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November 2025 cheshvan/kislev 5786



ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

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SUNDAYS:

November 2 | 1pm | Middletown

Location details given upon registration

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In Commemoration of
Kristallnacht "Night of Broken Glass"

November 9, 1938



Janet Singer Applefield Presents:
"Becoming Janet. Finding Myself in the Holocaust"

Sunday Nov 9 | 1:30 PM

Newburgh location
given upon registration

Suggested Donation \$18



Mrs. Applefield takes us on an authentic, emotional journey to Nazi occupied Poland, vividly depicting the broken, lonely, and tortured years of little Gustawa hiding in plain sight. She would quickly learn that resilience and secrecy were the difference between life and death.

Register at

jewishorangenyny.org/fox.com/commem-kristallnacht



More Info:

zachor@jewishorangenyny.org

845-562-7860

Zoom Option Available



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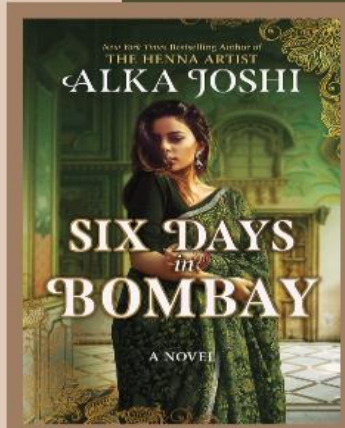
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Virtual Book Talk
with International Bestselling
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"SIX DAYS OF BOMBAY" IS A SWEEPING TRAVELOGUE OF A YOUNG INDIAN WOMEN'S JOURNEY FROM 1937 INDIA TO A TURBULENT EUROPE AS SHE COMES INTO HER OWN. A MEMORABLE, ORIGINAL, AND DEEPLY ENGAGING; THIS IS A STORY OF LOSS, DISCOVERY, AND THE MANY FORMS OF LOVE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 2PM



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AUTHOR OF THE JAIPUR TRILOGY:
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On Behalf of the Jewish Federation
of Greater Orange County Staff
and Board of Directors

WISHING YOU A

Happy
Thanksgiving

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From The Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

This year, we did things a little differently.

At our kickoff event for our 2026 annual fundraising campaign, where we have honored our major donors over the years, this year, we decided to honor some “Quiet Giants”. We chose 3 community members whose passions for support of the Jewish community shine through their work and volunteerism; Genie Abrams from Newburgh, Rochelle Marshall from Monroe, and Michael Melasky from Warwick. We brought them together with a presentation from Joel Chasnoff, in which we celebrated the return of the living hostages, and got a personal view of life on the ground in Israel today.



Genie Abrams is an activist in the Jewish community and also in the general community, focusing especially on helping her synagogue, Temple Beth Jacob; and her hometown, the City of Newburgh. She serves on the Federation's Community Relations Council and on TBJ's Cemetery Committee, and was elected to City Council, representing Newburgh's Ward 2, from 2014 through 2017. She is the current Poet Laureate of Newburgh and can be seen leaving poems around the city of Newburgh for people's enjoyment.

Rochelle Marshall is a beloved and respected member of the Congregation Eitz Chaim community whose life has been defined by service. From her career as an elementary school teacher to her experience as Co-Chair of the Federation's Community Relations Council, and with her ongoing efforts with Hadassah, Eitz Chaim's sisterhood, and as a social justice advocate, Rochelle has always stood up for what matters most. She initiated the only regular rally for the hostages in Orange County, at the lakes in Monroe, and could be seen out there nearly every Sunday until the final living hostages came home. Rochelle was concerned about being honored as a Quiet Giant, because by her account, she is neither quiet, nor a giant!

Michael Melasky is a retired public school administrator/humanities educator, who for well over a decade has co-managed the Temple Beth Shalom cemetery. His life change dramatically after the cemetery was defaced with hateful symbols in 2016. He helped to lead the conversation and educate with respect to this incident, not only telling the story of what transpired, but created an interactive program on how to deal effectively with Hate Speech. He has spoken to thousands of students and administrators in Orange County and beyond, confronting Hate Speech.

