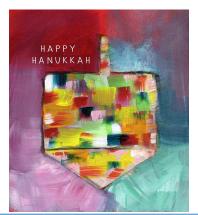
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On behalf of The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County we wish you a Happy Hanukkah. May the lights of the Menorah candles fill up your home. May you and your family welcome the bright light with open arms.



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Swords of Iron QR code



WE STAND WITH ISRAEL NOW AND ALWAYS

Donations are still being taken for Israel. If you would like to help, please donate to the Swords of Iron Israel relief fund go to jfeds.org/israelfund2023 (or scan the QR code to the top left).

Or your local Jewish Federation at jewishorangeny.org/donate

(or scan the QR code below).

Wear a blue ribbon to stand in solidarity with the 200+ hostages (#BlueRibbonsforIsrael). Go to blueribbonsforisrael.org to learn more.



JFed QR code





The JBC @ The Jewish Federation, Author Series 2023/2024

Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm at Kol Yisrael 290 North St, Newburgh This is a collaborative event with the Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess County

Meet Jennifer Rosner, Author of Once We Were Home

The novel weaves together the fictional lives of four displaced children. What happens after war's (WWII) end, when the children are wrenched from what they now consider their families? Or when the people who harbored them refuse to let them go?



Books available for purchase through the Federation office, hardcover \$28 contact Pam: office@jewishorangeny.org



The Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess County



This Sunday, Dec 3th at 3pm

Meet Jennifer Rosner author of
Once We Were Home
at Kol Yisrael
290 North St, Newburgh
Register today,

scan the QR code on the flyer.

Learn more about Jennifer Rosner & Once We
Were Home at jennifer-rosner.com
Can't make it in person? Join us via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89954331405?

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Sunday, Feb 4th at 2pm Elizabeth Graver, author of *Kantika* via Zoom

Sunday, April 7th at 2pm Susan Simon and Zoe Zak, authors of *The Cook and The Rabbi* at Temple Sinai, Middletown



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE! NEWBURGH JCC SHABBAT EXPERIENCE!

December Shabbat-To-Go Bags PICK-UP Sunday, December 10th

Kol Yisrael, 290 North St. Newburgh

We have Chanukah surprises planned!

Host a get-together, from the comfort with all the things you'll need for an awesome and meaningful event.

Registration Starts Tomorrow Dec 1st at

newburghjcc.org/choose-your-adventure-shabbat1

The Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat Experience is a free ongoing program, made possible by a grant from PJ Library. This is a collaborative event with the Newburgh JCC, The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, held at Kol Yisrael, 290

North St, Newburgh



PJ Library Get Together Grants!
Receive \$100 to "Get Together" with friends, and Do Something Jewish!
To Learn More, Visit PJLibrary.org/gt



January 26th Shabbat Adventure 4-5:30pm Community Shabbat dinner 5:30pm

Registration Recommended Suggested Donation \$10 per person Families with children under 12 Free!

More Details Coming Soon!



THIS SUNDAY: December 3rd 12-3pm Designer Bag Bingo

Kol Yisrael 290 North St., Newburgh \$40 for members/\$50 for non-members. Entry ticket includes 10 games, 1 raffle ticket and light bites

> Registration is still Open, Just a Few Spots Left!

Come For Designer Bag Bingo &
Stay to Meet Author Jennifer Rosner at 3pm,
Author of Once We Were Home



Tenement Museum and Lower East Side Excursion

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Bus departs Kol at 9:00am, returns at 5:30 pm

Temple Beth Jacob and Congregation Agudas Israel are planning a wonderful, memorable trip to the Tenement Museum and the Lower East Side!

- Sunday, December 10, our bus departs Kol at 9:00am
- At 11:15 we begin our guided tour of the fabulous Tenement Museum, where we will experience Jewish immigrant life at the turn of the last century. (Admission and tour gratis, due to a wonderful gift!)
- Lunch will follow at Russ and Daughters (paying a la carte)
- 2:30 we visit the magnificent, historic Eldridge Street Synagogue of the Museum at Eldridge Street. (Admission fee on our own)
- Our bus departs for Newburgh at 3:30 to arrive at Kol at 5:30.

All for \$25/person! Register now!

Call the Temple Office at 845-562-5516 or the Jewish Federation office at 845-562-7860.

This program is supported in part through a generous Micro-Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.



