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Westchester End-of-Life Coalition Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
APRIL						
	4/17, 7:30 pm Are Genes Your Destiny?		4/19, 6:30 pm POSTPONED Meet the Author: Lisa Takeuchi Cullen, author of <i>Remember Me: A Lively Tour of the New American Way of Death</i> NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED			4/22, 2:00 pm Staged Reading of THE WOMEN OF LOCKERBIE
OCTOBER						
	10/2, 7:00 pm Session 1 of "Death & Culture in Context" course					
	10/9, 7:00 pm Session 2 of "Death & Culture in Context" course					
	10/16, 7:00 pm Session 3 of "Death & Culture in Context" course					

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Ongoing	
<p>Ongoing. By appointment</p>	<p>“Everybody Needs A Proxy” A campaign to promote the signing of Health Care Proxies</p> <p>The goal is to help people think about their health care wishes, who they would want as their health care agent, and to assist in completing a Health Care Proxy.</p> <p>To schedule a volunteer to come to your place of work, congregation, civic group or other community to inform and assist you with New York State Health Care Proxies, please contact mlillis@westchesterendoflife.org.</p> <p>The first stage, which targeted people 18 years and older living, working, meeting and studying in zip code areas 10707, 10708 and 10709, was funded by The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Inc. and ended in the fall of 2005.</p> <p>The campaign continues in other areas of Westchester. If your social service agency, congregation, civic group, town, school, corporation or other entity would like to partner with us to bring information about Health Care Proxies to your constituents, please contact Moira Lillis at mlillis@westchesterendoflife.org .</p> <p>A Westchester End-of-Life Coalition initiative</p>

April 2007	
<p>Tuesday, April 17 7:30–9:30 PM</p>	<p>Are Genes Your Destiny? A Conversation About Genetically Based Cancers in Women</p> <p>Has anyone in your immediate family been diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer? Does that mean you and your loved ones are also at risk? Have you thought about taking a genetic test? Do you know what’s involved? What happens if you test positive? Negative?</p> <p>Experts will present the latest research and discuss challenges faced by the medical community and patients.</p> <p>Featured Speakers: Dr. Julia Smith and Dr. Stephanie V. Blank, both of New York University School of Medicine and Women’s Cancer Center</p> <p>Associate Rabbi Jonathan Blake will discuss the issues surrounding genetic testing with emphasis on Judaism and religious perspectives. WELC board member Connie Zuckerman, health care attorney and bioethicist, will moderate the program.</p> <p>Location: The Center for Jewish Living at Westchester Reform Temple, 255 Mamaroneck Rd. Scarsdale</p> <p>Fee: This event is open to the public and free of charge.</p> <p>This is a program of the Caring Community of Westchester Reform Temple. Co-sponsored by the Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), Women of Reform Judaism, and the Men’s Club of Westchester Reform Temple.</p>

Thursday, April 19
6:30–8:30 PM

POSTPONED

**NEW DATE TO
BE ANNOUNCED**

Meet the Author: Lisa Takeuchi Cullen

will read from, discuss, and sign copies of her latest book, *Remember Me: A Lively Tour of the New American Way of Death*

A humorous and poignant chronicle of the author's travels around the country to discover how Americans—baby boomers in particular—are reinventing the rites of dying. What she discovered is that the people who reinvented youth, redefined careers, and reconceived middle age have created a new attitude toward the afterlife. They no longer want to take death lying down; instead, they're taking their demise into their own hands and planning the after-party.

Eye-opening, funny, and unforgettable, *Remember Me* gives an account of the ways in which Americans are designing new occasions to mark death—by celebrating life.

Sarah Lawrence faculty will be among the discussants

The discussion is open to all. There is no charge to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Location: Wrexham House at Sarah Lawrence College. For directions, please go to www.sarahlawrence.edu.

If you are interested in attending, please register by sending an e-mail to info@westchesterendoflife.org (please write "Meet Cullen" in the subject line).

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Contributing Supporter: Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care
www.jansenhospice.org

Sunday, April 22
2:00 PM

**A Staged Reading of Deborah Brevoort's
THE WOMEN OF LOCKERBIE**

Directed by Alison Walls

A mother from New Jersey roams the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her son's remains that were lost in the crash of Pan Am 103. She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane's wreckage. The women, determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, want to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victim's families. THE WOMEN OF LOCKERBIE is inspired by a true story, although the characters and situations in the play are purely fictional. Written in the structure of a Greek tragedy, it is a poetic drama about the triumph of love over hate.

Winner of the silver medal in the Onassis International Playwriting Competition and the Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays Award.

The reading will be **followed by a panel discussion** with Sarah Lawrence faculty, health advocates, and professionals.

Location: Suzanne Werner Wright Theatre, Performing Arts Center, Sarah Lawrence College
(For directions to the College, please go to www.slc.edu/index.php?pageID=1399. For the campus map, go to www.slc.edu/index.php?pageID=1495 and choose "Performing Arts Center.")

This event is open to all and free of charge.

Please RSVP to: cgreene@sarahlawrence.edu or call Crystal Greene at (914) 395-2602 or sign up in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) lobby.

This event is co-sponsored by the Health Advocacy and Theatre Programs at Sarah Lawrence College.

Contributing Supporter: Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care
www.jansenhospice.org

October 2007	
<p>Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16 7:00–8:00 PM</p>	<p>Death and Culture in Context: Images from Ancient Greece to the 21st Century, Sessions 1-3 (of 3)</p> <p>Attitudes and approaches to the end of life are embedded in the imagery of every culture. This course will show how the picturing of death has varied over time.</p> <p>Instructor: Christina Staudt, Ph.D. Dr. Staudt is President and co-founder of the Westchester End-of-Life Coalition. She is active with Jansen Memorial Hospice as a patient care volunteer and as a member of the Fund Board. She co-chairs the Columbia University Seminar on Death, an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional forum on issues related to death. She has a Ph.D. in art history.</p> <p>This is a 3-session course at Westchester Community College.</p> <p>Location: To Be Announced</p> <p>Tuition: To Be Announced</p> <p>Course Number: To Be Announced</p> <p>For more information, call Westchester Community College's Division of Continuing Education at 914-606-6830 or e-mail continuinged@sunywcc.edu .</p> <p>This course is offered in collaboration with Westchester Community College.</p>

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