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December 2025 kislev/tevet 5786



On Behalf of the Jewish Federation of Greater
Orange County Staff and Board of Directors



wishing you
**A HAPPY
HANUKKAH**

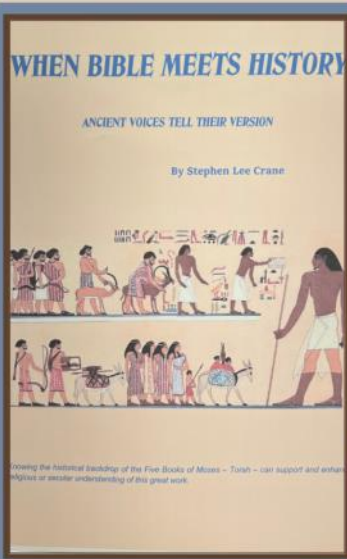


Virtual Book Talk with Author Stephen Lee Crane



STEPHEN CRANE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DRAWN TO NONFICTION
SUBJECTS FOR THEIR UNDENIABLE REALITY. HIS INTEREST IN
THINGS JEWISH DOMINATED HIS NEXT OFFERINGS ON
JUDAISM IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND THEN TORAH HISTORICITY.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | 2PM



**"When Bible Meets History:
Ancient Voices Tell Their Story"**
presents a well-researched,
absorbing, and open-minded
case addressing the issue
unresolved by either academia
or aficionados, namely, what is
the confluence, if any, of Torah
and historicity?

**ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED UPON
REGISTRATION**

REGISTER AT:
[JEWISHORANGENY.REGFOX
.COM/STEPHEN-LEE-CRANE](http://JEWISHORANGENY.REGFOX.COM/STEPHEN-LEE-CRANE)



IN COLLABORATION WITH TEMPLE SINAI ADULT ED PROGRAM



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



GIVING TUESDAY

is DECEMBER 2nd!

Will you heed the call to help us:

Provide scholarships
for kids to attend
Jewish summer camp
or other Jewish
experiences

Give microgrants to
community members who
want to bring unique
programs to the
community

Empower
students and
adults to stand up
to hate

And so much more!

You can help us finish our
2025 Annual Campaign
from a place of **STRENGTH**

Don't want to wait?
Give now!



THANK YOU

for helping us keep the Orange County, NY
Jewish community strong!

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From The Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

The end of the secular year, much like Rosh Hashanah, gives us the opportunity to look back and reflect on our year, and consider how our lives may be different moving forward. This year, many of us will be facing even more financial challenges than we have in the past. For some of us, that can mean a steep change to our financial (and hence physical and emotional) wellbeing. If this is you, I encourage you to engage with your Jewish community, rather than pulling away.



Here are some ways we can help:

1. Our recipient organization, Jewish Family Service, can provide financial, transportation, and emotional support to anyone in Orange County, regardless of their background or affiliation, often for free. You can reach them at: info@JFSOrange.org or 845.341.1173, or learn more on their website: JFSOrange.org
2. Want to send your children to summer camp, Religious School, a trip to Israel, or other Jewish program, but don't think you can afford it? Our scholarship funding is available for these programs, for any resident of Orange County, NY. You can find the application and details on our website: JewishOrangeNY.org/scholarships. Applications for summer programs are due by March 31, which includes one full scholarship for a teen summer trip to Israel! There is additional scholarship funding available on a rolling basis throughout the year for other programs.
3. Most of our synagogue partners, the Newburgh JCC, and the Jewish Federation provide community programs for free or low cost. You don't always need to be a "member" of these communities in order to participate. Take the opportunity to engage with one of these communities and introduce yourself to someone there. Getting connected starts with taking the first step of showing up! I can almost guarantee that you'll be welcomed into any of these communities. Find information on upcoming opportunities in this newsletter, in our weekly email, or on our website: JewishOrangeNY.org. You can also find a "synagogue directory" of our partner synagogues under "community resources" on our website, in case you're not sure which would be the closest, or most appropriate for your preferences.
4. Do you have kids or grandkids who you would like to stay connected to Jewish values, but they're not currently connected to a Jewish community anywhere? Connect them with PJLibrary.org – where they will be eligible to receive a free book on a Jewish theme, or by a Jewish author, each month through their 13th birthday! You can also watch our communications for opportunities to get together with other PJ Library families to help you & your kids make new Jewish connections.

