

## **Local Social Justice Events**

*as of Wed Jun 6*

### **Movie Screening: *Bag It! Is Your Life Too Plastic?***

**Wed Jun 13, 7:00pm**

**Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd, Scarsdale**

Join us for a screening of a documentary film that exposes the impact of plastic bags and their effects on land ecosystems, marine life, and the human body.

Refreshments by Sierra Club at 7:00, program starts at 7:30.

Contact: [info@greenburghnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@greenburghnaturecenter.org), 914-723-3470.

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### **Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester meeting**

**Mon Jun 18, 7:00pm**

**South Presbyterian Church, Dobbs Ferry**

Everyone welcome; child-friendly meetings. *We meet the third Monday of the month.*

*Next meeting: Katonah United Methodist, Katonah.*

Learn more at [showingupforracialjustice.org](http://showingupforracialjustice.org) and [facebook.com/SURJWestchester/](https://facebook.com/SURJWestchester/).

Contact: [SURJWestchester@gmail.com](mailto:SURJWestchester@gmail.com), 914-295-2527.

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### **White Plains History Roundtable:**

**“The LOFT and LGBT History in Westchester”**

**Wed Jun 20, 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave, White Plains**

Learn about the people and organizations that worked to secure rights and a safe place in the county for the LGBT community. Info at:

[loftgaycenter.org/white\\_plains\\_history\\_roundtable\\_the\\_loft\\_and\\_lgbt\\_history\\_in\\_westchester\\_blog](http://loftgaycenter.org/white_plains_history_roundtable_the_loft_and_lgbt_history_in_westchester_blog)

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### **Faith and the LGBT+ Community**

**Thu, Jun 21, 7:15 – 10:15pm**

**Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains**

Join AJC Westchester/Fairfield for a welcoming and affirming Pride Week event about faith and the lived experience of LGBTQIA individuals, created by a diverse group of local faith communities. All are welcome. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-and-the-lgbt-community-tickets-46341536784>

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**Book Discussion - *Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life***

**Fri Jun 22, 7:30pm,**

**WESPAC Foundation, 77 Tarrytown Rd., Suite 2W, White Plains**

"Deep Denial," part popular history and part personal memoir, documents the 400-year racialization of the United States and how people of European descent came to be called white. Author David Billings focuses primarily on the deeply embedded notion of white supremacy, and tells us why, despite the Civil Rights Movement and an African-American president, we remain a nation hard-wired by race. Billings will lead a discussion. Contact: Sandy Bernabei (sandy.bernabei@gmail.com). Free and open to the public.

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**MLK Intitute's Beloved Community Dinner**

**June 25, 6:00 - 8:30pm**

**Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains**

Our last gathering with our beloved Coming Home program participants. We will celebrate their graduation and encourage them on their next chapter. Bring a dish or money donation.

Please RSVP! (914) 949-6555 or connect@mlkwestchester.org.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beloved-community-dinner-june-25-tickets-46701012987?aff=erelexpmlt>

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**Support Student Learning During Summer Break**

Over the summer months, many elementary and middle school students lose academic skills and knowledge, commonly known as the "summer slide." By fifth grade, the summer slide can leave low-income students up to three years behind their peers. Studies show that reading six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. Westchester UU congregations have partnered with @DaymakerGiving, a kid-to-kid donation platform, to provide books to individual children in need with a simple click. Help us turn the summer slide into the summer swing - visit [daymaker.com/g/westchesterUU](http://daymaker.com/g/westchesterUU).