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GOMEZ MILL HOUSE

TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Freedom, Tolerance, and Opportunity

Honoring

Lewis B. Cullman

Descendant of Luis Moses Gomez

Gala Co-Chairs

Edgar M. Cullman, Jr.

Louise Hirschfeld Cullman

THE STORY OF THE GOMEZ MILL HOUSE



The cornerstone of the Jewish pioneer experience in America lies along the Hudson River five miles north of Newburgh, New York. It is Gomez Mill House, one of the oldest continuously lived in residences in the United States and the oldest surviving Jewish dwelling in North America. In 1714, American Jewish Pioneer, Luis Moses Gomez, built a fieldstone blockhouse to conduct trade in the Mid-Hudson region. A successful Jewish merchant in Colonial America, Gomez was first president (*parnas*) of New York City's Mill Street Synagogue, built in 1728 for Congregation Shearith Israel.

From these roots and through nearly 300 years of American history, Gomez Mill House evolved as home to American Revolutionary patriot, Wolfert Acker; 19th century gentleman farmer, William Henry Armstrong; Arts & Crafts artisan Dard Hunter; and 20th century social activist, Margaret Gruening. Descendants of Luis Moses Gomez joined by descendants of other owners and friends formed the Gomez Foundation for Mill House in 1979, to preserve and maintain the Gomez Mill House and Historic Site, a New York State chartered museum on the National Register of Historic Places.

MISSION

The Mission of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House is to preserve the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America as a significant regional and national rank museum and to educate the public through tours and programs about the contributions of Jews to the founding of America and the contributions of all former Mill House owners to the multicultural history of the Hudson River Valley.



LUIS MOSES GOMEZ
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist
1714

LEWIS B. CULLMAN
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist
2014

2014 PIONEER AWARD GALA

October 16, 2014

HELMSLEY PARK LANE HOTEL
New York City



Freedom, Tolerance, and Opportunity
A Celebration of the Gomez Mill House 1714-2014

PIONEER GALA SCHEDULE

6:15-7:15

Cocktail Reception

7:15-9:15

Dinner and Program

PAST HONOREES

- 1997 Joseph F. Cullman 3rd
- 1998 Mildred and George Weissman
- 1999 Erica Jesselson and Bruce Slovin
- 2000 Frances Low
- 2001 Muriel "Mickie" Siebert
- 2002 Marcy Syms
- 2003 Andrée Aelion Brooks
- 2004 Nina and Tim Zagat
- 2005 Les Carter
- 2006 Harold Levine
- 2007 Dr. Frank Field
- 2008 Edward Kritzler
- 2012 Thomas Fleming
- 2013 Hamilton Fish
Letty Cottin Pogrebin
The Roger C. Williams Museum
of Papermaking

Business Attire.

For further Gala information visit website www.gomez.org, or email gomez@cjh.org,
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Internet parking discounts available at www.quikparkgarages.com.

GOMEZ MILL HOUSE 2014 PIONEER AWARD

Honoring Gomez Mill House Founder

LUIS MOSES GOMEZ

Welcome

RUTH K. ABRAHAMS

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Gomez Foundation for Mill House

Greetings

ROBERT JACOBS

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Gomez Foundation for Mill House

Media Presentation

GOMEZ MILL HOUSE

DINNER

AWARD PRESENTATION TO

LEWIS B. CULLMAN

Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

WITH TOASTS AND TRIBUTES BY

MARIAN HEISKELL

NEIL SHAPIRO

President and CEO, WNET

Closing Remarks

RUTH K. ABRAHAMS

We wish to thank Louise Hirschfeld Cullman and Lewis B. Cullman for their Pioneer leadership level contributions. Proceeds from leadership level table contributions will go towards funding the Mill House Media Project, which will provide educational, self-guided interactive tours of the Mill House historic site. Media Project exhibits will document and bring to life the stories of prominent American families with an emphasis on it's founder, Luis Moses Gomez, Jewish American merchant pioneer who constructed the original trading post in 1714. Over 5,000 visitors including the children of the local school system visit Mill House each year. The story of Mill House and its occupants is the story of freedom, opportunity and tolerance in America.