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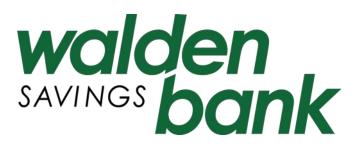
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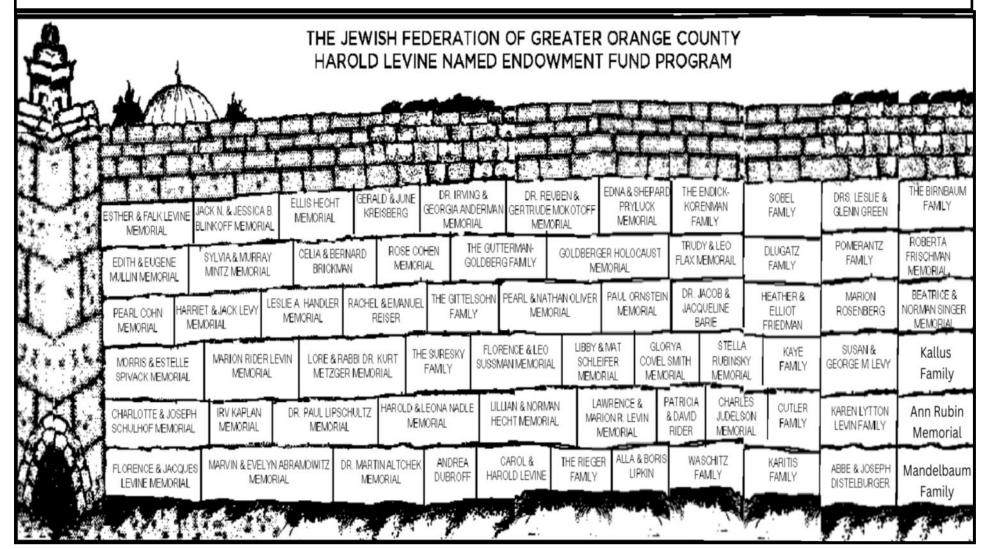
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From The Desk of Wendy Cedar, Executive Director

With summer well underway and most of us implementing our plans for relaxation and renewal, I remain acutely aware that we are at a defining moment for the security of the Jewish people.

For the past two years, we have received a matching grant to fund a portion of the **Greater Hudson Valley Community Security Initiative (CSI),** which includes a Security Director,



a team of trainers, and cybersecurity staff. They monitor local activities as well as chatter on the dark web that may affect us locally. This program has been invaluable in supporting our local Jewish organizations and keeping us apprised of any known local threats.

In 2025 alone, CSI helped to intercept the individual who had threatened Central Synagogue and had driven from Utah to Manhattan, before he was able to perpetrate his violence. Their cyber team also discovered threatening posts online targeting and promoting shootings outside of synagogues, and helped to apprehend the individual in Massachusetts. Additionally, their team has strengthened our relationship with local and state law enforcement, who have proven their commitment to keeping our community safe.

Our portion of this critical program costs nearly \$30,000 per year. When the matching grant is no longer available next year, it will be upon us to fund this fully to keep our community safe. With an already tight budget, this may force us to divert funds from other community programs.

Your support can make the difference. It allows us to stay ahead of evolving threats and to build a future in which our children and grandchildren inherit a Jewish community that is vibrant, resilient, optimistic, and secure. Your gift to our annual campaign will help us continue all of our important work. If you have already pledged for 2025, thank you! Any additional gift you can make toward the security program will help us ensure we can continue to support the security of our community, now, and into the future. If you, or someone you know would be interested in discussing how you could help underwrite this important program, please reach out to me to directly.

Working toward a world of peace in which this is no longer necessary.

Wendy Cedar, Executive Director Director@JewishOrangeNY.org 845.562.7860





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Scholarship Recipient, Hannah Shinder



My NFTY GER-Collab and Spring Kallah Experience By Hannah Shinder

As the former president of the North American Federation of Temple Youth's Garden Empire Region, I've traveled across the country to help lead programs for Jewish teens, but I wouldn't have been able to do so without the generous support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. This past year, I traveled to Camp Coleman in Georgia for the NFTY Collab, where I helped to lead Friday night Shabbat Services for hundreds of my friends. I also helped to lead a program celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot, and as you'll see in the photo I had a lot of fun carrying the lulav and etrog! Surrounded by that strong, youthful Jewish community, I felt deeply connected to my Jewish identity, and I will forever be grateful to the Jewish Federation for giving me that opportunity. Additionally, I received support from the Jewish Federation to attend the NFTY GER-PAR 2024 Spring Kallah event at URJ Camp Harlam, where I led the programming process for all of the participants--from Shabbat services to the Social Action Auction to fun games like capture the flag! Thank you to the Jewish Federation for helping me find success and happiness in my local Jewish community!