As always, if you have other needs or have ideas that may benefit others in the community, feel free to reach out at any time. If we can't help directly, we may be able to connect you with someone who can.

Have a happy, healthy, warm and bright Hanukkah!

Warmly, Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860

Meet our newest Endowment holder, inspired by Rochelle Marshall's Mother, The Ida Marshall Endowment Fund

Rochelle Marshall was one of our honorees at the Major Gifts Celebration "Quiet Giants" in October; She shared this story, that her mother had written, many years ago when she was honored for Israel Bonds.



I am an honoree tonight, I am told because of my devotion to Israel. This honor is awesome. My devotion has its roots.

On that day in 1948, when at the UN, the nations were deciding if Israel can be born, I was listening to the radio as the votes were counted- one at a time, the yeahs and the nays. My heart pounds now as I remember, Will there be an Israel?

And we have an Israel, where every Jew can come to the Promise Land, healthy or sick, old, young, the blind, the halt (anyone having a physical disability)- no quotas- unlike the rest of the world.

Can there be a Jew anywhere, who is not stronger and more secure as a Jew because there is an Israel.

And through the 42 years, the many wars that Israel fought and won against the overwhelming odds of its enemies. We cheered, but our hearts cried for each soldier killed or wounded. These are our children.

And there was Entebbe and the strike against the Iraqi nuclear plant, and the rescue of the half-starved Ethiopian Jews, and the continuing absorption of the 100,000's of Russian Jews. Has there ever in all of history been a country like Israel. We can stand taller because of its wonders.

We like to feel that we are doing something to help this amazing country. I know some of us have had the opportunity to do some hands on volunteer work in Israel.

What a privilege it was for me to work in a huge warehouse, non-army base, mostly filled with Diesel fumes and cleaning a rusty part of a tank with a filthy, oily shmatte.

This was during the Lebanese war. The housing was the pits- forget it- but I was ecstatic, I swear, me, I was helping the soldiers' and maybe because of what I was doing, Avi, Moishe or David will be able to go home for Shabbat.

Again, last January and February, I was on a volunteer program. This time I lived in luxury, my job was to tutor high school students in English. But when Iraq sent the Scud missiles, schools were closed for two weeks. During those weeks I picked cherry tomatoes, Carmel label. I trimmed carnations for shipment to Holland and I packed medical kits for the soldiers. Can you imagine my gratification - I was helping in a time of need. The payoff was when the Israelis thanked us they - who lay their lives on the line every day. They thanked us.

And there is Israel if Universities museums, symphony orchestras Dance theaters, gardens, parks- everything for a good life. All this in the middle of terrorists attacks- What a county! Why wouldn't I be devoted?