Join Temple Beth Jacob and Jewish Federation of **Greater Orange** County

friends for an unforgettable travel opportunity—a Jewish Civil Rights Tour—to Georgia and Alabama. Tour led by Rabbi Douglas Kohn and Federation Executive Director Wendy Cedar with professional Jewish Civil **Rights Tour Educators** Trip includes two nights accommodations, six meals, ground transportation. professional guides, admission and programming costs, based on double occupancy. Airfare and tips not included. Inclusive fee \$1050-\$1200 per person

Deposit of \$400/person due to Temple Beth Jacob by Nov. 15



Join Temple Beth Jacob and Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County friends for an unforgettable travel opportunity—a Jewish Civil Rights Tour—to Georgia and Alabama. Tour led by Rabbi Douglas Kohn and Federation Executive Director Wendy Cedar with professional Jewish Civil Rights Tour Educators (with over 20 years leadership in the community).

*Meetings with participants in the Civil Rights Struggle, Atlanta, Montgomery, Birmingham

*The King Center Neighborhood, Freedom Park, Atlanta

*Ebenezer Baptist Church (Attend Services!), Atlanta *Equal Justice Initiative Legacy (Lynching) Museum, Montgomery

*The Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery

*Southern Poverty Law Center Memorial *Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma

*16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham *Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham

*Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham





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ment of final balance due January 15, 2024. Optional extension in Birmingham to meet leaders of the Jewisl community and Civil Rights activists.

Questions? Call Rabbi Doug Kohn, 845-562-5516, or Wendy Cedar, 845-562-7860.

We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for October 2023

The following gifts are given on behalf of the A donation has been made to the Zachor Major Gift Honorees Joan & Michael Gittelsohn:

Linda & Marty Dlugatz Sheila Levinstein Robin and David Marks

Linda & Marty Dlugatz

The following gifts are given on behalf of the Major Gift Honorees Elaine & Jack Slobod: Linda & Marty Dlugatz

A donation has been made to the Federation in memory of Michael Gittelsohn's beloved sister, Helen Scheiner by: Karen Levin

antisemitism initiative by Doris and Allen Kossover in memory of Allen Peck.

A donation has been made Honoring Sharon Ball and her 23 years of dedication to the Jewish Federation by Sheila Levinstein.

A donation has been made to the Stella Rubinsky Memorial Fund by Raena Korenman in honor of Dr. Steven Rubinsky.

Please forgive us if your name isn't listed we will share it next month.

A Message From Wend Cedar, Executive Director

What a wonderful, supportive Jewish community we live in!
Members of our community have donated over \$20,000 directly to the Israel Fund to help support Israelis during this terrible war. AND, so many people have made additional donations locally, which not only supports Jewish life and fights antisemitism in Orange County, but further

supports Jewish life and fights antisemitism in Orange County, but further supports the work of our international partners who help Jews in Israel and around the world. We are so grateful for your generosity that helps us fulfill our mission.

Part of that mission is to support Jewish life in the county. Last month, we were able to do that with the help of clergy from 5 of our partner organization, who coordinated a beautiful, shared erev Shabbat service and kosher dinner at Temple Sinai in Middletown. While we weren't able to take photos during the wonderful event, we had over 100 people in attendance, and the communal joy and comfort were palpable!

We also had about 60 people, including about 14 young children, participate in a Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat sponsored by the Newburgh JCC, with help from a grant from PJ Library. Do you know any children under the age of 13 who would like a free Jewish-themed book every month? If so, register them at: PJLibrary.Org, and join us for our next Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh on January 26, 2024 at 4pm.



We sponsored a presentation by author Andrew Meier, who spoke with us about his book on the Morgenthau family from Dutchess County. We still have some of his books available if you're interested in purchasing it! Mark your calendars for more author visits on; 12/3, 2/4, and 4/7. Find more information on our website:

JewishOrangeNY.org

Next week, we'll be supporting the newly-revived SUNY Orange Jewish club with their Chanukah celebration in Middletown, and will be helping them grow their group throughout the course of the school year.

Is there something else we can do for you? A program you're interested in having here in Orange County? Looking for a community in which to celebrate Chanukah? We want to hear from you. Let us know how we can help. If you have an idea for a program but need some funding to get it off the ground, apply for a microgrant at: JewishOrangeNY.org/Jewish-Life/Microgrants. Or, contact me any time at: Director@JewishOrangeNY.org, or Tues-Fri at: 845.562.7860.

Wishing you a warm, safe, Chanukah and winter season full of love, joy, and peace.

Gratefully, Wendy Cedar Executive Director





March For Israel

Close to 300,000 people gathered at the National Mall in Washington, DC on Tuesday, November 14th. With a quarter-million viewers watching via live-stream and worldwide media. Some of our community shared their photos with us below (Abbe Distelburger, Dr. Leslie Geen & Dr. Steve Rubinsky).

