

WE ARE ONE

April 2026 nisan/iyar 5786

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Program With Author Elizabeth R. Hyman and Musician Jonathan Notar



We invite the community to join us for a meaningful Yom HaShoah program honoring the memory of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust



Flower Planting & Garden Preparation | 12:30 PM
Help plant yellow flowers in the memorial garden and prepare for the Daffodil Project this fall.

Author Elizabeth R. Hyman will share the true story of five young Jewish women who resisted the Nazis and helped spark the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Musician Jonathan Notar will offer a musical selection for reflection and remembrance.



Coffee, Cake and Book Signing to Follow
Books Available for Purchase

SCAN TO REGISTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 12
FLOWER PLANTING | 12:30 PM
YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM | 2 PM
TEMPLE BETH JACOB | 290 NORTH ST, NEWBURGH
FREE & OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

REGISTER TODAY: JEWISHORANGENY.REGFOX.COM/ELIZABETH-R-HYMAN



Happy Passover

May the spirit of Passover bring you happiness, hope, and blessings.

Stop-Hate-Symposium

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

Sponsored by Zachor Antisemitism Initiative,
Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County NY
To promote tolerance & understanding through education



-Free & open to the Orange County community

-Students & their teachers will read & be awarded prizes for winning Stop-Hate-Challenge entries



Julika von Stackelberg, Ph.D. Team Leader Orange County Resilience Project & Parenting Coalition Cornell Cooperative Extension Organizational Sustainability. Helping communities, organizations, and educators design healing-informed systems



Chana Widawski, Social worker, writer and globe-trotting bicycle commuter
Author of: *Never Forget: Holocaust Roots and Living Green* (HuffPost) *How bicycling through Poland and Germany connected me to the story of my late father, a Holocaust survivor* (Toronto Star)



Michael R. Edelstein, Ph.D. Environmental Psychologist, President Emeritus & Co-Founder of Orange Environment, Inc. Protecting the region from environmental hazards while promoting sustainable communities. Authored several books, including: *Contaminated Communities: The Social and Psychological Impacts of Residential Toxic Exposure*

Wed. April 29, 5:30-7 PM
@Middletown High School
30 Gardner Ext Ave,
Middletown, NY

Information & Registration use QR Code or visit: jewishorangeny.org/-stop-hate-challenge

Or Email: Zachor@jewishorangeny.org



www.jewishorangeny.org



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Supporting Jews today, tomorrow, and always.

As Pesach approaches, Israelis face ongoing missile attacks and displacement. Through Jewish Federations and trusted partners, critical aid and trauma support are reaching those in need. Every dollar counts—please give



Your support makes a difference.



A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

“Just as my ancestors planted for me, I too am planting for my descendants”.



Planting seeds. It's one of my favorite things to do – especially this time of year! Not only do I like to plant actual seeds in actual soil, but one of my favorite allegories in Jewish teaching is about the old man who was planting a fruit tree. A passerby asked why he would do the hard work of planting such a tree that would not bear fruit for many years, since he likely wouldn't be around to enjoy the fruit. The man responded that when he was born, there were fruit trees and gardens that had been planted years before his birth, and he had enjoyed their bounty for his entire life. So, in modern vernacular, he is paying it forward to the next generation.

Isn't this what we do in our homes when we celebrate our Jewish traditions? Our Passover Seders are a way for us to **plant seeds of Jewish connection** in our children. When we light Shabbat candles, say a blessing over challah or wine, or dress up for Purim, we're planting seeds of Judaism that we hope will grow in the future. Today, we don't necessarily plant trees for our descendants, although there is definitely still value in that! In fact, through **MyTree in Israel**, you can help support an Israeli farmer who will not only plant, but will tend to olive trees, grape vines, or barley fields in Israel, and send you olive oil, wine, or whiskey at the end of each season! [Learn more here.](#)

