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49th Annual /leeting

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Sunday, June 8 📥 10 AM at Kol Yisrael

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290 North St, Newburgh Free Event

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The Levine Speaker Series presents:

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*The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Washington bureau chief for more than two decades. While living in Israel, worked for the Jerusalem Post.

*An expert on the involvement of Jews in the American political discourse.

Newburgh, NY location

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unday, July 27

3pm: Meet & Greet, e & cheese reception

4pm:

Presentation



PENEGRIES JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY JULY 9

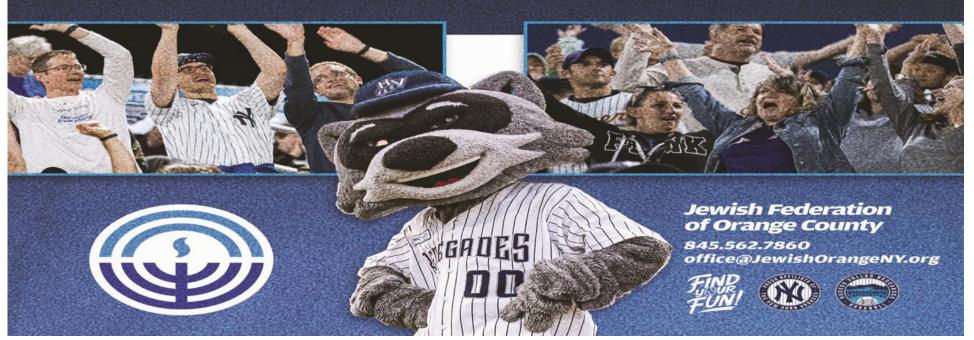
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August 17 at Federation Funday!

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Another opportunity to dance:

Shmulik will be running a "Golden Israeli Dance" session in Westchester on 6/22 - see details below.

Wendy is planning to head down - let her know if you'd like to **carpool!** (email: <u>Director@JewishOrangeNY.org</u> or call: 845.562.7860) She may not stay until 9pm... But she'll stay as long as her energy allows!

Sunday June 22, 2025, 5:30 pm to 9 pm, Location: Westchester Jewish Center, 175 Rockland Ave., corner of Palmer, Mamaroneck NY 10543. Fee is \$20 and includes a healthy selection of veggies, chips, dips, fruit and hot/cold beverages. Parking is free, use the bottom lot on Palmer Avenue. RSVP to Linda Alpert at lalpertesq@aol.com



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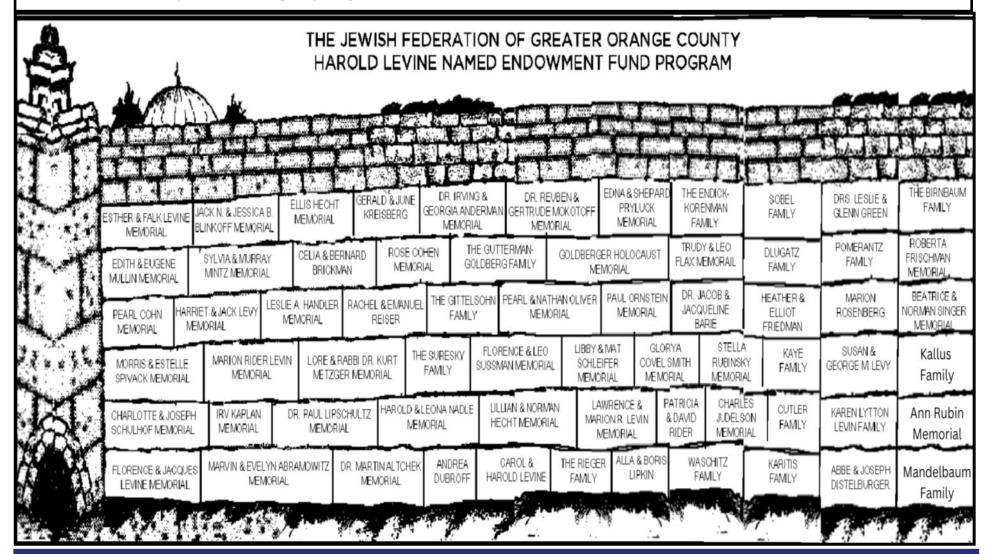
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All endowment funds must designate a minimum of 30% of the interest earned to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Arrange a confidential meeting to make a charitable gift as part of your estate plan. Call the Federation office 845-562-7860 for more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

Read more here: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments



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From the Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

Last year at this time, I wrote about my take on a Torah portion. It remains relevant at this time of year, as our religious leaders would argue is true about the entire Torah! The commentary in the article: MyJewishLearning.com/article/parashat-terumah-hidden-gifts explains that the Ark that held the stone tablets that Moses brought down from Mount Sinai was to have two cherubs facing each other. They are supposed to represent "ish el achiv" – a man facing his brother. It is between those two faces,



according to this commentary, that God's presence is promised to "become known".

