

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
KENNETH W. JENKINS, CHAIRMAN

celebrates

Jewish History & Heritage Month

*“Westchester Youth Give Back”
Impact of Teen Philanthropy Initiatives*

Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Opening Prayer

Rabbi Susan Mitrani-Knapp, member of the Westchester Board of Rabbi's

Blowing of the Shofar

Robert Greenburg, Edgemont Middle School

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

Youth Presentations

- Julia Berger, Byram Hills High School, *The Mitzvah Project*
- Benjamin Claar, Scarsdale Middle School, *Special Needs Academic & Arts Center (SNAAC) Sunday Funday Program*
- Charlotte Bilski and Charlie Erlich, Horace Greeley High School, *2010 Westchester J-SERVE Project*
- Lucy Price, The Masters School, *Atria Woodlands Assisted Living Campus Volunteer Program*

Presentation of Proclamation

Presented by Martin Rogowsky, Michael Kaplowitz and Bernice Spreckman

Accepted by Ron Burton, President; Joyce Claar and David Glasser, Event Chairs, Westchester Jewish Council

Closing Remarks

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

Kenneth W. Jenkins
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Legislator, 1st District

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Proclamation

Alfred Williams
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John M. Gorman
John D. Tosta
Judy Nguyen
Ben Burton
James P. Summers
James Mairano
Frederic D. Williams
Peter B. Wobber
William J. Ryan

Whereas

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT, THE 12th DAY OF TISHRI 5771, WITH MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH COUNCIL TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE THE HISTORY, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CULTURE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON WESTCHESTER COUNTY. THIS MARKS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH BY THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOUTH WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE CENTRAL TENETS OF JUDAISM IS TO REPAIR THE WORLD (TIKKUN OLAM) THROUGH CHARITY (TZEDAKAH) AND ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS (HESED). ONCE JEWISH YOUTH REACH BAR OR BAT MITZVAH AGE, THEY CONTINUE THE TRADITIONS OF THEIR ELDERS BY TAKING ON A PERSONAL PROJECT IN FULFILLMENT OF THE COMMANDMENT (MITZVAH) OF TIKKUN OLAM, BY USING THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND TALENTS TO ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE, AND

WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO FULFILL A MITZVAH, AN ACT OF KINDNESS THAT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL ACT OF KINDNESS, MUST BE PERFORMED. RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WILL ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE IN JUDAISM AND HELP TO REMIND PEOPLE WHAT FAITH IS REALLY ABOUT. PERFORMING A MITZVAH IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS JEWISH PEOPLE CAN DO AS IT REMINDS THEM OF THE COVENANT WITH GOD, AND

WHEREAS, TIKKUN OLAM EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY. IT IMPLIES THAT EACH PERSON HAS A HAND IN WORKING TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR EXISTENCE AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. INCREASING THE WELL-BEING OF HUMANKIND IS ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF REPAIRING THE WORLD, AND

WHEREAS, JEWISH YOUTH CARRY ON THEIR CULTURE'S TRADITION OF TIKKUN OLAM THROUGH GOOD DEEDS AND SERVICE. AS THEY HONOR AND MAINTAIN THEIR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE, THEY HELP TO SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR ALL, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN WITH CHAIRMAN KENNETH W. JENKINS IN CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING THE POSITIVE IMPACT AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY JEWISH YOUTH TO THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN WITH CHAIRMAN KENNETH W. JENKINS IN PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF TISHRI 5771, "JEWISH HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.



Given Under My Hand and Seal this 20th Day of SEPTEMBER, 2010

Ken Jenkins
Chairman

Bernice Spederman
Legislator

Michael B. Koplowitz *Martin Rogovsky*