

## ADVOCACY VISITS TO ALBANY AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jewish communities have always had an interest in building and maintaining strong ties with elected officials and administrations at all levels of government. Those connections are vital when the interests of the community need to be addressed and concerns raised. Issues including education, senior care, public health, and social services have been on the community's agenda for decades.

In recent years, additional concerns have come front and center. Among these are security funding for non-profit institutions, robust cooperation and resource sharing among law enforcement agencies at every level, strong investigative and intelligence efforts to confront hate and antisemitism, and, a key interest of the community for over 75 years, support for strong ties with the Jewish homeland and its defense.

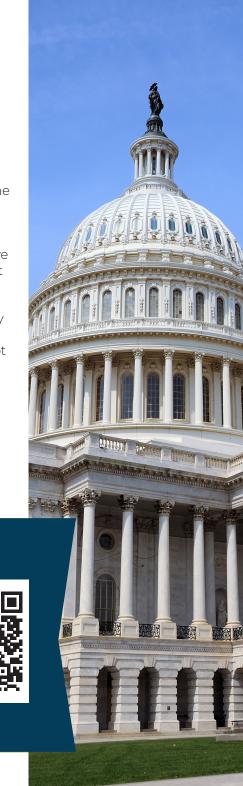
Speaking to elected officials about these concerns and priorities is the responsibility and opportunity of every community member. Representatives of the Jewish community in Rockland have been engaging with elected officials and administrations at state and federal levels often, especially in the last two years. These conversations are necessary but not sufficient; community members must be engaged, trained, and given opportunities for face-to-face advocacy.

Leveraging the resources of Jewish Federations of North America and other partners, the Jewish Federation here in Rockland will plan and execute advocacy initiatives bringing community members together for training, education on issues, and engagement opportunities in Albany and Washington. Support for these initiatives will cover all or part of the costs of transportation, meeting space, materials, training and marketing.

The goal of these initiatives will be to seek support for our community's priorities and its security in the U.S.Congress and N.Y. State Legislature.

Your support will enable us to reach a broader audience, soliciting more content and providing more opportunities for creative action to confront hate and antisemitism, by platforming Jewish and Zionist voices. A sponsorship of \$2,500 will help underwrite the cost of the operational infrastructure of the initiative. A sponsorship of \$5,000 will help underwrite the infrastructure and programming. A sponsorship of \$10,000 will support all of the above, and provide an opportunity for naming the initiative.

To inquire about your potential interest in supporting this initiative, please scan the QR code to the right or contact the Federation at 845.362.4200 ext. 180





The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Rockland County is the organization representing the full breadth of the Jewish community. A key element of our Mission is Overcoming Hate and Antisemitism.

## **ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE DEDICATED TO:**

**ADVOCATING** 

for the safety and security of the Jewish community through our relationships with local, state and federal elected officials

**BUILDING** 

relationships with Rockland community groups of various religions, ethnicities and backgrounds to collaborate and support one another

**PROVIDING** 

grants to partner organizations in their work to strengthen community:

- Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education's programs to overcome antisemitism and hate, educating tens of thousands of school children throughout the region annually
- Rockland Jewish Family Service's Cafe Europa gathering and Shabbat food deliveries for Holocaust Survivors, and provision of a Kosher food pantry
- Rockland Community College Hillel program for Jewish students to come together to celebrate Jewish culture and peoplehood
- JCC Rockland's programs for seniors, children and participants of all backgrounds

**STRENGTHENING** 

connections to and support for the people of Israel with fundraising, cultural programming and missions to Israel

**CELEBRATING** 

the breadth and beauty of Jewish identity including in community-wide holiday and festival events and programs