

# WE ARE ONE

March 2026 adar/nisan 5786



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Hate and Bias Prevention Unit

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Questions: [Zachor@jewishorangeny.org](mailto:Zachor@jewishorangeny.org)

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Wednesday April 29th  
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Applications for 2026 summer programs are due by March 31st!

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Applications accepted on a rolling basis

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Join with Monroe Temple at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY to Celebrate

Shabbat Across America!

Friday, March 13

Dinner: 6pm will be provided  
Join PJ Library in Making Challah Covers  
Service: 7pm

Open To The Entire Community Regardless of Affiliation

Please RSVP for dinner here:

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See Page 3 for full order form!

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



## A Message From Wendy Cedar,

Purim was this week, Passover is coming. That means it's almost spring! I'm looking forward to seeing the crocuses and daffodils pop their little heads out of the snow to remind us that warmer days are coming.

If you were able to join us this past Sunday for the county-wide Purim celebration, supported by our partner clergy, I'm sure you had a good time! It is always so wonderful to get together as a community, especially with so many children running around expressing their Judaism so joyfully! Many thanks to the folks at the Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism and Beit Sefer of Orange County for hosting this celebration of Jewish resilience.



As you prepare your Passover table, or prepare to travel to someone else's Passover table, remember to order your Kosher for Passover wine from Kedem! You'll find details below. Not only will you find delicious choices (far broader than your grandparents' Kedem or Manischewitz!) from our neighbors at Kedem Winery in Montgomery, NY, but a portion of your purchase will help to support our work for the Orange County Jewish community.

One of the ways we support the local Jewish community is through scholarships for Jewish summer camp, trips to Israel, other Jewish experiences, or religious school. Remember that the application deadline for summer programs is March 31 – you'll find info on that below as well. Applications for programs at other times during the year are accepted on a rolling basis.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood, and learning how else we can support your Jewish journey.

With gratitude,

Wendy Cedar Executive Director

[Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org) | 845.562.7860



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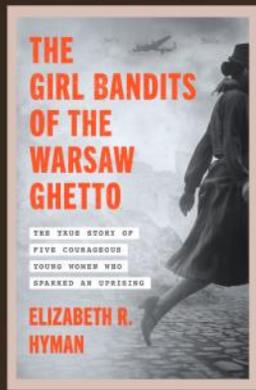


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This Weekend  
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SPRING FORWARD!

# Yom HaShoah at Temple Beth Jacob With Author Elizabeth R. Hyman and Musician Jonathan Notar



Temple Beth Jacob invites the community to gather for a meaningful Yom HaShoah program honoring the memory of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust.



Elizabeth R. Hyman, author of *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto*, will share the true story of five young Jewish women who resisted the Nazis and helped spark the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Jonathan Notar will offer musical selections to support reflection and remembrance.



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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>			
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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				<b>Barkan Classic</b>			
Jeunesse Cabernet (semi)	\$13			Chardonnay	\$13		
Jeunesse Pinot Noir (semi)	\$13			Malbec	\$13		
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Merlot	\$13			Teperberg			
Cabernet Sauvignon	\$13			Cabernet-Petite Sirah Blend	\$13		
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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			France - Hippie Rose	\$18		
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<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			<b>Kedem Juices</b>			
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Prosecco	\$20			Concord Juice 22 oz	\$2.50		
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<b>Vera Wang</b>				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		
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THANK YOU! And Happy Passover!



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## PASSOVER MODEL SEDER

Sunday, March 22 at 11 am



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Note: Other wines are available upon request, call Tara at Kedem at  
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# Rabbi's Blog

## What is *Mishloach Manot*?

In *Megillat Esther*, Haman describes the Jewish people to King Ahasuerus as being “scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm” (Esther 3:8). While the *p’shat* (simple meaning) is describing the Jews living geographically all over the kingdom, Rabbinic commentators have read into this that the Jews were spiritually vulnerable. They were divided, and that division weakened them. It was this division that provided an opportunity for Haman to try to destroy us.

