

WE ARE ONE

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JEWISH FEDERATION MAJOR GIFTS RECEPTION REMEMBERING THE TRAGEDY OF THE TREE OF LIFE SHOOTING AND RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO A STRONG AND SECURE JEWISH COMMUNITY

HONORING OUR PARTNERS IN CREATING A SAFE AND STRONG JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY



Elise Gold had the honor of serving as Executive Director of Jewish Family Service of Orange County for seven years. In July, 2019 she left that role. During her tenure at JFS Orange, Elise valued the support from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

Along with her husband, Elise is the Co-Founder of the Maya Gold Foundation, an organization they created in their daughter's name. Maya left us in 2015, way too soon. The foundation's mission is to "empower youth to access their inner wisdom and realize their dreams." Work with teens is done throughout the Hudson Valley and in Nepal. Currently, Elise is exploring how she will next leave a mark. She is a member of the Kol Hai: Hudson Valley Jewish Renewal Community and of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation. She lives in New Paltz with her son, Adin and her husband, Mathew.



Ronald Kossar, founder of the Zachor Anti-Semitism Fund, and his wife, Sandra, reside in Goshen. He has practiced law in Middletown since 1976. He has been a Major Donor of the Federation for over 25 years. In the summer of 2017 in response to a

disturbing and growing trend of Anti-Semitic incidences in Orange County he established the Zachor Fund to combat local Anti-Semitism and has funded it since its inception.



Stefanie Kostenblatt proudly serves as Executive Director of the Newburgh Jewish Community Center and Kol Yisrael tangentially. She is an entrepreneur-turned nonprofit director, community advocate and partnership facilitator. Creative endeavors include Orange County's All Access Pass and HappyHudsonValley.com. She is a writer, a hard worker and change-maker with a passion for community. She holds a B.S. in Business and Management from SUNY Empire. Her husband, James and her children are the center of her world.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID HOOVLER

District Attorney Hoovler has worked closely with the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, speaking about Anti-Semitism at local High Schools. At Orange Ulster BOCES, he spoke to criminal justice students about hate crimes and the "Stand Up to Speak Up Against Hate" program conceived by his office in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 3PM THE LODGE AT STONY FORD GOLF COURSE IN MONTGOMERY

There will be an opportunity to make your gift to the 2020 Annual Campaign. Minimum Suggested Donation: \$613
Dietary Laws Observed. Business Casual Attire.
RSVP to sharon@jewishorangenj.org by October 18th.

JEWISH FEDERATION HOLDS INFORMATIVE ENDOWMENT EVENT



Over 40 people attended an informational event at the Powelton Club in Newburgh on September 22nd to hear about creating an Endowment account through the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. Federation president Harvey Kallus explained what an Endowment is and chairperson Jeff Karitis told everyone how to get started. In addition, current Endowment holders Rissa Cutler, Mona Rieger and Michael Gittlesohn told us why they created their accounts. Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Richard Vargus spoke about the canine program at the US Department of Defense.

See all the photos and read Lt. Col. Vargus' bio here: jewishorangenj.org/jewish-life/endowment-event-2019.

Some of our current Endowment holders are pictured here. Photo by Gail Conklin.

Standing l-r: Jerry Goldberg, Michael Gittlesohn, Joan Gittlesohn, Steve Rubinsky, Carol Levine, Jeff Karitis, Kim Karitis, Harvey Kallus, Norma Vargus, Richard Vargus, Ian Rieger, Mona Rieger, Rissa Cutler, Lee Cutler.

Seated l-r: Sharon Goldberg, Doris Rubinsky, Raena Korenman, Ken Oliver, Gail Oliver

Music & Movement PJ Story Time Arts & Crafts

PJ Play

For children 18mo-5yrs & their grown-ups

Join us each month in your neighborhood!

Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave MIDDLETOWN 9:30AM	Temple Beth Shalom 13 Roosevelt Ave FLORIDA 10:30AM	Kol Yisrael 290 North St NEWBURGH 10:30AM	Monroe Temple 314 N. Main St MONROE 9:30AM
October 6	October 13	October 6	October 6
November 3	November 24	November 3	November 3
December 8	December 15	December 15	December 8
January 12	January 26	January 12	January 12
February 2	February 23	February 9	February 2
March 1	March 22	March 8	March 1
April 19	April 26	April 19	April 19
May 3	-	May 3	May 3

Little ones will love rocking out to our Music and Movement Jam, reveling in PJ Library Story Time and making their own creations in Magical Craft time. Connect with other families with young children in your neighborhood at this one-of-a-kind Jewish parent/tot experience. You'll want it to become a regular part of your Sunday morning routine!



For more information and to sign up:
rachel@jewishorangenj.org or (845)562-7860

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Below: Rebecca Levinstein and the children make Rosh HaShanah cards at Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh.

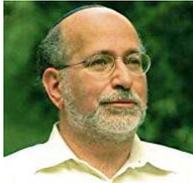


Below: Stacy Lulkin facilitates crafting Rosh HaShanah cards. Rabbi Rebecca Shinder plays for the group at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida.



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
2:00PM AT TEMPLE SINAI
RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN**

Spiritual leader, scholar, ethicist and the acclaimed author of more than 15 books, including volumes about Jewish ethics, Jewish literacy, and "Rebbe", a New York Times bestseller. Rabbi Telushkin was ordained at Yeshiva University and studied Jewish history at Columbia University. He lives with his wife Dvorah in New York.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
2:00PM AT TEMPLE SINAI
SARA HURWITZ**

From 2009 to 2017, Sarah Hurwitz served as a White House speechwriter for President Obama and as the chief speechwriter for Michelle Obama. During the 2008 primary, she was the chief speechwriter for Senator Hillary Clinton. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and is a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
7PM AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
2PM AT TEMPLE SINAI
RABBI SALLY J. PRIESAND**

Rabbi Priesand, America's first female rabbi, ordained in 1972. She is now President of Interfaith Neighbors, an organization whose primary purpose is to provide rental assistance and support services for the working poor. **Join us for Havdalah at TBS and reflections of Rabbi Priesand's life as a rabbi at Temple Sinai.**



ORANGE COUNTY JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

THE OTHER STORY

Two rebellious young women, one fleeing the chaos of secular hedonism for the disciplined comforts of faith, the other desperate to transcend her oppressive religious upbringing for sexual and spiritual freedom, cross paths unexpectedly in Jerusalem, to startling consequences.

112 minutes, Hebrew with English Subtitles

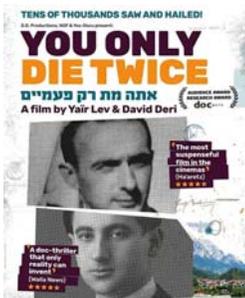


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

FIG TREE

16 year old Jewish Mina, is trying to navigate between the civil war in Ethiopia and her last days of youth with her Christian boyfriend Eli. When she discovers her family is immigrating to Israel and escape the war, she weaves an alternate plan in order to save Eli. But, in times of war, plans tend to go wrong.

93 minutes, Amharic with English subtitles



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

YOU ONLY DIE TWICE

Yair Lev, an Israeli documentary filmmaker turns detective and sets on a journey to uncover the true identity behind the man who stole his grandfather's identity and later on became the president of a Jewish community in Austria.

88 minutes, in Hebrew, English, German and Serbo-Croatian with English subtitles

All films shown at 8PM at Flagship Premium Cinema, Monroe
Suggested donation \$10/adult, children 14 and under FREE.

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The *Chesed in the Kitchen* program is spearheaded by Yasmine Kalkstein, based on an idea from her 11 year old daughter, Sivan, who said, "I feel like this is a win-win because we get to enjoy cooking and also get to do something for others." Successfully implemented with a Microgrant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County and delivered to the homebound by Chabad Cares.

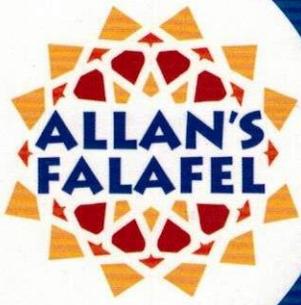
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