Abbe Distelburger was able to attend the March and here is what she shared: "The March for Israel was such an amazing and uplifting experience. It's been so hard to watch the news and read the papers in the aftermath of the most horrific day in Jewish History, October 7th, as I feel that most of the world has turned against us and has become increasingly anti-Israel. To feel the love and bipartisan support that day by members of Congress, to hear the strong messages of Never Again, to hear the messages that we as Jews will never give up, and of course ,to hear the most impassioned pleas from family members of the hostages, was just so powerful. For the first time, I didn't feel that we, as a Jewish people, were alone in this fight against anti-Semitism or in our pro Israel stance against Hamas."

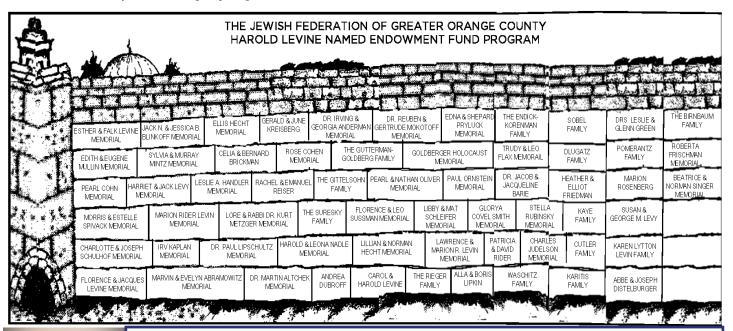


The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

The Harold Levine Endowment Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County currently has 61 Endowments with a principle of over \$4,500,000. These funds can be established with any amount of money. The interest is reinvested in the funds until they reach a corpus of \$5,000, at which time distributions can be made to named charities.

All endowment funds must designate a minimum of 30% of the interest earned to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Arrange a confidential meeting to make a charitable gift as part of your estate plan. Call the Federation office 845-562-7860 for more information.

Read more here: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments





You have an opportunity, to make a gift toward an endowment honoring Sharon Ball and her dedication to Jewish Life in Orange County over the last 23 years.

This endowment will continue to help sustain the community that she worked so hard to support.

Please <u>click here</u> to donate to an endowment in Sharon's honor, indicate this is a **Tribute Donation**. Or you can send a check to the office at: 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550. Please indicate that this is for Sharon's retirement, so we can correctly direct your gift.

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY - TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES... Gift of Life believes every person battling blood cancers, such as leukemia or lymphoma, deserves a second chance at life & 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, at festivals & events.



Visitors to our swabbing tables are able to join the registry on the spot with a quick swipe inside their 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 or Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com

- Our upcoming drives are:
- * Tuesday, Dec. 1st: 9am-3pm: Suny New Paltz Donor Recruitment Drive- Student Union Building.
- Friday, Dec. 8th: 12 5pm: Resort Worlds, 888 Resorts World Drive, Monticello exit 106
- * Monday, Dec. 18th: 4 8pm: Gold's Gym, 15 Racquet Road, Suite 100, Newburgh

Zachor Antisemitism Initiative The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Presents:



Combating Antisemitism & Hate

6 PM Monday Dec 11 Middletown High School 30 Gardner Ext Ave Middletown, NY

Judy Ronay, an educator & daughter of Holocaust survivors will guide us through historic and current forms of antisemitism and hate, in order to foster a more compassionate community











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

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 <a href="https://jfsorange.org/donate/donate-donat

online

- 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

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM 'HONOR' OUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 2023 AT 7PM
WHERE: TEMPLE BETH SHALOM





PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR
OUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS,
PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, WHO
PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE RESOURCES
AND SUPPORT TO KEEP US SAFE AND PROTECTED.

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Volunteer in your community with JFS Friendly Visitor Program. Join us for an in-person training session.

- Monday, Nov. 27th at 6pm in Warwick
- Thursday, Nov. 30th 10am in Newburgh
- Monday, Dec. 4th at 6:30pm in Port Jervis
- Thursday, Dec. 14th at 10am in Middletown

Other opportunities available:

Contact The Friendly Visitor Program at <u>845-341-1173</u> ext. 305 or email <u>volunteer@jfsorange.org</u> to register for a training or for more information about services available to our neighbors, including counseling and case management. The 90-minute training will prepare you to volunteer with older adults in your own community with the Friendly Visitor Program. Volunteers can provide local transportation to essential appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, phone wellness calls and/or light chores. Volunteering is rewarding and flexible. Background checks and Insurance while volunteering is provided. JFS of Orange County partners with the Office for the Aging and Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County to support older neighbors throughout Orange County

Chanukah Happenings!





