

Shalom Westchester Community,

In the past two weeks I celebrated my first Purim in the States and it was an absolutely awesome experience. I celebrated at two Purim Carnivals, heard two different styles of reading 'Megilat Ester' and even participated at a phenomenal Bar Mitzvah. It was so much fun!

Over the past two weeks, we have had a number of wonderful Israel programs take place in our community:

The JCC of Mid-Westchester in Scarsdale screened the movie "The Prime Ministers- Soldiers and Peacemakers". The movie that tells the stories of four of Israel's Prime Ministers: Levy Eshkol, Golda Meir, Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Rabin, in the context of the history of the State of Israel. I had the privilege of introducing the film and leading a Q & A session following the screening.

Later in the week Congregation Kol Ami hosted a concert and program by FIDF – a concert by the IDF band. I also spent time at JCC on the Hudson and at Community Synagogue of Rye, speaking with their Engage and SAJE groups about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

On March 13th, we were delighted to run the first program in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem which will culminate with Yom Yerushalayim on May 24th. Thank you to Temple Beth Abraham for hosting and co-sponsors UJA-Federation of NY, Westchester Jewish Council, Temple Beth Abraham, Greenburgh Hebrew Center, and Shames JCC on the Hudson.

Upcoming Israel Events

"Westchester remembers and celebrates together"- Yom Ha'azikaron ceremony and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on May 1st at JCC of Mid-Westchester.

Yom Yerushalayim wide-community event – a collaboration of the New Rochelle synagogues and Pelham Jewish center on May 24th at Temple Israel of New Rochelle. More details to come...



Warmly,

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