

# WE ARE ONE

February 2026 shevat/adar 5786



Jewish Federation  
of Greater Orange County  
Building Our Jewish Community Together

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NEVER  
FORGET



Division of  
Human Rights  
Hate and Bias Prevention Unit

## Stop-Hate-Challenge 2026

Promoting tolerance & understanding through education



**Topic: Climate and Environmental Justice; the principle that all people are entitled to equal environmental protection regardless of race, color, or national origin.**

- Open to Orange County Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12
- \$ CASH prizes awarded to winning students & teachers!
- Submission deadline March 25

For more info, please use QR Code  
or visit [jewishorangen.org/-stop-hate-challenge](http://jewishorangen.org/-stop-hate-challenge)  
Questions: [Zachor@jewishorangen.org](mailto:Zachor@jewishorangen.org)

Join us for the Stop Hate Symposium  
Wednesday April 29th  
Middletown HS | 30 Gardner Ext Ave, Middletown, NY  
Details Coming Soon

[www.jewishorangen.org](http://www.jewishorangen.org)

More Info Here:



## Scholarships! For Jewish children residing in Orange County, NY



Summer Camp!

Israel Experience!

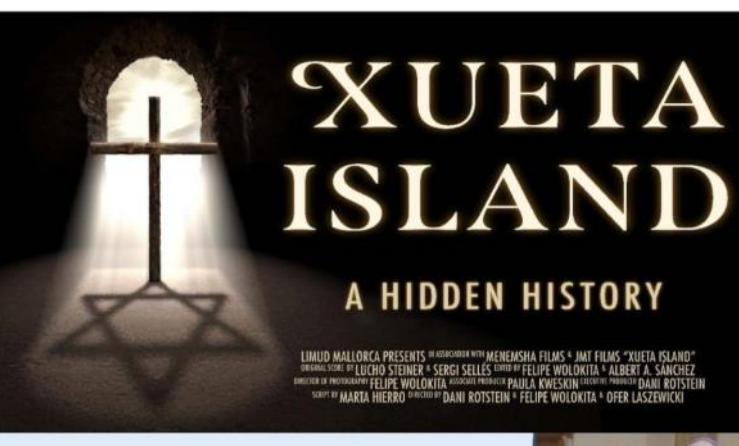
Applications for 2026 summer programs are due by March 31st!

Religious School &  
Other Jewish Experiences

Applications accepted on a  
rolling basis



Use QR code or at: [JewishOrangeNY.org/scholarships](http://JewishOrangeNY.org/scholarships)

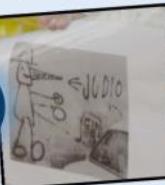


Temple Beth Jacob and the Jewish Federation of  
Greater Orange County invite you to  
Meet renowned filmmaker and travel guide,  
**Dani Rotstein**

For an exclusive showing of his new film on the hidden and  
now-revealed Jews of Mallorca, *Xueta Island: A Hidden History*, and for a lively  
and joyful discussion with Dani on the story behind the story!

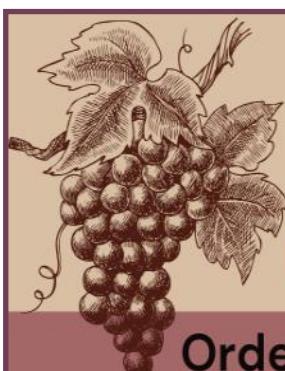


Monday, February 9, 2026,  
7:00pm  
Temple Beth Jacob, 290 North  
St., Newburgh



Free and open to the entire community.  
Refreshments to follow.

Grateful appreciation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County  
for the Micro-Grant, and the Sponsors whose support bring this event to  
Temple Beth Jacob and Orange County.