You may be doing spring planting soon in your back yard. You can also **plant financial seeds** to ensure the future of Jewish life in Orange County. You already know that a gift to our annual campaign allows us to support Jewish life in Orange County today. Yet, whether you plan on living in Orange County forever, or plan to move out of the area when you retire, you can still ensure that Jewish life will continue to thrive here for generations. You can do that by opening an **Endowment** or leaving a Legacy Gift. These are easier to start than you think, and can make a lasting difference. With a small initial investment, you can build an endowment that will grow in our dedicated Endowment Fund, and you can decide which Jewish organization or program receives the benefit of your investment. You can name it in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply in your family's name. Whether you leave Orange County or you leave this earth, you can **leave a legacy** to keep Jewish life growing in our little corner of the world. [Learn more here.](#)

In the meantime, enjoy a meaningful Passover and mark your calendar to help us celebrate our 50th Annual Meeting on June 7th at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh!

Happy Passover,

Wendy Cedar Executive Director

Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860

Passover Services

Morning Minyan & Siyum

Wednesday morning, April 1st at 8am

Burning of Hametz

Wednesday morning, April 1st at 10am (at your home)

First Day Passover Service (Tal)

Thursday morning, April 2nd at 9:00am
in person & on zoom



Shabbat Passover Service

Saturday morning, April 4th at 9:00am
in person & on zoom

Last Day Passover Service (with Yizkor)

Thursday morning, April 9th at 9:00am
in person & on zoom

zoom link for services:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88950315631?pwd=tkXI5vwxabokMAGKgjETBaeBZX6fq.1>



Please Join Us

Thursday, April 2nd 2026 5:30PM
at Temple Beth Shalom

Fully catered; salad, matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, potatoes, green vegetable and desserts.

Matzah, charoses, seder plate items and beverages provided by TBS.

Bring your own Kosher for Passover wine.
\$54 for adult members, \$60 non members
\$18 for kids 5-13, under 5 FREE

Sponsorships available:

- \$50 helps a family that cannot afford to pay
- \$180 helps pay for security
- \$180 helps pay our servers
- \$200 helps pay for the food



second night seder
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Make check payable to TBS
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You may also pay online:
tbsny.org/donate.
Please indicate 2026 Seder.



פסח תשפ"ו

PESACH 5786

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND TIMES
(Services are in **bold**; important times are in *italics*)

	Tuesday, March 31	After Dark
Search for Hametz		
Siyum Bechorot	Wednesday, April 1	7:00am
(Fast of the first-born)	<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	<i>10:53am</i>
Last time to eat Chametz		
Last time to authorize sale of Chametz, last time to burn Chametz	<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	<i>11:57am</i>
Light Candles Pesach 1	<i>Wednesday, April 1</i>	<i>7:05pm</i>
Pesach 1	Thursday, April 2	9:00am
Light Candles Pesach 2	<i>Thursday, April 2</i>	<i>8:06pm</i>
Pesach 2	Friday, April 3	9:00am
Erev Shabbat Chol Hamoed	Friday, April 3	6:30pm
Light Candles Shabbat	<i>Friday, April 3</i>	<i>7:15pm</i>
Shabbat Chol Hamoed	Saturday, April 4	9:00am
Havdalah	<i>Saturday, April 4</i>	<i>8:08pm</i>
Light Candles Pesach 7	<i>Tuesday, April 7</i>	<i>7:11pm</i>
Pesach 7	Wednesday, April 8	9:00am
Light Candles Pesach 8	<i>Wednesday, April 8</i>	<i>8:13pm</i>
Pesach 8/Yizkor	Thursday, April 9	9:00am
Havdalah	<i>Thursday, April 9</i>	<i>8:14pm</i>
Chametz permitted	<i>Thursday, April 9</i>	<i>9:14pm</i>

MONROE TEMPLE
SECOND NIGHT SEDER
6:00 PM April 2, 2026

TEMPLE IS PROVIDING A MEAT MAIN DISH, MATZOH BALL SOUP, SEDER PLATE, AND ITS ITEMS
WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH,
AND TO PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS - EITHER POTATO OR VEGETABLE!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BEAUTIFUL SEDER ON THIS SECOND NIGHT WITH TEMPLE FAMILY!

