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## **PRESERVATION LEAGUE AWARDS PRESERVE NEW YORK GRANT** **Jewish Federation of Ulster County Secures \$7,500**

ALBANY, NY – 1/7/11 – The Preservation League of New York State will present a **\$9,000 grant** to the **Jewish Federation of Ulster County** on **Monday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m.** during a forum titled “Saving a Building – Building a Community” at the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) at 97 Broadway.

The grant will support the preparation of a Historic Structure Report for the nearby Reher Bakery at 101 Broadway. This mixed-use Italianate structure has been a cornerstone of the Rondout neighborhood since 1885 and retains nearly all of its historic details. When Hymie Reher died in 2004, he deeded his family bakery, located at 101 Broadway, to the Jewish Federation of Ulster County. The non-profit organization has obtained grants for preservation of the property as well as for establishing the Reher Center of Immigrant Culture and History, which will function as a museum, research and education center related to the immigrant and mercantile history of the Rondout and surrounding area.

Marilyn Kaplan of Preservation Architecture will complete the report which will inform the interpretation and restoration plan for the Reher Bakery building.

The Preserve New York Grant Program is a partnership program of the Preservation League and the New York State Council on the Arts. “Preserve New York has a strong track record of bolstering local preservation efforts and delivering a strong return on investment,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League. “Since 1993, Preserve New York has provided over \$1.5 million in direct support to 250 projects across the state, leveraging over \$20 million in additional project support and over \$500,000 in donated labor, services and materials.”

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According to Geoffrey Miller, Chair of the Reher Bakery Building Restoration Project Committee for the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, “The Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History has evolved with the goal of telling the stories of Kingston’s immigrant culture. The story of the Reher family is the story of many immigrant groups that established roots in the burgeoning Rondout areas, working on the canal and in the stone quarries, brickyards, and boat yards. This grant brings us one step closer to our goal.”

“At its August, 2010 meeting, the Preserve New York grant program panel selected 17 projects in 14 counties around the state to share \$109,149 in funding,” said Erin Tobin, the League’s Regional Director of Technical and Grant Programs in eastern New York. “As always, the competition for these funds was intense. The Preservation League is delighted to help advance the preservation efforts of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County with this grant.”

According to Heather A. Hitchens, Executive Director of the New York State Council on the Arts, “Preserve New York grants have proven to be an effective catalyst for realizing community preservation goals and saving some of the Empire State’s most significant places. We are gratified that state funds made available for strategic grants through Preserve New York continue to leverage private investment, revitalize our historic neighborhoods and downtowns, and celebrate New York’s incomparable architectural legacy.”

Organizations and municipalities receiving grant awards in 2010 are: **Broome County (2)**: First Ward Action Council; Town of Vestal; **Chemung County**: City of Elmira; **Cortland County**: Cortland Downtown Partnership; **Erie County (2)**: Allentown Association; Nash House Museum; **Livingston County**: Livingston County Historical Society; Montgomery County: Montgomery County Department of History and Archives; **New York County**: Two Bridges Neighborhood Council; **Niagara County**: Oakwood Cemetery Association; **Onondaga County**: Preservation Association of Central New York; **Putnam County**: Manitoga; **Rensselaer County**: Pittstown Historical Society; **Schuyler County**: Village of Watkins Glen; **Ulster County**: Jewish Federation of Ulster County; **Westchester (2)**: Friends of Mozartina Musical Arts Conservatory, Inc.; City of Yonkers Department of Planning and Development.

For more information on the Preserve New York Grant Program, please call 518-462-5658 or visit the League’s website at [www.preservenys.org](http://www.preservenys.org).