The idea that the holy presence will occur between two humans who are face-to-face continues to tell me that we should be in each other's presence - to hear each other, see each other, learn about each other, and ultimately, to strengthen our community. Nowhere, to my knowledge, does it say in the Torah that we should, or will, all get along! But it does encourage us to be face-to-face.

A great opportunity to be face-to-face with your community will be at our Annual Meeting on June 8th at Kol Yisrael in Newburgh. There, you'll learn about the many programs and events we supported in our 2024 fiscal year, as well as the scholarships, microgrants, and other community supports we were able to provide as a result of the gifts you so generously provided. You'll also meet our partner organizations' Volunteers of the Year – those community members whose passions help support Jewish life in the community. This year, the Federation will be honoring all Microgrant recipients from 2024. These are people whom we were able to support bringing unique Jewish experiences to our neck of the woods. These ideas and passionate volunteers help bring joy to our community!

Save the date for another face-to-face opportunity at Jewish Heritage Night at the Hudson Valley Renegades on July 9th. It's a fun evening out for the whole family, with a shofar blowing before the game, kosher food options at the concessions, and fun Jewish-themed activities between the innings.

And, don't miss our 3rd Annual Federation Funday; A Day of Community, on August 17th at Thomas Bull Memorial Park. You'll be able to be face-to-face with the community and do some shopping for gifts from our vendors or at our silent auction. You can have some lunch from Allan's Falafel Food Truck or a snack from other vendors, find out what our partner organizations are up to, do some Israeli dancing, and learn about our security program and how you can keep yourself and your community safer. Bring the kids or grandkids to play in the playground and say goodbye to summer together.

Whatever your summer plans are, we hope to see you, face-to-face, soon.

B'shalom,

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director Director@JewishOrangeNY.org | 845-562-7860

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Help Us Celebrate Them!

B'nai Torah Shul, GWL TBA

Congregation Agudas Israel - Todd Kelson

Congregation Beth Hillel/Walden JCC ~ Anne Klingner

Congregation Eitz Chaim ~ Michael Schack & Karen Fischer Congregation Eitz Chaim Sisterhood (MWJCC) ~ Rita Wincott

Jewish Family Service ~ Claire Caspe

Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County ~

Jerry Goldberg - Monroe Temple - Beit Sefer trip to the Museum at Eldridge Street <u>Hannah Shinder</u> - Temple Beth Shalom - NFTY-GER Havdallah event Rabbi Rebecca Shinder - Temple Beth Shalom - 2 Beit Sefer Shul-ins & MoveMeant Purim program

<u>Sharon Ball</u> - Temple Beth Shalom - 2nd Night Seder

Ellen Levine (will be sharing this honor with her Israel Ed Committee Dorris Kossover, Sharon Goldberg, Illisa Lipkin, Diane Rowe and Betsy Utnick - Monroe Temple - Gil Hofman lecture Tepper Saffren - B'nai Torah Shul - 2nd Night Seder

Marjorie Sweet - Congregation Beth Hillel - Trip to Forestburgh Playhouse

<u>Stacey Yerger</u> (will be sharing the honor with Raena Korenman)- Kol Yisrael - October 7th Commemoration

<u>Catherine Greenblatt</u> - Temple Beth Shalom - 2nd day Rosh Hashanah at Mountain Lake Park

Kol Yisrael ~ Mark LaKritz

Monroe Hadassah ~ Rochelle Marshall

Monroe Temple Beth-El- Natalie Browne Monroe Temple Beth-El Sisterhood ~ Audrey Wolf

Newburgh Jewish Community Center ~ Mona Rieger

Temple Beth Jacob ~ Ken Packer Temple Beth Jacob Sisterhood - Stacey Yerger

> Temple Beth Shalom ~ *Melissa Kleinman* Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club ~ Rich Schwartz Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood ~ Sharon Ball

