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May 20th**



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An Afternoon
with Author
Molly Jong-Fast



SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 2PM
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**HOW TO
LOSE YOUR
MOTHER**



A DAUGHTER'S
MEMOIR
**MOLLY
JONG-FAST**

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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of Greater Orange County
Building Our Jewish Community Together



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Register or
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50th
Annual
Meeting!

Sunday, June 7
10 AM
at Kol Yisrael
Newburgh, NY

a light brunch
will be provided

Help Federation partner synagogues & organizations honor their
Volunteers of the Year!

Questions: Call
845-562-7860
Email: Office@JewishorangeNY.org

Take a walk down memory lane from the past 50 years and learn how you can help support Jewish life in Orange County into the next 50 years!

SING-ALONG, SING OUT

Folk Music for Children and People of All Ages.

A concert to celebrate **Pete Seeger's** music on his birthday.

Led by Grammy Award Winner
David Bernz with Jake Bernz and friends.

Bring your voices and love.

1 pm on May 3rd
at KOL YISRAEL
290 North Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

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Kol Yisrael
Celebrating Our Part 1 Commitment to Our Future

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CHOOSING LIFE: FROM SURVIVAL TO RESILIENCE

From the Ashes of Kibbutz Nir Oz
A Journey from loss to light

An evening with **Survivor Barak Morag**

Thursday, May 14, 7:30pm
Location in Monroe - address disclosed upon registration

Now more than ever, the Jewish people need strength, resilience and faith. Hear Barak share his first-hand story of survival, woven with moments of courage, unwavering faith, and the powerful determination to rebuild after devastation.

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ChabadOrange.com/IsraelEvent

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Chabad Orange County

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2026 JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT!

WITH THE HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH @ 6:35 p.m.

Kosher Food Options Available

Support the Jewish Federations of Orange, Dutchess and Ulster Counties!

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Building Our Jewish Community Together

CHALLAH PROVIDED BY: **The Challah Plate**

A Message From Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

What is PJ Library and what does it mean to you?

PJ (as in – pajama) Library is a program created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF). They send **free Jewish children's books** to families around the world every month.

We currently have 228 children, ages birth-9, from 177 families receiving these books every month, as well as 62 pre-teens choosing their own monthly book through PJ Our Way. Since we began to partner with HGF over 20 years ago, we have supported nearly 700 local families in their effort to **stay connected to Jewish life**.



We partner with The HGF to fund PJ Library and make it available to families in our local community. Our combined mission is to help people connect to Jewish values, traditions, and culture while building vibrant Jewish communities. We hope that the stories in these high-quality books spark conversations that inspire the whole family to explore and **celebrate what they love about Jewish life**.

What does this mean to you? A portion of your annual gift or endowment interest helps support this invaluable program! **Ask any of your Jewish neighbors** who have raised, or been grandparents to, children in the past 20 years whether they have heard of PJ Library – chances are they will have good things to say about it! If they haven't heard of it, send them to PJLibrary.org to register their children or grandchildren under the age of 13!

In addition to the books sent to families' homes, we provide some opportunities for these families to get together around the county. Often, with the busy-ness of raising children, it's difficult to stay connected to our heritage, so we want to provide opportunities for these families and their children to find each other, get to know each other, and **build a community** for themselves. Your support helps us do that.

My mother, who worked as a bookkeeper, then comptroller of a large Jewish organization, when asked what she did for a living, wouldn't say "I'm a bookkeeper", but rather "I'm saving the Jewish people!" **You can help save the Jewish people** by supporting our work so that we can continue to provide this wonderful gift to families with young children. You can make a gift to our annual campaign at any time during the year. A portion of that will always go toward supporting PJ Library, but if you'd like all of it to support this program, just let us know. Reach out to me if you would like to learn how easy it is to create an endowment that could support PJ Library, or any of our other worthy programs, in perpetuity.

Join us at our 50th Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 7th in Newburgh, to celebrate where we've come from and where we're headed.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We're here to help our community stay strong from generation to generation, l'dor va'dor, and we can only do that with your help.