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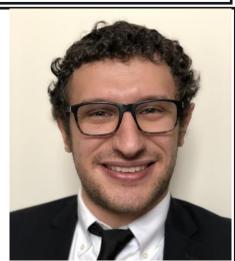
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Rabbi's Blog

As we enter the depths of the summer, our Jewish calendar turns to a season of mourning and sadness culminating in the observance of the 9th of Av which, this year, falls on August 3rd.

Throughout our history, the Jewish people have packed this day with meaning. While it serves as the day on which we mourn the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem-the first destroyed in 586BCE and the second in 70CE-it has also come to mark our mourning over the mass violence waged against the Jewish community during the First Crusades (1096), the expulsion of



Jews from England (1290), from France (1306), from Spain (1492), the beginning of the enactment of the Final Solution (1941), the beginnings of the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto (1942), the bombing of the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires (1994), and more. A rich literature has emerged in the wake of these tragedies including kinot, Hebrew poetry of mourning and despair, that we sing on the 9th of Av. Perhaps the best known of this literature is the biblical book of Eicha, Lamentations, that we chant in a mournful melody as part of our observance of this day.

When the rabbis sought to understand how the tragedy of the Second Temple's destruction could happen, they, perhaps characteristically, turned inwards. How could this tragedy happen? They asked. Because of sinat hinam, baseless hatred. Upon reflection, the rabbis realized that their Jewish community was fractured. Each sect, each ideological group, cared more about their own interests than the interests of the entire Jewish community. The rabbis teach us that when we put our own selves first without consideration for how our actions affect the entire community, tragedy follows.

They tell a story about Jehoiakim, the ancient, wicked king who reigned over Judah in the aftermath of the destruction of the First Temple. The book of Eicha emerges hot off the presses in the wake of the Jewish community's deep mourning over this tragedy, and servants brought it to King Jehoiakim. A servant chanted the first verse to the king: "Alas! Lonely sits the city once great with people!" The king, failing to understand how this communal tragedy affects him replied: "Jerusalem may sit alone, but who cares! I remain king!" He commanded his servant to cut this verse from the scroll and to burn it.

The servant began reading the second verse: "Bitterly [Jerusalem] weeps at night!" Failing again to grasp how communal tragedy affects him, Jehoiakim replied: "Jerusalem may weep bitterly, but who cares! I remain king!" He again commanded his servants to vandalize the scroll and destroy this verse.

King Jehoiakim continued this pattern until his servant came to the fifth verse: "[Jerusalem's] enemies will now become their leaders," the servant read. Threatened by the prospect that communal tragedy would affect him personally, Jehoiakim raged and said: "Who said this?!" As if to answer his question, the servant finished the verse: "For it is God who makes this pronouncement to punish sins." In his anger, King Jehoiakim threw the entire scroll into the fire. Continued next page

Rabbi's Blog Continued

King Jehoiakim realized only too late that his survival is bound up in the survival of all others. Indeed, through this story the rabbis teach us that the ability for each of us to survive and to thrive as individuals is bound up in the survival and the thriving of others. The tragedies that we commemorate on the 9th of Av are a result of the wicked actors in our history failing to realize that our survival is integral to their survival. It is not a coincidence that each empire who sought to end the Jewish people has, itself, come to an end.

This 9th of Av, may our commemoration spur us to ask: Whose survival are we, as Jews and as Americans, responsible for?

Eitan Bloostein Congregation Eitz Chaim, Monroe

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Celebration of the Pomerantz Memorial Garden, May 18, 2025, Photos taken by Gail Conklin



June 1st - In celebration of Shavout, members of NFTY enjoyed several different types of Cheesecake.





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

Upcoming Swabbing Drives:

- Sunday, August 3 | 2:30-4:30pm Temple Beth Jacob and Rural & Migrant Ministry Stop in the TBJ social hall- 290 North St, Newburgh
- Sunday, August 17 | 10am-2pm -Federation Funday: A Day of Community, Thomas Bull Memorial Park, 211 NY-RT416, Montgomery
- Tuesday, September 9 | 10am-2pm SUNY Orange Middletown –Rowley Center, 1st floor lobby-115 south St, Middletown
- Tuesday, September 16 | 10am-2pm -SUNY Orange Newburgh, Kaplan Hall, Grand Street Lobby
 One Washington Center, Newburgh
- Wednesday, October 8 | 10am-2pm SUNY Orange Women's Wellness Fair- Shepard Student Center: Fireplace Lounge, 115 South St, Middletown
- Friday, October 17 | 10am-2pm SUNY New Paltz Student Union Building, 1 Hawk Dr, New Paltz



The Temple Beth Jacob "Gift of Life" team is searching for a stem cell donor for Ignacio Edenburg Ignacio is a 50-year-old husband, father, and business owner who is battling myelofibrosis, a rare form of blood cancer, and is in urgent need of a blood stem cell transplant in order to survive.