## Get Ready for Passover!

Order your Wine through our  
Kedem Winery Fundraiser **NOW!**

Orders are Due by Tuesday, March 10

- **Order:** Email: [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org) or Mail order form to 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550.
- **Pay by check:** Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County (Include Order Form)
- **Pay online:** [JewishOrangeNY.org](http://JewishOrangeNY.org) (note: web payment on order form)

**See Page 8 for full order form!** Scan for Order Form



**KEDEM**  
Winery

Orders will be available for pick-up at select  
locations beginning Thursday, March 26th

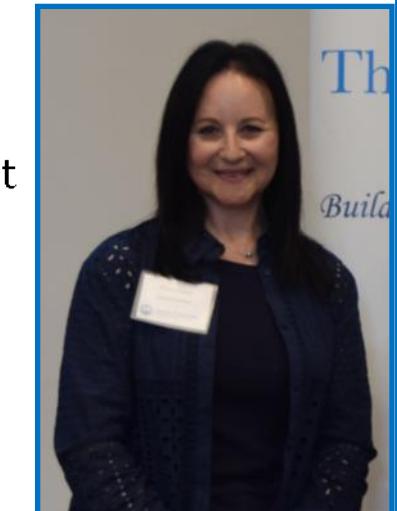


Jewish Federation  
of Greater Orange County



# A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director and Rissa Cutler, President

Join us in empowering women to lead, support, and advocate for flourishing Jewish communities around the world by taking part in **National Women's Philanthropy (NWP)**, a program of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Through the power of collective action via their annual gifts, these women support those in need, ensure the continuity of Jewish life and build bridges of understanding and compassion. They support local, national and international programs that fight antisemitism, provide advocacy and community relations, and engage and empower women philanthropists.



You can be united with these philanthropic women through a powerful web of over 20,000 **Lions of Judah**, a worldwide network that transforms the landscape of Jewish philanthropy and leadership.

Founded in 1972, the Lion of Judah has become an international symbol of strength, sisterhood, and an unwavering commitment to the global Jewish community. Lions of Judah give millions annually for critical Jewish causes, through their local Jewish Federations and the international campaigns of NWP.

Lions of Judah become **Legacy Donors** if they create a **Lion of Judah Endowment**, which ensures vital community support continues for generations. These gifts can be made through bequests, retirement funds, or life insurance policies, with a \$100,000 minimum.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County has been blessed with two recent **Living Legacy Donors**; Carol Levine and Raena Korenman. These two passionate women have given so much of themselves to help support the work our local Federation.

Carol is an active member of our Endowment Committee and helps make decisions related to growing our Endowment portfolio. She has also been part of two endowments to our local community; one with her late husband Harold z'l, which provides annual funding for scholarships to teens who participate in tours of Israel, and one of her parents, Jack & Jessica Blinkoff, which provides a 100% annual scholarship to one student participating in an Israel tour.

Raena is a Past President of our Federation and has remained active as an Honorary Board member until her recent move out of the region. She served as our liaison to JFNA's national board, on our Allocations, Endowment, Life & Legacy, and Jewish Orange Youth Committees, and so much more over the decades! Raena supported the work of our local NWP with programming and events, helped impassion other women to give a Dollar-A-Day to help support our important work, and holds an Endowment which will continue to provide us with support in perpetuity.

We are so grateful for these passionate women and their ongoing commitment to the work of supporting Jewish life in Orange County and beyond.

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## A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director and Rissa Cutler, President continued,,,,

If you would like to join them in this sustaining work with a Dollar-A-Day, a Lion of Judah annual gift, or by creating a legacy to ensure the future of our work, contact us to find out how. You can also make gifts in their honor to our annual campaign or directly to their endowments.