May we build a world of peace, together, and in our time,

Wendy Cedar Executive Director
Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845.562.7860

Rabbi's Blog

Standing at Sinai Today: A Shavuot Message of Renewal and Unity

As our community gathers for another vibrant season of Jewish life, we find ourselves approaching one of the most profound and yet often underappreciated moments on the Jewish calendar: the holiday of Shavuot.

Unlike the dramatic narrative of Passover or the awe-inspiring solemnity of Yom Kippur, Shavuot arrives quietly. There are no shofars, no sukkot, no elaborate rituals commanding attention. And yet, Shavuot commemorates perhaps the most transformative moment in Jewish history, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai



It is not a coincidence that this foundational event is marked with subtlety. Because Shavuot is not only about what happened then—it is about what is meant to happen now.

Our sages teach that every Jewish soul, past, present and future, stood at Sinai. This powerful idea reframes Shavuot: it is not merely a historical remembrance, but an annual opportunity for personal revelation.

In a world that often feels fragmented, filled with noise, distraction, and division, Shavuot invites us to pause and ask:

- ✧ What values anchor us?
- ✧ What commitments define us?
- ✧ What does it mean to truly “receive” Torah in our own lives today?

Torah, in this sense, is not only a sacred text. It is a living conversation, between tradition and modernity, between community and individual, between who we are and who we aspire to become.

One of the most striking teachings about Sinai is that the Jewish people stood there “as one person with one heart.” Before receiving the Torah, there was unity.

This message resonates deeply within our Orange County community. Our Federation represents a tapestry of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences. And yet, our strength lies precisely in our ability to come together, across differences, to support one another, to build, to give, and to grow.

In a time when unity can feel elusive, Shavuot reminds us that collective purpose is not only possible; it is essential.

There is a beautiful custom on Shavuot to stay up late into the night studying Torah. Not everyone can do that. The deeper message is about making space for growth, even in small ways.

Perhaps this Shavuot, the question is not how much we can take on, but what one meaningful step we can take:

- ✧ A moment of learning
- ✧ An act of kindness
- ✧ A renewed commitment to family or community
- ✧ A deeper engagement with our heritage

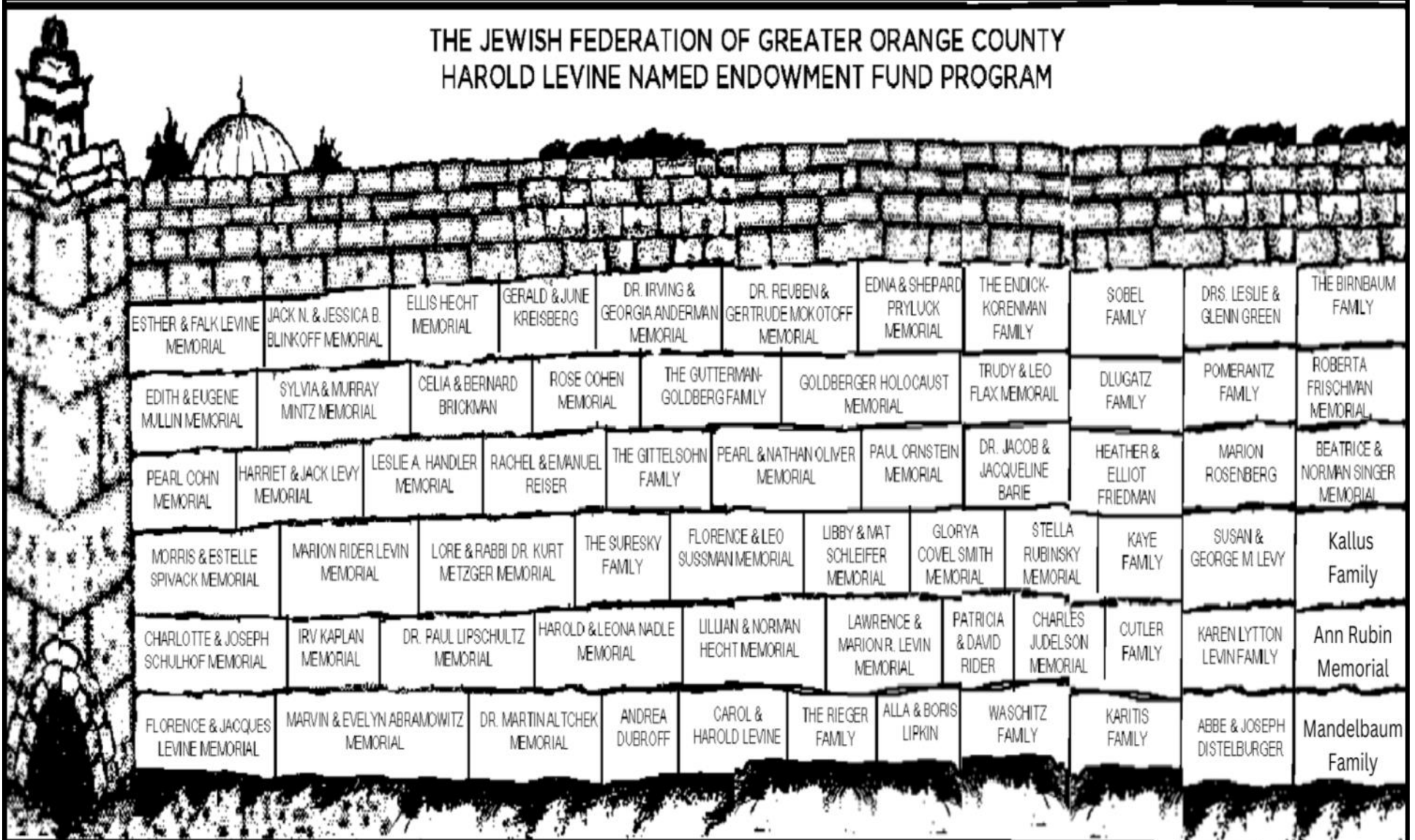
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The Harold Levine Named Endowment Fund Program

