

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates

# Jewish-American Heritage Month

**Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Live streamed from the Board Chamber**  
*westchestercountyny.legistar.com*

## PROGRAM

### Invocation

Rabbi Daniel Rockoff

### Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements

Vice Chair Nancy Barr

## PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

### The Westchester Day School,

*accepted by Rabbi Daniel Rockoff, Head of School*

Presented by WJC Executive Director, Elliot Forchheimer  
and Legislator Catherine F. Parker

### Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration (WJCI),

*accepted by President and Co-Founder, Holly Rosen Fink*

Presented by Legislator Catherine F. Parker

### The Resettlement Committee for Refugees,

*accepted by Co-Chairs Pat Rind, Community Synagogue of Rye,  
Andrea Dulberg, Nancy Hart, and Florence Reiss Kraut, JCC of Harrison*

Presented by Vice Chair Nancy Barr

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

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

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

**Catherine Borgia**  
Legislator, 9th District

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

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**David Imamura**  
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





**THE WESTCHESTER DAY SCHOOL** is a toddler-8th grade Modern Orthodox, co-educational, dual-curriculum Jewish Day School serving the greater Westchester area. Set on a bucolic 26-acre campus on the Long Island Sound, the school has been educating children since 1948 and is celebrating its 75th anniversary. With almost 400 students, the educational environment is child-centered and the pedagogy is research-based to provide the greatest opportunity for children to learn and grow

academically, spiritually and emotionally. WDS ignites a passion for Torah and secular learning. Their curricular choices are designed to foster a lifelong sense of curiosity and wonder. Teachers, students and parents partner to create a supportive learning community where students learn through self-exploration and collaborative problem-solving.

WDS incorporates the social, emotional and spiritual growth of each of its students. Through formal, informal and experiential education, students internalize values such as mitzvah, respect, diligence, resilience, self-esteem, integrity, empathy, responsibility, obligation, leadership, team-work, resourcefulness and much more. These are taught and modeled throughout the school day.

WDS students are sensitized to the needs of others and opportunities and methods to help. They appreciate the power of a community and the responsibility to be active participants in impacting their local area, the State of Israel and its citizens, and the entirety of the Jewish People.



**THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH COALITION FOR IMMIGRATION (WJCI)** is a non-partisan organization that, through mobilization, education, advocacy and partnership, convenes both the Jewish and interfaith communities to make the United States a place where refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants can live safely with dignity. Advocating for policies that transform immigrants' lives, WJCI stands up for human rights and social justice around the major issues facing immigrants today, including citizenship, food insecurity, healthcare, housing, and employment. They network to mobilize Westchester's Jewish community

to warmly welcome and support refugees, asylees and other immigrants. As the primary umbrella organization for refugee resettlement in Westchester, WJCI provides vital funding and resources to local synagogues in their resettlement efforts. Co-founder and President Holly Rosen Fink is a former Vice-President and serves on the Board of Directors and is a volunteer for Neighbors for Refugees, a refugee resettlement organization based in Westchester.



**THE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES** is the volunteer effort of four Co-Chairs: Pat Rind of Community Synagogue of Rye, and Andrea Dulberg, Nancy Hart and Florence Reiss Kraut, of the Jewish Community Center of Harrison. Together they shared a mission to reunite an extended Afghani family fleeing their native land after the United States withdrew from Afghanistan in the summer of 2021. Tremendous effort went into getting the entire family out of Afghanistan, and after a harrowing, arduous journey, they have all finally settled here in Westchester.

When the call went out that help was needed to resettle these families, these four women, with the support of their synagogue communities and WJCI, jumped in to help. The refugee families needed everything initially—a home, furniture, food, transportation, clothes and school supplies, plus employment so that they could support their families going forward. They needed help navigating life here in the United States, and the Resettlement Committee for Refugees has dedicated, and continues to dedicate, endless hours to help these families as they adjust to life here in Westchester.