Joel Chasnoff is an American-born comedian who made Aliyah right after college. He currently lives in Ra'anana, Israel, with his Israeli wife and their four kids. He has written a book about his life in the Israeli military, and one about things you never knew about life in Israel. He also has a weekly podcast called Inside Israel, and gave us some great insight into life on the ground in Israel, just days after the ceasefire agreement.

All in all, it was a great celebration of the Orange County Jewish community. Gifts in honor of these Quiet Giants will be put into two new endowments initiated by Rochelle and Genie, and for Michael, will support our Zachor Antisemitism Initiative. If you would like to make a gift to honor these passionate community members, you can do so on our website: JewishOrangeNY.org. Want to learn more about how to open your own endowment to ensure funding for this important work in perpetuity? Learn more here: JewishOrangeNY.org/donate/endowments.

We are so grateful for all of the work of these Quiet Giants. Do you know any other Quiet Giants in the Orange County Jewish community who deserve recognition? If so, let us know!

May we find peace in 2025 and beyond.

Gratefully

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director | Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860

Major Gifts Celebration “Quiet Giants”



Major Gifts Celebration “Quiet Giants” continued



Thank you to Gail Conklin, Judy Ronay and Wendy Cedar for the photos during our Major Gifts Celebration.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from:

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County

VETERANS DAY SHABBAT

11.08.2025

HONORING JEWISH AMERICAN SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:30AM SERVICE FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY LUNCH

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Here for you at every stage of your Jewish journey:

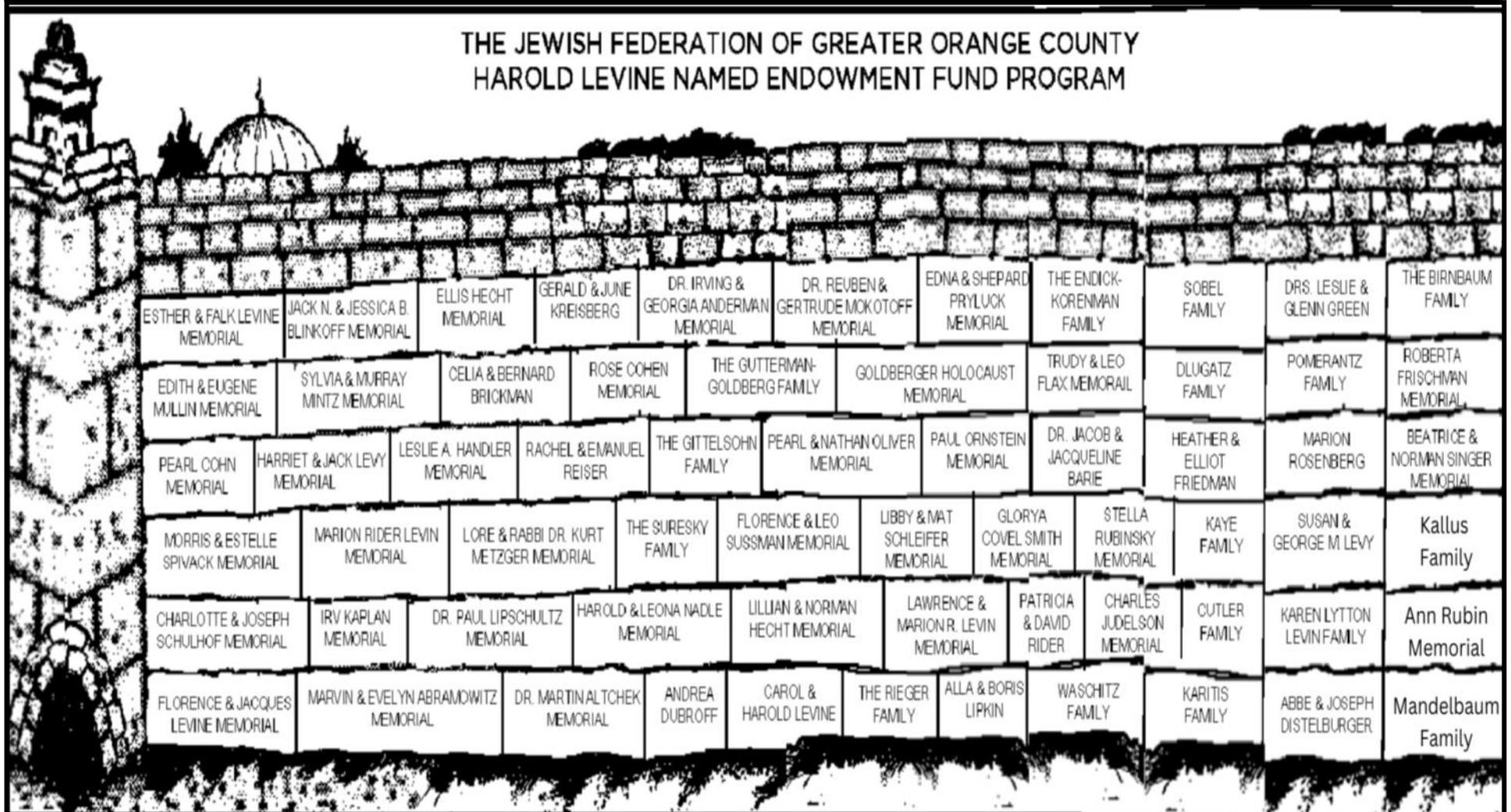
- PJ Library** Children from birth through their 13th birthday can receive a FREE monthly book with a Jewish theme
- PJ OUR WAY** Anyone from pre-school through 120 may participate in programs & events at the Newburgh JCC
- Scholarships!** For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY. Jewish summer camp. Trips to Israel. Religious school tuition. Other Jewish experiences. School-aged children and their families can receive scholarships to attend Jewish Experiences
- ZACHOR זכור NEVER FORGET** High school & middle school students throughout the county receive quality education on fighting antisemitism and other forms of hate
- Jewish Book Council** Adults & children alike can meet Jewish authors and other speakers as they share their work with us
- Levine Speaker Series** Any community member is eligible to apply for a Microgrant to fund a Jewish-themed community program
- JFS Jewish Family Service** Any resident of Orange County can receive emergency or ongoing, social or financial support from Jewish Family Service
- Microgrants** for programs that: Build Jewish community. Address a social justice issue from a Jewish lens. Create new Jewish educational experiences
- COMMUNITY SECURITY INITIATIVE** All Jewish institutions in Orange County receive support and guidance to keep their buildings and communities safe

