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 a member of our Federation.

Complete the application online:: jewishorangeny.org/Camp-Israel-Scholarships



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

Sponsored by Zachor Antisemitism Initiative Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County to promote tolerance & understanding through education.

2024 Topic: Becoming an Upstander; Building Bridges For Humanity Open to Orange County students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12

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Or email: zachor@jewishorangeny.org for directions & requirements



Middletown High School, Middletown, NY
Winning entries will be read & performed by the authors at
the symposium- All Are Welcome!



Two Great Ways To Prepare For Passover AND Support Your Jewish Community!

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.



Get ready for Passover on April 22-29! Order your Kosher for Passover wine through our Kedem fundraiser today.

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? Note: Other wines are available upon request, call Tara at Kedem at the number on the form.



Please make checks payable to: Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. Return Order Form and Checks to the office or pay through our website: JewishOrangeNY.org (please indicate website payment on order form) by April 4th via Email:

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org;

Mail: 292 North St, Newburgh, NY 12550. Orders will be available for pick-up at select locations beginning April 16-22, 2024.





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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.

NFTY NY + NJ Disney Day Saturday March 9th from 2-8pm at Temple Beth Shalom. Fun day full of games, music, treats, prizes, community, social justice, havdalah, Polaroid pics, theme park food, arts and crafts, and Disney magic! Dress as your favorite Disney character! \$10 participant fee.

Register at https://bit.ly/gernar24
Security provided
Email nftyger@urj.org with questions!

SHARING SHABBAT TOGETHER



Jewish Federation

CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE!
NEWBURGH JCC SHABBAT
EXPERIENCE!
Friday, March 15 4:30-6:30PM
Kol Yisrael, 290 North St,
Newburgh
Join us at 6:15pm for a kosher
dairy community dinner.
\$10 per adult/PJ families are free!
RSVP REQUIRED, use link below:
newburghjcc.org/choose-youradventure-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



REGISTER AT HTTPS://BIT.LY/GERNAR24
SECURITY PROVIDED
QUESTIONS? EMAIL GER-PRESIDENT@NFTY.ORG

Sunday, March 10th: 2pm Sharing Shabbat Together at Kedem Winery 1519 US 9W, Marlboro Suggested Donation \$5 PP/\$18 Per Family

- Meet the Challah Pixie & Learn to Braid Challah.
- Play the Grape Juice Challenge & Sip Delicious Kedem Grape Juice!
- Candle Holder Making, a craft for all ages!
 Register TODAY at: <u>iewishorangeny.regfox.com/</u> sharing-shabbat-together



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Friday, March 15 | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Kol Yisrael - 290 North St, Newburgh, New York 12550

Join us for a kosher dairy community dinner beginning at 6:15 PM in the social hall. \$10 per adult | PJ Library families are FREE.

RSVPs required. Please sign up online or with Maryjean

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Snack and Play Time
Israeli Dancing
Art with Amy

Shabbosland

AND ADULTS!

Group Board Games

Wine and Cheese

Volunteer Dinner Prep







his program made possible through an engagement grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

Have an idea?

Jewish
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Applications Open Today!
JEWISHORANGENY.ORG/MICROGRANT

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.

ALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



Friday
March 22nd
7PM
Temple Beth Shalom
13 Roosevelt Ave.
Florida, NY

Join us for a unique Shabbat experience.

Open to the entire community.

MoveMeant: A customized interactive workshop for participants from diverse spiritual backgrounds and physical abilities to feel more at peace and at home in their own body. Guided by Rabbi Yonatan Arnon and inhouse musicians, each workshop interweaves mindfulness and movement techniques with spirituality and the creative arts.

The workshop is funded by a grant from
The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.



For more information call 845-651-7871 or email tbs-ny@optimum.net

Ages

Carnival

Dairy Lunch

Adult Zone



Maximize your Retirement

Special activities for the Littles

Sunday, Mar. 24 at 10 am
Orange County Purim Celebration

Kol Yisrael, 290 North St. Newburgh

A Purim Extravaganza for All

Plan with Charitable
Giving

Exciting New Activities

March 2024 Via Zoom, 6:30pm

Are you at least 70 1/2 years young?

