



Pacific Southwest Region
Women's League for Conservative Judaism



74th Spring Conference

B'yachad

Embracing the Future Together

Sunday

April 25, 2021 – 13 Iyar 5781



Jina Bina Rezvanpour
PSW Region President

Welcome to the Pacific Southwest Region's 74th Annual Spring Conference. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us via Zoom. Our Region Conference Committee has worked hard for many months to create a program which allows each of you to find your own personal fulfillment and enjoyment. The plenary discussion and workshops will be stimulating and informative, providing new ideas that will benefit your Sisterhood/Women's League.

The conference will end with the installation of the new administration, followed by Cantor Jacqueline Rafii's song. Please note that this year we are presenting our workshops for Presidents and Torah Fund during the summer.

Enjoy the Conference!

Jina Bina Rezvanpour
Pacific Southwest Region President



Carol Madvig
Conference Vice President
Incoming PSW Region President

B'Yachad

Welcome to Pacific Southwest Region Women's League's 74th Annual Conference. We have been hard at work making this "Zoom Conference" a wonderful event with stimulating and diverse speakers. As incoming president, I look forward to working with the incoming Board and all of the Sisterhood Presidents.

We are a strong and caring group of women who understand the importance of working together, *B'Yachad*, so we can strengthen our goal to be one community. We need your input and participation in our many projects and programs. Your suggestions, energy and involvement are always welcome.

The thrill of being together at Conference mirrors the joy of Sisterhood members, who work together year-round to make important contributions to their Conservative synagogues. Our pride in being Jewish shows in everything we do. We are high achievers in our professional and personal lives, and we accomplish even more together! Each one of us is one small nugget of gold, but together our small gifts reflect and refract the light inside us and help each other to shine.

As we peel back the emotional layers of this pandemic, hopefully, we can come closer to a sense of freedom and once again begin to see the beauty within all of life, a genuine treasure for which to be grateful. With life, it seems, it's only in the discovering, analyzing, and healing that we learn, grow, and become our true selves

Optimistically, the results will be good. I wish you all well on moving forward as you reunite with family and friends in more loving ways than ever before... in doing all the things you enjoy doing together. We keep in our thoughts and prayers all of those affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, and hope for a speedy recovery for our country. Thank you all for sharing today with us.

Carol Madvig
Conference Vice President



Debbi Kaner Goldich
International President
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Debbi Kaner Goldich was born in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to the Philadelphia suburbs shortly after college graduation. She has undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in Pediatric Nursing and practiced for 35 years before retiring. Debbi has been active in Jewish communal service since High School when she was USY chapter present and NERUSY Region Secretary.

She became active in Women's League for Conservative Judaism over 40 years ago and has served as Sisterhood President, Region President, International Vice President, International Torah Fund Chair, Consultant among many other positions and now Women's League President.

As well as serving as President, Debbi serves on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Executive Committee of Neve Hanna, the Executive Committee of Mercaz, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), her synagogue ritual committee and is a longtime member of the Board of Advisors to the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

Debbi shares her time between Pennsylvania and Arizona. She and Bob have three sons, two daughters who came to them though love, and two grandchildren.



Susan Ben-Rubin
Consultant
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Susan Ben-Rubin is a new Consultant with WLCJ this year. She has been the Co-President of the Sisterhood of Herzl-Ner Tamid in Mercer Island, Washington for three years and has served on the Sisterhood Board for five years. She has been active on the North By Northwest Region Board as well, most recently serving as the Region Torah Fund VP and the Region Representative to the International Board.

Susan works full time as a Global Program Manager for Adobe. She lives in Renton, Washington, and has three nearly adult children - Danielle, 25, David, 23, and Ness, 20.



Deb Bruce
Recording Secretary
Consultant
Women's League for Conservative Judasim

During my 35 years as a member of Sisterhood, I have held most positions, including President. I became involved in WLCJ as the North Atlantic Region Conference Chair, then went on to become Region Torah Fund VP, and then Region President. I credit the training received from WLCJ for these positions, along with Leadership Institute for giving me insight into challenges Sisterhoods and Regions can face.

I am a past International VP, Women's League Israel Chair, and a member of the Torah Fund Cabinet. Currently, in addition to being a Consultant, I am WLCJ Recording Secretary. On a personal note, my husband and I have been married 40 years, having met while teenagers in BBYO. I am the mother of three adult children and Savta of one (so far). During my "free" time I play Mah Jongg, Kickbox, and sew. Post-pandemic, I'm looking forward to getting back into my synagogue, and hugging my friends.