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



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

The following gifts have been given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Genie Abrams

Ali Corradi
Debbie Metzner
Ramona Monteverde



Mona and Ian Rieger
Paul Riss
Timothy Riss

The following gifts have been given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Rochelle Marshall:

Judi and Marty Berman
Jessica Brenner-Wodka
Karen and Bruce Fischer
Sharon and Jerry Goldberg
Drs. Leslie and Glenn Green
Lois Griff
Sharon Jennings



Jeffrey Levine
Lisa London
Rodit Marcovici
Judy Ronay
Scott Rosmarin
Doris and Steven Rubinsky
Toby and Michael Schack

The following gifts have been given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Michael Melasky:

Pamela and Michael Conjura
Karen and Bruce Fischer
Minna Mukamal



Susan Rosenberg
Elaine and Paul Suchow

Rabbi's Blog

As we see the continued rise of antisemitism thinly veiled as anti-Zionism in modern day America, we must pay attention to the ways in which "everything old is new again." Just as Arthur Miller wrote *The Crucible* to engage modern audiences about McCarthyism in his day, a new play written by the award winning playwright Jenny Lyn Bader entitled *Mrs. Stern Wanders the Prussian State Library* speaks to ours. Unlike Miller's Salem of 1692, this gripping drama is set in 1933 Berlin, and the only accused subject is a graduate student denounced by a librarian for copying antisemitic materials for foreign distribution. Alarmed by the rise of antisemitism, Hannah became associated with a group of Zionist activists and conducted research in the Prussian State Library in Berlin—research which was illegal under martial law at that time. Inspired by real events, this play offers a deep dive into the life and mind of Arendt, exploring themes of power, resistance, and the cost of standing up for one's beliefs. Regretfully, many of these issues remain prescient and dangerous.