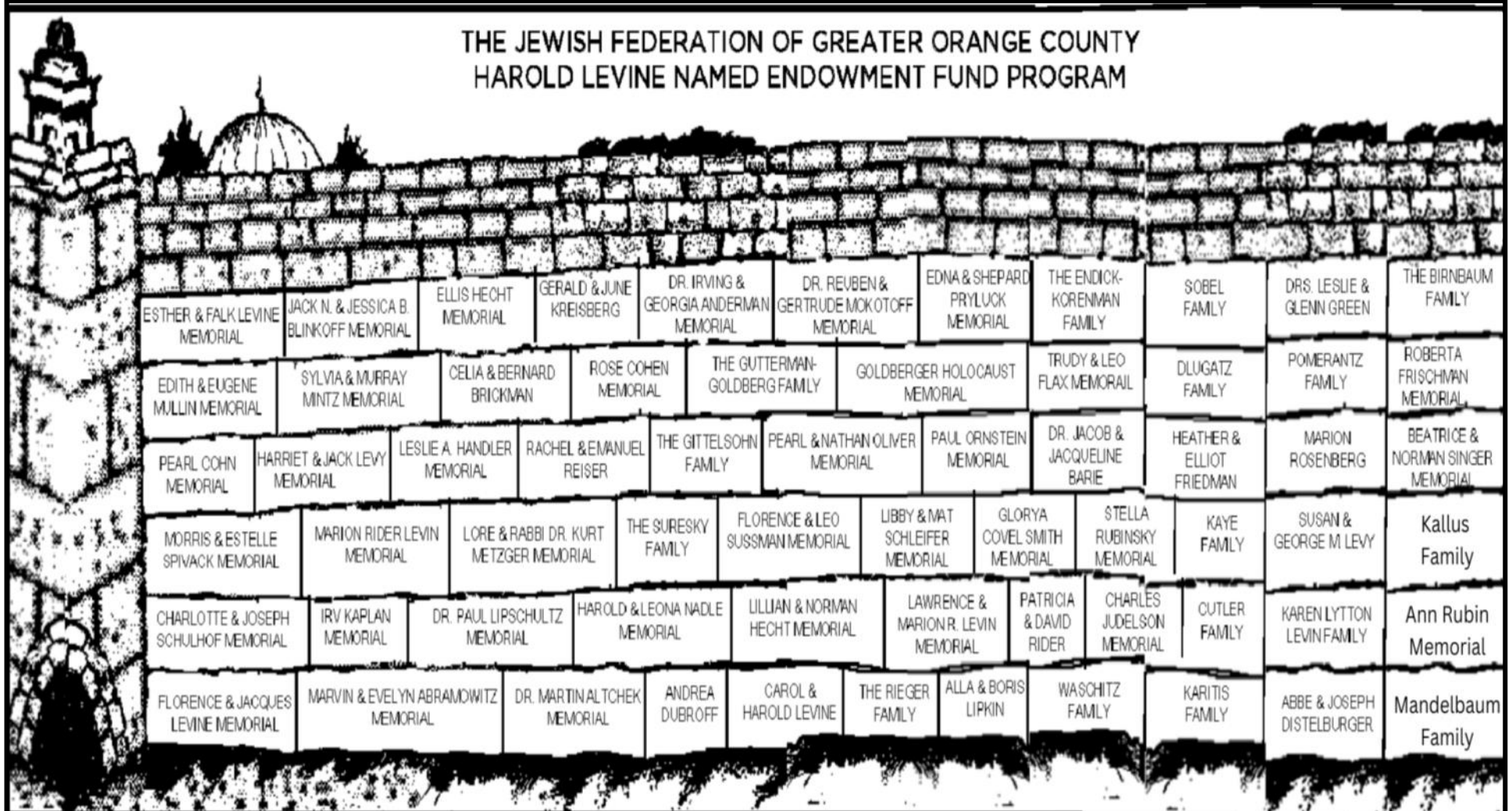
But in order for Israel to survive (let's not fool ourselves, nothing is certain in the hostile world that surrounds us) we must help, and there are many different ways to help.

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 gift has been given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Genie Abrams:

Valerie and William Sideman

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

Jane Friedland

Rita Wincott

The following gift has been given on behalf of the Major Gifts Honoree, Michael Melasky:

Pamela and Joseph Conjura



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

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!



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
or Use the QR Code



Jewish Federation
of Greater Orange County
 Building Our Jewish Community Together

Here for you at every stage of your Jewish journey:



Children from **birth through their 13th birthday** can receive a **FREE** monthly book with a Jewish theme



Anyone from pre-school through 120 may participate in programs & events at the Newburgh JCC



NEWBURGH
 Jewish Community Center
 SERVING THE GREATER HUDSON VALLEY



School-aged children and their families can receive scholarships to attend Jewish Experiences

High school & middle school students throughout the county receive quality education on fighting antisemitism and other forms of hate



Adults & children alike can meet Jewish authors and other speakers as they share their work and ideas with us



Any community member is eligible to apply for a Microgrant to fund a Jewish-themed community program

Microgrants

for programs that;
 Build Jewish community
 Address a social justice issue from a Jewish lens
 Create new Jewish educational experiences

Any resident of Orange County can receive emergency or ongoing, social or financial support from Jewish Family Service



All Jewish institutions in Orange County receive support and guidance to keep their buildings and communities safe



My Tree In Israel

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 2026**

✧ **Wine (Avivim) Feb 13, 2026 | Delivery Passover 2026**

✧ **Whiskey & Olive Oil TBA**



NEW!