Edenburg, doesn't have a matching donor in his family, causing him to turn to the community for support. He is of Jewish, Spanish, and Portuguese descent and his best chance of finding a match is with someone of similar ancestry. His family is working with Gift of Life Marrow Registry to test volunteer donors to learn if they are a match for Ignacio or another patient in need.

Edenburg was diagnosed with the deadly cancer after experiencing

fatigue, bone pain, neuropathy, dizziness, and other symptoms. And while his family has been touched by the disease before—both his wife's parents and his own father lost their battles against cancer—he is undeterred in his focus to win this fight.

"I've been successful in my career and now lead my own company, but my true goal in life is to watch my children grow up," said Edenburg. "Finding a donor can give me a second chance at life and help make this possible." To join the Gift of Life registry, donors simply swab the inside of their cheeks and complete a registration questionnaire. Those aged 18 to 35 years old who are in good health (the ideal demographic for successful transplants) are especially urged to attend and join.

Those unable to come in person may request a swab kit to be delivered at home by visiting <u>giftoflife.org/lgnacio.</u>



Our team of **Temple Beth Jacob** life savers worked hard at July's **Jewish Heritage Night at the Renegades Stadium**.

Thanks go to Dana, C, Lorraine, Cheryl, Jane, Mona, Babi and Cindy for all of their efforts!!

Will they have found someone's perfect life saving match? I hope so....

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Celebration of the Pomerantz Memorial Garden, May 18, 2025, continued from Page 6. Photos taken by Gail Conklin







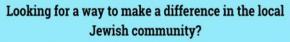
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Orange County, and Rabbi Doug Kohn, Temple Beth Jacob, Orange County

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We join together with words of prayer, acts of memory and opportunities for

learning and reflection to share the weight of the 9th of Av. Join us along with several other small URJ congregations as we gather virtually for an observance of this powerful day on our calendar. Please register for the event by clicking on this link: urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=701UG00000PDi9h1

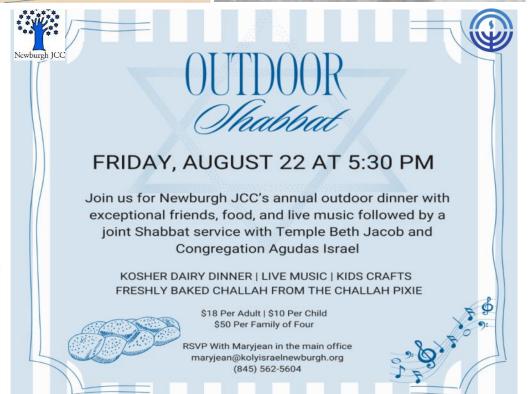


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Enjoy a fun hour or so of Yiddish nostalgia! Mit ah sach mazel (with lots of luck)! Please email or write Rochelle Marshall if you'd like to join! MonroeHadassahNY@gmail.com • Monroe Hadassah, P.O. Box 298, Harriman NY 10926





"Jewish in the Hudson Valley" Happy Hour Thursday, July 31st | 5:30pm Shadows on the Hudson | 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie

Sponsored by "Jewish in the Hudson Valley" Facebook group

Please join the "Jewish in the Hudson Valley's" Facebook group's admin's for an in-person meetup! We are meeting at the outdoor bar - it's covered, so rain or shine. There are happy hour specials until 7pm. Everyone welcome! If you're not yet a member of the "Jewish in the Hudson Valley" Facebook group, please request to join now (make sure to answer the membership questions): https:// www.facebook.com/share/g/16YsxaGMTe/





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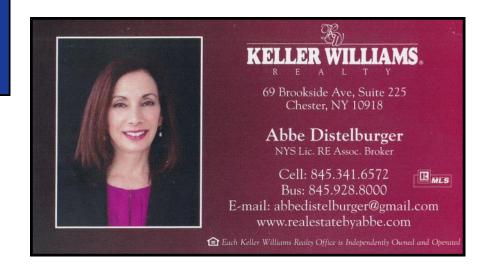
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