Learn from Herbert J. Lerner, CPA, Retired Parnter, National Director of Tax Services, Ernst & Young

How to maximize your retirement funds by utilizing the tax laws to your advantage. Support your favorite religious, or other not-for-profit organizations, in the most costeffective way!

Register here to receive Zoom link:

https://jewishorangeny.regfox.com/maximize-your-retirement-plan

Brought to you by:



Maximize your Retirement Plan with Charitable Giving

March 28th at 6:30pm via Zoom

Register to receive Zoom link:

https://jewishorangeny.regfox.com/ maximize-your-retirement-plan

Or Scan the QR Code to your right!

"The Jewish holidays are late this year". Have you ever said that? You may be saying it again this year since it is not only a leap year on the Gregorian calendar, but also on the Jewish calendar. So, we get to celebrate Adar 2 this year, pushing everything back a month from last year. Yet, many rabbis will tell you the Jewish holidays are never late – they occur at exactly the same time each year on the Jewish calendar!



That said, since it is a leap year, Purim falls at the end of March instead of the beginning, and Passover at the end of April. Mark your calendar for a county-wide Purim celebration at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh. This is the 3rd year our partner religious schools have come together to celebrate Purim together. What better time to bring our kids together than during Purim? But, this festival is not just for kids! There will be something for everyone! Learning for the kids, fun, games, schmoozing, and of course, food. Come be together in a safe Jewish space and feel the joy that Esther and Mordechai worked so hard to ensure for us today.

Are you ready to think about Passover yet? Well, if you want to order some Kosher for Passover wine, while helping to support Jewish life in Orange County, you need to act soon! You'll see 2 opportunities to do that in this publication:

- * Order your wine directly from an Israeli farmer through My Tree in Israel by March 15 and support not only the Israeli farmer, but also your local Jewish community.
- Order from our local Kedem winery by April 4 for a wide variety of choices, and we receive
 a portion of the proceeds as well.

No matter when the Jewish holidays fall, your Jewish Federation is working hard to support Jewish life in Orange County and around the world. Our annual fundraising campaign is in full swing for the Gregorian year of 2024. Esther and Mordechai played important roles in ensuring that we would be here today. Just like those figures from our collective past, you play an important role in ensuring the future of the Jewish people as well. Your gift to our annual campaign or to an endowment fund ensure that we can continue to provide support to; families who want to send their children to Jewish summer camp or Israel trips, Jewish Family Service - who support people in need throughout the county, programming at the Newburgh JCC, the work of our partner synagogues, our Zachor Antisemitism Initiative, and so much more.

I hope to see you for Purim, or throughout the year. Please let me know how your Jewish Federation can help you.

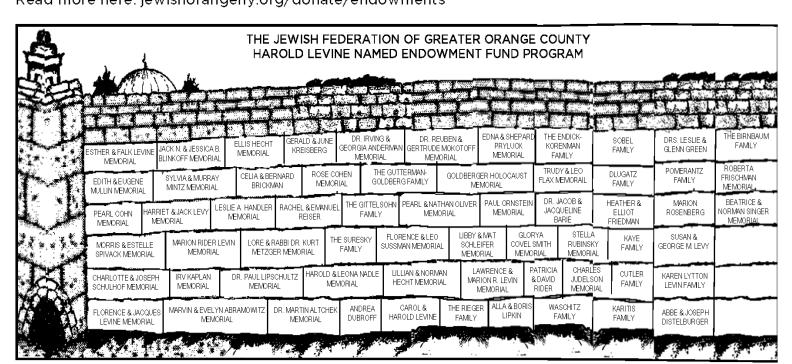
B'shalom, Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org / 845.562.7860

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



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.giftolife.org or contact Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com.

Our upcoming drives are:

- Tuesday, March 12, 10am-2pm. SUNY Orange Newburgh; Student Union Bldg. One Washington Center, Newburgh.
- Tuesday, April 9 from 10am-2pm in Marist College, in the Breezeway.
- Wednesday, April 10th 11am-2pm. Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine; 60 Prospect Ave, Middletown.

WOO HOO!! Match #69!! It's time for another happy dance!!









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.