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SUN APRIL 5
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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

At Temple Beth Jacob

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Building Our Jewish Community Together

Temple Beth Jacob
Passover Yizkor Service | Wednesday, April 8 at 6PM

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.

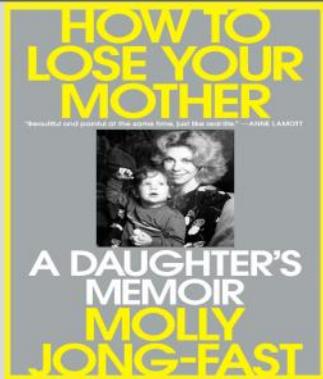
Did the passengers depart the ship at Havana, Cuba? What happened to the 937 passengers of the St. Louis.?

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 is a moving memoir about a complicated mother-daughter relationship, a childhood shaped by fame, and a deeply personal journey through loss, told with humor and emotional honesty.



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**Calling all Orange County families:
 A kids' trip to the Borscht Belt Museum awaits!**



Sunday, April 26, 2026
 9:45am - Borscht Belt Museum
 90 Canal St. Ellenville, NY

\$5 per person

After the museum tour, we will take a stroll to Cohen's Bakery.
 Stay for pizza if you want to prolong the fun!

RSVP by 4/1 to beitsefer18@gmail.com
 Please note: Transportation will NOT be provided

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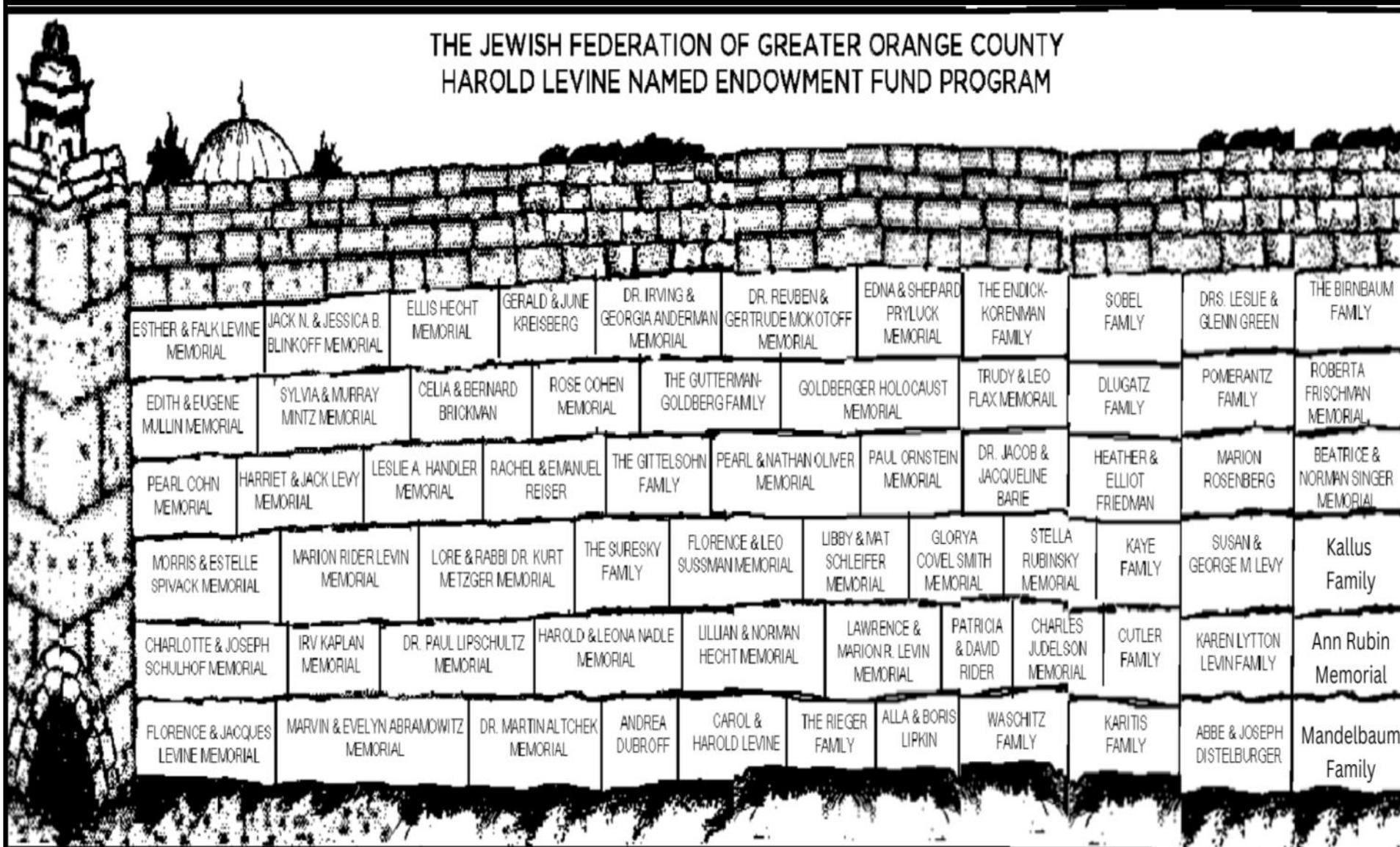
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The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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.

