TONIGHT! May 2nd at 7:30pm via Zoom

Rep. Pat Ryan, a member of the House Armed Services committee, was elected in 2022 to represent the Hudson Valley. An advocate of the U.S.-Israel alliance, in his position paper, Ryan said: “My commitment to Israel is strong, clear, and unequivocal; and our relationship must be well kept and attended with care.” As a military veteran, he voices his unequivocal support for sustained aid to Israel without further restrictions. “The United States must work to maintain and improve Israel’s qualitative military edge and ensure they have the ability to combat the ever-changing terrorist threats they face.” Ryan also expresses his opposition to the malign regime in Tehran: “The Iranian regime’s long record of fomenting and supporting terror across the globe must be stopped, and its blatant threats and aggression towards Israel are unacceptable.”

Registration is Required!
Newburgh JCC Shabbat Series:
CHOOSE YOUR OWN
adventure

Friday, May 17 | 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Kol Yisrael - 290 North St, Newburgh, New York 12550

END OF YEAR BLOWOUT PARTY!
RSVPs required. Please sign up online or with Maryjean

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
Snack and Play Time
Lag B’Omer S’mores
Art with Amy
Shabbosland

AND ADULTS!
Group Board Games
Wine and Cheese
Volunteer
Dinner Prep

Join us for a meat Kosher community dinner KEN AND BARBIE-Q beginning at 5:30 PM.
$10 per adult | PJ Library families are FREE.

KOL COMMUNITY SPRING CELEBRATION
Shabbat Ken & Barbie-Q

KOSHER HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS & ALL THE FIXINS
Fun Surprises! Wear your Barbie Pink!
DATE: Friday May 17th
TIME: 5:30 PM
COST: $10 per adult – kids free
RSVPs requested by May 13th so we have Kenough food

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End of The Year Blowout Party!
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Or Call: 845-561-6602
Questions, contact Amanda: visitnewburghjcc@gmail.com

Join Us After for a Community Spring Celebration at Kol Yisrael

Shabbat Ken & Barbie-Q

Begins at 5:30pm
Cost: $10/Adults
Kids are FREE!
RSVP by May 13th
Email Maryjean: maryjean@kolyiiraelnewburgh.org
Or Call: 562-5604

Have an idea?

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
Yom HaShoah Commemoration Programs

In Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day: Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939)
Monday, May 6th 1-3PM
Albert Wisner Public Library (AWPL Community Room)
One McFarland Drive Warwick 10990

In Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day: Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939) Spy political thriller directed by Anatole Litvak and the first explicitly anti-Nazi film to be produced by a major Hollywood studio. Stars Edward G. Robinson, Francis Lederer, George Sanders, Paul Lukas, and a large cast of German actors, including some who had emigrated from their country after the rise of Adolf Hitler. The film’s story is based on a series of articles by FBI officer Leon G. Turrou, recounting his investigation of Nazi spy rings in the United States. Parts of the film are drawn from the Rumrich Nazi spy case, the first major international espionage case in American history. Not Rated: 1 hour 44 minutes. Linda Dubin will introduce the film.

Hadassah

Yom HaShoah 2024: One Woman Remembers
Monday, May 6th: 1pm via Zoom

Toby Levy was 8 years old when the Jews in her community were told to live in the ghetto. Instead, her family went into hiding. Toby will be sharing her and her family's story of hiding and survival. So few survivors are still left, so don’t miss the opportunity to hear this first-hand account from a Holocaust survivor.

Register using the QR Code.

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

Join the Jewish Federation for Jewish Heritage Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 19th, 2024
First Pitch: 2:05PM
Gates Open: 1:05 PM

Night Includes:
Kosher food options
Pre-Game Performances
In-Game Performances
AND MORE

Upcoming Events

• Sunday, June 9th: 10am at Temple Sinai, Middletown: The Jewish Federations Annual Meeting
• Sunday, August 18th Federation Funday. Would you like to join in the planning committee? Email: office@jewishorangeny.org

More Details Coming Soon!
I'm not much of a history buff. I studied biological science in college and preferred math in high school. The first time I found history interesting was when I studied in Israel for my junior year abroad in college. We learned about Jewish history and how it related to the modern state of Israel, while we were sitting right there in Israel and traveling to the historical sites we learned about in class. It was finally history that I felt was my own, so I could, at long last, find a reason to pay attention.