VOLUNTEER TRAININGS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Join our team to provide our neighbors 60 and up with Transportation, Wellness Calls, Grocery Shopping and Friendly Visits.

March 2024 Training Dates:

TUESDAY - MAR. 5TH 2024 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | MIDDLETOWN, NY- Virtual

THURSDAY - MAR. 14TH 2024 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CHESTER, NY

TUESDAY - MAR. 26TH 2024 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | WARWICK, NY

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









JFed QR code



Swords of Iron OR code



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, top right). Or your local Jewish Federation at iewishorangeny.org/donate (or scan the QR code to the top left).

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



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-Belson, Lilly was eventually liberated from Bergen-Belson 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.



Lower East Side Field Trip

The trip will be on Sunday, April 14th and will include the bus ride to NYC, Museum at Eldridge Street, lunch and more!

Registration and fee are due on Sunday, March 17th

\$25 per person -

This fee is subsidized by Grants from The Monroe Temple & Jewish Federation of Orange County

Parents are welcome, space is limited

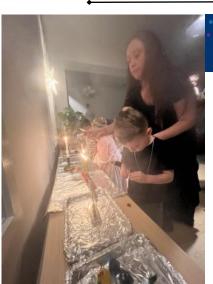


Upcoming Events

- April: Choose Your Own Adventure Shabbat To-Go-Bags!
 Pick-Up Date TBD
- Sunday, May 19th at 2pm Jewish Jubilation at the Renegades, Watch for Details!
- Sunday, August 18th
 Federation Funday. Would you
 like to join in the planning
 committee? Email

office@jewishorangeny.org

More Details Coming Soon!



Get Together
Life gets better when we Get Together.

PJ Library Get Together Grants!

Receive \$100 to "Get Together" with friends, and Do Something Jewish!

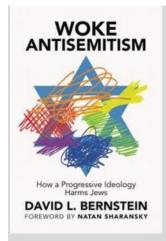
To Learn More, Visit PJLibrary.org/gt

Photos of two get-togethers from our PJ families, sign up for yours today!









Learn why the Founder of the Jewish Institute for Liberal Values thinks that progressive ideology can harm Jews



Meet David Bernstein, Author of Woke Antisemitism A Virtual Event Thursday, April 4th at 7PM

Register to receive the zoom link. Books available through the Federation office, while supplies last. Book Cost: \$15

Use QR Code at right, or: JewishOrangeNY.org/2023-2024-jewish-book-council Questions: Contact Pam at office@jewishorangeny.org



A Collaborative Event with The Jewish Federations of **Greater Orange County** & Dutchess County





Meet Susan Simon & Zoe Zak, Authors of The Cook and the Rabbi: Recipes and Stories to Celebrate the Jewish Holidays





Sunday, April 7th at 2PM In Person: Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave, Middletown Virtual: Register for Zoom Link HE RABBI (This is a collaborative event with the Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess County & Temple Sinai, Middletown (Adult Ed

Program)

Books will be available to purchase soon. Questions: contact Pam:

office@jewishorangeny.org

Registration Requested, Use the QR Code or go to jewishorangeny.org/2023-2024jewish-book-council

We will be offering zoom, Registration Required to for Zoom Link



The Jewish Federations of Orange & **Dutchess** County

JEWISH ORANGE YOUTH (JOY)

Shalom JOY Teen enthusiasts and community friends! It's been a while since Ben, our Federation teen coordinator, has moved on. Yet, the Jewish Federation is dedicated to keeping the ball rolling and has included some funding for a coordinator for the teens for 2024. If you know anyone who may be interested in working with the teens to coordinate events throughout the county, please let me know,

director@jewishorangeny.org.

This can be on an event-by-event or ongoing basis. Ben worked hard to lav some good groundwork, so we are not starting from scratch!

Please read the Job Description and let Wendy know if you are interested: click on the image to the right.

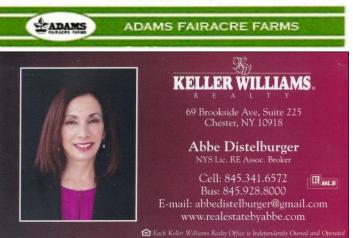


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