Agenda

10:00 AM

Welcome

Jina Rezvanpour, Region President
Carol Madvig, Conference Vice President

Nation Anthem and Hatikvah

Cantor Jacqueline Rafii, Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Welcome from International President

Debbi Kaner Goldich

Video message from

Barbara Ezring, Torah Fund Chair

Milestones

Election of the PSW Region Board 2021 – 2024

Acknowledgement of Sisterhood Presidents

Maxine Silverberg, Sisterhood Support Vice President

10:30 AM

Plenary

Embracing the Future Together

Moderator: **Rabbi David Klatzker**

Congregation Or Tzion, Scottsdale, AZ

Panelists: **Dr. Ruth Fisher**

Psychologist

Rabbi Adam Greenwald

Director of Introduction to Judaism, AJU

Dr. Marc Hoffman

Physician

Chad Rose

Principal, Stevenson Ranch Elementary School

12:00 PM

Lunch *Virtual Tribute Book*

Agenda

12:30 PM

Workshops – 1st Session – Select Your Session

Meet the Author

Presenting: Rav Ahud Sela

Seeing Angels in the Shadow of Death: A Rabbi's Journey Through Illness and Health

Jewish Genealogy

Presenting: Laura Gold

Searching the Past for Connections in the Present

Membership

Presiding: Susan Ben-Rubin & Cindy Scherr

Tips for Retaining and Enlarging Your Sisterhood

1:15 PM

Workshops – 2nd Session – Select Your Session

How to Live Forever

Presenting: Cory Schneider

Sharing Your Story with Future Generations

Communications

Presenting: Deb Bruce

Tools & Techniques to Engage Your Sisterhood

Programming & Ways and Means

Presiding: Debbie Cadis & Rhoda Lipsig

Sharing Ideas for Events and Fundraising

2:00 PM

Mincha Services

Presiding: Lillian Radomsky & Deena Gordon

In Memoriam

Presiding: Deena Gordon & Kim Memar

2:30 PM

Installation

Presiding: Marilyn Berkowitz & Edie Nitzberg

Installation of Incoming President: Rabbi Richard Camras,
Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Farewell Song

Cantor Jacqueline Rafii, Shomrei Torah Synagogue

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2008-11.....	Marilyn Berkowitz
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1966-68.....	Frances Kuris*
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1960-62.....	Sarah Harwick Feder*
1959-60.....	Bess Freeman*
1958-59.....	Marjorie Pressman*
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1953-54.....	Deon Simon*
1951-53.....	Saralyn Spilky*
1950-51.....	Shirley Whizin*
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**May her name be for a blessing.*

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Special Thank You

Women's League for Conservative Judaism Consultants

Susan Ben-Rubin

Deb Bruce

Our Distinguished Panel and Workshop Presenters

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Deb Bruce
Debbie Cadis
Dr. Ruth Fisher
Laura Gold
Rabbi Adam Greenwald
Dr. Marc Hoffman

Rabbi David Klatzker
Rhoda Lipsig
Chad Rose
Cindy Scherr
Cory Schneider
Rav Ahud Sela

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*International Consultant

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Rabbi David Klatzker

Transitional Senior Rabbi
Congregation Or Tzion, Scottsdale, AZ

An engaging teacher and speaker, Rabbi Klatzker began his career in Natick, MA, where he was Associate Rabbi to Rabbi Harold Kushner, who wrote When Bad Things Happen to Good People. He then served as a long-term Rabbi in Erdenheim, PA, and Peabody, MA. He has most recently served as an intentional interim rabbi in Long Beach, CA, Commack, NY, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, Cranford, NJ, and Long Grove, IL.

A native Californian, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Pomona College in Claremont. He did graduate work in Jewish history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received a Ph.D. in Religion from Temple University, as well as an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He has been accredited as a “Transition Specialist” by the Interim Ministry Network—a unique, two-year training program in leading congregations through change.

He has published articles in seven books and in Conservative Judaism, The Reconstructionist, Middle East Quarterly, Jewish Political Studies Review, Journal of Ecumenical Studies, Catholic Historical Review, and Union Seminary Quarterly Review.

He was Co-Chairman of the Philadelphia Conservative Introduction to Judaism program and Chairman of the Interfaith Outreach Committee of the Robert I. Lappin Foundation in Massachusetts, one of the most innovative programs in the country in supporting interfaith families. He was a senior teacher at Camp Ramah in the Poconos for many summers and served as Rabbinic Advisor to the New England Region of the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs.