**Rissa Cutler, President**  
**Wendy Cedar, Executive Director**

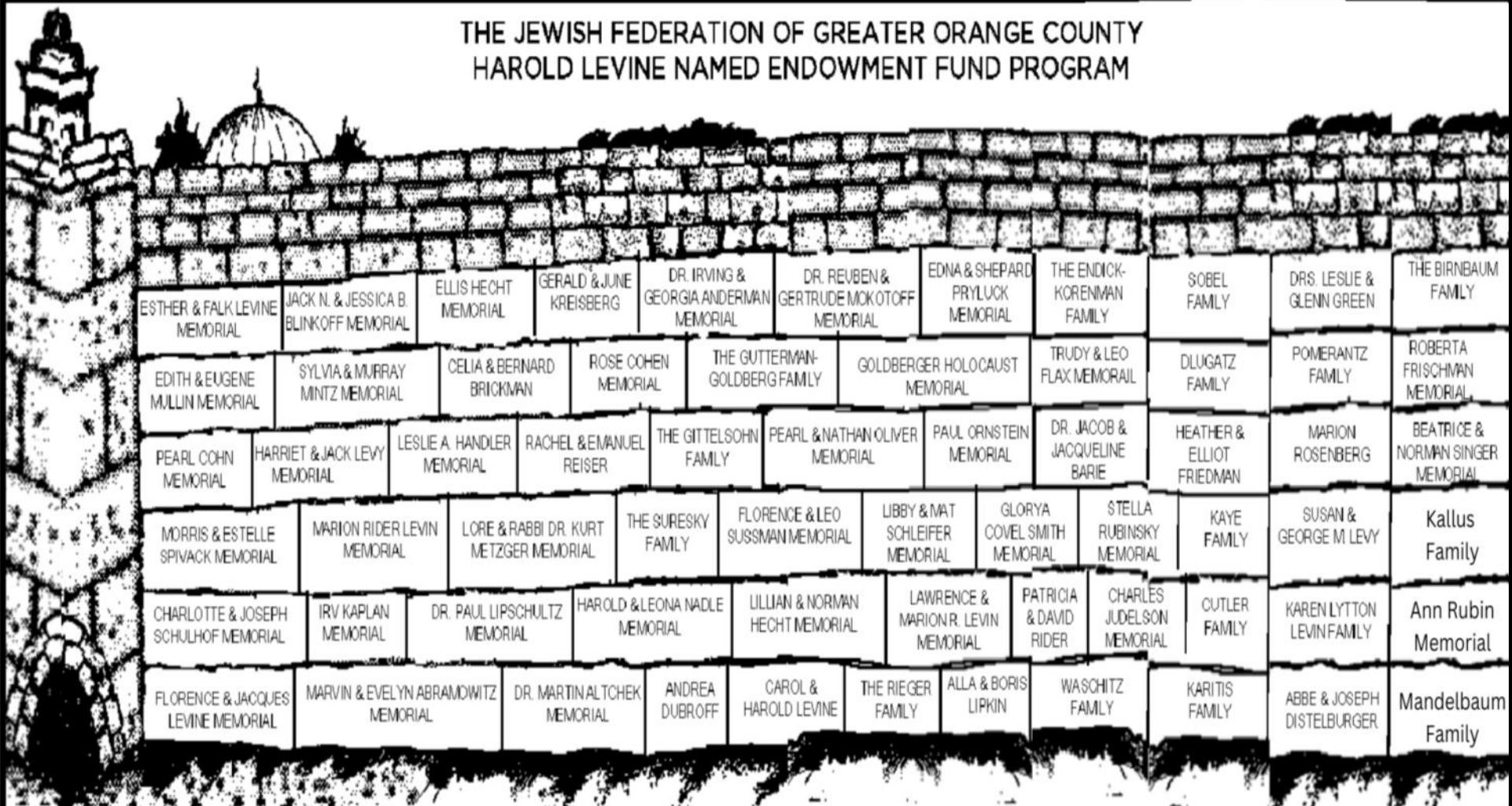
### **The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program**

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: [jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments](http://jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments)

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



### We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for January '26:

- \* A donation was given on behalf of Major Gifts Honoree, Genie Abrams, and her husband Reverend Timothy Riss by Reverend Agnes Campbell Saffoury.
- \* A donation was given in honor of Sharon Goldberg and her dedication to the Zachor Anti-Semitism Initiative and Holocaust Education, by Judy Ronay.