The Jewish Civil Rights Tour in Georgia and Alabama (sponsored by Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh), in which I participated last month, gave me some similar feelings of connection. Learning more about Martin Luther King, Jr and his father and grandfather's connection to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, then attending Easter Sunday services there with Rev. Senator Raphael Warnock preaching, was profound. Hearing from a woman who was a child on the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma on Bloody Sunday, and the two additional bridge crossings for the march to Montgomery, then walking across the bridge, was moving. When she told us she met Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (whom the children called Santa Claus because of his white beard & hair) because he gave her a Hawaiian lei that a Hawaiian contingency was giving out, it felt like I was in the presence of living history. When we stood on the corner in Montgomery where Rosa Parks was arrested, then saw a vintage bus, like the one she rode (this one full of tourists), I could imagine seeing those buses running nearly empty during the bus boycott.

In Birmingham, it was incredibly powerful to stand in front of a sculpture representing the four girls who were killed when their church was bombed, while looking across the intersection at that very church. We were given a tour of the park on that city block, by a 91 year old man who, not only was active in the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement before and during the time MLK arrived, but was so instrumental in the movement, that he has his own historical marker in the park!

Thanks to Rabbi Kohn and our Etgar36 tour guide, Eli, we had lots of discussions about then and now, and what kinds of similarities we found between the Civil Rights struggles of African Americans and struggles of Jews around the world, throughout the ages. It was a moving, educational tour that I believe will help me in my pursuit to build bridges between the African American and Jewish communities. I want to thank the Federation Board for their support in my participation in this program, and many thanks to my fellow travelers for their compassion, empathy, and general sense of right and wrong.

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

Above: MLK Memorial Park across the street from the Ebenezer Baptist Church
Right: MLK and Coretta Scot King’s tombs in the memorial park

Above: Rev. Senator Raphael Warnock preaches Easter Sunday Mass at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta
Top Right & Left: Miss Joanne tells us about her experience as a young child on the Edmund Pettis Bridge on Bloody Sunday and as part of the March to Montgomery.

Middle Left (A): The street corner where Rosa Parks was arrested, in front of the museum in her honor.

Middle Left (B): A vintage Montgomery bus, like the one Rosa Parks would travel in.

Middle Right (C): Sculpture commemorating the 4 girls killed in the Birmingham church bombing, with the church itself in the background.

Above: 91 year old Bishop Calvin Wallace Woods giving us a tour of the sculpture park where he is honored.

Left: Group Photo!

Donations for Israel or your local Federation

If you would like to help, please donate to the Swords of Iron Israel relief fund go to jfeds.org/israelfund2023 (or scan the QR code, right).

Or your local Jewish Federation at jewishtoranguard.org/donate (or scan the QR code to the left). Wear a blue ribbon to stand in solidarity with the remaining hostages.
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 50% 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

We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for April ’24

- A contribution has been made to the Goldberger Holocaust Education Fund by Sharon and Jerry Goldberg in memory of Olga Garay.
- A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation by Toby Goldsmith and Robert Mandelbaum in honor of Wendy Cedar.
- A contribution has been made to the Jewish Federation by Karen Levin in memory of Alan Pitegoff.

GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY -
TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES...
WOO HOO!! Match #7!! 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 donors have been found as a result of our Orange County swabbing drives. One joins the registry with a quick swab 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:
- Sunday, May 19th 1pm - 5pm Jewish Heritage Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades at Heritage Financial Park, 1500 NY-9D, Wappingers Falls
- Wednesday, July 3rd 6-10pm Cronomer Park, Newburgh
- Sunday, August 18th: 12-4pm Federation Funday at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, 211 NY-416, Montgomery, NY

The Jewish Federation mourns the loss of Jewish Family Services Co-Executive Director and friend of Federation, Deb Markman. May her memory be a blessing.

Deborah Ann Markman 1958-2024
**My Tree In Israel**

- All orders of wine place by July 31st, will be received in September 2024
- 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.

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 the Jewish Federation of Orange County and a member of National Volunteer Caregiving Network.

**Upcoming Training Dates:**
- **Thursday, May 9th 10am:** Blooming Grove
- **Tuesday, May 14th Virtual 5:30-7:30pm**
- **Thursday, May 23rd 10am:** Town of Newburgh

To Register Call 845-314-1173 ext. 305 or Email: volunteer@jfsorange.org

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

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Garbage Bags
- Storage bags/new containers of all sizes
- Paper goods; plates, napkins, cups
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent/softener
- Bleach
- Sponges

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

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**Under Fire: An Insider’s Look at the Fight for Israel in the Media**

**Sunday, May 19th**

**Doors will open: 3:45pm**

Program Starts: 4pm

at Monroe Temple Beth El
341 Main St, Monroe

Join us for a community-wide discussion with Gil Hoffman, ED of HonestReporting.

Gil Hoffman is a regular analyst on CNN, Al Jazeera, and other news outlets and is well-connected to both Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Gil was a Chief Political Correspondent and analyst for the Jerusalem Post for 24 years.

