

WE ARE ONE

February 2024 shevat/adar 5784



Jewish Federations thank Rep. Ryan for continued work to free hostages still held by Hamas, including American citizens and the families of Hudson Valley residents.

KINGSTON, NY, January 17, 2024- Just over 100 days since Hamas's brutal attack on Israel, representatives from the Jewish Federations of Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties presented Rep. Pat Ryan and his staff with a thank you letter, **with nearly 400 local signatures**, for his ardent support of Israel's right to exist, his ongoing fight against antisemitism, and his continued efforts to free hostages still held by Hamas, including American citizens and Hudson Valley residents. The Jewish Federations peacefully presented their thank you letter at Rep. Ryan's Kingston office, which was besieged by anti-Israel protestors nearly two weeks ago.

If you haven't signed the thank you letter to Pat Ryan & would like to now here are a few options:

- Use this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-DIfhQLSk6N2EZZDgGmMBE2C28CtRtVqFpHukm6Ywxr75nA/viewform>
- Email Pam at office@jewishorangenyny.org, or call the office (845) 562-7860 Please provide your full name, we will add you to the list.



Dutchess, Orange & Ulster Counties meet with Rep. Ryan's staff at his Kingston office.

Executive Directors of the Jewish Federations of Dutchess & Orange Counties, Karen Hochhauser (center) and Wendy Cedar (right), present Rep. Ryan's staff with thank you letter.



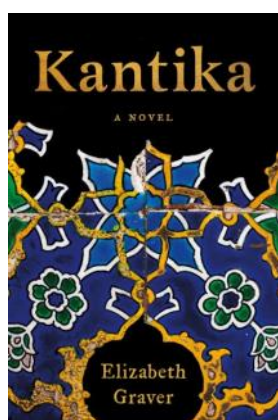
Swords of Iron
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Donations are still being taken for Israel. If you would like to help, please donate to the Swords of Iron Israel relief fund go to ifeds.org/israelfund2023 (or scan the QR code, left). Or your local Jewish Federation at jewishorangenyny.org/donate (or scan the QR code to the right).

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



JFed
QR code



Elizabeth Graver Sunday, Feb. 4th- 2PM

A Collaborative Virtual Event with The Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess Counties & Temple Sinai, Middletown (Adult Education Program)
Register by using the link below or scan the QR Code for zoom link. jewishorangenyny.org/2023-2024-jewish-book-council

Questions, Contact Pam:
Office@jewishorangenyny.org or
(845)562-7860

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!





Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Sunday, March 10th at 2pm** Sharing Shabbat Together with PJ Library at Kedem Winery.
- ♦ **Sunday, March 24th at 10am** Community Purim Carnival at Kol Yisrael.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 7th at 2pm** Meet Authors of *The Cook and The Rabbi*, Susan Simon and Zoe Zack at Temple Sinai, Middletown. This is a collaborative event with Temple Sinai's Adult Education Program.

More Details Coming Soon!



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE! NEWBURGH JCC SHABBAT EXPERIENCE!

February Shabbat-To-Go Bags

PICK-UP Date TBD

Kol Yisrael, 290 North St, Newburgh

We have surprises planned!

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

Registration Starts soon!

newburghjcc.org/choose-your-adventure-shabbat/

The Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat Experience is a free ongoing program, made possible by a grant from PJ Library.

February 2024 Shabbat-To-Go

Everything your kids will need for an awesome get-together at home.



Free gift while supplies last.
Delivery available in some areas.



Get Together
Life gets better when we Get Together.



PJ Library

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





FREE ADMISSION
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

NEW YORK STATE
CELEBRATES **DR.
MARTIN
LUTHER
KING, JR.
2024**

Panel Discussion & Film Screening
Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2 PM
Temple Beth Jacob, 290 North St.,
Newburgh, NY 12550

Join New York State, the Mid-Hudson Hate and Bias Prevention Regional Council, the Orange County Human Rights Commission, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County for a screening of the State's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Observance and panel discussion on the pillars of his work. Register by visiting <https://bit.ly/48TUAJ> or scanning the QR code.



