The cornerstone of the Jewish pioneer experience in America lies along the Hudson River five miles north of Newburgh, New York. It is Gomez Mill House, one of the oldest continuously lived in residences in the United States and the oldest surviving Jewish dwelling in North America. In 1714, American Jewish Pioneer, Luis Moses Gomez, built a fieldstone blockhouse to conduct trade in the Mid-Hudson region. A successful Jewish merchant in Colonial America, Gomez was first president (parnas) of New York City’s Mill Street Synagogue, built in 1728 for Congregation Shearith Israel.

From these roots and through nearly 300 years of American history, Gomez Mill House evolved as home to American Revolutionary patriot, Wolfert Acker; 19th century gentleman farmer, William Henry Armstrong; Arts & Crafts artisan Dard Hunter; and 20th century social activist, Margaret Gruening. Descendants of Luis Moses Gomez joined by descendants of other owners and friends formed the Gomez Foundation for Mill House in 1979, to preserve and maintain the Gomez Mill House and Historic Site, a New York State chartered museum on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Mission**

The Mission of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House is to preserve the oldest standing Jewish dwelling in North America as a significant regional and national rank museum and to educate the public through tours and programs about the contributions of Jews to the founding of America and the contributions of all former Mill House owners to the multicultural history of the Hudson River Valley.
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President and CEO, WNET

Closing Remarks
RUTH K. ABRAHAMS

We wish to thank Louise Hirschfeld Cullman and Lewis B. Cullman for their Pioneer leadership level contributions. Proceeds from leadership level table contributions will go towards funding the Mill House Media Project, which will provide educational, self-guided interactive tours of the Mill House historic site. Media Project exhibits will document and bring to life the stories of prominent American families with an emphasis on its founder, Luis Moses Gomez, Jewish American merchant pioneer who constructed the original trading post in 1714. Over 5,000 visitors including the children of the local school system visit Mill House each year. The story of Mill House and its occupants is the story of freedom, opportunity and tolerance in America.