RSVP: 845-783-2626 or Email Lauren Vitkovsky
lauran.vitkovsky@monroetemple.org
The Stop Hate Symposium on Tuesday, April 16 was a night of presentations and awards surrounding the topic of Building Bridges for Humanity. Reverend Earl S. Miller spoke about the Tulsa Massacre and Ron Isaelski spoke about The Night of Broken Glass, then the two presenters made connections between these historical events and more recent events.

In March, schools in the greater Orange County region encouraged scholars to submit essays about speaking up against prejudice to the Stop Hate Challenge. First-place winning scholars received a $200 award and their teachers received $100. Scholars recognized as an honorable mention received $100 and their teachers $50. Out of the 150 submissions, The students that placed in the top four, represented Middletown (Middle & High School) and SS Seward in Florida, NY.

The High School Category first place was given to Middletown High School scholar Valeria Hoyos Gomez, taught by Ms. Gabby Hajuk. The category's honorable mention was given to Middletown High School scholar Talaya Miller, taught by Vincent Barone, and SS Seward of Florida, NY student James Sauka, taught by Kate Riehle. First place in the Middle School Category was Twin Towers scholar Jarissa Nunez, taught by Mr. Brian Stabner.

Congratulations to all of the scholars!

A message from Judy Ronay Director, Zachor antisemitism Initiative.
The symposium that was sponsored by Zachor Antisemitism Initiative, Jewish Federation of Greater Orange Co. & Orange County Human Rights Commission.

I am so grateful to the students and educators for their creative, heartfelt and scholarly submissions; to the judges who spent many challenging hours reviewing over 150 essays and poems; to Middletown HS & the district for graciously hosting us; and to Rev. Earl Miller and Dr. Ron Isaelski for their passionate and educational presentation.

Many thanks to Wendy Cedar for your support!

Looking forward to 2025!

Left: 1st Place HS Winner: Valeria Hoyos Gomez, Middletown HS; taught by Gabby Hajduk. Center: 1st Place MS Winner: Jarissa Nunez, Twin Towers MS; taught by Brian Stabner. Right: Honorable Mention Winner: James Sauka, SS Seward, Florida, NY taught by, Kate Riehle.
Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County for inviting the Orange County Community to join them on Sunday, April 7th; as they walked in Solidarity with the hostages being held in Gaza and their families. A local community member Maurice Shnaider, the uncle of hostages Shiri Bibas, Baby Kfir and Ariel Bibas joined and was able to share a few words. This was a collaborated event with Run for Their Lives. #BringThemHomeNOW

MID-HUDSON REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTS:
Bystander Intervention 2.0: Conflict De-escalation in Public Spaces
A free, online training with Right to Be
Wednesday, May 8
REGISTRATION LINK: LUNCH SESSION: 12-1:30PM
OR
REGISTRATION LINK: EVENING SESSION: 6-7:30PM

Congregation Agudas Israel
Book Signing & Brunch
A Free Event For The Entire Community
Sunday, May 19 at 11am
290 North Street
Newburgh, NY

Join CAI for a Book Signing & Brunch with Rabbi Margie Cell as she talks about her new book “Hindsight is 2020: Torah Lessons from a Turbulent Time”.

Books will be available to purchase and sign. Or you can purchase them at rabbicella.com and bring them with you for signing.

RSVP’s are required by Wednesday, May 13 by calling (845) 562-5604 so we can prepare enough food.

The Gangster is a humorous and nostalgic tribute to what became affectionately known as the Borscht Belt. In this laugh-out-joy-filled film, director Lee Gilberg maps the development of the vacation destination, from a refuge for working-class Jews seeking a respite from poverty in overcrowded New York City tenements to a Jewish summer playground for the affluent. This delightful film chronicles the squeezing of rent, costs, and eventual decline of the “Jewish Alps,” a journey illuminated with both authenticity and sentiment. From loss to heartwarming, this celebration of Jewish-American life is all you can eat!

JOIN US FOR THIS FUNDRAISING EXTRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY MAY 4th – 4:00 PM
$36 includes admission to the screening, a zoom talk with the director and an amazing array of nostalgic Jewish nosh.
WINE PULL, 50-50 & SILENT AUCTION - to benefit TBJ - will be available
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR $200 (includes 2 tickets & fun extras)
RSVPs STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

No one will be turned away due to lack of funds

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AGES 7-10
FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AGES 7-10 YEARS OLD
Space is limited!

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290 North Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
Registration Link
www.newburghjcc.org/summercamp

More Information
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Amusement $200
Per Week
A Look Back at our NJCC Shabbat Series: Choose Your Own Adventure!

JOIN US ON MAY 17th at 3:30PM FOR THE END OF THE YEAR BLOWOUT PARTY! FULL DETAILS ON PG. 2!

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