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.

Read more here: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments





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Reserve your bottles today – limited quantities available!

Order by June 30th for Rosh Hashanah delivery




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Rabbi's Blog Continued...

Standing at Sinai Today: A Shavuot Message of Renewal and Unity

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Great transformations often begin quietly.

At the Orange County Jewish Federation, we see every day how acts of connection, large and small, shape the future of our community. Supporting those in need, strengthening Jewish identity, fostering education, and building bridges are all expressions of living Torah.

As we approach Shavuot, may we each find our own way to stand at Sinai again.

Not as spectators, but as participants.

Not only remembering, but receiving.

Chag Shavuot Sameach.

Rabbi Brenda Weinberg
B'nai Torah Shul, Greenwood Lake

HAVE AN IDEA?

Jewish In Orange County Micro-Grants

Turn your idea into impact!

Micro-grants fund creative programs that bring our Orange County Jewish community together — building connection, learning, and growth.



APPLY TODAY!

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jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/microgrants

Your gift on May 20 opens opportunities for cash prizes and matching gifts!

HVGives.org/Jewish Federation



Here are some opportunities to maximize your gift this month:

- If you give the very **FIRST** donation in the Hudson Valley online at midnight: we get an additional \$1000!
- Starting at **NOON**: Every gift is matched up to \$25 until \$2500 is exhausted
- Starting at **3pm**: Every gift is matched up to \$10 until \$2500 is exhausted
- From **11-11:59pm**: Every gift is matched up to \$10 until is \$2500 is exhausted
- If you give the very **LAST** donation in the Hudson Valley at 11:59pm - we get an additional \$1000!



Your gift supports our work in 2026!

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**Make an
Impact**



**Support Our
Community**

Together, we can build something that matters.

- ◆ Contribute your skills in strategy, finance, marketing, community engagement, passion for community
- ◆ Collaborate with a dedicated team committed to real impact
 - ◆ Expand your experience while giving back

You don't need prior board experience - just commitment to our mission and a willingness to engage.

NOW, more than ever, the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County needs your help. We're looking for passionate, thoughtful leaders to join our Board of Directors.

If you care about strengthening our Jewish community and helping our organization thrive, this is your opportunity to step up and make a difference.

Interested or know someone who would be a great fit? Current applications are open so reach out to us today.

director@jewishorangeny.com

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#BoardRecruitment #NonprofitLeadership #MakeAnImpact #VolunteerLeadership

Your Gift. Our Community. Our Future.

