



Womens League - Upcoming Events



Sweet as can Bee



EVENTS

Click on the Calendar icon for 2024-2025 GSR Calendar  
All times listed are Eastern Time



GSR PROGRAM DATES 2024-2025

February 10 at 7:30 pm; Coffee and Conversation on Zoom Debra Green, author of Mahjong at Mara's

March 17 at 7:30 pm; Coffee and Conversation Passover Program on Zoom

June 8 or 9, TBD; Women of Achievement Event

Coffee & Conversation



## Author Talk with Debra Green

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

**7:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

**Zoom link will be sent out the week of the program.**



There are the families you are born into and the families you choose. Suburbia—the quintessential quagmire of coexistence in which strangers of varied ethnicities and financial statuses meet at the local gas station, supermarket, and café and speak in snippets of feigned and genuine cordiality. People with whom we rarely envision sharing anything more of ourselves ... until we do.

Seventeen years after losing the love of her life on 9/11, Lila, a nurse aide, and her teenage son Dante, find solace in unlikely companions— a group of Mahjong-playing octogenarians. There's Lila's client, Thea, struggling with Alzheimer's, and her sweet husband, Joseph; Mali, a lonely Holocaust survivor living far away from her only daughter; childless and recently widowed Frank; and the persnickety, divorced Gladys, whom Mali disliked from the moment the two met. When Brian, a duplicitous new neighbor, and Dante's friends Rashon and Giselle, join the mix, all their lives take surprising turns that raise questions about the concepts of family, loyalty, and love.

A bighearted novel with an endearing and diverse cast of characters, **MAHJONG AT MARA'S** illustrates the bumpy ride to understanding experienced by the complicated patchwork of people who make up suburban America.

To read the book before the author talk you can purchase the book at  
[MAHJONG AT MARA'S AMAZON SOFTCOVER](#)  
[MAHJONG AT MARA'S AMAZON Kindle](#)

Debra has been a JCC of Central New Jersey member for 29 years and has served twice on its Board of Directors. She also belongs to Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, where she has served on its Board of Directors.

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Register

Community Program



**Save the Date!**

**Community Mitzvah Day  
Community-wide day of service  
Sunday, March 30**

Registration coming soon!

Join us and create positive change in Greater MetroWest NJ!

Hundreds of people will unite for a full day of volunteer opportunities, putting our Jewish values into action by doing hands-on service and *mitzvot* (good deeds) that make a real impact on the lives of others and our community.

Stay tuned for more information and registration coming soon! We'll have activities for volunteers of all ages, both in-person and at-home.

We support and #StandWithIsrael as we continue to build a strong Jewish community here in NJ.

Questions? Contact [mitzvah@jfedgmw.org](mailto:mitzvah@jfedgmw.org).

Mah-Jongg Madness



## Mah-Jongg Madness 2025

6 Rounds of play (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon with lunch in the middle)

\$\$ Cash Prizes will be Awarded \$\$

**Sunday, March 30th**

Congregation Torat El

301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755

**9:00-4:00**

Play begins at 9:30a.m. SHARP

**Register by March 14th**

Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below

Registration Fee: \$47.00 CTE Sisterhood Members, \$52.00 for Non-Members

Fee includes entrance, light breakfast nosh & lunch

\*\*\*\*\*Remember to bring your 2024 card\*\*\*\*\*

Questions? Contact Carol Klein at:

**732-213-7434** or [carolklein725@gmail.com](mailto:carolklein725@gmail.com)

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Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form (Return this portion of flyer only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current CTE Sisterhood Member? **Yes or No (please circle one)**

I want to be an East\* - **YES NO "Only if Desperate" (circle one)**

\*Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring.

Mail completed form along with **check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood**

Mail To: CTE Sisterhood, c/o Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712

**No Refunds will be given for cancels within 3 weeks of Tournament**

Email Carol Klein

Programs from the Across the Regions

## *Pacific Southwest Region*

### Women's League for Conservative Judaism



**Presents on Zoom**

***Torah Fund Study Day***



## *“Am Yisrael Chai– A Celebration of Israel”*

Session 1: Rabbi Peretz Rodman presents

“Being / Becoming Jewish: Jewish Identity in Israel”

Session 2: Anne Greenbaum presents

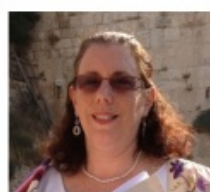
“Connecting with Our Sisters in Israel”



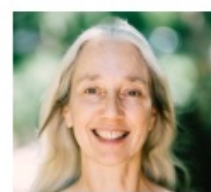
Rabbi Peretz Rodman



Anne Greenbaum



Linda Avitan



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RSVP

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**February 2, 2025**

**9:00 AM — Noon**

For Questions call Marcy Melton 310-892-2555

email [pswrtorahfundVP@gmail.com](mailto:pswrtorahfundVP@gmail.com)

Cost: \$18

Link will be emailed a few days before the event.

RSVP

*Please send your programs that you would like posted to both [Traci Sachs](#) and [Sheila Kaufman](#).*

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WL WEEK



 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?

[Sign Up](#)



## Previous WLCJ Programming

Weren't able to join us? Visit  
our [Youtube Channel](#) for more  
videos. View our past  
recordings.

[Visit Youtube](#)

## Sisters Helping Sisters for the California Fires

Women's League has created this fund to support the Sisterhood of Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, Pacific Southwest Region, and any other WLCJ Sisterhood Affiliates affected by the 2025 wildfires in California. 100% of the donations are going to emergency relief and will be distributed to and at the direction of our affected Sisterhood Affiliates.



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Share your Sisterhood Happenings with us!  
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