# Rabbi's Blog

## TU BI'SHVAT 2026

Torah tells us that that Gd is the master of the universe.

He created the world. Torah also tells us that human beings were appointed masters of the earth. We are partners with Gd in maintaining the precious gift and are sanctioned to enhance the world with Tikkun Olam. What kind of world managers are we?

Each of us must search their hearts to assess and follow up.

However, we do get some guidelines. We have the holiday of Tu Bi'Shvatz.

The 15th of Shevat was established by the school of Hillel, about 200 C.E. as the New Year for Trees, as discussed in the Mishnah.

As we, in New York, are enjoying the vast white vista of knee-deep snow, Israel is preparing for spring. The Nachlieli bird (Wagtail) should be bopping its long tail up and down in the gardens of Israel. Perhaps the almond tree is blooming throughout the land. I remember being a child in Israel anxiously awaiting the see the Wagtail and the blooms of the almond tree.

They brought joy to me and many Israeli children who spent the rainy winter months anticipating the new season, going out in the fields to pick red kalaniyot (anemones) and pink rakafot (cyclamens), greet the snails up close to the nose, try to walk barefoot on the cold muddy soil and perhaps climb a tree.

The custom in the Israel of my childhood was to plant new trees on Tu Bi'Shvatz and remember the benefits and sustenance they offer to humanity. Torah likens humans to trees and celebrates the comparison. We stand proud, well-rooted and aware of our potential.

Tu Bi'Shvatz also reminds us of the commandment **בְּלִתְשׁוּחַת**

Bal Tashchit means DO NOT DESTROY, and it originates from Deuteronomy 20:19–20. Although in this verse we are prohibited from destroying fruit-bearing trees during a siege, rabbis later expanded this law into a general prohibition against any reckless waste or destruction of resources.

Tu Bi'Shvatz should mean create, renew, replenish- don't destroy. Tu Bi'Shvatz demands respect for the beautiful world we live in and stresses our responsibility. Plant trees. Wherever you are in the world, plant a tree. Like the wise Tzadik Honi HaMe'agel did, let's do it for the next generations. After all, our predecessors planted trees for us. That should make us responsible and respectful managers of our world.

My daughter Tami painted this (using mixture of paint and embroidery). I have been using this for Tu Bi'Shvatz every year.



**Cantor Nava Herzog**  
**Congregation Beth Hillel**  
**Walden Jewish Community Center**

Make your 2026 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.jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/microgrants](http://www.jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/microgrants) or Use the QR Code





Tri-County Jewish Federation of Dutchess, Orange, & Ulster Counties INVITE YOU TO

# JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT 2026

## WITH THE HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES

WED | JULY 8TH 6:35 PM GAME



SAVE THE DATE!

AT HERITAGE FINANCIAL PARK | WAPPINGERS FALLS

TO GET YOUR CONGREGATION INVOLVED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

845-562-7860 | [OFFICE@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG) | [JEWISHORANGENY.ORG](http://JEWISHORANGENY.ORG)

**Create Your Private Collection of Israeli Wine**

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

Adopt a grapevine and receive six bottles of wine, each with your personal label. For you and your family, as an incredible gift, in memory of a loved one, you name it!

**Tkumah Reserve**

- 50% cabernet sauvignon, 30% Petite Verdot 20% Syrah
- 40 months in the cask
- Includes shipping and taxes

Previous price: \$120  
Current Price only \$70  
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**Rebirth Reserve**

- Petite Syrah
- 28 months in the cask
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**Avivim Spirit**

- White Blend
- 6 months in the cask
- Includes shipping and taxes

Previous price: \$70  
Current Price only \$60  
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<https://www.mytree.org.il/partnership-1/federation-orange-county-ny>

