

# Garden State Region News- August 9, 2024



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All times listed are Eastern Time



## Message from Sheila Kaufman, GSR President

Dear Traci,

It is the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, although it's really more like the hot soupy days!

A couple of weeks ago I came back from our first vacation with my family in a very long time. We went to Salt Lake City, then Utah's National Parks and ended up in Las Vegas. My son, Gabriel, works for the Los Angeles Angels AAA affiliate, Salt Lake Bees, which had prompted this trip. We went to 6 games over the 10 days of our trip and I posed with their mascot as the Queen Bee that I am!



The trip was breathtaking beyond words. We took pictures galore, hiked and reached new personal bests. Each park and area were so unique and beautiful, from the Great Salt Lake to the Hoodoos of Bryce National Park. The short time that we were there, we did a lot. We missed a few parks we had planned on seeing and yet saw others not on our list. Beyond the view, it was family time that was most important. Watching our son at work and thoroughly enjoying what he was doing was most gratifying. Listening to our daughter as she talked through her plans for her senior year in college and the future, is inspiring. Seeing your children thrive in their vocation and conversations with the family make us proud of both of our kids, and as they say, "Priceless".

So how can I relate my trip to our Region? Each Affiliate and all the individuals that make them special are awesome and unique. We should all embrace each and every one. Every person brings a gift to the table, so let's be open to all. Relax, especially me, and take in the sights and the people. Learn from one another. There will be bumps in the road, use those bumps to learn from them and inevitably they will make you a better person.

Our September 9th Coffee and Conversation, with Nova Festival Survivor, Yasmin Porat, "Confronting Morality to Embrace Life" will be rescheduled very soon. Let's keep Yasmin and all of Israel in our prayers during this difficult time.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

## Sheila

Sheila Kaufman  
President, Garden State Region WLCJ  
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*"Networking to engage, enrich and empower Conservative Jewish women"*

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Kol HaKavod to Lynette Seader, the Immediate Past Queen Bee. Some of the board members celebrated Lynette at Deli King of Clark on July 31, 2024.



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## MAZON HUNGER ACTION MONTH



### August is MAZON's Hunger Action Month

This August, we are calling you and your community to action for [MAZON's 2024 Hunger Action Month](#). With support and guidance from our policy experts and community organizers, you and your community will have the tools needed to meet with your representatives in Congress during the August recess when lawmakers return to their districts from Washington, DC. We will equip you with advocacy training, meeting toolkits, and more, enabling you to effectively advocate for strengthening our critical safety net programs. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that our nation's policies reflect our values of compassion, justice, and dignity for all. Learn more about [the imperative for all of us to use our voices this August](#), and register below to get involved.

[Register Here](#)

### Prayer Links and Ways to Donate to Israel

<https://www.wlcj.org/supporting-israel-in-crisis-was-to-help-and-donate/>

Downloads to recite at home, in your synagogue and at other gatherings:

- [Prayer for the Welfare and the Return of our Kidnapped Brothers and Sisters](#) (Hebrew and English)
  - [Updated list of hostages, to be used in prayers for their speedy and safe return](#) (English - the list is continually being updated and includes names of all hostages who we believe to still be alive)
  - [Prayer in Times of War - Fall 5784](#) (Hebrew and English)
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## BRING THEM HOME NOW Freedom Tags

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum is offering a discount for WLCJ members on their freedom tags. To take advantage of this deal, please use this link:

[Click here to make your purchase](#)  
use Discount code JNOW

Discount will show upon checkout.



Torah Fund supports programs and scholarships at the five Conservative/Masorti global institutes of higher education.



Announcing Our 2024-2025 Campaign Theme:

# Am Yisrael Chai

## עם ישראל חי

*The people of Israel live*

**W**e strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we help committed Jewish students become the rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.

When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe—and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people.

Visit [www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund](http://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund)

*Am Yisrael Chai* is an expression of Jewish solidarity for the Jewish nation and the continuity of the Jewish people. We help ensure the future of worldwide Jewish communities through our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.



## PLEASE GIVE TO TORAH FUND!

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Keter Kavod \$5,000  
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Patron \$1,200  
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**FOR OUR U.S. SUPPORTERS**, go to [inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund](http://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund)  
Or send your check to the Torah Fund office.

**FOR OUR CANADIAN SUPPORTERS**, go to [torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/canadian](http://torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/canadian)  
Make a donation of any amount with the minimum purchase of one ecard.  
Or send a check to The Jewish Theological Society, 100 Elder Street, North York, Ontario, M3H 5G7.

The dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning.

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## TORAH FUND

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Creating New Spaces Campaign: We Need YOU to Make It Happen!



