

ArtsWestchester Gives 60 "Arts Alive" Grants

On January 25, ArtsWestchester presented 60 "Arts Alive" grants totaling \$105,000 to help fund more arts workshops, free concerts, theater performances, children's murals, film festivals and much more throughout Westchester and Rockland counties. Administered by ArtsWestchester, the 2019 Arts Alive grants are funded through the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

"The Arts Alive grants are so diverse and so reflective of our communities here in Westchester and Rockland counties," said Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester. "The arts are alive and well, and we are especially thankful to all of our state representatives who continue to support the arts

with this important funding. So many exciting and vibrant cultural programs will come to life thanks to these grants, which will continue to foster community engagement, spur economic development and enrich our overall quality of life."

New York Senators Shelley Mayer and David Carlucci and other notable dignitaries and business leaders joined ArtsWestchester's Board of Trustees to present the grants. The event took place in the ArtsWestchester gallery in White Plains.

Arts Alive grants are awarded in three categories: Arts Alive Project Grants (\$1,000 to \$5,000) to provide county-based organizations and artists with financial and technical support for projects at a grassroots level; Arts Alive Artist Grants (\$2,500) to support works that relate to the community in a significant way; and Arts Alive Education Grants (\$1,000 to \$2,500) to provide support for

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New York State Legislator Sandy Galef, Kinga Lesniak (representing grantee Nowodvorski Foundation), ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam and Richard Sena (representing grantee Haverstraw River Arts Fund) at ArtsWestchester's Arts Alive Grants event. Photo credit Leslye Smith.

ENGAGE- Jewish Service Corps Awards Four Grants to Westchester Synagogues

UJA-Federation of New York's ENGAGE Jewish Service Corps has awarded 4 grants to Westchester Synagogues who promote volunteer projects that help those in need in the community. Engage and synagogue volunteers will be recruited to fulfill the goals and objectives of these projects. After a comprehensive review of many competitive and worthy proposals, grantees this year include Congregation Emanu-El, Greenburgh Hebrew Center, Scarsdale Synagogue and Temple Beth Abraham.

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester will present a Mitzvah Shabbat on FRIDAY, MAY 10th at 5:30 pm. Engage and the congregants of Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue in Rye, will have an evening filled with community, spirit, fun mitzvah projects, a pizza truck and more. Projects will benefit many local and Israel-based organizations. Experience Shabbat with worship, warmth and the performance of acts of kindness (Chesed). [RSVP to volunteer, email Debra Cerbini at dcerbini@shamesjcc.org]

On THURSDAYS at 1:00

pm, March 21st, April 18th, May 23rd and June 20th, Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry will host Shul Stitchers & Friends. If you are a knitter or can crochet, then Engage In Knitting/Shul Stitchers Rivertowns, congregants of Greenburgh Hebrew Center, have an opportunity to share skills with teenagers from the Jewish Board, Hawthorne Campus. Teach a teen who arrives at the residential treatment center with very few personal possessions, to knit an afghan which will bring comfort to them on Mondays at 4:00 pm, March 4th, April 8th and May 20th, at The Mann Center of The Jewish Board, Hawthorne Campus, 226 Linda Avenue, Hawthorne. To RSVP, email Laura Wexler at lwexler@shamesjcc.org

Food Bank Receiving and Unpacking, 2x/Month on Thursdays at 3:00 pm and Food Bank Packing and Delivering, 2x/Month on Fridays at 9:00 am will take place with Scarsdale Synagogue volunteers.

On each Friday of the month, Scarsdale Synagogue congregational and Engage volunteers will support a variety of

needy causes by going to a local agency to organize, sort, pack, serve, or improve a facility or facilitate a program with the in-need population. Hands-on projects take place at the Synagogue, 2 Ogden Road in Scarsdale, or car pool leave from the Synagogue to volunteer on site. Dates include March 8th - YPIE; April 12th - YPIE; April 26th - My Sister's Place; May 10th - Sharing Shelf; and June 28th - Sharing Shelf. For more information or to RSVP write Jill Gold at goldj@jccmw.org.

On Tuesday, March 26th at 10:00 am, help prepare items which will be used to complete projects on Mitzvah Day at Temple Beth Abraham.

Then, Sunday March 31st at 11:00 am, join Engage and Temple Beth Abraham volunteers for a one-day Mitzvah Day to be held at the Synagogue, 25 Leroy Avenue in Tarrytown. Complete projects that are needed and requested by local agencies and meet agency representatives to learn about the vital work of the organizations. For more information email Debra Cerbini at dcerbini@shamesjcc.org

Ben's Corned Beef Celebration

You don't need to be Irish to feel lucky this St. Patrick's Day! From March 1 until St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17), all seven Ben's Kasher Delicatessen Restaurant & Caterers locations will be participating in the company's annual March corned beef celebration. It's no secret that Ben's proprietary corned beef curing process sets the company apart from other restaurants and delis.

"Unlike many other restaurants, we use only fresh, Kosher USDA choice briskets," Ben's Founder/Owner Ronnie Dragoon says. "We pickle the briskets in each store using an exclusive Ben's pickling blend and an old-fashioned two-week curing process." Once curing is complete, Ben's highly skilled chefs cook the

corned beef daily as needed, ensuring a fresh and delicious experience for Ben's guests. Initially chosen as a more affordable substitute for bacon, corned beef and cabbage became a tradition among Irish-American immigrants. Its connection to St. Patrick's Day is the result of Irish-Americans having commonly served the meal during various family and holiday celebrations. Interestingly, what Americans today know as traditional corned beef actually originates from Jewish culture, as Irish immigrants once primarily purchased their meat from Kosher butchers.

It is that traditional eastern European style that Ben's aims to emulate in its cooking process. "Yes, we cure our own corned beef," Mr. Dragoon says, "but don't forget: our chicken soup cures everything else!"

Feeling like sharing a delicious meal with your closest friends and family? Check out the Corned Beef and Cabbage Special catering for 10 people. For just \$199.90, you get four pounds of corned beef, boiled cabbage, potatoes, carrots, two pounds of fresh cole slaw, a small relish tray, and two pounds of rye bread.

Ben's also offers Dining Room Combos, which consist of traditional corned beef sandwiches with options to include soup and various side dishes. Also available are the Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potato Platter for \$21.99 and the Soup, Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potato Platter for \$25.99. If you are celebrating St. Patrick's Day at home this year, Ben's has great take-out options. Purchase Ben's Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potato Platter to go at regular price and receive a pint of homemade chicken noodle soup for free! Or, receive a portion of Ben's fresh-cut cole slaw or homemade potato salad for free with your purchase of a regular-priced Corned Beef sandwich to go. Additionally, while you're waiting on half a pound or more of Ben's delicious store-cured Corned Beef to go, Ben's will give you a free frankfurter to enjoy while you wait!

While Ben's Corned Beef Celebration Specials only run during the first half of March, its tasty store-cured, freshly prepared corned beef is available all year long. In addition to sandwiches and platters, guests can enjoy fresh corned beef in salads, omelets or sliced by the pound to take home.

For more information regarding Ben's Kasher Deli's Corned Beef specials, visit www.bensdeli.net.





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