**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 from Jezreel Valley Winery) | Feb 13 | Delivery Passover**
- Wine (Avivim | Located on the northern border) | March 4 | Delivery Passover**
- Whiskey | May 3 | Delivery June (Father's Day)**
- Olive Oil | November 6 | Delivery December**

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



Gift of Life Marrow Registry believes every person battling blood cancers, and a hundred other diseases, deserves a second chance at life — and we are determined to help make it happen. Many of our donors have been found as a result of the swabbing drives we have held on local college campuses, in fitness centers, and at festivals and events. Visitors to our swabbing tables are able to join the registry on the spot with a quick swipe inside their own cheeks with a cotton swab. Every donor who joins the registry has the potential to save someone's life. If you are available to help out at a donor recruitment drive, even for a couple of hours, please contact Sherrill Lazarus [smlazarus@yahoo.com](mailto:smlazarus@yahoo.com) | Gail Oliver [gailao777@aol.com](mailto:gailao777@aol.com). You can request a swabbing kit at home, [www.giftolife.org](http://www.giftolife.org).

**Upcoming Swabbing Drives:**

- ◊ Tuesday, February 10 | 11am-1pm - SUNY Orange Newburgh | Kaplan Hall - Newburgh Campus: Grand Street lobby - One Washington Center, Newburgh
- ◊ Thursday, Feb 12 | 10am-2 pm - SUNY Orange Middletown | SUNY Orange Middletown -Shepard Student Center, Fireplace Lounge (2nd floor)
- ◊ Sunday, February 15 | 9am-1pm -Vassar College | EWFC Invite -Vassar College Walker Field House, 28 Sunset Lake Drive, Poughkeepsie
- ◊ Tuesday, February 17 | 11am-2pm | Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine | 60 Prospect Ave, Middletown, NY
- ◊ Monday, February 23 | 10am-2pm | University of Vermont
- ◊ Tuesday, February 24 | 11am -1pm | Mount Saint Mary College—Aquinis Hall: The View
- ◊ Thursday March 5 | 11am -2pm | Dutchess Community College - Greenspan Cafeteria, Drumlin Hall, 47 Gallery Circle, Poughkeepsie
- ◊ Wednesday, March 11 | 5-8pm | Gold's Gym— 15 Racquet Rd. Newburgh
- ◊ Thursday, March 19 | 11am-2pm | Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, 60 Prospect Ave, Middletown
- ◊ Thursday, March 26 | 10am -2pm | SUNY Orange Middletown -Shepard Student Center, Fireplace Lounge(2nd floor)
- ◊ Tuesday, April 14 | 11am-1pm Mount Saint Mary College -Aquinis Hall: The View
- ◊ Tuesday, April 21 | 10am- 2pm | Iona College 715 North Ave, New Rochelle
- ◊ Wednesday, April 22 | 11am-3pm | SUNY Orange Middletown -TBD (Rowley Lobby or on the Green with the Picnic)

**County-Wide PURIM SHPIEL & CARNIVAL**

**March 1st 9:30 AM - 12 PM**

**Games! Food! Prizes!**  
Come dressed in your favorite costume!

**\$5 per child - \$10 per family**  
Food sold separately

**Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism**  
**314 North Main St, Monroe**

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**Life & Legacy**  
ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS



Be remembered forever with a gift to The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange county in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

To learn more about leaving a legacy, contact Wendy Cedar, Executive Director  
**845.562.7860 | [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org)**



## JFS Senior Independence Program

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

**JFS** Jewish Family Service of Orange County  
Our doors are open to the entire community

# COUNSELING SERVICES

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

\*Individual & Group Sessions Are Available.

### WE CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Stress & Anxiety
- ✓ Depression
- ✓ Life Transitions
- ✓ Personal Growth
- ...and more!

**CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE**

**(845) 341-1173 x300**

**JFS** SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM  
Our Doors Are Open To The Entire Community

# VOLUNTEER IN OUR COMMUNITY

Be part of a program that promotes dignity, connection, and independence for our seniors.

