

Garden State Region News-November 1, 2024



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All times listed are Eastern Time



MESSAGE FROM SHEILA KAUFMAN, GSR PRESIDENT

Dear Traci,

Shalom!

My dog never had so much fun as she did outside during Sukkot while we ate dinner. Frankly, so did I. And I am thinking this would be a good Region program... maybe next year! So for now, the holidays are over and we can get back to some normalcy. I am glad to see that Paid Up Membership programs are in full swing and I will be attending a few of them. So what makes you a part of your sisterhood? I hope that this conversation was talked about as WLCJ really

wants to know. If you want to reach out to me, I am here. Presidents if you have not already done so, please send me back your results now.

I want to add photographs from your programs into the Newsletter. Please send one or two, and identify the people in them to [myself](#) and [Traci Sachs](#), the Communications Secretary who puts these newsletters together so well. Invite me to your programs, I would love to shmooze with you! And email any program flyers that you want to invite others to.

Finally, our Region Torah Fund Event will take place on Sunday, November 17 at 11 am at Ahavat Olam in Howell. We have a wonderful speaker, Rabbi Paula Mack Drill and we will be honoring Sebley Hausler with her many years of service. Please RSVP all information is on the flyer in this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you.

Please remember to vote, either in person or early. Your vote counts!

This is short this week as we will hear from the Torah Fund VP, the Programming VP and the Social Action Chair

Ahm Yisrael Chai,

Sheila

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



2024-2026 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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GSR PROGRAM DATES 2024-2025

November 17 at 11 am; Torah Fund Event in person at Cong. Ahavat Olam, Howell
December 9 at 7:30 pm; Coffee and Conversation on Zoom
January 22 at 7:30 pm; Health Program with BQLI and MetroNorth on Zoom
February 10 at 7:30 pm; Coffee and Conversation on Zoom
March 10 at 7:30 pm; Coffee and Conversation on Zoom
June 8 or 9, TBD; Women of Achievement Event in person

FALL TORAH FUND EVENT - 11/17

In October, I wore my Torah Fund pin with pride. Am Yisrael Chai (The people of Israel live) which is an expression of Jewish solidarity for the Jewish nation and the continuity of the Jewish people. With your support, we help committed Jewish students become rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.



I hope everyone has received the pins they ordered. If you are still missing pins please contact me.

Please join us on November 17, 2024 at 11 am, for our Fall Torah Fund Event "Hope As A Commandment For The Jewish People." Our guest speaker is Rabbi Paula Mack Drill and our Honoree is Sebley Hausler. Early registration ends November 1. Regular registration ends November 10. No Walk-ins. You must Pre-Register for this event.

Please check out our flyer for more information about our speaker and honoree.

Hope to see you there for a day of learning, community and support of Torah Fund!

Regards,
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Am Yisrael Chai



The People of Israel Live

FALL TORAH FUND EVENT

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11 am

Congregation Ahavat Olam, 106 Windeler Road, Howell, NJ

HOPE AS A COMMANDMENT FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE



FEATURING:

RABBI PAULA MACK DRILL

Rabbi Paula ordained in May 2004. She retired June 2024 after 20 years from the Orangetown Jewish Center. And now works part time near her residence as Rabbi-in-Residence at Congregation Agudath Israel, in Caldwell and serves as a Mentor to JTS Rabbinical School Mechina Students



HONOREE: SEBLEY HAUSLER

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, Clark
Sebley is a longtime sisterhood member and Torah Fund Chair. She has been active on the GSR and Central NJ Branch in various positions.

Lunch, Raffles, Tricky Tray

Cost: \$36 Early Registration by Nov. 1

\$45 Regular Registration by Nov. 10

No Walk-ins. You must Pre-Register for this event.

**CLICK HERE
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AND

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RSVP/Questions: GSRPresident24@wlcj.org

Please Register online.

Checks payable to: GSR WLCJ

Send to Donna Franklin, 7 Liddy Place, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Paying by credit card add'l 3%

(Early Registration \$37.08 or Regular Registration \$46.35)

Visa and Mastercard accepted

Payment Costs:

Early Registration: \$ _____

Regular Registration\$ _____

Donation for Sebley \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Region: _____

Sisterhood: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Donation Tribute in honor of Sebley \$ _____

Tribute message (Please write on back of form)

[Register Here](#)

[Download Torah Fund Flyer](#)

Social Action - Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer opportunity to help fight food insecurity - Sunday, Nov 10, 10-11:30 am, at the JCC, Whippany. All ages are invited to help pack food care packages to be delivered by the Jewish Relief Agency to homebound community members. More opportunities to follow.

Sisterhood Affiliate Programs



Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood and
East Brunswick Jewish Center
Sisterhood & Men's Club
invite you to attend

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AT EBJC

DECEMBER 8, 2024 @ 2:00pm



TICKETS WILL SELL QUICKLY - ORDER YOURS TODAY!

For sponsorship opportunities, to purchase tickets, and questions
go to:

EBJC.ORG/Six13

Tickets are non-refundable.



[Register Here](#)

Sisterhood Affiliate Photographs





West Orange, B'nai Shalom

Table Picture

Standing L to R: Mirabella Sheppard, Leslie Kallus, Bonnie Isaacson, Orit Kastner, Amy Friedland.
Seated L to R: Tova Rothschild, Marcia Paisner, Sheila Kaufman

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)

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.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

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

We 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.

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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.



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Patron \$1,200
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Or send your check to the Torah Fund office.

FOR OUR CANADIAN SUPPORTERS, go to 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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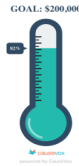
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Creating New Spaces Campaign: We Need YOU to Make It Happen!



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!

[Click HERE](#) to send a Torah Fund E-Card
[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 in September.
Any questions please e-mail Lisa Paule lipaule@jtsa.edu or Sherrill Moss-Solomon shsolomon@jtsa.edu or call the Torah Fund Office 212-678-8027.

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**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?

[Sign Up](#)

GOOD AND WELFARE - GARDEN STATE REGION

Share your news and nachas with us!

Refuah Shlemah

- Teresas Samtur, Past GSR President, recovery from surgery.
- Teri Manes, Hospitality Chair, husband, Jerry Trubs, recovery from surgery.

DONATIONS

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 gsrtreasurer@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
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