Rabbi Klatzker is committed to supporting the needs of Jewish families at every stage of life. He studied pastoral psychology at the Philadelphia Psychiatric Center and Jewish family education at the Whizin Institute in Los Angeles. He puts his training and experience to work in many different settings, counseling individuals and families as they face life cycle events, and working with teenagers and children.

Rabbi Klatzker’s wife of thirty-six years, Randy, passed away in April 2020 from ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). He retired from the active rabbinate for two years to care for her. He has three adult children in Los Angeles and Boston: Micah, Judah and Meira.



Rabbi Adam Greenwald

Vice President for Jewish Engagement
American Jewish University

Rabbi Greenwald oversees the Maas Center for Jewish Journeys and the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program. He also serves as a Lecturer at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. In 2016, Rabbi Greenwald received the Covenant

Foundation's Pomegranate Prize in Jewish Education.

Rabbi Greenwald is the editor of *On One Foot*, an introduction to Judaism textbook and curriculum, in wide use across North America. An alum of CLAL's Rabbis Without Borders Fellowship, he teaches nationally on issues of conversion, interfaith inclusion, and engagement of Jewish millennials. Prior to coming to AJU, he served as Revson Rabbinic Fellow at IKAR, one of America's most innovative spiritual communities.

Rabbi Greenwald received his BA in History from UCLA and his MA and rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in 2011. He is married to Anne Hromadka, an art curator and consultant, and they are the proud parents of a seriously adorable toddler, Gracie.



Chad Rose

Principal
Stevenson Ranch Elementary School

Mr. Rose has been an elementary school principal for 15 years. Prior to that he served as an assistant principal and teacher. He has a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. He and his wife have lived in the Santa Clarita Valley for over 16 years. They are the proud parents of two children enrolled in the local school systems.



Dr. Ruth Fisher
Psychologist

Dr. Ruth Fisher began her life as a psychotherapist at the age of two. When Ruth was a young adult, her mom shared, how other moms would call and ask her to please bring 2-year-old Ruthie over because they needed help with their kids who were fighting with each other, upset etc. Although born in the Midwest, Ruth moved with her sister, Judy, and her parents to Arizona at the age of nine. She was in the first graduating class at Phoenix Central High School, 1959.

Ruth received her Bachelor's Degree from UC Berkeley, and her Master's Degree and PhD from UW Madison in 1970. During the following year she was the only woman, of 10 Psychology interns, accepted to the program at Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, San Francisco, CA. While there she questioned the low proportion of women and was told that a few years before they took out all mention of gender and the top 7 out of 10 were women. They were only willing to have 0-1, possibly 2 maximum. Ruth feels that, as women, we have come a long way, but not far enough.

Her first position as a Psychologist was at the V A Hospital, San Fernando Valley, CA. From 1973-76 she was in charge of Out-Patient Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Fisher was a weekly consultant to the staff at Dignity Center, a community-based program for the black youth run by Suicide Prevention Center. Her love affair with psychology has continued in Private Practice, where she is still working part-time at the age of 79.

Ruth is currently writing a memoir that will be dedicated to her son, Drew. The working title is: *Guided by Grit: How Listening to my Gut Saved My Life*. She is pleased to be participating in the panel.



Marc Hoffman, DO, MBA, FAAFP

Partner Emeritus

Regional Physician Market Leader

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Walnut Center Regional Offices, Pasadena, CA

Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine,

Western University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Marc Hoffman is the Physician Director of Permanente HR for the Panorama City Medical Center Area (PCMC), which includes the Panorama City Medical Center campus, Mission Hills Medical Offices, Santa Clarita Medical Offices, Canyon Country Medical Offices, North Hollywood Medical Offices and Sylmar Behavioral Health Offices. Dr. Hoffman also has responsibilities for business, strategy, administrative services, outside medical services and member service for the PCMC Service Area.

Dr. Hoffman is also a Regional Physician Market Leader for the Medical Group. In this role, he partners with members of the Sales and Account Management team. and he speaks to brokers, employers, and members about the value of our care delivery system—health plan, hospitals, and health care providers working together to bring members high-quality care. He is also a physician representative on behalf of the Medical Group in Government Relations.

Dr. Hoffman earned his medical degree from Western University Health Sciences and completed his Family Medicine Residency at the University of Southern California. He also has an MBA from the University of Phoenix. He has been a Kaiser Permanente physician since 1990 and continues to see patients in family medicine. In addition, he is on the teaching staff as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Hoffman is passionate about improving the health of our communities and has been a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC)—one of the nation's largest community health centers serving as a safety net health care organization. Additionally, he has been a member of the CEO Community Benefit Committee at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital in Santa Clarita, CA.