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 - ✦ **Olive Oil | November 30 | Delivery December**
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A Note from our Zachor Antisemitism Director, Judy Ronay

As a child of Holocaust survivors, I've always been keenly aware of the impact of the Shoah on my family and on families that I grew up. Our friends were like family because most of our grandparents, aunts, uncles and, cousins were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. Our parents' struggles and losses also became a source of pride in the strength and resilience they exhibited in recreating new lives, families and entire worlds.

The antisemitism we are witnessing now is something my parents warned my brothers and myself about. However, even after researching the effects of the Holocaust on survivors and their children, I attributed their fears to past realities of trauma; never expecting a resurgence of this magnitude.

Israel and the Jews became villains for defending ourselves after the October 7th's Hamas attacks, murders, and rapes of innocent Israelis.



Being the director of Zachor is challenging and extremely rewarding. We organize and deliver educational programs about: antisemitism, the Holocaust and the history of the Jews and of Israel. Along with chaperoning dozens of school trips to the Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education, in Rockland County, the opportunity of experiencing and teaching students and teachers directly; with displayed artifacts and photographs is heartening. It is also a tribute to my parents' life-long efforts in teaching about their first hand Shoah experiences.

I am grateful for the opportunity to interact with students & teachers, showing old photographs of my parents and family before and after their deportation and concentration camp survival. I also share my parents' stories in their own words.

I am very fortunate and grateful to Sharon Goldberg, also a child of survivors, and a docent at the Holocaust museum for many years and a generous donor to Zachor. As a child of Survivors she brings passion and knowledge of the Shoah, speaking personally to individual and groups of students-- that personal connection can make all the difference.

I am also grateful to Wendy Cedar, the staff, board, generous anonymous donor, and to all who contribute to Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County and Zachor's mission of education.

Happy, healthy and peaceful Passover-- Chag Sameach!
Warmly,

Judy Ronay, Director Zachor Antisemitism Initiative | Zachor@jewishorangeny.org

The Holocaust Museum's Traveling Resilience Exhibit was at Monroe Woodbury Middle School with students, Kelly Mano (teacher far Left), Judy Ronay (Director Zachor Antisemitism Initiative), Brian Collins (teacher, Right of sign) and Principal Rafael Vasquez, Jr. (far Right). All pictured below.



See page 8 for more on the Zachor Antisemitism Initiative's Holocaust education in schools.



JFS Senior Independence Program

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New Training Dates TBA:
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Alternate training dates are available upon request.

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This program was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Orange County.

