



300th Anniversary Celebration Season

Sunday at Mill House 2014

Gomez Mill House Museum and Historic Site
11 Mill House Road, Marlboro, NY 12542

DIANE LAPIS TO SPEAK AT 11am, May 4, 2014: HISTORIC JEWISH PRESENCE IN BEACON, NY

Diane Lapis is a Trustee at the Beacon Historical Society founded in 1976. She frequently presents on a variety of topics about Beacon's history. This program on the historic Jewish community of Beacon and discussion is one of Diane's regular presentations.

The program will focus on the stories of Beacon's Jewish business owners and leaders throughout the last century and a half. It includes the rags to riches tale of Samuel Beskin- a poor Russian immigrant who found success as a local merchant, and became an important mayor at a crucial time in the city's development. Diane will show how a small, active Jewish community helped to transform Beacon into great American town with a thriving Main Street filled with businesses and industry.

In 2013, Diane was a key figure in organizing Beacon's Centennial celebration, co-authoring the Beacon Centennial Book, writing grant proposals and sharing 'Movies on the Mountain' – her presentation on D. W. Griffith's silent films produced on Mt. Beacon at the turn of the century.

Diane is an experienced elementary school teacher in Mahopac, NY. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Art History, a Master of Science in Reading, and a Public School Administration Certificate.

Diane is currently researching and writing a yet untitled biography about pioneering news photographer, Harry Van Tine, who started his newspaper career in Newburgh, NY at the turn of the 20th century. Van Tine later went to Washington, D.C. where he became a founding member and President of the White House News Photographers Association. Diane is also preparing a book about American mid-century signature cocktails and the lounges that first featured them. Linen postcards depicting post-Prohibition images will make her book unique.

**- All Sunday at Mill House programs are free to the public, unless otherwise noted.*

GENERAL SEASON INFORMATION

- Gomez Mill House is open to the public Wed-Sun, 10am to 4pm, April 6 - Nov 10; Tours begin at 10:30, 1:15 & 2:45
- Picnic chairs available to public seven days a week under Gomez Tent on Events Meadow
- Admission to a paid tour is required to enter Gomez Mill House.
Admission fees: Adults(18-54): \$10; Seniors(55+): \$7; Students w/ID & Children 7-17: \$4; Children under 7: free
Discounts: Ch. 13 Members & Orange County Veterans \$5.00; \$1 off/person for groups of 10+
-- Reservations are required for groups of 10+ at least 2 weeks in advance --

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