After its critically acclaimed Off-Broadway run, "Mrs. Stern" (Arendt married Günther Stern in 1929) transferred to Luna Stage, a small theater in West Orange, NJ.. I encourage you to join me and other members of the Jewish community of Orange County in experiencing this play on **its final performance on Sunday November 9 at 3pm**. I have arranged to have an audience Q & A session with the playwright after the performance. The Luna Stage is committed to ensuring that ALL can have access to professional theatre performances and arts education! This is why there is a sliding scale for ticket prices. If you are able to do so you can pay the suggested price of \$50 per ticket, half-off for \$25, or even \$15 for an older adult matinee.

To learn more about the play and to buy tickets, go to:

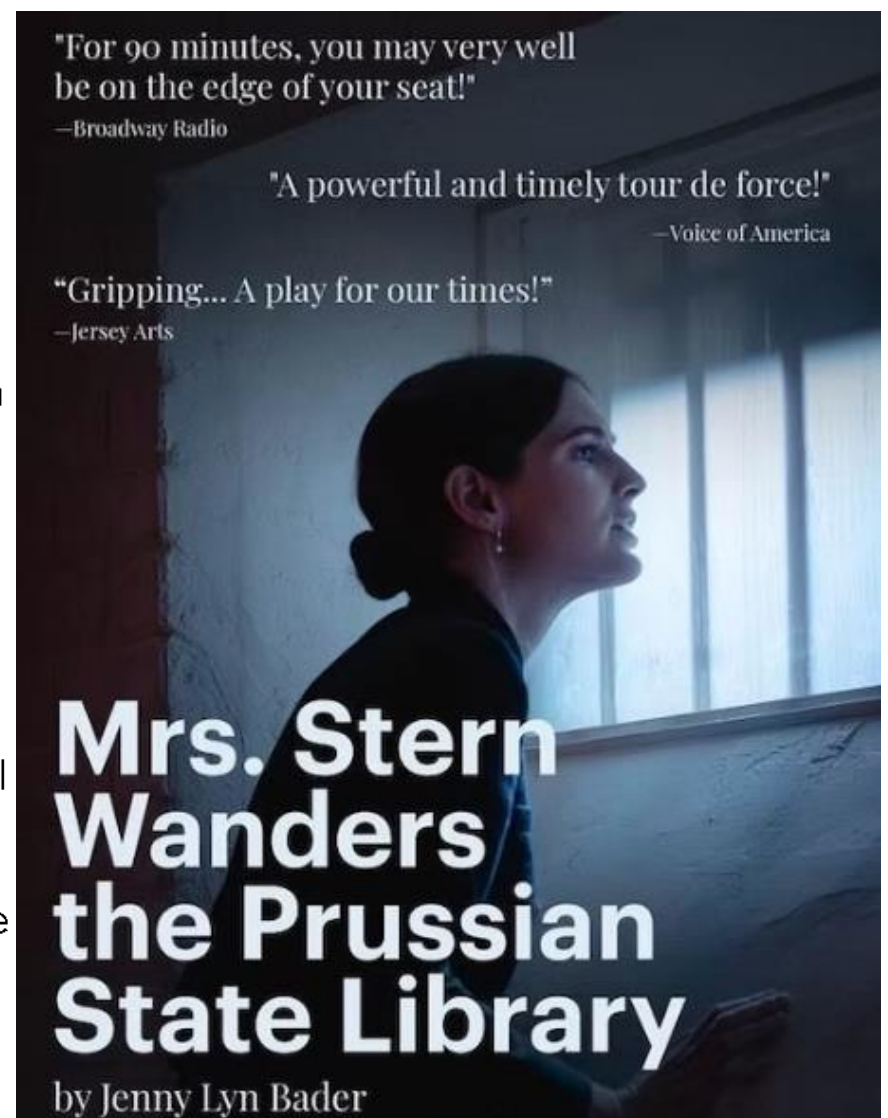
<https://www.lunastage.org/mrs-stern-wanders-the-prussian-state-library>

To learn about the original scholar and philosopher "Mrs. Stern" watch this 2 minute video:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/hannah-arendt-facing-tyranny-lbl2ww/>

This 90 minute play is a stunning and engaging adult education session taught through art. Come learn with me without having to cross a bridge or pay for parking! We can even grab a sub at Jersey Mikes for a non-NYC price-gouging meal!

