bnaitorahgw.org)


# CHAVURAH

A warm and spiritual gathering for our entire Temple family



Please join us on  
**Saturday – Jan 10, 2026 - 10am**  
**In the Temple Lobby**  
 KIDDUSH BRUNCH TO FOLLOW

Please RSVP by Jan 2 – [harpvibes@yahoo.com](mailto:harpvibes@yahoo.com) or 845-800-7220



## Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

6:00pm - Thursday, January 15 at the home of Joan Berkley

We will be discussing the book Jewish Stories from Heaven and Earth edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins.

The book is available on Amazon but it may take a few weeks to get. Please try to order it. You will love the stories!

## Looking for a way to make a difference in the local Jewish community?

### The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County has a place for you!

Share your passion for the Jewish community with us!  
 Join a committee, volunteer, help fundraise

Support Jewish families

**Scholarships!**

For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY

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Connect our Jewish community with:

- Interfaith Communities
- Intra-faith Concerns
- Elected Officials

To learn more, contact Wendy:  
[Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org)  
 845.562.7860

**Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County**  
 Building Our Jewish Community Together




## Hebrew Reading classes

Mondays taught by Cantor Carl Sayres in the conference room.  
 If you need to join virtually, you may click on this Zoom link:  
 Hebrew Reading Class  
 You might need to enter a password to join virtually.  
 The password is CAI1

- ✧ 10am - Level 1 - We'll teach everything starting with the Aleph Bet. No experience reading Hebrew is assumed. And we'll tie everything we're learning in with the siddur. Our goal is to make reading and singing the siddur comfortable and friendly.
- ✧ 11am - Level 2 - So you learned to read Hebrew once upon time, and you need a refresher. We'll review everything, and work on reading and singing from the Siddur.
- ✧ 1pm - Level 3 - You're comfortable reading Hebrew, but there's always more to learn! Let's practice what you know, and build your skills.

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE

## Pathways Through the Siddur



Back for its second year, this popular class examines different prayers from the Siddur exploring the meaning of the text, its history, the role it plays in the service, and any laws and customs which accompany it.

Best of all, the students are encouraged to nominate the t'filot (prayers) which they would like to see explored in future classes!

Hebrew skills are not required, and each class will be self-contained, so there's no need to attend the entire series if you are unable.

**PATHWAYS THROUGH THE SIDDUR will be held via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm on the following dates:**

January 8  
 February 5  
 March 5  
 April 16  
 May 14

**TEMPLE SINAI**

Please contact the Temple Sinai office at [eparker@templesinainmiddletown.com](mailto:eparker@templesinainmiddletown.com) or Rabbi/Hazzan Sislen at [rabbis@templesinainmiddletown.com](mailto:rabbis@templesinainmiddletown.com) for more information or to receive the Zoom link.



**Temple Beth Jacob**  
**Synagogue Leadership Series:**  
**Jewish Life for All!**

Every other Sunday afternoon, November 9-May 21, noon-1:30  
Ever wonder how Jewish and synagogue life work? How we do Shabbat Services? How relations with other religions are worked out? How and why we do various life-cycle moments – from birth to death? How a synagogue governs itself and manages resources and obligations? There are myriad facets to the Jewish community. This Series leisurely looks at the gamut of synagogue leadership – but it is designed for everyone: the leader, the Jew in the Pew, and the non-Jewish person. Understand the Jewish world, from how it works! Come to any of the sessions you like! Kindly express interest to the Temple Office.

**Sundays | 10:30am – 12:00pm**  
Come to any or several sessions  
No Experience Needed!

January 11	How to:	Shiva Minyans
January 25	How to:	Shiva Minyans
February 8	How to:	Life Cycle Moments
March 1	Deeper Meanings:	Purim
March 8	Understanding:	Temple Board Meeting
March 22	How to:	Community Seder
April 12	Understanding:	Temple Budget/Finance
April 26	Deeper Meaning:	Israel in Community

# Adult Education

## Rabbi Korngold

B'NAI TORAH SHUL

THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM

VIA ZOOM

A weekly deep dive into scriptures and wisdoms from our sages. Led by our Spiritual Leader, Rabbi David Korngold

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[ifeds.org/israelfund2023](http://ifeds.org/israelfund2023)  
(or scan the QR code)

Or your local Jewish Federation at:  
[jewishorangenyny.org/donate](http://jewishorangenyny.org/donate)  
(or scan the QR code)

## The Stained Glass Series: Newburgh's Interfaith Clergy at TBJ

Temple Beth Jacob presents an exciting Fall/Winter 2025-2026 series of Interfaith Clergy Guests! Clergy partners from our area will speak on select Friday evenings! Mark your calendars and don't miss any of these great Erev Shabbat evenings!