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

### JOIN OUR VIRTUAL TRAINING

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

**January 27th**  
**February 10th**  
**February 26th**

**5:00 pm**

Alternate training dates are available upon request.

**Contact Us!**  
[volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto: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](http://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

**Jewish Family Service of Orange County**  
Our doors are open to the entire community.

# PROSTATE CANCER & LIFE AFTER TREATMENT VIRTUAL ZOOM PRESENTATION

This presentation is free and open to the entire community!

**February 23, 2026 | 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Presented by Dr. Jaspreet Singh, DO, Board-Certified Urologist with Premier Medical Group of the Hudson Valley**

with an introduction by  
**Paula Blumenau, JFS Orange Community Outreach Coordinator**

To register for this Zoom presentation, send your name, e-mail address & phone number to Hal K. Marcus at [Hmarc57@yahoo.com](mailto:Hmarc57@yahoo.com), or call (914) 443-7202

**Jewish Roots**

### Spring 2026 Series

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

Dates: February 25  
March 4  
March 11  
March 18  
March 25  
April 15  
April 22  
April 29

Location: Temple Sinai  
75 Highland Ave  
Middletown, NY 10940  
(Covers all 8 weeks)  
Cost: \$200 Per Individual

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

Please mail or drop off payment to the address above.

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

Snacks are provided

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

Through games, crafts, music, and stories, ROOTS helps connect adults with developmental disabilities to the Jewish community and teaches them about Jewish traditions. ALL are WELCOME

Jewish Family Service of Orange County Inc.  
P: 845.341.1173 F: 845.342.6436  
[WWW.JFSORANGE.ORG](http://WWW.JFSORANGE.ORG)



## Get Ready For Passover!

Order your Kosher for Passover Wine through our Kedem Winery Fundraiser NOW!

A portion of all proceeds support the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

To help us defray costs, will you add \$1 to orders of 3-6 bottles, for the reusable bag in which they will be packaged?

[ACCESS ORDER FORM HERE:](#)  
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Orders will be available for pick-up at select locations beginning March 26th

*Note: Other wines are available upon request, call Tara at Kedem at 845.236.4000 Ext. 105.*

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

Nominate them today! >



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 Tasting Room: 845-236-3651

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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Select Pick-Up Location:  
 Federation office; Kol Yisrael; Monroe Temple; Cong. Eitz Chaim;  
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### PASSEOVER WINE LIST 2026