Rabbi Rebecca Shinder,
Temple Beth Shalom, Florida



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
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The Jewish Federation
OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY
Building Our Jewish Community Together

Jewish Book Month 100
One Community

Rabbi Angela Buchdahl
in Conversation with Abigail Pogrebin





November 18
1:00 PM ET
Zoom

Register at jewishbookcouncil.org/events

In Partnership with Jewish Book Council Network Member Sites




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WOO HOO!! Match #158! 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 | Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com. You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org.

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3 MINUTES CAN SAVE A LIFE!

WHO CAN JOIN THE REGISTRY?

Joining the registry is as easy as a simple swab of your cheek. Eligible donors must be between the ages of 18-35 and in general good health, meet the guidelines and be willing to donate to any patient, at any time, worldwide.

Scan the QR code for more information



HELP US SAVE IGNACIO'S LIFE

Ignacio, a 50-year-old husband and father of two, was recently diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a rare form of blood cancer.

His best hope of a cure is a blood stem cell or marrow transplant from a donor who shares his genetic heritage.

Because tissue type is inherited, Ignacio's donor is most likely to be someone of Jewish, Spanish, or Portuguese ancestry, but everyone is urged to join the registry.

You could be Ignacio's life-saving hero without even knowing it! All it takes is a swab of your cheek to find out if you are a match for him or another patient in need.



Mitzvah Now: Gift of Life Drive

Sunday, November 16 | 10am-2pm
Matt Lampell Invite at Vassar College Walker Field House
28 Sunset Lake Dr, Poughkeepsie

DIVERSITY NEEDED

PERCENTAGE ABLE TO FIND A MATCHING DONOR



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Jewish Family Service



Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- **Wednesday, November 12 | 10am-2pm | Vassar College- College Center: 1st Floor, 124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie**
- **Friday, November 14 | 9am-5pm | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - 110 Eighth St: Union Bldg | Rm 2106-2, Troy**
- **Sunday, November 16 | 10am-2pm | Vassar College: Matt Lampell Invite | 28 Sunset Lake Dr, Poughkeepsie** We will be joining forces with the Vassar Fencing team, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (Details Above)
- **Tuesday, November 18 | 10am-2pm** Champagnat Hall Breezeway, 3399 North Rd, Poughkeepsie
- **Thursday, November 20 | 11am-2pm** Iona University -714 North Ave, New Rochelle
- **Sunday, February 15, 2026 | 9am-1pm -Vassar College | EWFC Invite**

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



Help educate on antisemitism



Support ideas for unique programs



Connect to the greater community



Free books & events for Jewish children thru age 13



To learn more, contact Wendy:
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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

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



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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.

November 20th

5:00pm

Alternate training dates are available upon request.

Contact Us!

volunteer@jfsorange.org
(845) 341-1173 x305



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

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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JEWISH COMMUNITY CHOIR

We're starting a new Jewish community choir, and we want you to be part of it from the very beginning!

Please join us on Monday evenings from 7:30-9pm, starting on October 27th. Together, we'll explore Jewish music in all its richness—while building a welcoming space for musical growth, friendship, and celebration.

For more information, please contact Cantor Carl Sayres at carlsayres@congregationagudasisrael.org

Register here:



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 do 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.

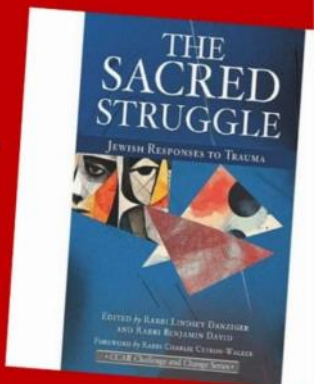
Schedule - Sundays, noon-1:30
Come to any or all sessions!
No experience needed!