Make your 2026 Annual Campaign gift today.
Together, we keep Jewish life in Orange County strong and thriving.



JFS Senior Independence Program

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

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

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- ✔ Personal Growth

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SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

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

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL TRAINING

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

New Training Dates TBA:
Watch our Weekly E-Blast for Updates on Thursdays!

Alternate training dates are available upon request.

Contact Us!
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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

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| <p>Household Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Toilet Paper ✧ Paper Towel ✧ Garbage Bags ✧ Storage bags/new containers of all sizes ✧ Paper goods; plates, napkins, cups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Cleaning supplies ✧ Laundry detergent/softener ✧ Bleach ✧ Sponges | <p>Personal Care Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Bar/Liquid Soap ✧ Shampoo & Conditioner ✧ Moisturizer & Hand Cream ✧ Tooth Brushes ✧ Personal Care Wipes ✧ Store Gift Cards Are Accepted |
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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.

Please join AFMDA for
AN EVENING WITH LIOR RAZ
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FAUDA

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
7:00 P.M.
ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

Community Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Program with author Elizabeth R. Hyman and musician Jonathan Notar. In collaboration with the Jewish Book Council, Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh JCC, Congregation Agudas Israel, Zachor Antisemitism Initiative and Monroe Temple.



Stay connected with us through our monthly We Are One and our Weekly We Are One Newsletter E-Blast (sign up by emailing office@jewishorangeny.org or Call 845.562.7860 | provide your email address), or online at Jewishorangeny.org. Follow us on Instagram at JFedOC_NY or Facebook at Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, NY



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Alex Solomon Parents/Grandparents Bereavement Support Group



If you have lost a child or grandchild, no matter what age or when, come to find and share support.

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

Facilitated by Rabbi Steven Altarescu, Board Certified Chaplain and Counselor

Upcoming Dates:
May 3 | June 14
Meeting in the Children's Library

For more information:
AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org

Study Bible with:

The Rev and the Rav

REVERAND VICTOR SARRAZIN RABBI DAVID SISLEN



This unique opportunity will allow students from different faiths to join together as we explore scripture as one!

FOR ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, REVERAND SARRAZIN AND RABBI 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:
JUNE 18**

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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RABBI@TEMPLESINAIMIDDLETOWN.COM

FATHER SARRAZIN:

SECRETARY.GRACE.EPISCOPAL@GMAIL.COM



B'nai Torah Shul & Eitz Chaim's 3rd Annual

Cinco de Mayo de Lag-O B'omer

Taco Tuesday
May 5
6pm

Bonfire
Hootenanny
Taco Bar
Archery
S'mores & MORES

Suggested Donation
\$18

RSVP:
bnaitorahgwj.org/omer

Bagels & Bible

LEAD BY LENNY



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 Saturday.

In Person at 10am.

Next Date: May 2



GIFT OF LIFE

**GIFT OF LIFE MARROW REGISTRY
TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!
WOO HOO!! Match #200! 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 30 | 10am-2pm | Marist College—Dyson Center, 30 John Winslow Dr. Poughkeepsie**

Hebrew עברית

Are you at the beginning of your Hebrew journey?

Can you read a bit, but are still struggling?

Would you like to pray and chant in Hebrew?

We'll get you to the goal you choose.
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Join weekly lessons with Cantor Nava: every Tuesday

May Candle Lighting Schedule

May 1:	7:36PM
May 8:	7:44PM
May 15:	7:51PM
May 22:	7:58PM
May 29:	8:04PM

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

The following gifts were given in loving memory of Past President Joseph Birnbaum. May his Memory be a blessing.

Carol and Larry Berman
Ann and Mark Fink
Jane Friedland
Andrea and Carl Gold
Leslie and Glenn Green
Susan & Joseph Greenfeld
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Mona and Ian Rieger
Stacey and Scott Rosmarin
Myra and David Schiff
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Lisa Levine and Michael Shapiro
Alison and Seth Warnock

The following gifts were given in loving memory of Past President Richard "Dick" Levin. May his Memory be a blessing.