Call Tara for other options: 845-236-4000 x 105

WINE	PRICE	QTY	\$ AMT	WINE	PRICE	QTY	\$ AMT
<b>NYS - Kedem</b>				<b>Rashi</b>			
Concord	\$5.75			Joyvin Red	\$11		
Malaga	\$5.75			Joyvin Peach Moscato	\$11		
Cream Niagara	\$5.75			Claret (semi-sweet)	\$11		
Cream White	\$5.75			<b>Spain</b>			
Cream Rose	\$5.75			Ramon Cardova Rioja	\$16		
Matuk Kal 4.5%	\$5.75			Capcanes Peraj Petita Rosat	\$18		
Blush Chablis	\$7.75			<b>New Zealand - Goosebay</b>			
Marsala (cooking)	\$10			Pinot Grigio	\$25		
Port	\$18			Sauvignon Blanc	\$20		
<b>NYS - Laufer</b>				<b>Israel</b>			
Mead Honey Apple	\$12			Tabor Cabernet Sauvignon	\$22		
<b>California</b>				Tabor Merlot	\$22		
Baron Herzog				Barkan Classic			
Jeunesse Cabernet (semi)	\$13			Chardonnay	\$13		
Jeunesse Pinot Noir (semi)	\$13			Malbec	\$13		
Chardonnay	\$13			Pinot Noir	\$13		
Merlot	\$13			<b>Teperberg</b>			
Cabernet Sauvignon	\$13			Cabernet-Petite Sirah Blend	\$13		
White Zinfandel	\$11			Late Harvest Riesling (500 ml)	\$18		
Chenin Blanc	\$11			<b>Segal's</b>			
Lineage Pinot Noir (reserve)	\$22			Red Blend Fusion	\$15		
Late Harvest Orange Muscat	\$25			White Blend Fusion	\$15		
Herzog Reserve Napa Cabernet	\$52			<b>Carmel</b>			
<b>Weinstock</b>				Riesling- Chenin Blanc (semi-dry)	\$12		
Red by W	\$12			Mango Moscato	\$12		
Cabernet	\$12			<b>France - Hippie Rose</b>			
Stoudemire - Cab Sauvignon	\$24			Malbec du Clos	\$20		
<b>Italy</b>				Chateau Trijet Organic Bordeaux	\$15		
Bartenura				Maison Blue Pinot Noir	\$12		
Malvasia	\$16			Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$20		
Moscato 5%	\$16			<b>Australia</b> Teal Lake Shiraz	\$14		
Moscato Cans - 4 pack	\$16			Kedem Juices			
Pinot Grigio	\$16			Organic Concord 22 oz	\$4.25		
Prosecco	\$20			Concord Juice 22 oz	\$2.50		
Sparkling Moscato Rose	\$20			Peach Juice 22 oz.	\$2.50		
Dolce Noir (semi)	\$16			Sparkling Concord Juice	\$4		
Vera Wang				Sparkling Peach Juice	\$4		
Prosecco Rose	\$25			<b>Foods</b>			
<b>Argentina</b>				Kedem Gefilte Fish	\$8		
S'Forno				Bartenura Olive Oil (16.9 oz)	\$18		
Malbec-Syrah	\$14			Tuscanini Balsamic Vin (16.9oz)	\$12		
Sauvignon Blanc	\$14			Zeta Basil-Garlic Olive Oil (8.5oz)	\$13		

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Or: pay through our website: [JewishOrangeNY.org/donate/donate-now](http://JewishOrangeNY.org/donate/donate-now) (indicate website payment on order form)

Orders will be available for pick-up at locations above, **Beginning Mar 26, 2026**

THANK YOU! And Happy Passover!

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

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

**Apply Now!**



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For more information:  
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B'nai Torah Shul  
14 Lakes Road  
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## FIRST FRIDAYS

6:30PM POTLUCK  
7:40 PM SERVICE

RSVP: bnaitorahshul@gmail.com

Light the candles, sip the wine, break the bread.  
Please bring a Kosher dish.



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**JDAIM**  
**FEBRUARY**  
Jewish Disability Awareness,  
Acceptance & Inclusion Month



**Please Join Us**  
**February 6, 2026**  
**7:30 PM**

**Monroe Temple Beth El**  
**Annual Shabbat of Inclusion**



**Help Restore  
Beth Israel  
Congregation**



the congregation can continue to serve as a center of Jewish life.  
[Read our full statement on the attack.](#)

## Help Beth Israel Rebuild

Jewish Federations are raising funds to support Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, Mississippi, following an arson attack that caused significant damage to this historic synagogue. Gifts to this fund will provide critical resources for rebuilding and recovery, helping ensure

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7 PM CLASS DATES ARE:  
**FEBRUARY 26 | APRIL 23 | JUNE 18**

