



Dear Reader,

Speaking out against injustice, improving your town or neighborhood, preparing youth for a responsible adulthood, accepting personal inconvenience for the benefit of posterity — this month we celebrate acts of civic initiative and courage.

Behind these acts are ordinary humans. “We are no heroes,” as concentration camp survivor Khalil Rasim said. However, they understand that we all bear responsibility for the communities and places we live in. Our indifference is the chief weapon of opportunists, populists, and autocrat wannabes. It is on us to guard our democracies against them.

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Silence Is Not an Option



Opera Singer Alexandrina Pendatchanska: Neutrality Is Morally Unacceptable

Through her music and civic engagement, Ms. Pendatchanska has made known her strong views in support of democratic freedoms and justice.

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Survivors Relive Trauma to Help Contemporaries Avoid Mistakes of the Past

In May, ABF representatives and partners traveled to Belene in the company of camp survivors Khalil Rasim and Tsvetana Dzhermanova.

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The Formative Years

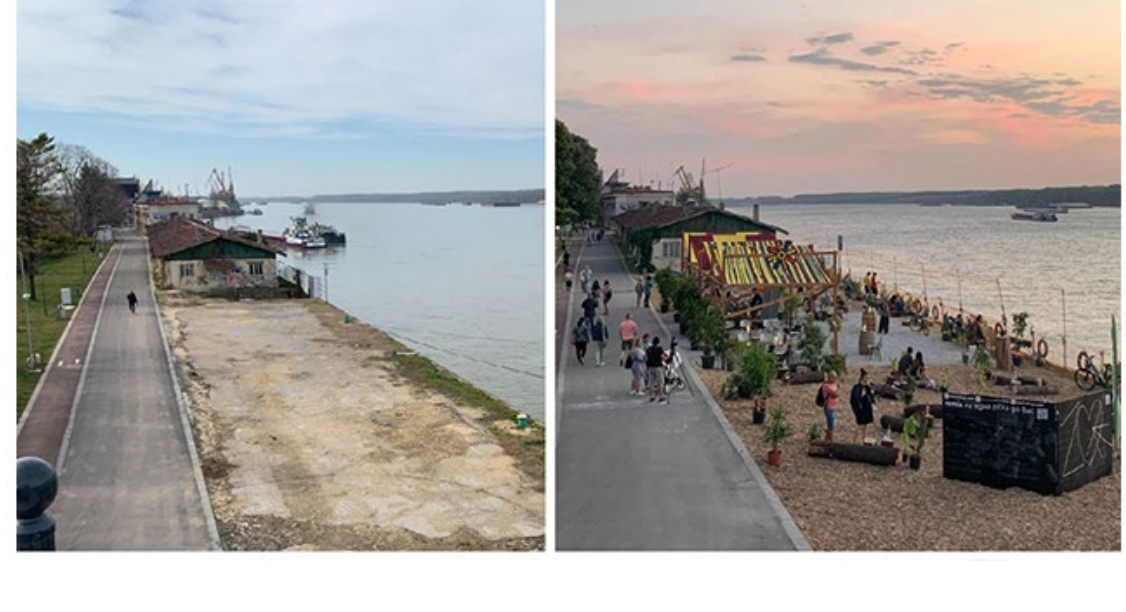


Deputy Principal Antoaneta Hristova: Successful Communities Hinge on Partnership

Ms. Hristova’s “mission is to help students become confident individuals who are capable of managing their education and life further.”

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Transformations



If You Want to Change the World, Start with Your Own Neighborhood

Once a busy transportation hub, Ruse River Station is now an urban eyesore lined with concrete and crumbling buildings. The Collective’s team wants to change that.

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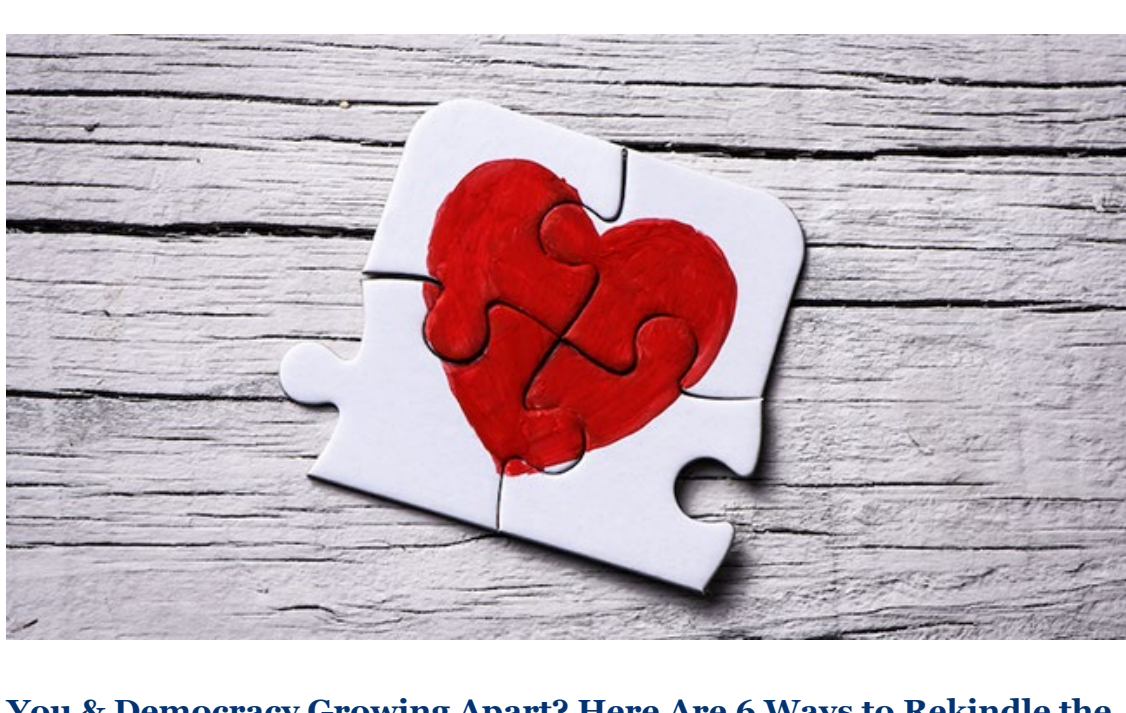


A Local Community Center Got a New Roof Thanks to... Mozart

Off the Beaten Path Chamber Music Festival in the Western Rhodope village of Kovachevitsa has had a positive impact on the local community.

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Practice Makes Perfect



You & Democracy Growing Apart? Here Are 6 Ways to Rekindle the Flame

The novelty is gone, and the challenges appear to loom larger than the gains in life quality we experienced since we have democracy in our lives.

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