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Our training prepares volunteers to provide specific support to older adults, including local transportation for essential appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, and phone check-in calls. Volunteering is rewarding and flexible. Pre-registration is required. Background checks and Insurance while volunteering is provided. Jewish Family Service partners with the Office for the Aging to support older neighbors throughout Orange County. JFS is a recipient agency of Jewish Federation of Orange County and a member of National Volunteer Caregiving Network. To Register Call 845-314-1173 ext. 305 or Email: volunteer@ifsorange.org



We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts Made To The Jewish Federation Of Greater Orange County By The Following Donors As Tributes for May '25

- A contribution has been made, in memory of Rose Jacoby, beloved mother of Dr. Leslie Green by Lorraine and Joseph Suresky. .
- A contribution has been made, to the Zachor Anti-Semitism Initiative by:

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 A contribution has been made, in honor of Sheila Levinstein's 90th Birthday, by Doris and Allen Kossover.

Rabbi's Blog

The title of this publication is "We Are One," and it makes me wonder: How can we truly become one? Is it enough to do community events together? To pray or learn together, or to sing together? The words "We Are One" remind me of the Sh'ma, our most essential prayer, proclaiming God's oneness. But the key to the Sh'ma isn't in speaking or singing—it's in listening. After all, the word "Sh'ma" literally means "hear."

Creating a genuine sense of oneness requires more than just gathering in the same space or participating in the same activities. It involves opening our ears, our minds, and our hearts to each other's stories and experiences.



When we truly listen, we recognize the humanity, struggles, joys, and dreams of each person in our community.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel beautifully captured this essence when he wrote, "To sing means to sense and to affirm that the spirit is real and that its glory is present." Singing together becomes truly meaningful when it emerges from a place of deep understanding and mutual respect, nurtured by careful listening.

With this spirit, I'm excited to announce the creation of our new Jewish Community Choir. This choir will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, to listen, and to blend our voices in true harmony. If you love to sing, whether you're experienced or simply enthusiastic, please join us!

Our first organizational meeting will be held on Monday night, June 30. Anyone interested in joining or learning more can contact me directly. (cantor@congregationAgudasIsrael.org) Together, let's create something beautiful, meaningful, and truly unifying. By singing together, and more importantly, listening to one another, we affirm powerfully: We are One.

Warm regards,

Cantor Carl Sayres Spiritual Leader Congregation Agudas Israel Newburgh, NY

Scholarship Recipient, Yasmine Mosker

My Cteen Shabbaton Experience

By Yasmine Mosker

The Cteen Shabbaton experience is a memorable weekend that I will never forget. My 2 brothers had been on Shabbaton before and told me how amazing it was. I was a little uneasy going into it because I was nervous, not knowing many people and being confused for what I was in for. But as soon as I met my chapter everything changed. I was smiling the whole time. I didn't realize but I was going to see a lot of old friends from camp and make many, many new friends that I would hopefully see next year! I saw everyone from friends I've known all my life, to people I had just met on the train but somehow the connection was just as strong! But the most memorable and beautiful thing about the whole experience



was that we all came together as a community for one thing: Judaism. There were some times where I wanted to cry from joy like when I saw the Jewish community in Crown Heights come together and welcome 3,000 teens from so many different countries! Other times where I wanted to sing and dance like in time square for the huge concert. But, the Shabbat dinner was one I'll never forget, seeing that many girls in one room sitting together enjoying a meal was amazing. It made me realize that you don't have to be siblings to be family, I felt like I was with all 1,500 of my sisters. Overall the Cteen Shabbaton was an amazing experience, one I can't wait to relive for the next 3 years.

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Sherrill Lazarus smlazarus@yahoo.com or Gail Oliver gailao777@aol.com You can request a swabbing kit at home, www.giftolife.org.

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- Tuesday, June 10 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange (Middletown Campus) Men's Health Fair, Gilman Center Library, 115 South St, Middletown
- Thursday, June 12 | 5-8pm -Gold's Gym, 15 Racquet Rd, Newburgh
- Saturday, June 21 | 10-11am Ward Event Poughkeepsie, Goldensword- 247 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
- Thursday, July 3 | Time: TBD Community Day-Algonquin Park, Newburgh
- Wednesday, July 9 | 6:30pm The Hudson Valley Renegades Jewish Heritage Night, Heritage Financial Park, Wappingers Falls
- Sunday, August 17 | 10am-2pm -Federation Funday: A Day of Community, Thomas Bull Memorial Park, 211 NY-RT416, Montgomery

Highlights from the 2025 Stop Hate Symposim

Congratulations to the 2025 Stop Hate Challenge Essay Winners!