My Tree In Israel

- * Adopt a vineyard by 3/15/24 for April '24 delivery of your Kosher for Passover wine
- * Adopt a whiskey barrel by 4/30/24 for June '24 delivery of your whiskey
- * Adopt an olive tree by 11/15/24 for December '24 delivery of your olive oil
- * For adoptions after these dates, expect delivery of your gift in the 2025 season

Use The QR Code To Order Or The Link Below.

They Are Now Offering Whiskey Too, Visit The Website To Learn More! Need Help Ordering? Call The Federation Office 845-562-7860.



**MY TREE STRENGTHENS THE IDF,
WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WE ARE RESOLUTE IN ISRAEL'S
TRIUMPH!**



Amidst the mourning of lives lost, urgency grips us as we face the realities of war. We are resolute in triumphing for our home. Your steadfast support, both past and present, is our anchor in these critical times. This season, adopting your tree takes on newfound significance as we urgently allocate proceeds to Beit Kobi, bolstering the Israeli Defence Forces. Stay resilient – together, our strength is paramount!



**CREATE YOUR PRIVATE BRAND OF
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FROM YOUR FARMERS IN ISRAEL**



A portion of the proceeds are donated back to the community and Israel's Defence Forces.

mytree.org.il/federation-orange-county-ny





Is February it too late to say that? Given that we're only 1/12 into the new year, I feel confident that it's not too late :) Although, in Jewish circles, we can say "happy secular new year". It gives us a second opportunity to reflect on time past and to look forward to the future.



In 2023, with your help, we reached our fundraising goal for our Annual Campaign! That allowed us to continue to support Jewish life in Orange County and around the world; pre-war in Israel, and during the ongoing war. We continued to support high school and middle school students' learning about the Holocaust, antisemitism, and other forms of hate. We were able to support several families in sending their children to Jewish summer camp or Israel trips, and over 200 families who receive PJ Library books and programming. Other community members benefited from our microgrants by bringing Jewish-themed events to the county. And, of course, your support helped us to continue to support the great work of Jewish Family Service and the Newburgh JCC.

We have lots more planned for 2024! Not only will we continue our core programs, but we've heard your voices in search of more opportunities for young families to get together, more microgrants for different programs, and more programming on Israel, to name a few. Your ongoing support is critical to helping us keep the momentum moving forward and keeping Jewish life vital in Orange County. All of the funding for these programs comes from you, so without you, we can't do this important work.

Thank you for your support in 2023, and we thank you in advance for your ongoing support! Am Yisrael Chai – the People of Israel Live – in Orange County and beyond, thanks to you.

Warmly,
Wendy Cedar, Executive Director Director@JewishOrangeNY.org / 845.562.7860

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: jewishorangenj.org/donate/endowments

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY HAROLD LEVINE NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM

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**Jewish
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Grant**

Applications Open Today!

JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/MICROGRANT

 The Jewish Federation

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: jewishorangenyc.org/microgrant

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

ALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for December '23 and January '24

- ♦ A contribution has been made honoring Sharon Ball and her 23 years of dedication to the Jewish Federation by Linda & Marty Dlugatz.
- ♦ A contribution has been made in memory of Bonna Horovitz Finkelstein's beloved father Zola Horovitz by Raena Korenman.
- ♦ A contribution has been made in memory of Jerry Goldberg's beloved mother, Norma Goldberg by Raena Korenman.
- ♦ A contribution has been made in honor of Jude Michael Zigrosser Scher by Louise & Dean Scher.

Partial Jewish Summer Camp & Israel Experience Scholarships

For Jewish children residing in Orange County. The amount of each award depends on individual need as well as the number of applications received. Parent/guardian must be member of our Federation.
Complete the application online: jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships

Where in 2 months can you build relationships that last a lifetime?



SUMMER CAMP!

We want your child to be one happy camper this summer!

Finances shouldn't keep your child from spending a summer at a Jewish camp - laughing, splashing, and being a part of a young thriving Jewish community of their contemporaries.

The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff Israel Scholarship

A full award covering the cost of one trip to Israel, given to one special 11th or 12th grade student, based on need and merit.

Deadline for all Scholarship applications is March 31st.

Find a camp here: jewishcamp.org/ one-happy-camper

A trip your child will remember forever.