We have made great strides toward reaching our \$200,000 goal for the **Creating New Spaces** campaign. If you have already donated to this worthy initiative, *todah rabah* – thank you.

Please consider donating to help us reach our goal. If every Women's League member and affiliate donates \$18 or more to the Creating New Spaces campaign, we can finish this important campaign. We are counting on our dedicated Torah Fund supporters, affiliates and regions for this help.

Together let's complete this special project and add it to our list of noteworthy achievements.

U.S. members, please make your donation to the Creating New Spaces campaign here:

<https://inspired.jtsa.edu/give/314821/#/donation/checkout>

Canadian members, please make your donation payable to Jewish Theological Society and indicate it is for the Creating New Spaces Campaign.

Thank you for your wonderful support!

## A Legacy Gift to Torah Fund Helps Fortify the Jewish Future

TORAH FUND  
LEGACY SOCIETY

Donating to Torah Fund through your estate will help provide student scholarships and programs at our five institutions of higher learning serving worldwide Jewish communities. Join our group of visionaries who value Jewish education and the future of the Jewish people by becoming a member of our Legacy Society.

Wishing you wellness and long life.

For more information please contact us at  
[torahfund@jtsa.edu](mailto:torahfund@jtsa.edu) or call (212) 678-8977.

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[Click HERE](#) to donate to this year's 2024-25 Torah Fund Campaign for Ahm Yisrael Chai  
[Click HERE](#) to donate to *Creating New Spaces Campaign*  
[Click HERE](#) to donate to the Torah Fund Legacy Society  
[Click HERE](#) for the Torah Fund Chadashot Newsletter

Torah Fund pins will be distributed early September.  
Any questions please e-mail Lisa Paule [lipaule@jtsa.edu](mailto:lipaule@jtsa.edu) or Sherrill Moss-Solomon  
[shsolomon@jtsa.edu](mailto:shsolomon@jtsa.edu) or call the Torah Fund Office @ 212-678-8027.

# We are Women's League

Engaging Enriching and Empowering Jewish Women  
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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DONATE TO WLCJ

WL WEEK

 ONLINE

**Thursday**  
**September 5, 2024**  
**7:30pm ET**



## Be a Women's League Jewels in the Crown Affiliate!

The Jewels in the Crown Award advances the legacy of Women's League's founder, Mathilde Schechter, by honoring Sisterhood Affiliates that offer outstanding educational opportunities, promote Jewish culture, and engage in Women's League initiatives.

Every Women's League Affiliate can be recognized as a Jewel in the Crown!

Join Women's League Consultants Rachel Ferber, Anise Parnes, and Edna Schrank, who will share tips on how to streamline the application process, and be inspired by Affiliates who have been recognized for their outstanding programs and activities.



### EMAIL

**Rachel Ferber,** [rferber@wlcj.org](mailto:rferber@wlcj.org)  
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Register

 **ONLINE**

**Thursday**  
**September 12, 2024**  
**7:00pm ET**



**REGISTER**

 **EMAIL**

**Jody Glass**  
[glass.jody@gmail.com](mailto:glass.jody@gmail.com)  
WL Creative Judaic Arts Chair

Join **Jody Glass**, our Creative Judaic Arts Chairperson, to make these place cards/trivets just in time for Rosh Hashanah.

**There are no premade kits.** A supply list and instructions will be provided upon registration. A preview of the supplies is below.

**Supplies**

Sharpie brand markers only (Fine tip not extra fine tip)– assorted colors – Can be purchased individually or as a set at any craft or office supply store  
White Ceramic Tile – 4 x 4 inches for place card, 6 x 6 inches for trivet – available at Home Depot – purchase a minimum of 4 for the project. Tiles are normally less than a dollar each, better to buy more than less.  
Rubbing Alcohol – 91% is better  
Medicine Dropper – clean (doesn't have to be new)  
Self-Adhesive felt or cork feet for the base  
Paper towels

**Optional Supplies**

Spray Bottle (to use with alcohol)  
Krylon clear sealer – water base  
Blow Dryer  
Straw – any type  
Rubber gloves – use if you have an allergy to alcohol

**Prior to the Session**

Please wash the tiles with soap and water. You want to remove any dirt or oil that will prevent the markers from applying evenly.

Register





ONLINE

**Monday**  
**September 16, 2024**  
**7:30pm ET**



**A Century of Learning, Creativity, Activism and Sister-hood**

**A 4-part zoom series**

**Presented by Lisa Ellison (Kogen)**

WLCJ Director of Education and Program  
2003-2017

As we look back on one hundred plus years of Women's League history, we will examine its important organizational milestones, its challenges and successes, innovations, resources and publications, cultural creativity, social activism, political advocacy and tumultuous religious change.

