



## February 2024 Newsletter



### A Note From Nada

We have been in full action at WESPAC, especially pressing for an urgent and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. If you have not had the chance to read an interview with our Board Chair, Howard Horowitz, you can do so here <https://wespac.org/2024/02/13/wespac-board-chair-on-his-jewish-identity/>.

The Westchester Social Forum is back in person! We are working with local area students and it promises to be an amazing networking bonanza as we learn from each other, support our various campaigns and build the local movement for progressive social change. There will only be space for forty organizations to table, so sign up soon if you would like your group to have a presence. We have already have received quite a few applications. All details below.

Save the date for our annual awards which will take place the first Sunday in June. Details below.

The newly formed WESPAC Solidarity Singers will be present at both the social forum and our annual awards to lead us in singalong!

Forward and onward,

Nada

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### The Westchester Social Forum is Back!

Please see [here](#) for more information and registration, and fill out [this request form](#) if your organization is interested in tabling at the event.



# WESTCHESTER SOCIAL FORUM

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE.  
A BETTER WESTCHESTER IS NECESSARY.

APRIL

14

SUNDAY

Join WESPAC for a day of community resilience, care, and power through workshops, discussion, and marching.

**Time:** Noon - 5pm  
**Location:** Andalusia School  
380 Walnut St, Yonkers, NY  
10701



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<https://wespac.org/>

## Join Jewish Voice for Peace - Westchester

Jewish Voice For Peace is the largest progressive anti-Zionist organization in the world. Guided by a vision of justice, equality and dignity for all people, JVP is a grassroots, multiracial, cross-class, intergenerational organization aligned with the greater Palestinian liberation movement. In recent months, you have probably seen the massive acts of civil disobedience led by JVP in shutting down Grand Central Station, the capitol rotunda, and other public areas in an effort to move the US government to end its military aid that is supporting the genocide in Gaza. JVP, like so many other organizations and peoples around the world, is demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Jewish Voice For Peace - Westchester is the local chapter of JVP. In recent months, the chapter has grown four fold. We are determined to act locally to impact the Westchester community to fight against the local repercussions of the massacre in Gaza. To that end, we focus on four specific areas. Our Outreach Committee is tasked with developing relationships with other communities and other organizations in order to build coalition, knowing that our work is always more powerful when done in solidarity with our allies in the social justice community. The Action Committee is dedicated to support whatever non-violent actions we can to help stop US participation in genocide and occupation. The Advocacy Committee is focused on influencing our elected officials to advocate for a ceasefire and ending military funding of Israel. Finally, the Community Care and Safety Committee aims to support local community members that are marginalized or silenced in their support of Palestine. This includes any incidents of Islamophobia and true antisemitism.

Please consider joining JVP-W in our work at this critical moment in history. Everyone is welcome. Your energy and support is vital as we grow the movement for justice and dignity for all!



(photos by Andrew Courtney)

You can contact us at: [jvpwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:jvpwestchester@gmail.com)

# Chappaqua Rally for Ceasefire

Photos courtesy of Andrew Courtney, 2.3.24



**WESPAC FOUNDATION**

Please join us at our Annual Awards in celebrating **50 Years of WESPAC**

This year, we are honoring

 Harry Saloway and JVP Westchester	 Diana Sanchez and YSM
 Juanita Lewis and CVH	

**Sunday, June 2nd 2pm**

**Wainwright House**  
260 Stuyvesant Ave  
Rye, NY 10580

Singalong with the WESPAC Solidarity Singers  
Tickets are available at [wespac.org](http://wespac.org)  
Please consider buying a journal ad and making an additional contribution to support the costs of this special event.

## Westchester Cooperative Network

If you are part of a group that is seriously considering forming a worker owned business, the Westchester Cooperative Network can connect you with the necessary training, legal assistance and financial support to make this vision a reality! All details and the application form are available on our website at

<https://www.westchestercooperative.net/>



## Concerned Families of Westchester (CFOW)



Concerned Families of Westchester is a peace & justice group organized in the wake of the 9/11/2001 events. We are based in the Rivertowns, from Yonkers up to Tarrytown. Each Saturday we have a vigil/demo in Hastings. We also have a [weekly newsletter](#) and a [Facebook page](#), and we meet frequently via Zoom. During the past month we focused on calling for a ceasefire and an end to Israel's war on Gaza. We are also supporting Jamaal Bowman for re-election; his challenger (George Latimer) is basing his campaign on "support for Israel" and has received substantial funding from AIPAC. Many people are angry that our government is supporting Israel in its war; please join our vigil any Saturday at noon in Hastings (as shown in this photo) to demand peace & justice! And for more information, email [fbrodhead@aol.com](mailto:fbrodhead@aol.com).

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## Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse Presents: Alice Howe & Freebo

Sat. March 9, 2024, 7:30 pm,  
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave.,  
White Plains, NY

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Audience songfest at 6:45 pm. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door.

**For special advance ticket offer, with no service fees, go to Coffeehouse page [WalkaboutChorus.org](http://WalkaboutChorus.org), and fill out form for reservation and then you pay at the door.** You can also get tickets on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com), which includes a service fee.

**Freebo and Alice Howe** present a unique study in contrasts, bringing together a venerable music icon and a young artist with an old soul. Each, a compelling performer in their own right, they both lead and support each other in their well-crafted songs with flawless harmonies and tasteful instrumentation. Alice Howe with her soulful, impeccably tuned vocals and crafted poetry, is a rising voice in American Roots music. She was selected the best female artist in the 2023 International Acoustic Music Awards. Freebo, is a genuine folk, rock and blues icon who, after over 40 years of recording and touring with many of the great artists of our time (Bonnie Raitt 10 years, CSN, Maria Muldaur, John Mayall, Ringo Starr, Dr. John, Neil Young, and many more) is regarded as one of the most gifted singer-songwriters of today. His compassionate concern for the world and people around him, as evidenced in his lyrics and his open stage banter, has helped him connect with listeners worldwide. A musical evening with Freebo will be astute, insightful, clever, and truly melodic.

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