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**White Plains Youth Bureau to Attend Civil Rights Journey  
With Parents and Teens from Westchester Reform Temple March 17 – March 20**

Youth from the White Plains Youth Bureau, along with their parents, will participate in a four day Civil Rights Journey with parents and teens from Westchester Reform Temple. The Bridging Cultures program was established six years ago to develop and build partnerships/relationships between youth of different cultures and experiences. Participants will travel to Atlanta and from there to important sites in the history of the fight for American civil rights including:

- Montgomery, Alabama - To learn about Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott; the Southern Poverty Law Center to see the current face of the struggle for Civil Rights.
- The Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, Alabama – To see firsthand an important site in the fight for African American civil rights and to take part in a meeting with a participant in the historic march across the bridge.

The White Plains group will also learn about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his participation in the struggle for civil rights and attend a Shabbat service as well as a Sunday morning service at Ebenezer Baptist Church (historic church of Dr. Martin Luther, Jr.).

The goal of the trip is to deepen the students’ understanding of how Jews, Blacks and others worked together to fight for equal justice.

The trip is made possible by the Westchester Reform Temple, Friends of the White Plains Bureau and the White Plains Youth Bureau.

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