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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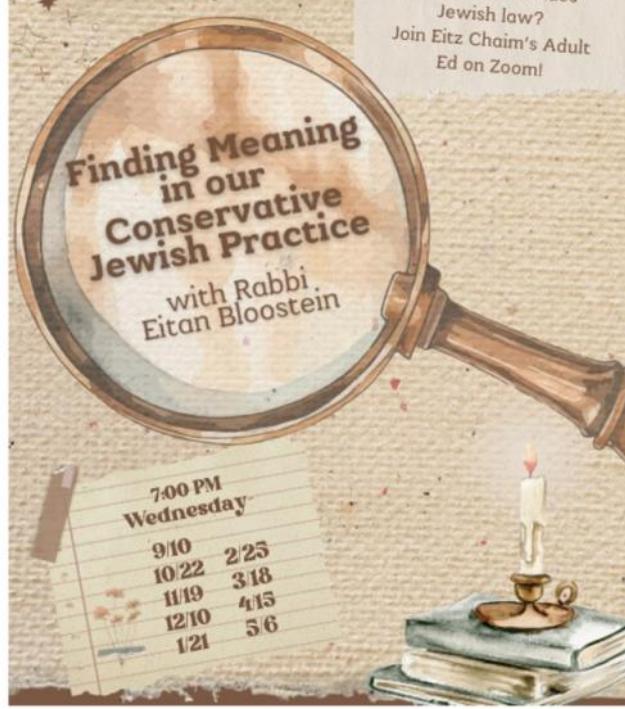


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**Finding Meaning in our Conservative Jewish Practice**  
 with Rabbi Eitan Bloostein

7:00 PM Wednesday  
 9/10 2/25  
 10/22 3/18  
 11/19 4/15  
 12/10 5/6  
 1/21



## Bagels & Bible

LEAD BY LENNY



EVERY OTHER SATURDAY STARTING ON NOVEMBER 22ND

IN PERSON AT 10AM

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

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





**Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh**

6:00pm - Thursday, February 19 at the home of Lorraine Wernow.

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

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

**Hamentashen Baking with Lorraine**

10:00am on Sunday, March 1. Bring a rolling pin and apron. Lorraine will provide the dough and the filling. Please RSVP by February 15 so we can make sure we have enough supplies. \$10 per person.



## FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES



**FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE INVITES FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO GREET SHABBAT WITH MUSIC, RHYTHM, AND MEANINGFUL RITUALS. FOLLOWING A LIVELY KID'S SERVICE, STAY FOR A WARM, HOMEMADE DINNER.**

**Shabbat Service at 5pm**  
**Dinner at 5:30pm**

**February 20th**  
**March 27th \***

\*March 27 will feature a puppet show about the Passover Story



**Bingo!**  
**Game night**

Come light Havdalah candles followed by fun and games, snacks and some laughs

**PRIZES!!**

**SATURDAY FEB. 21**  
**6 PM PIZZA & SNACKS**

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**20 PINE STREET WALDEN NY**  
**RSVP imandel1967@gmail.com**



**CONGREGATION BETH HILLEL**  
**WALDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**



### 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:

**February 8th | March 8th**  
**April 16th | May 14th**

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

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

Every other Sunday afternoon, November 9-May 21, noon-1:30pm

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

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

- 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/Financing
- April 26 | Deeper Meaning: Israel In

## Jews and Brews

Jews and Brews returns to Billy Joe's Ribworks on Thursday, February 5, 5:00-7:30pm.

Meet friends old and new, ask the Cantor anything, and bring the whole family. First happy hour drink is on us.

No RSVP required.



**LET'S MAKE A POLYMER CLAY BOWL!**

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ON ZOOM  
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Supply List

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**Sunday, February 8th**  
**12pm**  
**\$20**

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DM to RSVP

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available to Help Support The JBC:

Author Series at:

[jewishorangeny.org/donate/donate-now](http://jewishorangeny.org/donate/donate-now)

Make a note: Jewish Book Council sponsor!

**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"*

**Molly Jong-Fast | Date TBA  
In-Person, Newburgh Location  
"How to Lose Your Mother: A Daughter's Memoir"**

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS ANTISEMITISM & RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

**Wednesday, February 18 | 6:30 PM**  
Location provided with registration

Join us for an informative program presented by **Alvin Mallette** - *Outreach & Education Coordinator with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), New York District.*

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- What constitutes religious discrimination & antisemitism in the workplace
- The federal laws that protect employees from workplace discrimination
- How to recognize when conduct may cross a legal line
- How and when to file a complaint if discrimination is experienced

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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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, March 27, 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. Community, 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.