

# WE ARE ONE

January 2022 Tevet / Shevat 5782



WE ARE PLEASED TO SEND YOU THIS COMPLIMENTARY PRINTED ISSUE OF OUR JANUARY NEWSLETTER. TO CONTINUE RECEIVING A PRINTED NEWSLETTER, \$36/YEAR WILL COVER THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING. EMAIL [SHARON@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG](mailto:SHARON@JEWISHORANGENY.ORG) TO SUBSCRIBE.

## FROM THE DESK OF WENDY CEDAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the secular year drawing to a close, we Jews have a second opportunity to take stock of our year and plan for the future. If hindsight is actually 20-20, then in hindsight, how have 2020 and 2021 been for you?

Were you affected by COVID-19, the rise in antisemitism or other hate, or other traumas of our modern plagues?

We have been too; as a community and as individuals. Yet, we forge ever-forward. With your generosity, your Jewish Federation is still here; supporting, innovating, and bringing together not only our community, but people from all different backgrounds - working toward a better tomorrow for us all.

- ✧ Our Zachor Antisemitism Initiative remains strong, and now has a new director leading us through the persistent challenges that Jews face.
- ✧ Our Community Resource Council is making connections with; non-Jewish groups, other Jewish groups, political agencies and individuals, to improve communication and reduce misinformation.
- ✧ Our newly formed Jewish Orange Youth group (JOY) is bringing together Jewish children from throughout the county to meet, have fun, and learn as one.
- ✧ With the re-opening of summer camps and travel, we continue to support families who send children to Jewish summer camps, and teens and college students to Israel.
- ✧ We continue to create opportunities for Jewish connection and learning throughout the county with; PJ Library, adult education programs, the Jewish Film Festival, and other county-wide events & celebrations.

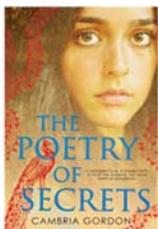
Please reach out to me to let me know how else we can be of service to you and to Jewish life in Orange County. I can be reached at: [Director@JewishOrangeNY.org](mailto:Director@JewishOrangeNY.org) or 845-562-7860. I look forward to connecting with you.

*Wendy*



Register: [jewishorangeny.org/JBC-2020-2021](http://jewishorangeny.org/JBC-2020-2021)

All Jewish Book Council events are FREE and open to the entire community.



MEET AUTHOR  
CAMBRIA GORDON  
SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 9TH  
4PM VIA ZOOM

Set in the world of fifteenth century Spain prior to the expulsion of the kingdom's Jews, sixteen year old Isabel Pérez is in a daily struggle as a crypto Jew. Her family seeks an impossible balance, outwardly conforming to the church as conversos while hoping to secretly preserve their Jewish practice. The outside environment threatens Isabel, tensions at home, which mirror the multiple responses of the Jewish community, also impose their own painful reality. Gordon's narrative emphasizes the interplay between external and internal pressures on a strong and gifted young woman as she tries to navigate the terrors of her time.



MEET AUTHOR  
JONATHAN SANTLOFER  
SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20TH  
4PM VIA ZOOM

A gripping novel exploring the secrets of the 1911 theft of the Mona Lisa and the dark underbelly of today's art world. A story of heart stopping suspense as romantic and sexy as it is terrifying and thrilling, one that taps into our universal fascination with da Vinci, the authentic and the fake, and people so driven to acquire priceless works of art, they will stop at nothing to possess them, not even murder.

The Zachor Antisemitism Initiative continues to work hard to stop hate in Orange County. If you experience antisemitism, please contact us at zachor@jewishorangeny.org or director@jewishorangeny.org.



**Winter and Spring Happenings:**

Our partner organization, the Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education, located at Rockland Community College, has opened and is better than ever. They offer tours and programs for secondary school students, professional development for teachers, as well as programs for upper elementary students. Through our grant to the museum, we have scheduled several Orange County schools to visit the museum this spring. In addition, our JOY teenagers will visit the museum at the end of March. For more information go [www.holocauststudies.org](http://www.holocauststudies.org). We will launch our annual Stop Hate Challenge this month with the theme: "Agents of Positive Change." Please look for forthcoming announcements and help us encourage our middle school and high school youth to get involved!

**Don't forget:** March 13th 4PM via Zoom - Meet author Jori Epstein, author of *The Upstander: How Surviving the Holocaust Sparked Max Glaubens Mission to Dismantle Hate*.

April 26th - The Stop Hate Symposium and announcement of the Stop Hate Challenge student winners at Washingtonville High School from 4-8PM. More information to come soon...

# #LightUpOrangeCounty

Synagogues leaders from across Orange County gathered for a virtual countywide candle lighting from the comforts of our homes.

Together we sang, learned and #Lit Up Orange County



Row 1: Rabbi Doug Kohn introduces the program, Cantor Nava Herzog kindles the lights and sings the prayers. Row 2: Rabbi Roger Lerner leads us in Chanukah songs, Federation Director Wendy Cedar welcomes us, Rabbi Emily Cobert delivers the D'var Torah. Row 3: Rabbi Rebecca Shinder presents a video about Billings Montana

Watch the #Light Up Orange County video here:

[youtu.be/o8ZVwrOFkOE](https://youtu.be/o8ZVwrOFkOE)



Awaken to a Judaism that will infuse your life with purpose and meaning! Come hear speakers, the movers and shakers in the Jewish world, who have undergone spiritual journeys that will inspire and excite your hearts, minds and souls. We thank the family of the late Jacques, Florence and Harold Levine for their generosity and kindness. This series is FREE and open to the entire community.