In this context, the Purim story is not just about political salvation. It becomes a story of repairing a community. Esther gathers the people to fast together. Mordechai unites them with a purpose. And after defeating Haman, the celebration they establish is not only about feasting and rejoicing, but about strengthening the bonds that keep us together as a community.

Mordechai prescribes that Purim will be a day for “feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor” (Esther 9:22). This command, halachically speaking, is easy to do. You send two ready-to-eat foods to one friend as a gift. And you give two coins to the poor. (It’s great to do a whole lot more, but that’s the minimum!)

Now food and gifts are practical. Purim includes a festive meal, the *Seudat Purim*. By sending food to one another and giving charity, we ensure that everyone has what they need to celebrate. Purim joy is not meant to be private. It is shared at the table.

But the symbolism runs deeper. Haman’s accusation was that we were “scattered and dispersed.” *Mishloach Manot* is the antidote. It transforms a community of individuals into a network of connections. Each gift says: You matter to me. Our joy is intertwined.

Unlike *matanot la’evyonim*, gifts specifically designated for those in need, *mishloach manot* is exchanged among friends, neighbors, and fellow congregants. It strengthens bonds across the community.

And the word *mishloach* means sending. So, these gifts actually involve three parties: the giver, the recipient, and the one who delivers the gift. It’s not just about giving or receiving food. It’s about strengthening relationships. It’s about the experience of building a community.

I want to encourage you to participate in this important mitzvah. On Purim day, take some hamantaschen, some fruit or any of your favorite foods, wrap them up, and have someone deliver this to a friend on your behalf. It’s such a powerful experience for a child to be that *shaliach*, the one who delivers the food.

Doing this shows that we refuse to be scattered. We will draw those who are dispersed closer to us. We will heal the fractures in our community.

**Happy Purim!!**

**Cantor Carl Sayres, Congregation Agudas Israel, Newburgh**



Hear from a survivor of the 2022 Colleyville, TX, hostage crisis.  
 What does "fight" really mean in Run/Hide/Fight?  
 Thursday, March 5th, 2026 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST

[Register Here!](#)

**Presented by:** Jeff Cohen, Colleyville Hostage Survivor | **Topic:** How we used our resources to fight back and free ourselves from the crisis.

**Moderated by:** Brad Orsini, National Security Director, CSI Former FBI Special Agent and Director of Security for the Pittsburgh Federation.

This is a continuation of CSI's monthly training series (generally every first Tuesday of every month) providing varied and timely training topics.

See our archive of past trainings here: <https://csiny.org/online-and-webinar-training/>