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

These household items can be dropped off at JFS: 720 Route 17M Middletown, NY 10940 or pick-up can be arranged by calling 845-341-1173 ext. 306 If you would like to make a monetary donation, please go jfsorange.org/donate/donate-online

Household Items:

- ✧ Toilet Paper
- ✧ Paper Towel
- ✧ Garbage Bags
- ✧ Storage bags/new containers of all sizes
- ✧ Paper goods; plates, napkins, cups

- ✧ Cleaning supplies
- ✧ Laundry detergent/softener
- ✧ Bleach
- ✧ Sponges

Personal Care Items:

- ✧ Bar/Liquid Soap
- ✧ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ✧ Moisturizer & Hand Cream
- ✧ Tooth Brushes
- ✧ Personal Care Wipes
- ✧ Store Gift Cards Are Accepted

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Twin Towers Middle School, Middletown

I would like to begin by expressing our sincere appreciation for the wonderful experience at the museum yesterday. *Twin Towers Middle School teacher, Fred Merritt, shared* that the scholars were highly engaged and that the docents did an exceptional job fostering meaningful connections while deepening students' understanding of the Holocaust and their role in combating hate. We are truly grateful for the important work your team at the Jewish Federation does through the Zachor Antisemitism Initiative.



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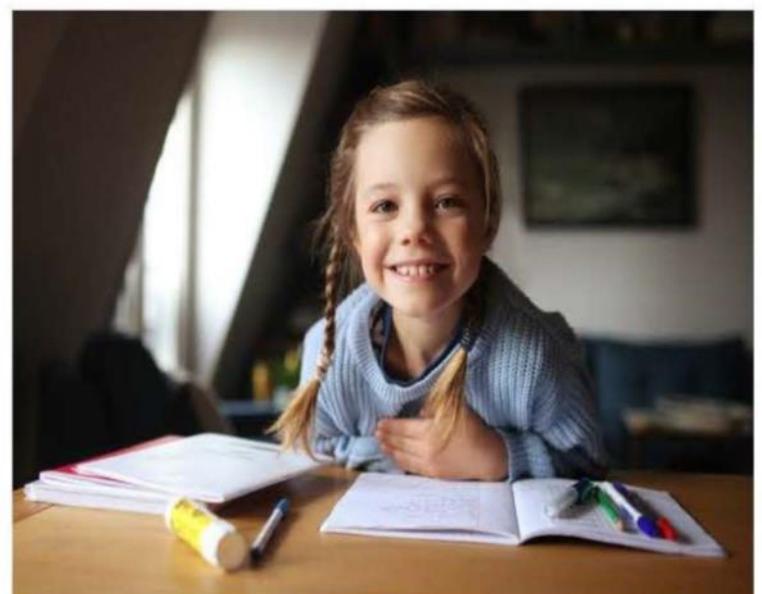
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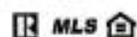


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Alex Solomon Parents/Grandparents Bereavement Support Group



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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:
April 12 | May 3 | June 14
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



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW A YEAR OF CHARITABLE GIVING



JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE NEEDED ITEMS FOR OUR SHARED COMMUNITY

MONTH(S)	SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
ITEMS COLLECTED	NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED	LOCAL FOODBANKS



Applesauce, Canned Beans, Canned Chicken & Fish, Canned Vegetables, Cooking Oils, Crackers, Dried Herbs and Spices, Fruit (Canned or Dried), Granola Bars, Treats, Etc.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

King of Kings Lutheran Church 543 Union Ave, New Windsor 845-565-7645
Kol Yisrael 290 North Street, Newburgh 845-562-5516

GIFT OF LIFE

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES! WOO HOO!! Match #193! It's time for another happy dance!!

