

Westchester County Board of Legislators



Proclamation

Whereas

, THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, WE ARE PLEASED TO HONOR ONE OF THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS, IRVINGTON RESIDENT **NAOMI FEINKIND**, ON THE COMPLETION OF HER TERM AS PRESIDENT OF GREENBURGH HEBREW CENTER (G.H.C.), HAVING LED HER CONGREGATION CAPABLY AND COMPASSIONATELY THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WITH THE SUPPORT OF HER FAMILY AND BELOVED COMMUNITY, RABBI JAY STEIN, CANTOR JANET LEUCHTER, CANTOR ANNA MAY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AMY KESSLER, AND THE OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, STAFF, AND CONGREGATION OF G.H.C.; AND

WHEREAS, **NAOMI FEINKIND** HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY ASPECTS OF PROGRAMMING AND LEADERSHIP AT G.H.C. OVER THE YEARS. BEFORE BECOMING PRESIDENT, SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SERVING AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND AS VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP TWICE, WITH A TEN-YEAR INTERVAL BETWEEN THOSE TWO TERMS. SHE WAS THE KOACH/CAMPUS CONNECTION LIAISON FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, AND SERVED ON THE NOMINATING, CANTORIAL SEARCH, MEMBERSHIP, P.J. LIBRARY, SECURITY, CONSTITUTION REVISION, AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS THE "PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" TASK FORCE. SHE DEVELOPED A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROGRAM FOR YOM HASHOAH, AND SHE JOINED ALEX NEUBURGER (Z"L) AS CO-CHAIR OF G.H.C.'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE, WHERE SHE INITIATED THE TURKEY DROP THAT HAS SERVED FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS AS AN EXPRESSION OF G.H.C.'S GENEROSITY. FOR 30 YEARS, SHE HAS PARTICIPATED WITH THE MIDNIGHT RUN PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS; AND

WHEREAS, **NAOMI FEINKIND** PURSUED A CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR WHILE SHE AND HER HUSBAND, MICHAEL, RAISED THEIR CHILDREN JOSHUA, BETH, AND TODD IN THE G.H.C. COMMUNITY. WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION FROM S.U.N.Y. NEW PALTZ, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FROM LEHMAN COLLEGE, C.U.N.Y., SHE WORKED FOR THE YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A TEACHER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR, AND CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION UNTIL HER RETIREMENT. SHE CONTINUES TO MENTOR NEW TEACHERS IN YONKERS AND PREPARE VARIANCE DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL BY THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; AND

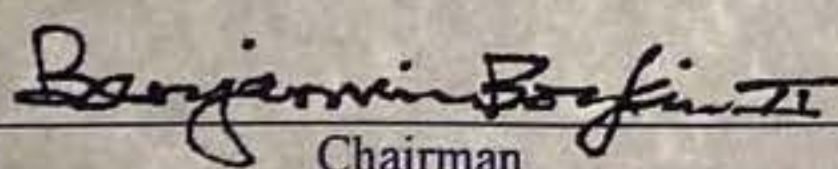
WHEREAS, **NAOMI FEINKIND** GREW UP IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOME IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WITH HER PARENTS, ESTHER AND HARRY RUNYON (Z"L), AND MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, BESSIE AND JACOB KEROES (Z"L), AND WITH MANY BELOVED EXTENDED FAMILY NEARBY. SHE ATTENDED P.S. 84 FOR KINDERGARTEN, BAIS RIVKAH YESHIVA FOR GRADES 1-3, AND THE NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR GRADES 4-12. LATER IN LIFE, IT WAS A JOYFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT WHEN, ON JUNE 2, 2018, AFTER COMPLETING RABBI STEIN'S ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS, SHE BECAME A BAT MITZVAH AT G.H.C.; AND

WHEREAS, **NAOMI FEINKIND** DESERVES OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, THAT THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS PROUDLY JOIN THEIR COLLEAGUES CHAIRMAN BENJAMIN BOYKIN, OF DISTRICT FIVE, AND MAJORITY LEADER MARYJANE SHIMSKY, OF DISTRICT TWELVE, IN HONORING **NAOMI FEINKIND** AND DECLARE JUNE 10, 2021, TO BE "**NAOMI FEINKIND DAY**" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

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

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 6th Day of JUNE, 2021


Chairman


Legislator

