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## Arts Yiddishfest Unites Generations in Song and Dance

Renowned performers join with young musicians in a concert that has people circle-dancing around Kensico Dam Plaza.

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Kenny Green entertains the audience with a family friendly story before bringing the Westchester Klezmer Program band on stage. Kenny is a long-time resident of Westchester and has served as WKP's music director since 2001.

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Internationally-known performers of klezmer and Yiddish theater joined with young musicians from throughout the region Sunday afternoon for a concert that had people of all ages dancing together in traditional Eastern European circle dances.

Music for a Better World: YiddishFest 2011 was presented by [The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring](#). Special recognition was given to festival founder George Mandel, 96, of New Rochelle, who was called to the stage by Workmen's Circle Executive Director Ann Toback. Mandel founded the festival 37 years as a gift from Workmen's Circle to the Westchester community, and sustained it with broad community support so it could remain free.

Various performers were from Westchester. Coloratura soprano Hayley Kobilinsky is the cantor at Congregation B'nai Yisrael in Armonk.

Members of the [Sruli and Lisa Family Band](#) were longtime residents of Scarsdale and White Plains before moving to Edgewood, NJ, recently. For this concert, they were joined by Lisa Mayer's sons, saxophone Zach Meyer and pianist Aaron Meyer.

Kenny Green, who helped organize the event, lives in Somers. He co-founded the [Westchester Klezmer Program](#), leading their performance at the festival. This nonprofit intergenerational band performs at nursing homes, programs for children with special needs, programs for developmentally disabled adults and community events.

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