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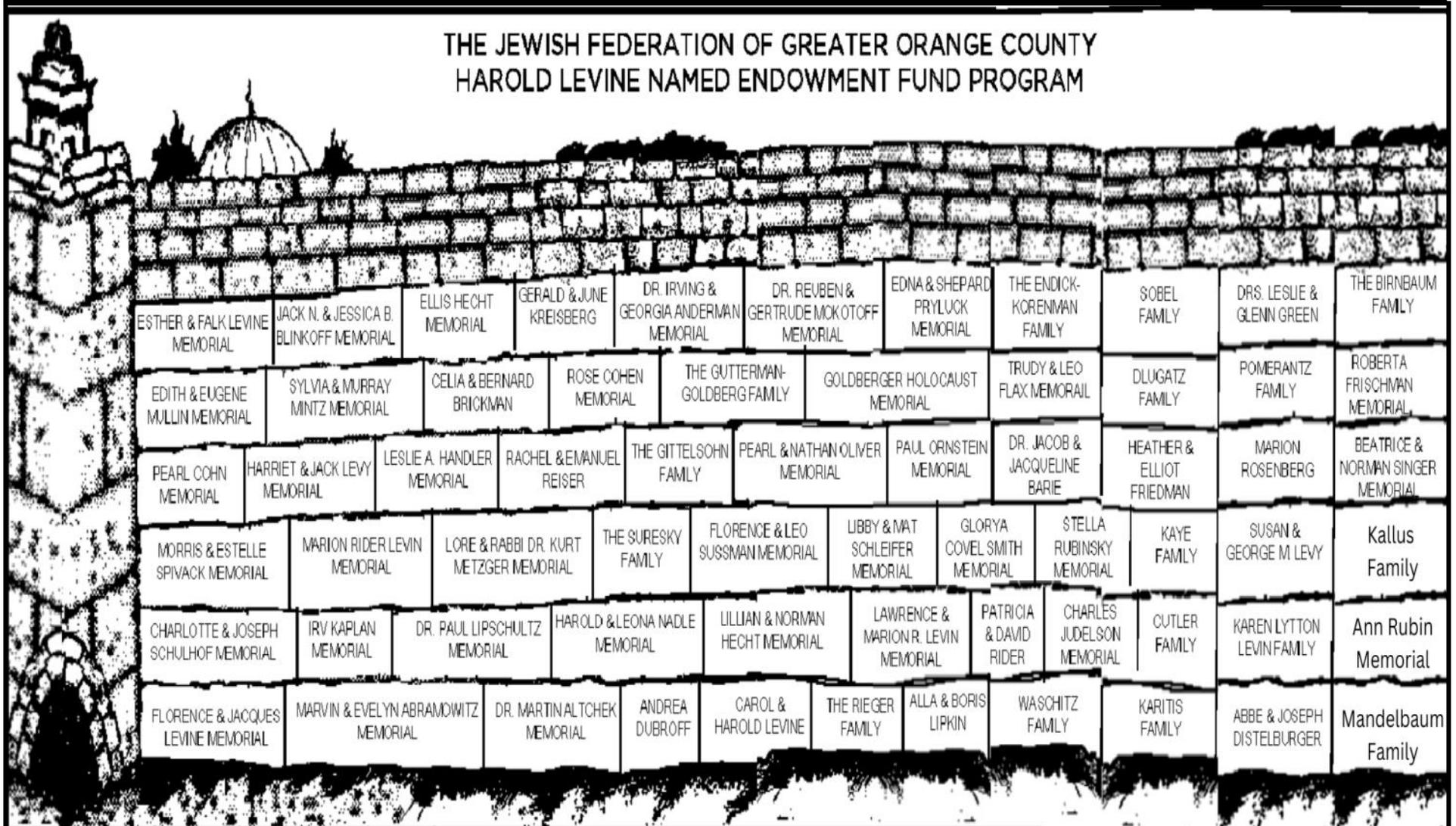
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All endowment funds must designate a minimum of 30% of the interest earned to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Arrange a confidential meeting to make a charitable gift as part of your estate plan. Call the Federation office 845-562-7860 for more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

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



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**Upcoming Swabbing Drives:**

- ✧ 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 -Aquinas 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)



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[Read our full statement on the attack.](#)

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Any incident impacting the Jewish community always provides us with learning opportunities. Regardless of outcomes, we should endeavor to learn from incidents, and identify which policies and procedures may or may not have impacted a similar event in our area. As a point of discussion, we consider the vehicle ramming attack at Chabad headquarters in Brooklyn (770) in January. In this case, no one was injured, and an arrest was made as the incident unfolded. We learned two things in the aftermath of this incident.

The first was that there was a gate or other means of hostile vehicle mitigation set further back from the doors with which the vehicle made contact. At the time of this attack, however that mechanism was unlocked. It had been unlocked for a functional purpose relative to building operations but was not re-secured following its use. We implement physical security upgrades which are necessary. However, the best equipment that isn't used, pales in comparison to modest or outdated equipment that is used effectively. It is important that policies and procedures inform physical upgrades. Even a 50 year old door with weak hinges serves as a deterrent when it is kept closed, and locked when not in use. Understand your potential vulnerabilities. If you have not had a vulnerability assessment done in the past three years, request one.