**Friday, January 23, 7:30 pm: The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Sampson**  
Retired Chaplain, United States Army Cornwall-on-Hudson  
*Freedom is Our Highest Religious Value*  
Chaplain Ken Sampson (Colonel, US Army, Retired) spent over 25 years serving as an Army Chaplain, in combat theatres and at home, supporting and comforting soldiers and their grieving families. Ordained at Trinity Evangelical Seminary and was ordained in the Reformed Church of America, Chaplain Sampson also studied and received a master's degree in the history of religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1995. For the next three years, he taught the religious dimension of culture to linguists at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. Through the Middle Eastern, East Asian, Serbian-Croatian and Russian schools, he worked with people from around the world who spoke 27 different languages, before his active deployments. Presently, Chaplain Sampson continues to serve our community as a regular participant in interreligious affairs, building communal relations, his many publications in local and professional journals, and staying involved at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and with his clergy colleagues.

**Friday, March 27, 7:30pm: Sister Yliana Hernandez**  
*Sisters of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, New Windsor Not Words, But Deeds*  
Sister Yliana Hernandez-Fornaguera, a native of Cuba, entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New in 1966. She has a BA from New Paltz University, 1971, an MA from Herbert H. Lehman College, 1977, a MS from Fordham University, 2000, and a Professional Diploma in Spirituality from Fordham University and from Manhattan College in 2005 in Administration. Over the years, Sr. Yliana has taught at numerous institutions around New York and Peru, including for the Archdiocese of New York, and most recently served as Principal of Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, Newburgh, NY. Communally, Sr. Yliana devotes time on the Immigration Committee - Sisters of the Presentation of the Presentation, Board of Directors of Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, member of the Greater Newburgh Interfaith Coalition, member of the Solidarity Table and RR Newburgh, Bookkeeper of Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, and as a volunteer at the Hudson Valley SPCA.

**DON'T FORGET TO WRITE**  
**BOOK chat**

**SARA GOODMAN CONFINO**  
HARBINGER OF SHE'S UP TO NO GOOD

Monday, February 2, 2026  
on Zoom  
RSVP by Jan. 30, 2026  
for zoom link  
[allzgreat4@gmail.com](mailto:allzgreat4@gmail.com)

In 1960, a young woman discovers a freedom she never knew existed in this exhilarating, funny, and emotional novel by the bestselling author of *She's Up to No Good*. When Marilyn Kleinman is caught making out with the rabbi's son in front of the whole congregation, her parents ship her off to her great-aunt Ada for the summer. If anyone can save their daughter's reputation, it's Philadelphia's strict premier matchmaker. Either that or Marilyn can kiss college goodbye. To Marilyn's surprise, Ada's not the humorless septuagenarian her mother described. Not with that platinum-blond hair, Hermès scarf, and Cadillac convertible. She's sharp, straight-talking, takes her job very seriously, and abides by her own rules...mostly. As the summer unfolds, Ada and Marilyn head for the Jersey shore, where Marilyn helps Ada scope out eligible matches—for anyone but Marilyn, that is.

**Jodi Picoult**  
*the storyteller*

**Sisterhood Book Club**  
1:00pm on Thursday, January 22 at the temple

**Discussion of the book**  
**The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult**

Sage Singer is a baker. She works through the night, preparing the day's breads and pastries, trying to escape a reality of loneliness, bad memories, and the shadow of her mother's death. When Josef Weber, an elderly man in Sage's grief support group, begins stopping by the bakery, they strike up an unlikely friendship. Despite their differences, they see in each other the hidden scars that others can't.

## JEW & BREWS

**JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 5**  
**5-7:30PM**

Join us at Billy Joe's Ribworks on the Newburgh waterfront. Meet friends old and new, ask the Cantor anything, and enjoy your first happy hour beer, wine or cocktail on us!

These evenings are family friendly and free to attend. No RSVP required.

**Billy Joe's Ribworks**  
26 Front St., Newburgh, NY 12550

Read Full Details on our 2025/26 JBC Authors on our Calendar at [jewishorangenyny.org/calendar](http://jewishorangenyny.org/calendar), and look for event info in our upcoming weekly We Are One E-Blast.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available to Help Support The JBC: Author Series at:  
[jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now](http://jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now)  
Make a note: Jewish Book Council sponsor!

**Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 2pm Molly Jong-Fast**  
In-Person, Newburgh Location  
*"How to Lose Your Mother: A Daughter's Memoir"*

**Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 2pm Elizabeth Hyman**  
In-Person, Newburgh Location  
*"The Girl Bandits of The Warsaw Ghetto: The True-Story of Five Courageous Young Women Who Sparked an Uprising"*