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## Media Alert

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### **ANDRÉE AELION BROOKS TO SPEAK AT 11am, JUNE 26, 2016: EMANCIPATION AND EMIGRATION: THE STORY OF THE GERMAN JEWS**

Marlborough, June 8, 2016 – On Sunday, June 26, at 11am, Andrée Aelion Brooks, journalist and author, will talk about how emancipation and full citizenship in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century became a double-edged sword, why many Jews left central Europe, and why their earliest experiences in America were so different from later Eastern European Jewish immigrants. She will reference Wall Street titans like Guggenheim and Loeb; Jews who came here from central Europe in the early and mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century— with a very different background and outlook from the later Russian and Polish Jews.

The exploration of Jewish life, especially merchant life, echoes the theme of the Gomez Mill House Historic Site, which is named after an international merchant of Jewish origin, Luis Moses Gomez. Born in Spain, Gomez first participated in the lucrative Caribbean trade, then moved to New York City in the early days of the colonies, and later became one of the first Jews to buy land in Northern Orange and Southern Ulster Counties, where he established a trading post and operations near the Hudson River.

Ms. Brooks was formerly a contributing columnist and news writer for The New York Times. She now specializes in writing and teaching about the uncommon stories of Jewish history. Her work has won many awards. She is also a Gomez Foundation House trustee. More information on Brooks can be found at her website, [www.andreeaelionbrooks.com](http://www.andreeaelionbrooks.com)

**The presentation follows a bagel breakfast from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. A special tour of the Gomez Mill House will be offered to attendees following the presentation. Admission to the event is free.**

*Sunday at Mill House* is an ongoing program of presentations on subjects related to the history of the Gomez Mill House.

*The mission of Gomez Foundation for Mill House is to preserve the 300 year old Gomez Mill House—the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America and home to Patriots, Preservationists, Artisans and Social Activists—as a significant regional- and national-ranked museum, and to educate the public about the contributions of its former owners to the multicultural history of the Hudson River Valley*

*The Gomez Mill House and Historic Site is located at 11 Mill House Road off 9W, in Marlboro, NY. General admission to the Museum (includes Gallery admission) is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors 55 or older, and \$4 for students with ID and children age 7 to 17; children under 7 are admitted free. Groups of 10 or more receive discounted rates and reservations are required.*

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