For the first time you can enjoy Israeli whisky made from 100% local grain!

Enjoy your privately labeled exclusive excellent Israeli whisky, for you, your family, and special gatherings!

Also makes an incredible CHANUKAH gift for a loved one

Promote Israel while Supporting Our Community

Use The QR Code To Order or visit our Website

Jewishorangenyny.org To Learn More!

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

Rabbi's Blog

Finding Light in Today's World: A Hanukkah Reflection

As we gather to celebrate Hanukkah, we return to a familiar story—one of courage, conviction, and the unwavering belief that even the smallest light can transform darkness. The Maccabees lived in a time of upheaval, pressure, and uncertainty, yet they held fast to their identity and values. Against overwhelming odds, they reclaimed a sense of dignity, restored sacred space, and rekindled a flame that should never have lasted—but did.



This year, that message feels especially relevant.

We live in a world filled with noise, division, and rapid change. Many in our community feel the weight of rising tension, increasing polarization, and global instability. In such moments, it becomes easy to feel small, isolated, or unsure of our ability to make a difference.

But Hanukkah reminds us that resilience often begins with a single act of light.

Whether it is standing up for one another, supporting Israel and Jewish communities worldwide, teaching our children to take pride in who they are, or performing quiet acts of kindness—each gesture is a modern-day flame. Each one pushes back against darkness. Each one strengthens the collective light we share.

As we kindle the menorah this year, we invite you to pause and reflect on how your own light contributes to the warmth and strength of our community. And just as importantly, we encourage you to reach out, connect, and uplift those around you. The miracle of Hanukkah was not only that the oil lasted eight days—it was that the Jewish people refused to give up hope even when the vessel seemed nearly empty.

May this season inspire us to bring more light into the world: through compassion, courage, Jewish pride, and unwavering unity.

Wishing you and your family a meaningful, joyful, and hope-filled Hanukkah.

Rabbi Brenda Weinberg
Congregation B'nai Torah, Greenwood Lake

Hanukkah Happenings!



Ladies Night Out...Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 6:15PM
Copper Bottom, 162 N. Main Street, Florida
Cost \$40.00

RSVP by December 7th to Robin Bordman
text or call 845-699-6460 OR email thebordmans@aol.com



Sit onger Together

Monroe Temple
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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

**BAD
GIFT
PARTY**

Hanukkah

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 11TH
7:00PM**

Did you get a lousy Hanukkah present?
Here's your chance to exchange it for something wonderful!
Just because you didn't love it, doesn't mean someone else
won't want it!

**RSVP TO SUZANNE
ALLZGREAT4@GMAIL.COM
BY MONDAY 11/8**

Refreshments will be served

Kol Yisrael Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County NEWBURGH Jewish Community Center AGUDAS ISRAEL TEMPLE BETH JACOB TEMPLE SINAI

**HANUKKAH
CONCERT**

**LATKES &
VODKAS &
BABKAS!**

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

JOIN US FOR
AN AFTERNOON OF
MUSIC, FUN, AND FOOD!

