

Key Initiatives

2025/5786

Jewish Community Building

- Hosted 25 Jewish leadership roundtables and workshops
- Worked closely with the Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Cantors of Westchester on Night of Jewish Learning and Day of Jewish Music
- Honored volunteer leaders via our Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony
- Honored the memory of the Holocaust in partnership with HHREC at the annual Westchester County Yom HaShoah program
- Partnered with Purchase College Jewish Studies program for a year-long lecture series
- Engaged thousands of attendees at our annual Westchester Jewish Music & Arts Festival

Safety & Security

- Served as a community responder along with Community Security Initiative (CSI), Community Security Service (CSS) and law enforcement
- Developed and shared security protocols with member organizations and law enforcement
- Hosted security briefings in advance of the High Holidays and in response to targeted threats



Government Relations

- Engaged a dedicated government relations professional to deepen our relationship with over 1,200 Westchester elected officials
- Hosted our annual "Leadership Kick-Off" facilitating the sharing of ideas among elected officials and leaders of our member organizations
- Promoted with AJC annual Jewish American Heritage Month in Westchester (in partnership with the Westchester County Board of Legislators and UJA)
- Held Annual Legislative Breakfast with UJA, convening elected officials to discuss priorities affecting the Westchester Jewish community
- Led trips to Israel with elected officials
- Celebrated Hanukkah with a special reception for elected officials and leaders from our member organizations

Israel Matters

- Worked closely with JAFI community shlichah and shinshinim for Israel engagement and programming
- Conducted post-October 7th community rallies and information sessions—many featuring representatives from Israel including our community shlichah/emissary and shinshinim
- Coordinated and participated in *Celebrate Israel Parade*
- Hosted "Israel Connection" series with a variety of guest speakers
- Led trips to Israel with elected officials, clergy and others
- Convened professionals and volunteers from among our member organizations to explore our ongoing work and relationship with Israel

Community Engagement

- Partnered with AJC Westchester/Fairfield on the Annual Westchester Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast
- Participated in the County Interfaith Appreciation Breakfast, representing the Jewish community
- Led a trip to Israel with multi-faith clergy
- Represented the Jewish community at the annual county Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains
- Arranged and hosted subsequent meetings for Israel trip attendees to deepen connection to Israel

Combating Antisemitism

- Conducted workshops on combating antisemitism and hate for school superintendents
- Convened professionals from our member organizations dedicated to combating hate in Westchester
- Worked closely with the Westchester County Human Rights Commission and the Office of the District Attorney in combating hate



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Connecting & Convening



Afternoon of Music



49th Anniversary Gala



Celebrate Israel Parade



Yom HaShoah



Jewish American Heritage Month



Leadership Kick-Off



Clergy Trip to Israel



**Julian Y. Bernstein
Distinguished Service Awards**