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WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION 2017 *Get ready for four exciting days in July!*

A BOLD NEW OUTLOOK



WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR
CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
CONVENTION 2017

July 23-26, 2017

Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA

Register today for one of the most memorable experiences of your life! Meet up with old friends and find new ones who share your love of Judaism, commitment to community, and concern for our world. Be informed, engaged and energized. Gain sisterhood skills or enhance your personal knowledge, or both.

There is something for everyone, and everyone has something to add to the Women's League network!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrating the **Women's League Centennial** with a fascinating stroll through 100 years of history ([send us](#) your Women's League and sisterhood memories!)
- **Jewels in the Crown** luncheon honoring our sisterhoods
- **Installation** of new officers
- Culmination of the **Eikhah Project**
- **Torah Fund** luncheon
- **Judaica/Crafts Fair** on Sunday
- **Study** with JTS Chancellor Dr. Arnold Eisen and Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean, Ziegler School & Zecharias Frankel College
- Afternoon dedicated to **Israel**
- Traditional and alternative women-led **tefillot** (services)
- **Personal enrichment**
 - Study track
 - Books and authors
 - Creative Jewish Arts studio
- Special sessions for sisterhood and region presidents
- The Sisterhood Toolbox
- Delegates are invited to the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Shabbaton immediately preceding convention, with a live cantorial concert Saturday evening
- And much, much more...

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Special Convention Chesed Project



For the past several conventions we have been immensely proud of our social action projects designed to help local communities. With Convention 2017, we are starting a particularly fitting project that hopefully will continue long past next July.

Called **Mathilde's Mentionables**, in honor of our founder Mathilde Schechter, we will collect new and gently used undergarments for women in need. Start saving those new and very slightly used regular, sports, nursing, and mastectomy bras.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

FJMC Shabbaton

Women's League Convention delegates are invited to join the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for their Shabbaton immediately preceding convention, including a Cantors Concert Saturday evening. To register, [click here](#).

MORE FROM WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5: Annual Meeting, American Jewish University, Los Angeles

March 20: Personal Conversation: Finding the Right Summer Camp

March 23: Eikhah Study with Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner

Announcing a new partnership



SHARSHERET®

Women's League is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Sharsheret. Sharsheret, Hebrew for "chain," is a national not-for-profit organization that supports women and families, of all Jewish backgrounds, facing breast cancer, at every stage - before, during and after diagnosis. Sharsheret's mission to educate and to offer a community of support meshes perfectly with Women's League's role as the network for women in the Conservative/Masorti Movement. Together we will provide a valued service to our 40,000+ members and their families and Sharsheret will expand its ability to reach more Jewish women.

SHARSHERET services include an exceptional peer support program, the Genetics for Life program, Busy Box, for families facing cancer while raising young children, the Thriving Again survivorship program, and much more. Women's League provides an audience of women ready to access these services. Our sisterhoods will be able to offer appropriate support for members and their families and present informed educational programs in their communities.

Sharsheret will have a vital role at Convention 2017, another reason you will want to be there!

For more information about Sharsheret, visit their website, www.sharsheret.org.

Purim will be here before you know it



If your sisterhood would like to use the beautiful Women's League Megillah for this year's Purim reading, now is the time to request it.

For information about how to be considered, please contact Lisa Kogen asap at lkogen@wlcj.org. The chosen sisterhood will be announced at the Annual Meeting on March 5.

Women's League Reads new selection



The Bridge Ladies, a memoir by Betsy Lerner

"A fifty-year-old bridge game provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between a daughter and her mother. Betsy Lerner takes us on a powerfully personal literary journey, where we learn a little about bridge and a lot about life."

The on-line book discussion will start on March 13. On March 27, the author will be joining us for a live interview with Education Director Lisa Kogen. We are thrilled to have Betsy. You will love reading the book and listening to her.

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choose Convention 2017 Registration. We are looking forward to welcoming you personally to Arlington, Virginia, for our most exciting convention yet.

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Sisterhood stipends for convention!

Win a \$500 convention stipend for your sisterhood! How to do it?

1. Get the members of your sisterhood to log onto the Women's League website, www.wlcj.org, by clicking on the button on the top right.
2. They need to log in by following the directions given, if they haven't already. If they have any questions, please contact Razel Kessler at rkessler@wlcj.org or 212.870.1263.
3. They should click on: Update My Profile

4. In the first section, last line, they should click on the box that says: I wish to receive periodic email updates from WLCJ
5. Then they must scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Update Profile Information.

Four sisterhoods with 75% of their members "clicked" will be eligible to win \$500 toward their convention expenses.



Special Convention project

Mathilde's Mentionables will be an ongoing *chesed* project of Women's League. For Convention, we are collecting new and gently used undergarments for women in need in the Washington, DC area.

Masorti Women's Study Days

If you will be in Israel during February or March, you might want to plan to attend one of these exciting and dynamic study days.

WOMEN CHANGE CRISIS INTO OPPORTUNITY

February 14 (4:00-8:45 pm)

Eshel Avraham, Be'ersheva

February 21 (4:00-8:45 pm)

Hod v'Hadar, Kfar Saba

March 1 (4:00-8:45 pm)

Hanaton

It's very easy to register online. Click [here](#).

Annual Meeting and Pacific Southwest Celebration March 5

A block of rooms has been reserved for March 3-6, 2017 at the Hilton Woodland Hills/Los Angeles, 6360 Canoga Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA. The special rate will be available until February 17 or until the group block is sold-out. Please click [here](#) to access the hotel's booking site.

To register for the event, please print and fill out this form.

PSW Celebration ~ Reserve By February 20, 2017

Name _____ Sisterhood/City _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Guests included in this reservation: _____

Your Payment is Your Reservation

Before February 20, 2017: \$75/person Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

After February 20, 2017: \$85/person Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Sorry I cannot attend and wish to make a contribution of \$ _____

Credit Card Payment: PSW is authorized to charge my Visa or Mastercard in the amount of \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date __/__/__ 3-Digit code _____
or contact Kim Memar at (702) 429-0888 to give her your credit card information directly.

Please indicate your lunch entree(s): Chicken Picatta _____ Vegetarian (gluten free) _____

If you have special dietary restrictions, please contact Jina Rezvanpour at (310) 991-2509

Make checks payable to PSW WLCJ.

Return form with payment to: PSW Office, 15600 Mulholland Dr., Bel Air, CA 90077

We Look Forward To Seeing You!



Next Distance Workshop
Merged Sisterhoods/Sharing Traditions
March 7, 2017

To register, [click here](#).

For the complete 2016-2017 schedule of Distance Workshops, [click here](#).

You can read the scripts from the last workshops in the member document section of the website.



Jewels in the Crown Update

Every sisterhood should want to be a recipient of a 2017 Jewels in the Crown Award for outstanding programming and involvement.

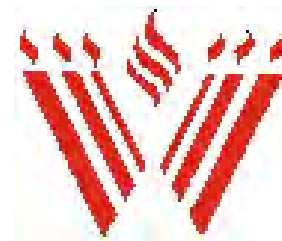
Information and the application are available on the [website](#). To help sisterhoods fulfill the various requirements, we have also prepared a tracking sheet to record programs and events as of Convention 2014. Remember, Jewels in the Crown Awards 2017 cover the period from July 2014 through June

2017 and will be presented at Convention 2017.

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Programs, membership ideas, education material, and more available at wlcj.org

[Click here to visit the WL and explore all the resources](#)



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