November 9	How to:	Shabbat Worship
November 23	How to:	Shabbat Worship
December 7	Deeper Meaning:	Hanukkah
December 21	Deeper Meaning:	Interfaith Relations
January 11	How to:	Shiva Minyan
January 25	How to:	Shiva Minyan
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/
April 26	Deeper Meaning:	Israel in Community

Temple Beth Jacob Presents

The Sacred Struggle: Jewish Responses to Trauma Dealing with Tough Stuff

Two Tuesday evenings,
November 11 & 18, 7:00-8:30pm



Co-facilitated by Rabbi Doug Kohn & Dr. Jeff Rubin



Illness, violence, natural disaster, family and communal turmoil... Using the new CCAR Press book, *The Sacred Struggle: Jewish Responses to Trauma*, as our base, we will look for common denominators in dealing with tough stuff. How does Jewish Tradition promote resilience, emotional honesty, feeling pain and loss rather than anger and dismay, and how do we engage one another in the moments which life bring us. Texts will be provided, and participants may acquire a copy of the book (see the Temple Office for information) peruse it, and bring it to each session.

Questions? Call Rabbi Kohn at the Temple Office



Supporting Central Texas Flood Relief

Jewish Federations stand with those affected by the devastating floods in Central Texas. Our system is directing relief to Shalom Austin, which is raising funds to help families directly impacted. Every donation provides urgent support and recovery assistance.

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A safe space - no politics, opinions, or controversy.
Nondenominational- Open to the entire community.

Sponsored by Congregation Agudas Israel
Meeting at the Kol Yisrael Campus
290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

Upcoming Dates:
November 2 | December 7

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

For more information:
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a flexible summer schedule?
Do you want to help kids in need?
Do you have a car?

If so, Dinners 4 Kids needs you!

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:
Rabbilerner@monroetemple.org



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW A YEAR OF CHARITABLE GIVING



**JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE NEEDED ITEMS FOR OUR
SHARED COMMUNITY**

MONTH(S)	SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
ITEMS COLLECTED	NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
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

Join Us in a Special Mitzvah: Soup Kitchen Partnership

B'nai Torah Shul will partner with Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom to support their Soup Kitchen Initiative.

Our community will participate on: **Saturday, November 23**

This is a chance to step up and make a real difference, an act of service rooted in our Jewish values and our shared humanity.

To volunteer, please RSVP by emailing us at bnaitorahshulgwl@gmail.com **and write "Soup Kitchen" in the subject line.**

We hope you'll join us in giving back with heart.



**MONROE TEMPLE
SISTERHOOD**
WOMEN OF REFORM JEWISMS

BOOK

Monday, November 3
7:00 PM
via Zoom
RSVP by 11/1 for Zoom link
Allzgreat4@yahoo.com

America's first great organized-crime lord was a lady—a nice Jewish mother named Mrs. Mandelbaum.

A Jewish mother of four, a gracious society hostess, a beloved member of her community—and the first widely renowned crime boss in America, Fredericka Mandelbaum traveled to New York in 1850 in steerage and worked as a peddler on the streets of Lower Manhattan. By the 1870s she was a widow with four children, a fixture of high society, and an admired philanthropist. What had enabled a woman on the margins of American life to ascend from tenement poverty to immense wealth?

The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum paints a vivid image of Gilded Age New York—a city teeming with delightful rogues, capitalist power brokers, and Tammany Hall bigwigs, all of whom straddled the line between underworld enterprise and the realm of "legitimate" commerce. Combining deep historical research with the narrative flair for which she is celebrated, Margalit Fox tells the unforgettable story of a once-famous, now-forgotten heroine, a tale that exemplifies the cherished rags-to-riches narrative of Victorian America while simultaneously upending it altogether.

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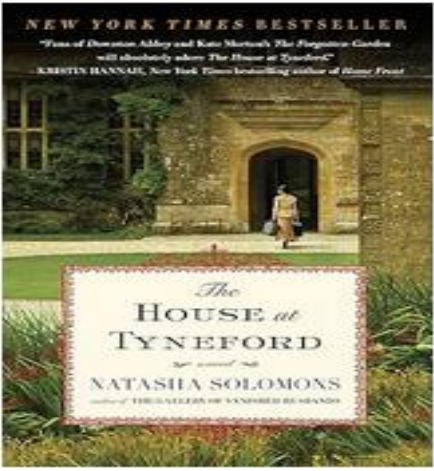


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Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

6pm - Thursday, November 20
 at the home of Babi Satzman

Discussion of 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!

Sisterhood Lunch & Learn

12pm on Thursday, November 13

Capri Restaurant
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