Steve Fogarty
Joan and Michael Gittelsohn
Goldfarb Family
Raena Korenman

Clark Newman
Gail and Ken Oliver
Mona and Ian Rieger
Karren Fink & Kenny Woods

A donation was given in honor of David Mullin's special birthday by Karen, Lisa & David Levin and Jen Lehman

*We apologize for any misspellings. If your name does not appear, please check next month's edition of "We Are One."



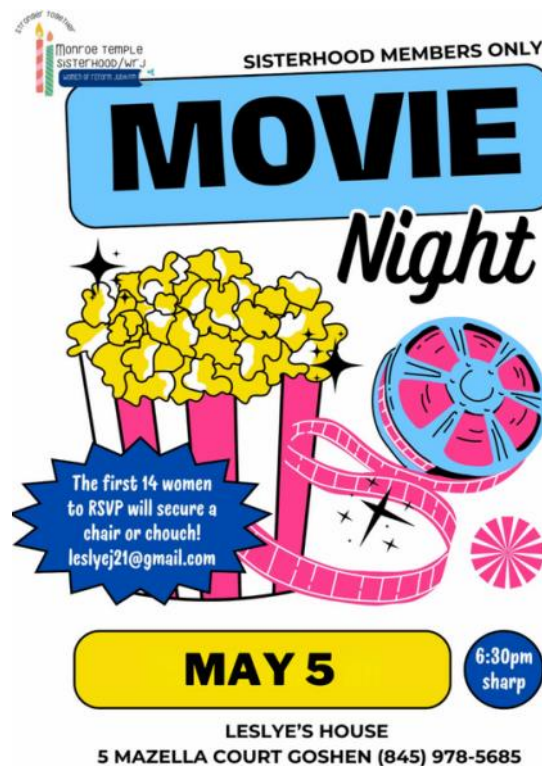
TBS Men's Club
BBQ

May 2 - 5pm
Temple Beth Shalom

RSVP: RICHARD SCHWARTZ RMSCHWARTZ@ME.COM
TEXT - 845-987-4638

\$25

Open to all current Men's Club members as well as interested members!



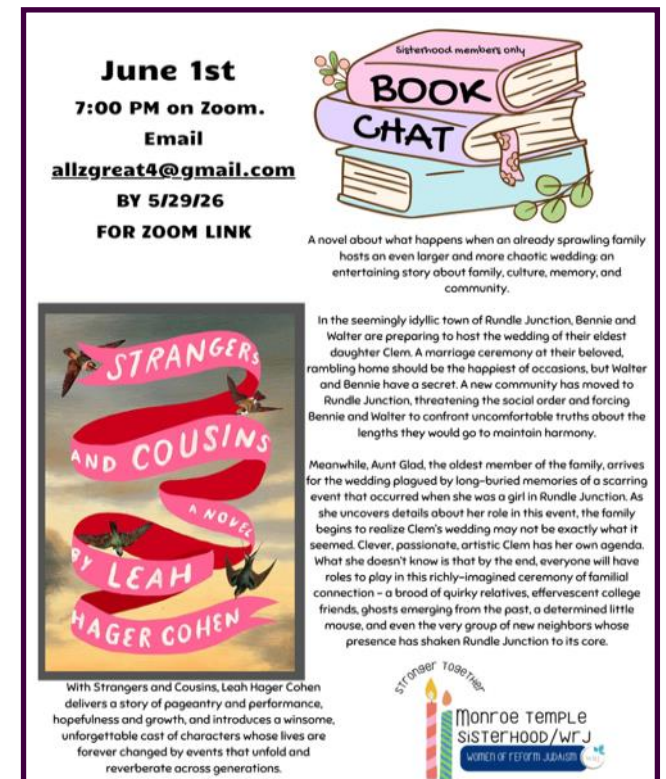
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leslyej21@gmail.com

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Email
allzgreat4@gmail.com
BY 5/29/26
FOR ZOOM LINK

BOOK CHAT

Strangers and Cousins
A NOVEL BY LEAH HAGER COHEN

In the seemingly idyllic town of Rundle Junction, Bennie and Walter are preparing to host the wedding of their eldest daughter Clem. A marriage ceremony at their beloved, rambling home should be the happiest of occasions, but Walter and Bennie have a secret. A new community has moved to Rundle Junction, threatening the social order and forcing Bennie and Walter to confront uncomfortable truths about the lengths they would go to maintain harmony.