**THE LEVINE SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS:**

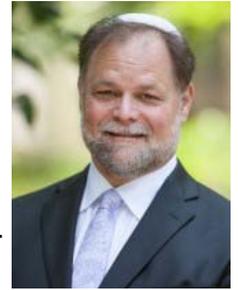


**MEET ATTORNEY NETA HANIEN**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022**  
**7PM VIA ZOOM**

With an Israeli Arab business partner, Neta founded Juha's, the backpackers social hostel, which turned the poorest Israeli Arab town into a popular tourist

destination and has been selected as the "Best Social Business" by Bank Hapoalim. Both IVN and the JCF invested in Juha's. One of three winners of the "Rappaport Prize for Women Generating Change".

**MEET RABBI DAVID LEVIN**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022**  
**3PM VIA ZOOM**



Rabbi David knows everyone has a sacred story worth sharing. This is at the heart of meaning-making. He founded Jewish Relationships Initiative to serve as a teacher and guide to develop self-awareness and nurture relationships throughout one's life including the end-of-life challenges. He serves on the Disaster Spiritual Care Team of the Red Cross, and the Association of Jewish Chaplains.

**REGISTER FOR ONE OR BOTH PROGRAMS: [jewishorangeny.org/LevineSpeakerSeries](http://jewishorangeny.org/LevineSpeakerSeries)**

**HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?**

LEAVE YOUR JEWISH LEGACY TODAY



The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County



LIFE & LEGACY

Your legacy can support any of these Orange County Life & Legacy Community Partners:

- ✧ Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
- ✧ Jewish Family Service of Orange County
- ✧ Newburgh Jewish Community Center
- ✧ Congregation Agudas Israel
- ✧ Congregation Beth Hillel
- ✧ Congregation B'nai Torah
- ✧ Congregation Eitz Chaim
- ✧ Monroe Temple Beth-El
- ✧ Temple Beth Jacob
- ✧ Temple Beth Shalom
- ✧ Temple Sinai

Thank you to those who have committed a gift to our Life & Legacy program during the first year:

2 Anonymous  
Rissa & Lee Cutler  
Linda Dlugatz  
Martin Dlugatz  
Jeff Karitis  
Kim Karitis

Harvey & Jean Kallus  
Rabbi Douglas Kohn  
Raena Korenman  
Carol Levine  
Sheila Ornstein  
Paul Pomerantz

Dr. Seth Pulver  
Mona Rieger  
Ian Rieger  
Doris & Steven Rubinsky  
In Memory of George Handler  
In Memory of Beatrice Singer

For more information, visit [jewishorangeny.org/legacy](http://jewishorangeny.org/legacy)

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



**Volunteer**  
with the Warwick  
**Friendly Visitor Program**



Call or email to Reserve Your Spot!  
[volunteer@jfsorange.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsorange.org) or call 845-341-1173 ext. 305  
Please include your name, address, and phone number

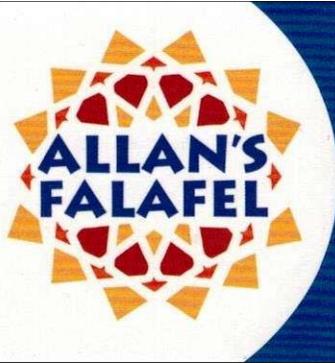
**Register today!**  
**Training Dates:**



**Monday January 10th at 5:30 pm**  
**Thursday January 20th at 10:00 am**

90 minute training. Other training dates available.  
Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS



115 Main Street  
 Chester, New York 10918  
 845.469.1714  
 eat@AllansFalafel.net  
 www.AllansFalafel.net  
 Authentic Israeli Cuisine  
 Homemade Fresh Daily  
 Lunch, Dinner  
 Catering & Food Truck  
 Enjoy Here Or Order To Go

Sci Ed Consulting

Tutoring: Biology, Earth Sci, Gen Sci  
 Sheila L Ornstein  
 Science Educator

19 Scaglione Court  
 Highland Mills, NY 10930

845.781.0603  
 rocklady81@hotmail.com



Dr. Jerome Wittner

CHIROPRACTOR

5 Catalpa Rd. 845-561-1311  
 Newburgh, NY



1240 Rt. 300 • Newburgh, NY 12550

www.AdamsFarms.com

Tel (845) 569-0303  
 Fax (845) 569-0264



69 Brookside Ave, Suite 225  
 Chester, NY 10918

Abbe Distelburger  
 NYS Lic. RE Assoc. Broker

Cell: 845.341.6572  
 Bus: 845.928.8000

E-mail: abbedistelburger@gmail.com  
 www.realestatebyabbe.com

Each Keller Williams Realty Office is Independently Owned and Operated

GARY'S  PICKLES

(845) 591-9435

barry@garyspickles.com

Providing KOSHER Pickles & More for Over 30 Years

CERTIFIED KOSHER 

GARY'S PICKLES 

- Full Sours
- Half-Sours
- Hot & Spicy

GARY'S SPECIALTIES 

- Pickled Tomatoes
- Sweet Gherkins
- Marinated Mushrooms
- Horseradish Pickles (when in season)
- Bread & Butter Pickles
- Sauerkraut



FOR MORE PRODUCTS GO TO

GARYSPICKLES.COM



Advertise your business here.

Business card ads: \$10/month or \$100/year.

¼ page(4.5x3.5"): \$15/month or \$150/year.

2 free months for whichever size ad placed.

Call 845-562-7860 or email  
 sharon@jewishorangeny.org



The Jewish Federation  
 OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY

A Publication of the Jewish Federation  
 of Greater Orange County

292 North St., Newburgh, NY 12550

845-562-7860

www.jewishorangeny.org

info@jewishorangeny.org