The second lesson that emerged from the 770 incident was that the subject who did the vehicle ramming was not only at Chabad Headquarters several days earlier, but had appeared in at least one synagogue in New Jersey in the weeks preceding the attack. Immediately prior to his trip to 770, he was asked to leave a synagogue in New Jersey and became upset. By all accounts, including his prior visit to 770, he was not threatening in any manner during his appearances, claiming to be seeking faith. Many observers, however, did report that something seemed "off". This highlights the difficulty in balancing the mission of being open and welcoming, with protecting an organization and its congregants. It is unrealistic that all unknown people that show up at any synagogue should be turned away. However, this incident highlights the need for screening, and identifying every unknown visitor, ideally with a photograph of their ID and a picture. Most importantly, if something feels "off", take note of that and immediately report that to CSI. Reporting things that may seem "off" helps CSI connect similar occurrences around the region to help the Jewish Community and Law Enforcement understand when there might be a problem. The only information that is irrelevant is information that is not reported. Screening is a critical component of house of worship safety. Guides such as "The Power of Hello", or any of CSI's security and or screening related trainings can help enhance any institution's collective awareness.

For any security related questions, to report an incident, or to discuss trainings or vulnerability assessments, contact your CSI Regional Security Director.

**Patrick Regan**

**Senior Regional Security Director – Greater Hudson Valley**

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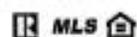
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A safe space - no politics, opinions, or controversy. Nondenominational- Open to the entire community.

Sponsored by Congregation Agudas Israel  
Meeting at the Kol Yisrael Campus  
290 North Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**March 15 | April 12**  
**Meeting in the Children's Library**

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

For more information:  
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org

**CALL TO ACTION**

Our friends and neighbors are making unimaginable choices in this time of unrest and uncertainty but **YOU CAN HELP!**

**Donate Money:** We will have a donation box in our lobby. Please give what you can to feed children who face food insecurity



**Donate Food:** We are collecting food items that will be delivered to our local food pantries. These groups are facing unprecedented numbers and empty shelves.

**Donate Baby Items:** Local families are in need of baby items. If you are able, please choose from these items. They will be delivered directly to families in need:

- Diapers (sizes 2-5)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Food/Cereal
- Diaper Cream
- Bathing Products/Toiletries
- Baby/Toddler Medication
- Pedialyte



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<b>MONTH(S)</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER &amp; OCTOBER</b>
<b>ITEMS COLLECTED</b>	<b>NON-PERISHABLE FOOD</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED</b>	<b>LOCAL FOODBANKS</b>



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

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Your Voice Matters!

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
10 am: bagels and shmooze  
10:30am: Meeting begins  
at TBS  
or March 11  
zoom meeting at 7pm  
Q and A about the merger

Let's collaborate and shape the future together!  
Monroe Temple and Temple Beth Shalom.  
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**BOWLING**



**SUNDAY MARCH 8 AT 1 PM**

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\$21 PACKAGE INCLUDES PIZZA, SHOES, 90 MIN. GAME  
RSVP JOANGARRY893@GMAIL.COM

**BRING IN THE NIGHT!!!**

Temple Beth Jacob Invites you to our  
Annual Student Cantor Concert  
Saturday, March 7 at 7:00pm  
Featuring Rachael Geier



Following Havdalah, join Student Cantor Rachael Geier and Temple Beth Jacob musicians for a celebration of the diversity and depth of our liturgical tradition enjoyed when we welcome Shabbat. On the evening of March 7th, come hear themes, tunes, and texts that have shaped our Friday evening soundscape. Hear melodies preserved from cantors of decades past, modal melodies of our chanted tradition, and selections of both the most well-loved tunes and the newest releases in congregational music (with a few extra 'treats'!)