Gift of Life Marrow Registry believes every person battling blood cancers, and a hundred other diseases, deserves a second chance at life — and we are determined to help make it happen. Many of our donors have been found as a result of the swabbing drives we have held on local college campuses, in fitness centers, and at festivals and events. Visitors to our swabbing tables are able to join the registry on the spot with a quick swipe inside their own cheeks with a cotton swab. Every donor who joins the registry has the potential to save someone's life

If you are available to help out at a donor recruitment drive, even for a couple of hours, please contact Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com | Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com, You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftoflife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- ✧ Thursday, April 9 | 10am-2pm | SUNY New Paltz -Student Union Bldg, 1 Hawk Dr, New Paltz
- ✧ 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)
- ✧ Wednesday, April 29 | 10am-2pm | Vassar College—124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie
- ✧ Thursday, April 30 | 10am-2pm | Marist College—Dyson Center, 30 John Winslow Dr. Poughkeepsie

CONGREGATION EITZ CHAIM invites you to.

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
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7:00 PM
Wednesday

9:10	2:23
10:22	3:18
11:19	4:15
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Pathways Through the Siddur

TEMPLE SINAI

April 16th | May 14th

Please contact the Temple Sinai office at Eparker@TempleSinaiMiddletown.com
or
Rabbi/Hazzan Sisen at Rabbi@TempleSinaiMiddletown.com
for more info/Receive Zoom link.

Changemakers

The Jewish Changemakers Fellowship is now accepting applications for the Summer session. This 6-week virtual program is geared towards Jewish young adults, ages 21-27. The program focuses on personal and professional growth through a Jewish lens, helping participants grow more in the Jewish community. Fellows explore leadership, connect with peers across North America, and join the robust Changemakers Network. The Summer Fellowship runs from May 5 to June 9; applications close on **Sunday, April 12.**

Apply Now!

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FOR ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, REVERAND SARRAZIN AND RAV SISLEN WILL TEACH AND MODERATE A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF AMOS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONLINE, AND THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE. TEXT WILL BE SHARED, BUT FEEL FREE TO USE YOUR OWN IF YOU DESIRE.

7 PM CLASS DATES ARE:
APRIL 23 | JUNE 18

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:
RABBI SISLEN:
RABBI@TEMPLESINAIMIDDLETOWN.COM
FATHER SARRAZIN:
SECRETARY.GRACE.EPISCOPAL@GMAIL.COM



MONROE TEMPLE'S FILM SOCIETY PRESENTS:

TATAMI

Synopsis: Iranian female judokas Leila and her coach Maryam, travel to the Judo World Championship, intent on bringing home Iran's first gold medal. Midway through the Judo World Championships, they receive an ultimatum from the Islamic Republic ordering Leila to fake an injury and lose, or she will be branded a traitor of the state. With her own and her family's freedom at stake, Leila is faced with an impossible choice: comply with the Iranian regime as her coach Maryam implores her to do, or fight on, for the gold.

This piece is available to rent on Prime Video & AppleTV.

Wednesday
April 22nd, 7:30pm

If you are interested in joining our discussion please email Steve Block at freebank51@gmail.com. A link to the zoom session will be sent a few days prior to the discussion

Bagels & Bible

LEAD BY LENNY



Every Other Saturday!
Next Date: April 11
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



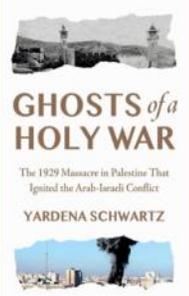
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MONROE TEMPLE'S ISRAEL COMMITTEE PRESENTS



A conversation with journalist Yardena Schwartz, author of



GHOSTS of a HOLY WAR
The 1929 Massacre in Palestine That Ignited the Arab-Israeli Conflict
YARDENA SCHWARTZ

A limited number of signed copies will be available for purchase at the chat

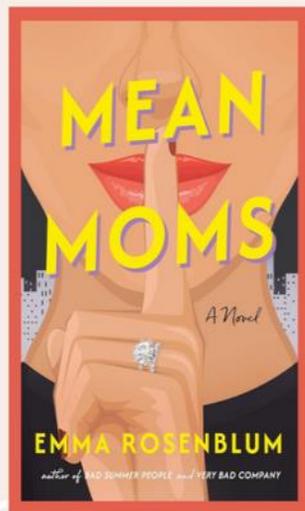
Sunday, April 19th
10AM
Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism
314 North Main St. Monroe, NY

