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LEVINE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES BRINGS TWO BRILLIANT AUTHORS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, author of fourteen acclaimed non-fiction books, kicked off the 2019 Jewish Federation Levine Speaker Series with a talk on his newly re-



released book “Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: How the Words You Choose Shape Your Destiny.” In his 90-minute talk, Telushkin captivated the crowd with personal anecdotes that were funny, heartwarming, and inspiring, each one bringing to light the very real impact that our words can have on others. Filled with Jewish wisdom, Telushkin’s ability to distill Jewish

teaching in a way that is both impactful and accessible left the 85+ people in attendance with a sense that living a life in line with Jewish values is wholly possible.

Rabbi Telushkin ended his talk encouraging everyone in the audience to commit to 24 hours without speaking *lashon hara*, gossip about others. We invite you to take on this challenge and see for yourself just how impactful your words can be.



Way above: Rabbi Telushkin, Above: Carol Levine, Rabbi Telushkin, Federation Executive Director Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein, Abbe Distelburger, Chair of the Speaker Series Committee.

A good sized crowd came to Temple Sinai on Sunday, November 17th to hear Sarah Hurwitz speak. During the 2008 presidential primary, Hurwitz was the chief speechwriter for



Senator Hillary Clinton. From 2009 to 2017, Sarah served as a White House speechwriter, first for President Barack Obama and then as the chief speechwriter for

First Lady Michelle Obama. She worked with Mrs. Obama to craft a number of widely acclaimed addresses, including her 2012 and 2016 Democratic National Convention speeches and her political speeches during the 2016 campaign. Hurwitz is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and is currently a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School. She’s living in Washington DC.

You can watch Rabbi Telushkin’s and Sarah Hurwitz’s entire presentations on our Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County Facebook page.



Way above: Sarah Hurwitz & Abbe Distelburger introduced by Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein Above: Carol Levine, Sarah Hurwitz, Abbe Distelburger, Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein

LEVINE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES CONCLUDES WITH RABBI SALLY J. PRIESAND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 7PM AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 2PM, AT TEMPLE SINAI



Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, America’s first female rabbi, was ordained in June, 1972, by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1981-2006, she served as Rabbi of Monmouth Reform Temple, becoming Rabbi Emerita upon her retirement. Nationally, she has served on the Executive Board of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism. Locally, she is 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 where Rabbi Priesand will discuss Rabbi Regina Jonas, the world’s first female rabbi. Very few people have ever heard of her because her papers were hidden away until after the fall of the Berlin Wall when they were discovered. Rabbi Priesand traveled to Germany five years ago with a group of rabbis, scholars and lay people to follow in the footsteps of Regina Jonas and dedicate a plaque in her memory at the concentration camp Terezin. A brief video of the dedication ceremony will be shown.

On Sunday at Temple Sinai, Rabbi Priesand will share reflections of her life as a rabbi.

Music & Movement PJ Story Time Arts & Crafts

PJ Play

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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
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

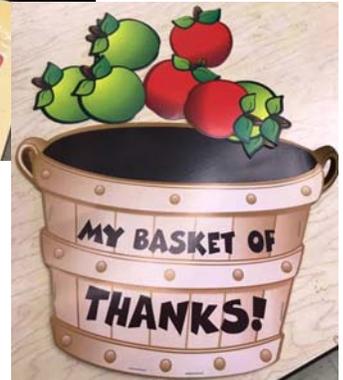
Little ones will love rocking out to our Music and Movement Jam, reveling in PJ Library Story Time and making their own creations in Magical Craft time. Connect with other families with young children in your neighborhood at this one-of-a-kind Jewish parent/tot experience. You'll want it to become a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



For more information and to register, call 845-562-7860 or email rachel@jewishorangenj.org.

Below: Filling their baskets of thanks at Temple Sinai, Middletown.

Below: Thanksgiving story at Kol Yisrael, Newburgh.



Right and below: Music and friendship at Monroe Temple Beth-El, Monroe



Above and right: More Thanksgiving crafts at Temple Beth Shalom, Florida, NY



JEWISH SUMMER CAMP MEMORIES FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Hi, my name is Isabela Sliverstein and I would like to share some of my favorite memories from Camp Pinemere. I have many fun memories of sleepaway camp. Let me tell you some of my favorite memories that will last a lifetime. My bunkmates made me laugh and put a smile on my face every day. From when I wake-up in the morning, all through the day and right-up until I went to bed. One time we had a night party drawing and telling stories about our pets. In the day we made sand sea turtles at the beach. I also tried to teach my bunkmates karate. And we did bunk activities together.

But I had awesome memories by doing some independent activities too. I learned to paddle board over the summer at camp. Also I tried zip lining for the first time. But my favorite independent activity is art. My favorite thing in art was ceramics because I'm really good at ceramics. We made little animals and we baked them the kiln and glazed them with a special paint. I also decorated a flag for half an hour for a team competition.

So thank you to the Jewish Federation for sending me to Camp Pinemere this past summer. I learned a lot of new activities at camp. Also teaching people some activities at camp. Like you always want marshmallow burnt when you make s'mores because when the marshmallow is burnt it's extra gooey and perfect for s'mores.

Sincerely, Isabela Silverstein

Isabela is in 5th grade at Gardnertown School. She adores her pet hamster "Jumper" and loves taking care of animals. Earlier in the year she took a photo of her first hamster "Tiger" and it was published in the Fall issue of Animal Tales magazine. Isabela recently earned her Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, plays softball with our traveling team in New Windsor, enjoys arts and crafts and loves meeting new friends throughout the year.



Its never too early to plan for your child's summer camp experience. Scholarship information can be found on our website here: jewishorangeny.org/scholarships.

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. We're proud to bring you continuing coverage of these young ladies and their wonderful work. Five girls prepared November's menu for two grieving families - homemade pizza, roasted cauliflower, and chocolate chip cookies. Yummy!



ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Enhance your academic résumé for college! THE 2020 STOP HATE STUDENT/TEACHER CHALLENGE THIS YEAR'S THEME: MORAL COURAGE



Student Competition - In addition to our traditional essay contest we are offering prizes this year for creative student responses to our challenge, these include: Posters, Podcasts, Electronic Public Service Announcements (PSAs), Other creative videos, Children's books, Graphic Novellas, Songs, Poems, and Plays.

Teacher Mini Grant Proposal - In addition to the Student Moral Courage Competition, Jewish Federation is offering a mini grant for any teacher working with a student or group of students who puts together a proposal on how to Stop Hate in their school community. The mini grant is intended to assist teachers/students with implementing their idea. Teachers overseeing students will receive a stipend for their efforts.

More information is available on the Federation website, jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/2020-stop-hate-teacher-student-challenge. You may call the Federation office at 845-562-7860 or email sharon@jewishorangeny.org with any questions.

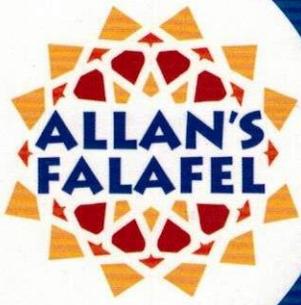
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