Tickets \$18/person. Sponsorships available. Contact the Temple Office.  
Please RSVP by March 2, 2026.

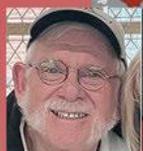
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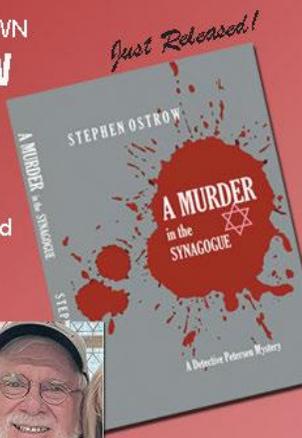
Sunday, March 22nd  
1 to 3 pm

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**Pathways Through the Siddur**



March 8th | April 16th | May 14th

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



**Join Us For Super Sunday!**

A Beit Sefer FUNdraiser

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Doors Open at 11am - Calling at 12pm  
Admission: \$5

includes lunch, a sheet of tickets & 1 door prize ticket

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APRIL 23 | JUNE 18**

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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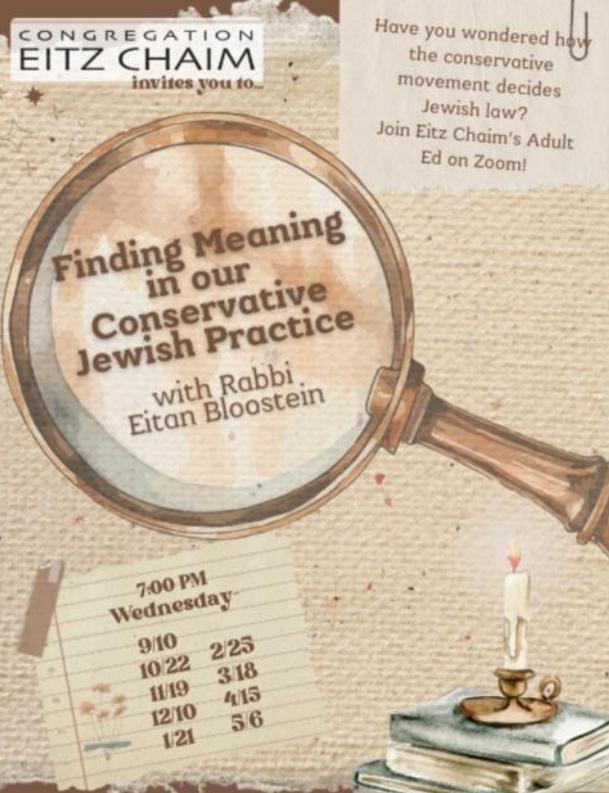


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Have you wondered how the conservative movement decides Jewish law? Join Eitz Chaim's Adult Ed on Zoom!

## 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

# 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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CONGREGATION AGUDAS ISRAEL

## 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

March 27th \*

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



Temple Beth Jacob Sisterhood invites You To Attend The



## Women's Passover Seder

Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 2:00pm

290 North Street, Newburgh

Open to all Women of Orange County.

\$18 per person

Please RSVP by March 20th to (845) 562-5516.



Sisterhood Book Club  
1:00pm on Thursday, March 12 at the temple

Discussion of the book Queen Esther by John Irving

Esther Nacht is born in Vienna in 1905. Her father dies on board the ship to Portland, Maine; her mother is murdered by anti-Semites in Portland. When Esther is 14, Dr. Larch meets the Winslows, a New England family with a history of providing foster care for unadopted orphans. The Winslows aren't Jewish, but they despise anti-Semitism. Esther never stops loving and protecting the Winslows. Queen Esther is not just a story of survival but an exploration of identity, belonging, and the impact of history on our lives.




Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

6:00pm - Thursday, March 19 at the home of Lynne Arnold.