EITZ CHAIM & B'NAI TORAH **INVITE YOU TO OUR**

SHARE THE LIGHTS



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:00 P.M.

Join us at B'nai Torah Shul for menorah lighting, latkes, fun games, and more!

RSVP to 845-783-7424 or office@eitzchaim-monroe.org by 12/4 Greenwood Lake, NY

14 Lakes Road

Bring your Menorah!

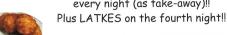
Lighting CAI's Giant Hanukkah Menorah!!



Come join in this annual COMMUNITY CELEBRATION at 290 North Street Newburgh, NY 12550 (845) 562-5604



DUNKIN' DONUTS and HOT CHOCOLATE every night (as take-away)!!



Help recognize our HONOREES who will light the Giant Menorah each night!!

Thursday, December 7 - 6pm - Volunteers & New Members of the Kol Partner Organizations

Friday, December 8 - 4pm - Kol Staff

Saturday, December 9 - 6pm - Essential Workers

Sunday, December 10 - 6pm - First Responders & Latke Party!

- 6pm - Elected Officials Monday, December 11

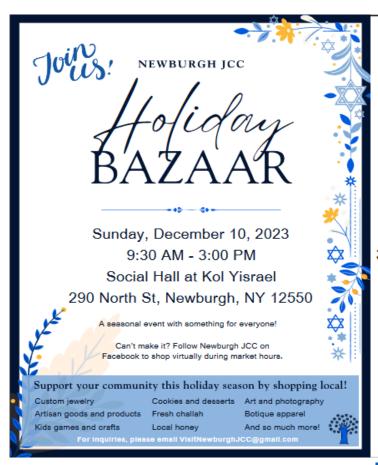
- 6pm - Teachers Tuesday, December 12

Wednesday, December 13-6pm - Interfaith Clergy

Thursday, December 14 - 6pm - Everyone!

RSVP Appreciated for Party!





Monroe Hadassah Membership Meeting



Thursday, December 14 • 12 noon Monroe Temple Beth El. 314 North Main Street, Monroe NY 10950

Enjoy a special Hanukkah potluck lunch, including latkes, sing some Hanukkah songs, get a grab bag, win a door prize, and create a dreidel necklace!

Discover the joy of celebrating with your Monroe Hadassah Family!

\$10 per person

RSVP by December 7! Daryl Bailin • 845-325-7652 dabailin@optonline.net

Temple Beth Shalom will join with the Monroe Temple for Shabbat and the last night of Chanukah Friday, December 15th, 7PM

Celebrating Israel 🛣 Through Song:





From The Maccabees to Today

Special Oneg with Sufganiyot and Israeli treats



Please remember to bring your Hanukkiah and 9 candles!

Sponsored by Monroe Temple Israel Education Committee

Zoom link for this event will be provided at a later date

Inclement Weather: (check monroetemple.org) Sunday, December 17th, 6 pm (if we use this date, please note: eat ahead of time; does not include dinner!)

Sound Bytes for 8 Nights

HANUKKAH AT HOME WITH URI SMALL CONGREGATIONS

For the eight nights of Hanukkah, December 7-14, join rabbis from across North America as they tell stories, sing songs, and share reflections on the festival of lights.

Set up your own Hanukkiyah in a safe, visible place as we will kindle the Hanukkah lights and celebrate together at the end of each Zoom gathering.

Register for free at the link below. Please note that the times and links are the same for each night.

7pm ET | 6pm CT | 5pm MT | 4pm PT



Rabbi Neal Katz | Rabbi Jennifer Weiner | Rabbi Shoshana Nambi Rabbi Ellen Nemhauser | Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar | Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser | Rabbi Heather Miller

register @ 25Kislev.com













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The Orange County
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Hawaii fund. Use the QR
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thanks you in advance for
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Support Earthquake Victims in Morocco

Communities across Morocco need our help.

The waves of impact are only beginning. When there is a need for collective action, Jewish Federations are there. Thanks to the collective impact of our Federation system, our partners can be there on the ground, quickly assessing the needs and supporting people in their darkest hours. Donate at https://

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Applications Open Today!

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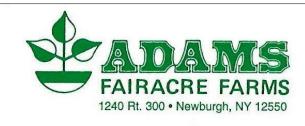
A Micro-Grant can foster new ideas in the Orange County Jewish community bringing us together, connecting us with a positive impact

and helping the community learn and grow together. Apply here: jewishorangeny.org/microgrant

THERE'S A LOT OF EXCELLENT PROGRAMMING IN ORANGE COUNTY THIS MONTH.

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