ISRAEL

...where they'll reinforce their Jewish identity, appreciate their homeland and its culture, and strengthen a connection with Israel that will last a lifetime.

UJF Announces Creation of the Lilly Reiser Scholarship

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien (UJF) announces the creation of the Lilly Reiser Scholarship; \$10,000 college scholarships per year for nine Jewish students from Connecticut and New York. Awards will be based on a combination of both need and merit.

Lilly E. Reiser (1924-2020) was born in the small town of Moravska-Ostrava in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (now the Czech Republic). Having suffered the inhumanity and indignity of forced labor and internment during the Holocaust at Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, and Bergen-Belton, Lilly was eventually liberated from Bergen-Belton by British soldiers. She emigrated to the United States in 1945 and was only able to obtain her degrees because of the generosity of various Jewish communal organizations, that provided her with the scholarships necessary to do so.

Lilly completed her undergraduate education at Hunter College and went on to achieve a graduate degree from Columbia University's New York School of Social Work. She proudly served as a social worker in the New York City Public School for over 50 years. Ever thankful for the financial support she received from the organized Jewish community, Lilly wanted to provide similar support to deserving and financially challenged students of Jewish faith.

"I can't think of a more special way to honor Lilly's memory, than by honoring her wishes to assist young Jews achieve their academic dreams like she did," said Eric Ross, UJF Deputy Director.

The scholarship application period will be open from February 15 through March 15, 2024. For more information and scholarship requirements, please visit www.ujf.org/LillyReiser , or contact UJF Deputy Director Eric Ross at eric@ujf.org.



GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY - TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES...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 donors have been found as a result of our Orange County swabbing drives. One joins the registry 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 know someone between the age of 18-35 they can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org or contact Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com

Our upcoming drives are:

- ♦ **Wednesday, February 14 from 10am – 2pm at SUNY, New Paltz**
WOO HOO!! Match #65!! It's time for another happy dance!!



**UPCOMING FRIENDLY
VISITOR PROGRAM
VOLUNTEER TRAININGS**

Join our team to provide our elderly neighbors with Transportation, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping and Friendly Visits.

February 2024 Training Dates:

THURSDAY - FEB. 8TH 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Goshen Public Library

TUESDAY - FEB. 13TH 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Middletown - Virtual

TUESDAY - FEB. 20TH 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Josephine-Louise Library in Walden

Pre-registration is required.

To register for any of our trainings & other training opportunities, please call **845-341-1173 ext. 305** or email volunteer@jfsorange.org



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

- ♦ 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

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 <https://jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online>

Contact The JFS Friendly Visitor Program at 845-341-1173 or email volunteer@jfsorange.org to register for the training or for more information about services available for older neighbors throughout Orange County.

Our training prepares volunteers to provide specific support to older adults, including local transportation for essential appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, and phone check-in calls. Volunteering is rewarding and flexible. Pre-registration is required. Background checks and Insurance while volunteering is provided. Jewish Family Service partners with the Office for the Aging to support older neighbors throughout Orange County. JFS is a recipient agency of Jewish Federation of Orange County and a member of National Volunteer Caregiving Network.



Through Federation, You Can Do Good That Goes Everywhere

[DONATE NOW](#)

While you're reading this, your gift is impacting Jewish lives around the world. From North America to Ukraine to Israel and across 70 other countries - your gift impacts lives around the world.



Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund
The Orange County Jewish community has donated over \$555 toward s the Support Hawaii fund. Use the QR code above to donate.
The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County thanks you in advance for your support.

ON A MISSION
INSIDE GAZA

A CHABAD REBBETZIN
TELLS HER STORY

Bruria Efuné shares her experiences as a mother and activist living under fire in Southern Israel. Her stories will take you from her family's bomb shelter on the morning of October 7th, to her missions to help soldiers inside Gaza.

Learn about the real challenges Israelis face each day, and how they overcome with the love and support of the Jewish people around the world.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2024

SOCIAL HALL

290 NORTH ST. NEWBURGH

6:30 PM – DOORS OPEN

REFRESHMENTS & ASSEMBLING

CARE PACKAGES

7:00 PM – LECTURE BEGINS

FOLLOWED BY Q & A

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