Discussion of 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!

Sisterhood Lunch & Learn  
12:30pm on Thursday, April 23

Mama Theresa's in New Windsor. The topic is "The Concept of Am Yisrael Chai."

RSVP by April 17. Attendees pay for their own lunch.

Monroe Temple Sisterhood invites you to join us for our Passover program

Monday, March 23rd  
7:00 pm  
at Monroe Temple

Please make your favorite Haroset recipe to share, and a copy of the recipe

RSVP to [Leslyej21@gmail.com](mailto:Leslyej21@gmail.com) by March 6th




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RSVP: [bnaitorahshul@gmail.com](mailto:bnaitorahshul@gmail.com)

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

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## Jews & Brews

Join us for our final Jews & Brews of the winter!

### Billy Joe's Ribworks

Thursday, March 5 | 5-7:30 pm

Enjoy great conversation, tasty bites and as always, your first drink is on us! After this we will take a pause until the warmer months, so please don't miss it!

Family friendly,  
No RSVP required!



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

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

- ★ March 8 | Understanding: Temple Board Meeting
- ★ March 29 | How to: Community Seder
- ★ April 12 | Understanding Temple Budget/Financing
- ★ April 26 | Deeper Meaning: Israel In Community

**TBJ Movie & Matzah Night - Saturday, March 28 | 7pm**  
Join us for a viewing of "Streit's: Matzo and the American Dream" movie. The history of the Streit's Matzo factory on New York's Lower East Side. Opened in 1925, it sat at the heart of the nation's largest Jewish immigrant community. Today it remains the last family owned matzo factory in America.

**Mimosas and Matzo Brei**  
**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 AM - 2 PM**

Join us for our second annual Passover brunch.  
Kosher for Passover Food and Drinks  
Family Friendly  
Live Music by Devin Daversa  
RSVPs Required  
Donations Appreciated

**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. 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, Bbokkeeper of Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, and as a volunteer at the Hudson Valley SPCA.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**An Afternoon with Author Molly Jong-Fast**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31 2PM**  
**TEMPLE BETH JACOB**  
**290 NORTH ST, NEWBURGH**

**HOW TO LOSE YOUR MOTHER**  
A DAUGHTER'S MEMOIR  
**MOLLY JONG-FAST**

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**Jewish Book Council**

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

Sponsorship Opportunities Available to Help Support The JBC: Author Series at:  
[jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now](http://jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now)

**Beyond the Avocado Pit**

**About the Event**  
Join our hands-on Gardening Workshop, led by Cornell Cooperative's Master Gardener, Mary Pobedinsky, and discover home grown goodness.

**What You'll Learn:**

- How to propagate plants from grocery store items
- Instruction for 2-3 planting kits
- Long term care and development of your homegrown fruits and veggies

ALL AGES WELCOME! SPACES ARE LIMITED. RSVPs REQUIRED.  
**Wear your florals!** We'll have raffle baskets, snacks, refreshments, and a special surprise for the "springiest" outfit.  
Recommended for youth ages 5-10 with an adult.  
Individual participants may be placed in a group to maximize space availability.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**  
**1 PM - 3:30 PM**  
**\$5**  
suggested donation

**RSVPS REQUIRED**  
Scan the QR code or call Maryjean in the main office to RSVP  
(845) 562-5604

**This Passover, as we recall the story of our ancestors ...**

**Let's also write the next chapter.**

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Jennifer Younghans, teacher of College American History and Holocaust & Genocide Studies in the Middletown Enlarged City School District, shared that on January 28,, four scholars from Mrs. Younghans’s Holocaust and Genocide Studies course at Middletown High School designed and led ceremonies throughout the day to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day.