FEATURING:
CANTOR CARL SAYRES
CANTOR TURIA STARK
RABBI CANTOR DAVID SISLEN

Join us each night of Hanukkah
for a community menorah lighting,
with hot chocolate & Dunkin' Donuts:

Monday, Dec 15, 5:30pm
- honoring **Teens**
- **CHESS** Gadol Hayah Sham night!
Tuesday, Dec 16, 5:30pm
- honoring **First Responders**
Wednesday Dec 17, 5:30pm
- honoring **Interfaith Clergy**
Thursday Dec 18, 5:30pm
- honoring **Elected Officials**
Friday, Dec 19, 3:30pm
- honoring **Kol Staff**
Saturday Dec 20, 5:30pm
- honoring **Young Families**
Sunday, Dec 21, 5:30pm
- honoring **Seniors**
- **Latke Night!**

DECEMBER 14TH 2025
1:30PM - HANUKKAH CONCERT
3:00PM - LATKES & VODKAS & BABKAS
4:00PM - MENORAH LIGHTING

CONGREGATION
**AGUDAS
ISRAEL**

**CHESS Gadol
Hayah Sham !!!**

Do you play Chess?
Come join us on Monday,
December 15 after
candle lighting at 5:30pm

**HAPPY
HANUKKAH**

Chanukah Party!
Sunday, December 21 | 5:00 - 8:00 PM

CONGREGATION
BETH HILLEL
WALDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Hanukkah Happenings continued!



HAPPY HANUKKAH

TBJ SISTERHOOD HANUKKAH PRONEG

DATE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 19, 2025

TIME: DINNER STARTING @ 6 PM

TBJ SHABBAT SERVICES STARTING 7 PM

COST: \$25 / per person (Children - \$5)

MENU

SALAD & LATKES

HOMEMADE APRICOT CHICKEN

FRESH ORANGE CRANBERRY SAUCE & SPECIAL COLESLAW

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BRING YOUR MENORAH – LETS LIGHT OUR CHANUKIAHS TOGETHER

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 15th SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!

Let's celebrate the Festival of Lights as a community!

SHARE THE LIGHTS

EITZ CHAIM'S ANNUAL
HANUKKAH PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
AT 5:30 P.M.

Join us for havdalah, our menorah
lighting, a latke dinner,
Hanukkah songs, and fun!

Everyone should bring
a menorah to light!

RSVP to the office
by 12/13

**GIFT
OF
LIFE**

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

WOO HOO!! Match #163! 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.

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 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.





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



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.

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- ✓ Depression
- ✓ Life Transitions
- ✓ Personal Growth
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(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.

December 4th

5:00 pm

December 16th

5:00 pm

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



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 Lizzy Care



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

Select "Classic Volunteer"

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

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

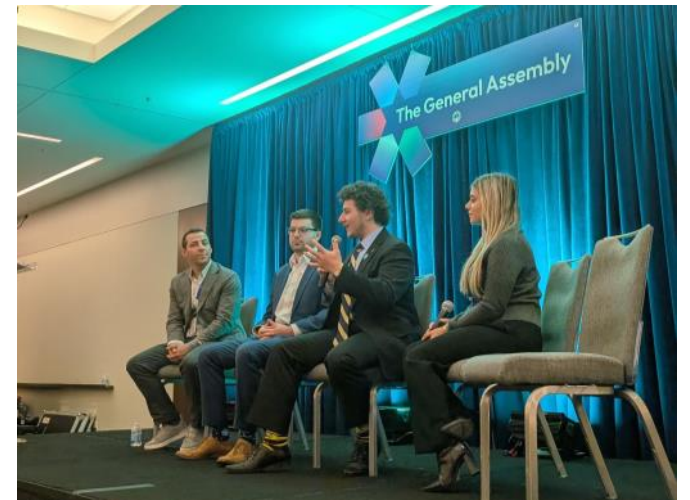
Nominate them today! ➔



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

Jeremy Shinder, the son of Rabbi Rebecca Shinder from Temple Beth Shalom in Florida, NY, participated in the Changemakers program this year and came away with a deeper understanding of life as a Jewish adult in the U.S. The Changemakers were given an opportunity to participate in the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America last month, and Jeremy was on a panel to represent the program. We're proud to call him one of our own!

