PROTECT Democracy Rally & Concert
Defending Freedom, Justice, Reason & Compassion
At the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach
Wednesday, August 9, 7 to 9 pm

Sponsored by WiN NOW, Local Sierra Club
& Congregation L’Dor Va-Dor in Boynton Beach:
Music by Pink Slip

(Palm Beach County, FL – August 1, 2023) Activist and civil rights attorney Rabbi Barry Silver is inviting supporters of “rational thinking, abortion rights, progressive ideas, freedom in education, and defenders of our precious planet and all its inhabitants, human and otherwise” to a PROTECT Democracy Rally & Concert on Wednesday, August 9, from 7 to 9 pm. This FREE event will be held at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach (33446).

This thought-provoking and conscious-raising event is sponsored so far by WiN NOW, the Loxahatchee Group of the Sierra Club Florida Chapter, and Congregation L’Dor Va-Dor in Boynton Beach.

PROTECT stands for Progressive, Resolute, Organizations Together Enthusiastically Combatting Tyranny. The PROTECT Democracy Concert & Rally is the activist organization’s next public event and is open to anyone interested in “challenging right wing theocratic tyranny in America.”

Among the critical issues to be discussed are:
- Climate Change
- Protecting the Ag Reserve
- Abortion Rights
- Education, not indoctrination; freedom in our universities
- Teaching evolution, not “junk science”
- Gun Control
- Protection of Democracy in America
- Holding insurrectionists responsible for their crimes
Live music at the **PROTECT Democracy Rally** will be provided by the popular singing duo **Pink Slip** and **Cantor Carol Garrett**. Free refreshments will be available.

“Why are we having this event? Because In Florida, Governor DeSantis seeks to impose a right wing, Christian theocracy upon the rest of us, dismantling the separation of church and state, which the founders of this nation established to ensure that the soil of America would not be soaked in blood as it was in Europe,” warns Rabbi Silver. “They seek to replace democracy with demagogy, education with indoctrination and to torch our freedoms rather than let the torch of freedom burn brightly as a beacon of hope for the world. Learning nothing from the past, they threaten to reinstate the horrors of yesterday by aligning fascism with theocracy to bring out our worst impulses and destroy our nation.”

“So, on behalf of **WiN NOW**, the **Loxahatchee Group** of the **Sierra Club Florida Chapter**, and **Congregation L’Dor Va-Dor**, I invite everyone to join us for a lively discussion about the issues we all care about – as well as for the music, food and friendship,” says Silver, the well-known “Rabbi Rouser”. “Please join us so that together we can be an effective force for change and replace despair with hope and the darkness of tyranny with the light of reason.”

**About WiN NOW:**
Florida’s largest chapter of the National Organization for Women, Palm Beach County’s WiN NOW was founded in 1973 by women professors from Florida Atlantic University and their supporters to fight for equal pay and tenure. Over the last 50 years, the chapter has focused on a variety of women’s issues such as healthcare, the courts, education, equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community, and more. For additional information, please visit [www.pbcnow.org](http://www.pbcnow.org).

**About the Sierra Club Florida Chapter Loxahatchee Group:**
One of 17 local Sierra Club groups in Florida, it serves members in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee counties in Southeast Florida. Our group offers members and prospective members opportunities to explore, enjoy, and protect the environment by volunteering, going on outings and becoming environmental activists. Sierra Club mission
statement is “to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment, and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.”

The primary duty of the Sierra Club is to maintain the stability of the environment by combating all elements of destruction. This organization has been championing such issues through its advocates, community of volunteers, and other supporters. Sierra Club understands the essentiality of nature to the survival of humanity. It, therefore, commits all its resources to rally like-minded individuals to join its course and create a world where people can flourish and achieve their potential. For more information, please visit: https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/loxahatchee

About Congregation L’Dor Va-Dor:
L’Dor Va-Dor practices Cosmic Judaism inspired by prophetic ideals and great scientists such as Albert Einstein who said the religion of the future will be a Cosmic Religion, and "Science without religion is lame and religion without science is blind". It transforms religion from tribal to global and from the pathological to a logical path. It works with environmentalists, civil rights activists and those of all backgrounds committed to protecting our precious planet and all its inhabitants. For more information, please visit www.ldorvador.org.

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