

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates

# Jewish-American Heritage Month

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**Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Live streamed from the Board Chamber**

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## PROGRAM

### **Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements**

Chair Catherine Borgia

### **Invocation**

Rabbi Howard Goldsmith

*Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester*

## PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

### **AJC Westchester/Fairfield**

Presented by Chair Catherine Borgia  
on behalf of the BOL and WJC

*Accepted by AJC CEO David Harris*

### **Rabbi Howard Goldsmith**

*Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester & President,  
Westchester Board of Rabbis*

Presented by Legislator Erika Pierce  
on behalf of Vice Chair Nancy Barr

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**Catherine Borgia**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 9th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Vedat Gashi**  
Legislator, 4th District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**MaryJane Shimsky**  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Christopher A. Johnson**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 17th District



## AJC Westchester/ Fairfield



David Harris

**AJC WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD** connects the local community with American Jewish Committee's global advocacy work to enhance the well-being of the Jewish people and Israel. American Jewish Committee (AJC) is the leading global Jewish advocacy organization. It works to impact policy and opinion on some of the most important issues facing the Jewish people. David Harris, a lifelong Jewish activist, has led AJC since 1990.

AJC Westchester/Fairfield's access to diplomats, elected officials, and interfaith leaders at the local level advances AJC's broader global priorities: combating antisemitism, promoting Israel's place in the world, and countering the spread of radicalism and extremism. Their impact extends well beyond the Westchester/Fairfield community, helping AJC achieve tangible results in the form of government policies, formidable alliances, and hard-hitting legislation that make the world safer and more secure.

AJC Westchester/Fairfield exposes more than 4,000 people to AJC's critical work through over 140 educational programs and advocacy initiatives each year. The region's proximity to New York City allows for unparalleled access to top-notch experts, diplomats, political leaders, and public intellectuals.

The lay/professional partnership is the foundation of their work. Eleven volunteer committees—on topics such as diplomatic outreach, interfaith relations, and Israel—produce high-level, engaging programs, including the Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast, the annual AJC Westchester/Fairfield Gala, and the annual Westchester Jewish Film Festival.



Rabbi Howard Goldsmith

**RABBI HOWARD GOLDSMITH** of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester takes an intensely personal approach to Jewish leadership. He believes that each of us is on a personal Jewish journey and that we best actualize our Jewish selves in a warm, supportive, non-judgmental community. As such, he continually fosters a breadth and depth of worship experiences, programs, educational opportunities, and social action initiatives in partnership with fellow clergy, staff, lay-leadership, congregants, and community members. These allow each member of the congregation to forge a personally meaningful Jewish path.

Rabbi Goldsmith is the president of the Westchester Board of Rabbis where he heads the Westchester 2040 initiative to develop a joint rabbinic vision for the future of the Westchester Jewish Community. He also proudly serves as an interfaith chaplain for the Westchester County Police Department and on the faculty of the Reform Movement's Eisner Camp. His fellowships include: LEAP Fellowship – a joint project of Clal, and the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania; The Jewish Education Project's Leadership Journey Project; and, UJA-Federation of New York's Rabbinic Fellowship for Visionary Leaders. The "No Pay No Way" campaign of Port Chester's Don Bosco Community Center awarded him their Economic Justice Award. He is active with AJC, WJC, and is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Goldsmith graduated from Cornell University and was ordained by Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion where his rabbinic thesis compared modern and medieval rabbinic leadership.

He is also a member of several other professional, alumni, Jewish, and Israel advocacy organizations.

Rabbi Goldsmith's hobbies include cycling, hiking, skiing, cooking, wine, and listening to music. He and his wife, Rabbi Jennifer Goldsmith, of The Jewish Education Project, live in New Rochelle, New York with their children, Lev and Talia.