



These are uncertain, challenging times for the world, our country, Israel, and our community.

This is a time of financial uncertainty for many non-profit organizations, including the Jewish Federation. If you are able, consider making a donation today to help us weather this storm and ensure that we are able to do the important work of supporting and sustaining our Jewish community through this crisis and for many years to come. **Visit our secure donation page here: jewishorangeny.org/donate**

Obviously, this is not business as usual. The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County is committed to your health and well-being and that of the entire community. We, like others, have cancelled public events. In addition, our office will be closed for the time being. But we remain very much open for business to help the hungry, the sick and others at-risk.

Our buildings are closed, but our communities are open.

If you need to reach the Jewish Federation, please email Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein at rachel@jewishorangeny.org. You may also leave us a voicemail at (845)562-7860. We will be checking our voicemail daily and will return your call as soon as we can.

We have been working hard to support our synagogues and religious schools as they transition to online and virtual content. If your synagogue needs a tutorial on Zoom or help in their transition, please have them reach out to rachel@jewishorangeny.org directly.

We are here to help. We are working closely with our partners at Jewish Family Service to meet the growing needs of our vulnerable populations. We also know that many of you are looking for opportunities to help the community at this time, through volunteering and donations.

- ♦ **Food Drive:** We are joining Jewish Family Service in collecting non-perishable food donations including paper products. Jewish Family Service will pick-up donations and prepare bags to distribute to local seniors who are in need.
- ♦ **Volunteers:** Jewish Family Service is compiling a list of volunteers to pick-up and drop off food and prescriptions by location and availability.
- ♦ **Friendly Calls:** Many of our neighbors are isolated at home at this time. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to make calls to our neighbors to offer them companionship and support.

To sign up to help, please contact Sean Gerow, Gerow@jfsorange.org or 845-341-1173 ext. 302.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call Jewish Family Service, 845-341-1173. They will work to provide whatever assistance they can.



ORANGE COUNTY WOMEN OF VALOR

Honoring women from every decade who are making a difference in the Jewish community and beyond. Featuring keynote speaker Madeline Kunin, the first female Jewish governor.

This is time of uncertainty for many of us, in our workplaces, our families, and our homes. As of now, our plan is to hold our event in June. Of course, things are changing every day, and we will continue to monitor the guidance from the CDC and local officials. If we are unable to hold our in-person event in June we may hold a virtual event or postpone. But in any case, whether our event is in person or virtual, we know that now more than ever is the time to highlight the amazing contributions these individuals are making to the community. We are proud to share with our community these amazing honorees.

Teen - Sophia Maier, Highland Mills
Teen - Sarah Shamah, Rock Hill
30s - Kiowa Pratt-Gordon, Warwick
40s - Aviva Snyder, Highland Mills

50s - Paula Blumenau, Middletown
60s - Gail Oliver, Newburgh
70s - Carol Levine, Goshen
80s - Lorraine Wernow, Marlboro

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
11AM**

KOL YISRAEL, NEWBURGH



We hope to resume normal activities in the Fall. In the meantime, if you would like resources for fun times with your little ones, please email rachel@jewishorangenj.org.



In March, the children at Temple Sinai and Monroe Temple made matzah covers and read "And Then Another Sheep Showed Up"



Above: Temple Sinai, Middletown



Above - Monroe Temple

VIRTUAL YOM HAATZMAUT, YOM HASHOAH & YOM HAZIKARON PROGRAMMING



YOM HAATZMAUT: JFNA is working to create an exciting global celebration around Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, that can be accessed by thousands of people from around the world. This event will take place on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 2:00 PM ET** so please save the date. It will likely include spin off events afterwards so stay tuned.



YOM HASHOAH: On this critically important day, when we remember what the Holocaust means to our sacred task of caring for survivors (many of whom live below the poverty line) we will partner with Together We Remember. TWR has developed an online platform and resource for students, educators, and community members nationwide to post and access virtual events on **APRIL 20-21** and throughout the month. JFNA is collecting information about overseas programming and will share that soon.



YOM HAZIKARON: JFNA is currently curating resources for Yom HaZikaron and hope to provide access to the Israeli Government's virtual programming and other resources once the details become available. **APRIL 27-28**.

We will continue to bring you updates on these events as we receive them.

סדור
לב שלם
Siddur
Lev Shalem
לשבת ויום טוב
FOR SHABBAT
& FESTIVALS

In these extraordinary times, The Rabbinic Assembly knows that many of you are exploring ways to pray as a community while engaging in social distancing. Request a download the Siddur here: rabbinicalassembly.org. Enter Siddur Lev Shalem in the search bar.

משכן תפילה
MISHKAN T'FILAH
A Reform Siddur

The Central Conference of American Rabbis offers a free online flipbook of Mishkan Tefillah, here: ccarnet.org. Enter Mishkan Tfilah in the search bar. There is a cost for the discounted Kindle version on Amazon here: amazon.com. Search for Mishkan Tfilah in Kindle Books.

Scholarship Deadline Extended

To give both camps and families more time to make plans in this moment of uncertainty, we have extended our scholarship application deadline to April 30th.

Please Note We are only accepting applications via email.

Please email completed applications to sharon@jewishorangeny.org.

Please do not include any sensitive financial information in your email--we will follow up with all applicants regarding secure transfer of financial documentation.

DOWNLOAD ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS HERE: jewishorangeny.org/scholarships



Jewish Summer Camp

We offer partial scholarships for Jewish children residing in Orange County. PJ Library is offering more children the opportunity to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time with grants to qualifying families in the amount of \$700 for campers who attend overnight camp for 12-18 days or \$1,000 for campers who attend camp for 19 days or longer. Get more information here: pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pj-goes-to-camp

Israel Experience

Partial scholarships for educational programs and experiences in Israel for Jewish teens residing in Orange County. The amount of each award depends on individual need as well as the number of applications. The Jack and Jessica Blinkoff Scholarship is a full award covering the cost of one trip to Israel, given to one special 11th or 12th grade student, based on need and merit.



Stop Hate Competition: "Acts of Moral Courage" Deadline Extended to May 31st

In the midst of this global pandemic, we have seen how one individual can affect entire communities. But if you look closely, you can find incredible acts of moral courage. One example is Dr. Li Wenliang, the Chinese doctor who raised the alarm about Coronavirus in the early days of the outbreak. Acts of Moral Courage are everywhere, we just have to look.

To give students at home more time to complete their entries, we have extended the deadline on our Stop Hate Multimedia Competition. This contest is open to all Middle School and High School student in Orange County (public, private, or homeschooled).

If students have questions or need assistance with research for their projects, please email Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein, rachel@jewishorangeny.org.

**Stop Hate Competition details can be found on our website:
jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/2020-stop-hate-teacher-student-challenge**

How to Make Your Virtual Seder Lively, Engaging, and Meaningful

Passover is an experiential holiday, a time when we typically come together with loved ones in celebration of our Judaism. For some families, this is the one time each year when everyone joins together in person to share traditions, tell stories, and create lasting memories. But this year's COVID-19 pandemic means that we cannot share physical spaces - so what are we to do? Thanks to modern technology, we can still gather online to create fun, engaging, meaningful, and memory-making holiday experiences - together.

The staff of the URJ, Union For Reform Judaism, has put together digital content to help you host the ultimate online gathering. You can access this information here: reformjudaism.org/how-make-your-virtual-seder-lively-engaging-and-meaningful



It's time to get creative.

The staff of the USCJ, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, has also put together digital content to help you host the ultimate online gathering. You can access this information here: uscj.org/passover-resources

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