Meanwhile, Aunt Glad, the oldest member of the family, arrives for the wedding plagued by long-buried memories of a scarring event that occurred when she was a girl in Rundle Junction. As she uncovers details about her role in this event, the family begins to realize Clem's wedding may not be exactly what it seemed. Clever, passionate, artistic Clem has her own agenda. What she doesn't know is that by the end, everyone will have roles to play in this richly-imagined ceremony of familial connection - a brood of quirky relatives, effervescent college friends, ghosts emerging from the past, a determined little mouse, and even the very group of new neighbors whose presence has shaken Rundle Junction to its core.

With *Strangers and Cousins*, Leah Hager Cohen delivers a story of pageantry and performance, hopefulness and growth, and introduces a winsome, unforgettable cast of characters whose lives are forever changed by events that unfold and reverberate across generations.

Monroe Temple SISTERHOOD/WFJ
WORLD OF FEELING JUDGING



Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh - 6:00pm on Thursday, May 14 hosted by Beverly Sharp at her home. We will be discussing the book *Jewish Stories from Heaven and Earth* edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins. The book is available on Amazon but it may take a few weeks to get. Please try to order it. You will love the stories!



Sisterhood Book Club - 12:30pm on Thursday, May 21 at the temple. Discussion of the book *"Kaplan's Plot"* by Jason Diamond. 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.

Shavuot

Join us on Thursday evening, May 21st for a Shavuot dinner, Learning, and Cheesecake!

6pm - TBJ and CAI have dinner together - Blintzes and more!

7pm - The fun begins! Tikkun Leil Shavuot is traditionally an all-night study session. We won't go all night, but we'll have lots of members teaching on all kinds of Jewish topics. Don't miss this!

And Cheesecake!!!!

Then on Saturday morning, May 23 at 9:00am we will have our Shabbat/Shavuot morning service including Yizkor. (and more cheesecake!)

Also on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88950315631?pwd=tkXI5vxxabokMAGKqjiETBaebZX6fq.1>



A Celebration of Israel

Presented by the Monroe Temple Israel Education Committee

Join us as we celebrate Israeli Independence Day with a program that includes:

- Coffee & Catch Up
- Discussion of Israeli Elections
- Israel Trivia
- Hatikvah and Snacks

Sunday, May 3
9:30am - 11:30am
Temple Beth Shalom

Shavuot at Temple Beth Jacob Thursday, May 21, 2026 Schedule of Events

6:00pm Blintze Dinner—\$25 per person
Cheese Blintzes, salads, drinks & cheesecake.
Must RSVP by May 14th.

7:00pm Shavuot Service with Reading of 10 Commandments

8:00pm Study Session on "George Washington and the Jews in honor of America's 250th Year of Independence" taught by Rabbi Kohn

10:00pm Study Session via Zoom taught by Rabbi Kohn -
"Torah Through the Lens of Emma Lazarus: Powerful Poems on Immigration Build a Framework for American Jewish Tikkun Olam"
Zoom link to be distributed shortly.



Please join us at

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AT SIX IN THE EVENING

314 North Main Street, Monroe, NY

Celebrating our years at Monroe Temple and honoring our beloved Rabbi Lerner.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2026. Space is limited.
office@monroetemple.org or 845-783-2626

*Dressy casual. No jeans please.
No cost to members in good standing. Nonmembers \$75 per person.*

Pathways Through the Siddur



May 14th

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

Sun, Jul 5
Sun, Aug 9

adventure
STARTS WITH
SURPRISE
Rookie
Day
at SLC

FREE!
Grades K-5

- Sports & Adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Water Fun

SURPRISE LAKE CAMP
SINCE 1902

TRY Surprise Lake Camp FOR A DAY — FREE!

Curious about sleepaway camp? Kids grade K-5 are invited to experience the magic of Surprise Lake Camp during a real camp day. Our Rookies will jump right in with fun activities, meet our amazing staff, and enjoy lunch with new friends.