Mia White, Lindsay Lopez Morales, Firdes Kaba and Messia Vasquez led scholars in Global History and Geography II classes through the ceremony that highlighted excerpts from the diaries of three Jewish teenagers living in Poland and Hungary, as well as poems read by scholars in the audience. The ceremony also included a historical overview of the Holocaust and International Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well as opportunities for engaging with an interactive timeline, listening to survivor testimonies, and creating a memorial candle. Mia, Lindsay, Firdes, and Messia designed this ceremony to teach their peers about the atrocities of the Holocaust and help ensure a tragedy like this never happens again.



**The Albert Wisner Public Library, 1 McFarland Road , Warwick NY 10990 will show the movie *"Voyage of the Damned"* in observance of Yom Hashoah, on Monday, April 13,2026 at 1PM at their weekly "Monday Afternoon at the Movies."**

**Linda Dubin** will introduce the movie and explain why it is being shown at this time., why we observe **Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)** and the meaning of the Holocaust.

The movie is a 1976 film with an all star cast including Faye Dunaway, Oskar Werner, Lee Grant, Max Von Sydow. The story is based on a historic event, the 1939 voyage of the German ship, the MS St Louis, which departed from Hamburg , Germany carrying 937 Jewish passengers bound for Havana, Cuba .This movie is almost 50 year old and has not been shown in many years.

Did the passengers depart the ship at Havana, Cuba? What happened to the 937 passengers of the St. Louis.??/

Please come to the **Albert Wisner Library on April 13 at 1 PM** to find the answers to these questions. **The movie is Open to the Public.**

## Family Model Seder Shabbat

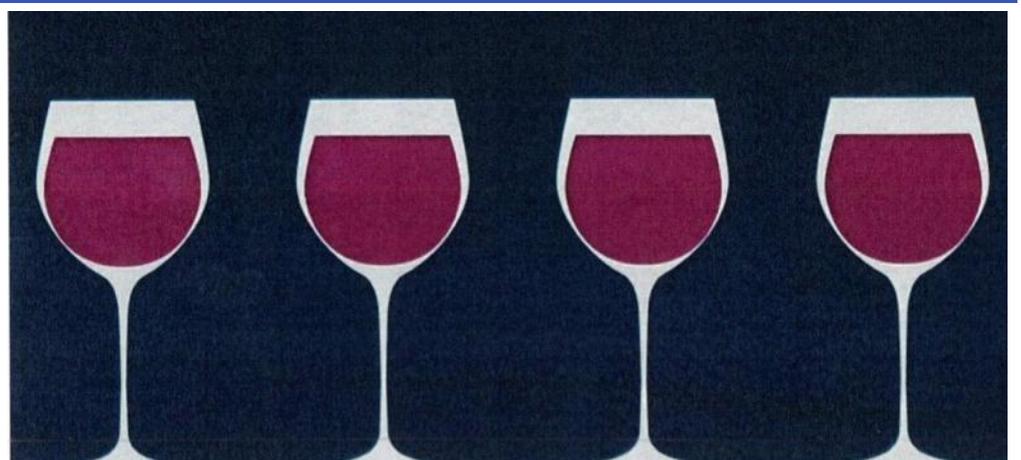
**Friday, March 27 at 5:00pm**

Join us for a joyful, hands-on Family Model Seder featuring an original puppet show, "Let My People Go," created by Mimica Hyman! Together we'll explore the special foods of the seder plate, learn the meaning behind Passover traditions, and enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal as a community.

Perfect for children of all ages – and the grownups who love celebrating with them!



Pre-Registration is required. Service is \$18/adult, \$10/child or \$50 max per family. [RSVP HERE](#) or email [info@congregationagudasisrael.org](mailto:info@congregationagudasisrael.org)



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**TBJ PASSOVER SEDER**  
**ALL WELCOME**

Join Rabbi Kohn & Student Cantor Rachael for a traditional, fun & not too long Passover seder. Gourmet Dinner with traditional favorites to follow

**THURSDAY APRIL 2nd 6 PM**  
 \$36 adult / \$10 child  
 RSVP by March 25th