Do you know a young adult interested in honing their leadership skills, expanding their network, and receiving a stipend to do so? Then nominate them for this terrific opportunity today! <https://ow.ly/YM9630sR8PZ>



Getting Grounded in Israel and Zionism



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



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**Alex Solomon Parents/Grandparents
Bereavement Support Group**



*If you have lost a child or grandchild,
no matter what age or when,
come to find and share support.*

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:
December 7 | January 4 | February 8

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

For more information:
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a flexible 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:
dalerorie@gmail.com



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

LITTLE FRIENDS BINGO FUNDRAISER



\$40 INCLUDES: DINNER (BIVONASI!) 2 DRINKS + 3 BINGO CARDS



**DEC
6TH**

**290
NORTH
STREET**

**6-9
PM**



LEAVE THE KIDS AT HOME, DRESS TO THE 9'S AND WIN BIG



Mitzvah Project

Saturday, December 6
9:30 - 11:30am

Setup for the Florida Food Pantry's Annual Holiday Gift Giveaway

Bottom floor of The Florida Presbyterian Church
1 N Main St, Florida, NY

- If possible, please donate per Beit Sefer Family-
- *10 rolls of tape (we brought enough wrapping paper last year!)
- *Any unopened toys or gift items suitable for kids-adults
(that you already have at home)
- *Hygiene products (soaps, toothpaste, period products, etc.)



Our event will include: organizing gifts,
learning about Food Insecurity, & singing



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.

**To Donate
click here**

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monthly **We Are One** and our **Weekly
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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.

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:
 RABBI SISLEN:
RABBI@TEMPLESINAIMIDDLETOWN.COM
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with Rabbi Eitan Bloostein

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

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

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Jewish Federation of Dutchess County **BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE** **Jewish Book Council**

JOIN US FOR A POWERFUL CONVERSATION ON HOPE AND HUMANITY – A HISTORIAN'S INSIGHT: COURAGE, REFUGE, & RESISTANCE IN THE HOLOCAUST

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH 6:30PM

AT BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE 331 VERPLANCK AVENUE BEACON



WITH DEBÓRAH DWORK

Debórah Dwork, a leading Holocaust historian and Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity at the CUNY Graduate Center, is the acclaimed author of numerous works including *Flight from the Reich*, *Holocaust*, and *Auschwitz*.

Saints and Liars tells the gripping story of American aid workers - Quakers, Unitarians, and Jews - who risked their lives across five cities to rescue refugees from Nazi persecution during World War II.

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CAI CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

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:

December 4
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 16
May 14

TEMPLE SINAI

Please contact the Temple Sinai office at eparker@templesinaimiddletown.com or Rabbi/Hazzan Sislen at rabbis@templesinaimiddletown.com for more information or to receive the Zoom link.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FOR..
Movies & Chinese Food
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24th
6 PM
\$20/person

Watch the recent blockbuster **ELEANOR THE GREAT** & partake in a delectable assortment vegetarian and chicken dishes from Green Garden Chinese Restaurant.

Tikkun Olam activity - Help prep for the Newburgh Holiday Table dinner being served Christmas Day.

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Monroe Temple Journey to
ISRAEL
 Led by Rabbi Roger Lerner
 February 12-22, 2026

Israel is a land of connections and reconnections, of first-time discoveries and returning for rediscovery and new adventures. Traveling together as a community, we will bond through engaging and enjoyable shared experiences and deepen our understanding of culture and archaeology, religion and politics, the ancient and the modern, as we explore Israel's millennia-old legacy as the heart of the Jewish people.

ON OUR JOURNEY WE WILL:

- Discover the magic of Israel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and beyond
- Ascend the imposing mountain of Masada and float in the healing waters of the Dead Sea
- Bear witness to the realities of Israel after October 7th and engage in discussions and debriefings about the current state of Israel and the future outlook of the country
- Experience the magic and wonder of the City of Gold, on an Old City walking tour in Jerusalem
- Explore the Golan Heights by jeep and delight in a hands-on chocolate workshop

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 (or scan the QR code)

Or your local Jewish Federation at:
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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 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 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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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, when necessary, 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 allowed Ken to pursue his interest in sociology. 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 20, 7:30pm: Sister Yliana Hernandez
 Sisters of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, New Windsor
Not Words, But Deeds

Sister Yliana Hernández-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.

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

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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"

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