Please RSVP to: office@monroetemple.org

Sisterhood Members Only



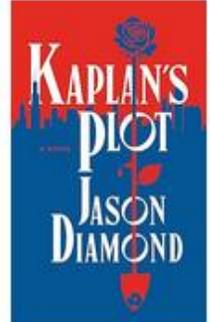
BOOK CHAT



Monday,
April 6, 2026
at 7:00 PM
on Zoom

Mean Moms by Emma Rosenblum is a satirical mystery novel about the elite social scene at a prestigious New York City private school, focusing on a clique of wealthy mothers whose lives unravel after a mysterious new mom, Sofia, arrives, coinciding with a series of strange and catastrophic events. The book explores themes of jealousy, betrayal, and the dark side of upper-crust parenting, blending social commentary with a thriller plot as the women try to figure out if Sofia is a sociopath targeting them.

RSVP to allzgreat4@gmail.com by April 3




Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh
6:00pm - Thursday, April 16
hosted by Estelle Brown at the temple.

Sisterhood Book Club
12:30pm on Thursday, May 21
at the temple.

Discussion of the book "Kaplan's Plot" by Jason Diamond.

A Chicago-based family saga that follows a disgraced tech worker, Elijah, as he returns home to care for his dying mother and uncovers a secret history of his family's involvement in the Jewish mob of the 1920s and 30s. Exploring themes of intergenerational trauma, identity, and the American Dream through the intertwined stories of Elijah, his mother Eve, and his gangster grandfather Yitz. The novel blends present-day Chicago with the past, creating a story that is part gangster epic, part family drama, and part exploration of Jewish-American life.

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.

Hebrew עִבְרִית

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Can you read a bit, but are still struggling?

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B'nai Torah Shul
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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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YIDDISH UBER



We would like to... "get you to the Temple...on time!"
Open to members of Monroe Temple and Temple Beth Shalom to attend services or any Temple event

Please let us know if you are able to provide a ride or if you need a ride.



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

- ✧ April 12 | Understanding Temple Budget/Financing
- ✧ April 26 | Deeper Meaning: Israel In Community

@ Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh

TEMPLE SINAI MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS . . .
"The 11th Annual Prom Dress Extravaganza"

2 SUNDAYS, April 19th & April 26th 2026
 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Temple Sinai, 75 Highland Ave, Middletown NY 10940.

Students from all around Orange County and the Hudson Valley Region are invited to attend. There will be a large selection of Prom Dresses, including long formal and short cocktail dresses; Young Men's Suits, and formal dress shoes available for **FREE!**

For more information call
 Josephine Bloomfield @ 845-800-5359

Food & beverages will be provided by the Temple Sinai Men's Club

There is no charge for admission, yet donations are appreciated!



Pete Seeger Birthday Tribute Concert

Sunday, May 3rd
Early Afternoon Event

Mark Your Calendars!
 More details to come soon.

Music by Live Local Musicians

In Partnership With Kol Yisrael and Beacon Hebrew Alliance



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

Let's also write the next chapter.



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 845.562.7860 | Director@JewishOrangeNY.org

NEWBURGH Jewish Community Center
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Tot Shabbat is a mixed-age outdoor playgroup at the JCC. We pair literacy and Jewish themes with sensory bins & free play activities for kids ages 18 months to 5 years old. In addition to hands-on learning stations, we will have access to the playgrounds & ride on toys from Little Friends Learning Loft. This is a mixed faith group, so how you choose to engage (or not engage) with the Jewish aspect is completely up to you. There is something for everyone, including parents who get to socialize with other local parents/caretakers.

Pending inclement weather, this group defaults to an open play group in the JCC gym. Children can expend their energy on ride-on toys while exploring other hands-on stations set up and available for use.

Tot Shabbat is free for JCC members and \$5 for non-members. All are welcome!