Dr. Hoffman was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. He continues to live with his family near the community where he grew up.



Cory Schneider

Past International President, Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Cory Schneider of Somerset, New Jersey is a past international president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (2006-2010) and has served in nearly every official capacity within the organization, including Torah Fund Chair. During Cory's presidency she spearheaded the much-needed restructuring of the organization as well as serving as chair of the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. Always an active member of her synagogue and community, Cory focuses her energy on innovation, developing materials and streamlining structures and policies, always with an eye to producing a more involved, stronger, and vibrant organization. In addition, she created and chairs a tallit weaving program for her sisterhood. Currently, Cory serves Women's League as Archives chair, a consultant/mentor, administrator of the Torah Fund Legacy Society and member of various committees. She sits on the Women's League Board of Directors and the Torah Fund Cabinet.



Rav Ahud Sela

Temple Ramat Zion

Originally from New Haven, CT, Rav Sela became an adopted Californian, receiving his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from UC Santa Barbara, where he also met his wife Alisha. After receiving his Rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, he served as an assistant Rabbi at Sinai Temple in Westwood under Rabbi David Wolpe.

Since joining Temple Ramat Zion in 2010, Rav Sela has worked tirelessly to make the synagogue a dynamic and vibrant center of Jewish life that meets the needs of its members and larger community, both spiritually and practically. His religious and academic interests are the connection between Judaism and social justice, our writings of the Chassidic masters. While attending Rabbinical school, Rav Sela also received a master's degree in Bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania and still often teaches on this subject.



Laura Lee Gold
Vice President
Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles

Laura Lee Gold has engaged in genealogical research since about 1995 when she received her mother's family trees from a cousin. A former debater at California State University Northridge and qualifier for the National Debate Tournament, she is now retired from the Office of the Attorney General where she worked as a trial lawyer defending the State of California. She is a skilled public speaker and has made genealogy presentations to genealogical societies, synagogues and Jewish women's organizations, coordinated genealogy classes, and led tours of Jewish Los Angeles.



Rabbi Richard Camras
Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Rabbi Richard Camras assumed the role of rabbi at Shomrei Torah Synagogue in April of 1999. Rabbi Camras' passion and focus has been in the area of Jewish education through Torah study. As founder of the Conejo/West Valley branch of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Rabbi Camras continues to bring new and innovative programming to Shomrei Torah Synagogue and the West Valley.

Equally involved in building our Jewish community, Rabbi Camras serves as President of the Pacific Southwest Regional Rabbinical Assembly. He served for three years as the Chair of the West Valley Rabbinic Task Force at the Valley Alliance Federation and is a lecturer of Practical Rabbinics at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies as well as overseeing the West Valley/Conejo Valley Introduction to Judaism class sponsored by the American Jewish University.

He previously served as Associate Rabbi of Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland for seven years and was ordained from The Jewish Theological Seminary in 1992. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Talya and Noah.



Cantor Jacqueline Rafii
Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Jacqueline Rafii is the Cantorial Soloist and Director of Music at Shomrei Torah Synagogue, where she develops and directs all musical programming, creative prayer experiences, and music education. She is passionate about engaging and invigorating Jewish communities through music and spiritual leadership, and since the global pandemic has developed a variety of innovative programs and opportunities to build community virtually, including recently, co-producing a Virtual Shabbat Shirah service with global reach honoring women composers. She frequently composes and shares original melodies of Jewish sacred texts.

Jacqueline graduated summa cum laude from UCLA with a B.A. in Comparative Literature and a minor in Hebrew and Jewish Studies, and she earned her JD from UCLA School of Law. She practiced entertainment law in Los Angeles for three years before entering full-time synagogue work. While pursuing law, she led services as a cantorial soloist at synagogues throughout Los Angeles, including Sinai Temple and Wilshire Boulevard Temple. She also served as the first female prayer leader at the Iranian Jewish Senior Center's High Holy Days services.

Jacqueline is a Wexner Graduate Fellow, one of twenty young Jewish leaders in North America selected annually to help strengthen the future of Jewish America. She will receive her Master of Jewish Sacred Music and ordination as a cantor in May 2021 from the Academy for Jewish Religion, California. Jacqueline is inspired by her Persian Jewish heritage, and she is currently conducting original fieldwork in the area of preserving, notating, and disseminating Persian Jewish prayer melodies.

Jackie is married and lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Lev.