REGISTER NOW
<https://surpriselake.org/future-families/first-time-experiences/>

SAVE THE DATE!!



**34TH ANNUAL
NEWBURGH JCC
GOLF OUTING**

2026 | **JULY 13TH | 11:00 AM**
OSIRIS COUNTRY CLUB | WALDEN, NY
NEWBURGHJCC.ORG/ANNUAL-GOLF-OUTING

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES STARTING AT \$100
VISIT NEWBURGHJCC.ORG TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR
QUESTIONS? EMAIL VISITNEWBURGHJCC@GMAIL.COM

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

Temple Beth Jacob Announces, Spring 2026...

Omer Countdown!

Passover! Week 1! Week 2! Week 3! Week 4! Week 5!
Week 6! Week 7! Shavuot!

We countdown seven weeks from the second day of Passover, leaving Egypt, until arriving at Sinai for Shavuot and receiving the Torah and its Commandments. It is called counting the "Omer." Omer are the growing sheaves of wheat in the field, and the period is called "The Omer."

This is a mystical period each spring, and it is customary to count each day and each week, adding new meaning to our movement through Jewish time.

TBJ will count each week this spring, too! Every Tuesday at 8:00pm during the Omer, we will have a brief, half-hour Zoom session for a song, the Omer blessing, a short teaching and a sweet checking-in with each other.

Mark your calendars: each Tuesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 at 8:00pm.

Here is the Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86884892888>

Special Shacharit Service
May 16, 2026 – 10 am



Please join us as we honor the memories we have shared as a congregation and to express gratitude to Rabbi Lerner for his spiritual leadership.

Light Kiddush Nosh To Follow

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



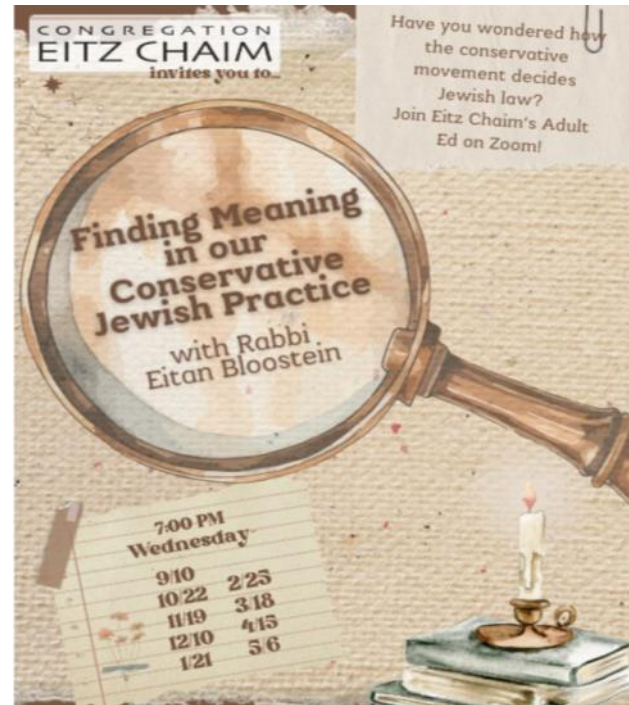
CONGREGATION **EITZ CHAIM** invites you to...

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
with Rabbi Eitan Bloostein

7:00 PM
Wednesday

9/10	2/25
10/22	3/18
11/19	4/15
12/10	5/6
1/21	



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](#)

Almost Summer
OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET
— at Kedem Winery —

May 3rd
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Local Vendors
- Handmade Crafts
- Refreshing Sangria
- Live Music by *Chaya Soljoi*
- Manischewitz Food Truck

Kedem Winery
1519 Route 9W, Marlboro, NY

Sip, Shop & Celebrate Spring!

A portion of proceeds will benefit
The Ladies Auxiliary of Marlboro Hose Co. #1



JEWISH FEDERATION & FOUNDATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY



ISRAEL DAY ON FIFTH

Join our neighbors from Rockland County to march in celebration of Israel on May 31st in NYC.



Register here:
<https://jewishfederation.regfox.com/2026-israel-day-on-5th>