[Register Here!](#)

Sun, Jul 5
Sun, Aug 9

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Rookie Day at SLC

FREE! Grades K-5

- Sports & Adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Water Fun

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**34TH ANNUAL
NEWBURGH JCC
GOLF OUTING**

2026 | **JULY 13TH | 11:00 AM**
OSIRIS COUNTRY CLUB | WALDEN, NY
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CHAVURAH
A warm and spiritual gathering for our entire Temple family



Please join us on
Saturday – May 2, 2026 - 10am
In the Temple Lobby
POTLUCK KIDDUSH BRUNCH TO FOLLOW
Please RSVP by April 24 – harpvibes@yahoo.com or 845-800-7220



THE ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S
2026 Annual Human Rights Awards

Nominations Open

The OC Human Rights Commission is looking for extraordinary individuals, organizations, and groups making an impact in human rights outcomes in our community.

Nominations accepted until April 30, 2026
Click or Visit: bit.ly/2026HumanRightsAwards



Save the Date!
Human Rights Awards Luncheon
6/18/26 - 11:00am-2:00pm
Stony Ford Golf Course
For more information contact [Inaudy Gil: igil@orangecountygov.com](mailto:Inaudy.Gil@orangecountygov.com)

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

Sponsorship Opportunities Available to Help Support The JBC: Author Series at: jewishorangenyny.org/donate/donate-now

Make a note: Jewish Book Council sponsor!

Help Restore Beth Israel Congregation

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 the congregation can continue to serve as a center of Jewish life.

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

To Donate click here

JFS ORANGE

SAVE THE DATE!!

GOLF OUTING 2026

INAUGURAL GOLF OUTING

About the Tournament
Proceeds will support JFS Orange, a local non-sectarian 501(c)3 organization that serves older adults, individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities, caregivers, and families in need by connecting them with essential services.

Date & Place
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
Town of Wallkill Golf Club
40 Sands Road, Middletown, NY 10941

Schedule
8:00am Check-In
9:00am Tee Time
Shotgun Start

\$150 per golfer
Breakfast & Lunch included!

Deadline to register: September 7, 2026
Deadline to sign up for sponsorship: August 24, 2026

JOIN US! To register or sign up for sponsorship, email sutter@jfsorange.org or call (845) 341-1173 x310
Sponsors, please email sutter@jfsorange.org with a .png or .jpg of your company logo.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Arnold Palmer Tournament Sponsor \$5,000**
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 - Logo & company name included on all promotional materials
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 - Featured signage at lunch venue
- Tiger Woods Beverage Cart Sponsor \$2,000**
 - Two complimentary tickets
 - Featured signage on beverage cart
- Lee Trevino Hole-in-One Sponsor \$1,000**
 - One complimentary ticket
 - Premier signage at hole-in-one hole
- Babe Didrikson Zaharias 9th Hole Sponsor \$500**
 - Signage displayed at 9th hole
- Sam Snead Hole Sponsor \$250**
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Volunteer in Israel

Volunteer in Israel, a joint initiative of Jewish Federations of North America and Birthright Israel, is currently accepting requests for trips between **November 2026 and March 2027**. If you are interested in creating a [Volunteer in Israel](#) trip for your community, through your Federation or other local agencies, please see the attached partner guidelines and complete the intake form by **Friday, May 15**.

Click for Intake Form

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Jewish Federations of North America

May 2026 Two Capitol Hill Advocacy Opportunities



This May, Jewish Federations of North America will take part in two advocacy events in Washington, D.C.—one organized by Eagles' Wings Ministries | Israel Christian Nexus (EW), International Christian Embassy Jerusalem USA | American Christian Leaders for Israel (ICE)/AQLI, & the Israel Allies Foundation (IAF), leading pro-Israel evangelical Christian organizations with whom Jewish Federations are building closer ties, and the other is organized by Jewish Federations of North America focused on our [policy agenda](#) to strengthen security for our communities.

Be a powerful voice for Jewish communities in Washington!

For questions, please reach out to Jeff Mendelsohn at Jeff.Mendelsohn@JewishFederations.org