In the early decades of the twentieth century, many of our leaders were **like** rabbis. By the end of the century, they **were** rabbis. Women's Leaguers were not mere sideline spectators, but an armed battalion of active, engaged and deeply committed participants.

**Part 1 - Historical Overview**  
**An exploration of the hundred plus years of Women's League**

**A fascinating look at its history from founding in 1918 to the present**

- The development and role of women's organizations and Women's League as part of -- and different from -- those other organizations.
- The founding principles and activities of the League.
- Early challenges and the League's struggle to become autonomous.
- League organizational structures, developments and transformations.
- Women's League as part of other arms of the movement and its influence through Torah Fund.

**REGISTER**



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Archives Chair, Consultant, Past  
International President

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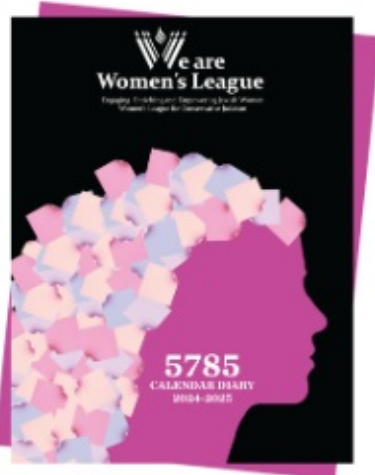
**Part 2 - Publish or Perish**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Hold the Date!

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 ONLINE

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Friday at 9 AM PT; 10 AM MT,  
11 AM CT; 12 PM ET**



A virtual service for our WLCJ Sisters to recite Mishaberach, the Prayer for Healing, recite the Psalm of the Day, study and recite Kaddish together.

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/j/630830287>  
Meeting ID: 630 830 287  
Password: 875936

Want to sing, teach, help with technology,  
and more during Daily Psalm Study, and  
Kaddish?

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## Previous WLCJ Programming

Weren't able to join us? Visit  
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videos. View our past  
recordings.

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## SISTERHOOD AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

 East Brunswick Jewish Center  
Sisterhood & Men's Club  
and  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah  
Sisterhood  
are excited to announce

**SIX13**

is coming to EBJC!!!  
**DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
**2:00pm**

 **SAVE THE DATE!**



  Stay tuned for details about  
sponsorship opportunities and  
general admission tickets.

**DESIGNER  
BAG  
BINGO**

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 2024**

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HANDBAG**

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TEMPLE EMANUEL OF THE PASCACK VALLEY

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Share your news and nachas with us!

**Mazel Tov**



Helene Knee on the birth of twin granddaughters, Naomi and Eden to Ilana and Sam Knee on June 30, 2024



Susan Winter on the birth of grandson, Joey Winter born July 11, 2024 to Jonathan & Emily Winter

#### Baruch Dayan HaEmet

- Sebley Hausler, passing of her sister, Irma Halick on July 14, 2024
- Passing of Selma Weintraub, z"l, Past WLCJ International President 1982-1986. Funeral was held July 26, 2024. Messages of condolence may be sent to Selma's daughter, Connee Kaufman, by email at [conneek@aol.com](mailto:conneek@aol.com)
- Passing of Lillian "Lee" Leibel z"l, mother of Shelley Szwalbenest, WLCJ Torah Fund Vice-Chair, Communications. Funeral was held Aug. 2, 2024. Messages of condolence may be sent to Ben and Shelley Szwalbenest, 1504 Brookfield Road, Yardley, PA 19067, and by email to [sszwalbenest@wlcj.org](mailto:sszwalbenest@wlcj.org)

### Make a Donation to the Garden State Region to:

- Honor someone special
- Wish a Mazel Tov to a Bar/Bat Mitzvah family
- Send get well wishes
- Send condolences

Our **Scholarship Fund** helps to send women to WLCJ Convention and Leadership Institute where they learn necessary skills to share with our sisterhoods.

The **Sunshine Fund** supports members of the GSR Board in their time of need.

The **Evelyn Auerbach Education Fund** to sponsor an annual GSR Region educational event.

To make donations, contact Donna Franklin GSR Treasurer, at [gstrtreasurer@wlcj.org](mailto:gstrtreasurer@wlcj.org) and include which fund(s) to make the donation to.

Or mail your check payable to "GSR-WLCJ" to  
Donna Franklin, 7 Liddy Place, West Caldwell, NJ 07006  
Donations can also be made via Credit Card.

**Donate to GSR using Credit Card**

Share your Sisterhood Happenings with us!  
*Look for all the info both here and on our Website & Facebook pages!*

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If you would like to contribute a flyer or picture to upload please forward to [Traci Sachs](#) and [Sheila Kaufman](#).

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