The Middle School GRAND Prize winner is Addison Strenfel from Monhagen Middle School, and the sponsoring teacher is Jessica Ferstand, The High School GRAND Prize Winner is Jordan Lemons from Monroe-Woodbury High School and the sponsoring teacher is Kenneth Clearwater. Our Honorable Mention winners for Middle School are both from Monhagen Middle School, Louise Diaz Quelix and the sponsoring teacher is, Haley Hershenson and Kassidy Biggs and the sponsoring teacher is, Kerianne Miranda. The Honorable Mention winners for High School are Rhea Trapnell from Washingtonville High School and the sponsoring teacher is, Dawn Vandervloed and Kyle Williams from Middletown High School and the sponsoring teacher is, Jennifer Younghans.

Thank you to our guest panelists Inaudy Gil, Executive Director, Orange County Human Rights Commission; Tracy Wallace, ADA Compliance Coordinator, Independent Living, Inc.; Judy Ronay, Director Zachor Antisemitism Initiative; and Todd Hulet, Executive Director. Orange County NY Arts Council. Our Moderator Wendy Cedar, Executive Director, The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County and Rachel Koontz from Middletown High School for coordinating with Judy Ronay. Photos by Wendy Wyler and Wendy Cedar.



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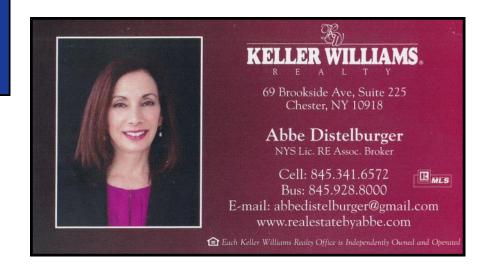
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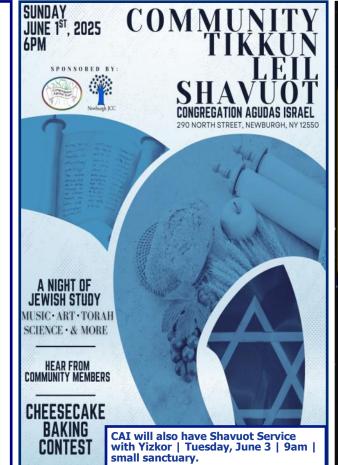
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> 12:30-2pm June 1

For more information: AlexSolomonGriefGroup@CongregationAgudasIsrael.org







שבועות תשפ"ה SHAVUOT 5785

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 MA'ARIV SERVICE AT 7:30 PM FOLLOWED BY TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT STUDY: "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE MIDRASH" (DAIRY REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW; PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH TO PROVIDE!)

> MONDAY, JUNE 2 SHACHARIT SERVICE AT 9:00AM

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 SHACHARIT SERVICE/YIZKOR AT 9:00AM



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in honor of

Barbara Martus

our beloved former president. Barbara served faithfully for 5.5 years in multiple roles, leading with love and dedication.

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Stay tuned for RSVP and potluck sign-up details!



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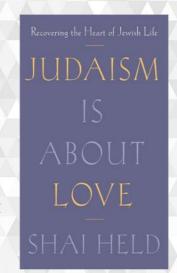
Jewish Book Club Starts on June 10th!

We are excited to announce our new Jewish Book Club, meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Golden Hour Bookstore in Newburgh!

At our first meeting, we will discuss parts 1 and 2 of "Judaism Is About Love", by Shai Held.

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Thursday, June 19 | 12pm

Join Rabbi Lerner as he teaches via Zoom. Tikvah Through Text: Finding Hope in Jewish Learning

A weekly 30-min study gathering, to bring light into dark times. (This is led by a different Rabbi every week.)



Sisterhood Paid -Up Spring Dinner Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 pm Ana Restaurant 22 Spring St., Warwick, NY 10990

RSVP by May 29th to Robin Bordman 845.699-6460 or thebordmans@aol.com

No charge for Sisterhood members. Not a member? Your dues payment of \$54 includes the dinner.







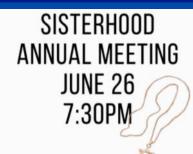


New Date!

Book Chat has been rescheduled to June 9th!

"Uncovered" by Leah Lax

RSVP: AllzGreat4@Gmail.com







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