Garden State Region News - July 11, 2025









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MESSAGE FROM SHEILA KAUFMAN, GSR PRESIDENT

Dear Affiliate,

Shalom!

It may be summer and you are busy with vacation, barbecues and fun in the sun. The GSR board is busy preparing for our summer workshops and the year ahead.

We will have our Summer Workshops that are open to the Garden State Region. A laid back time to discuss how the Region can help you and you can bring your questions, ideas and thoughts to the table. This will take place over 4 evenings. Each night is a different subject so that you can attend as many as you would like. Mon. 8/4 is Programming, lead by the GSR VP of Programming, Susan Winter and Helene Knee, Education Chair. Mon. 8/11 is Membership, lead by Cheryl Sessler, GSR VP Sisterhood Support and Lisa Katz, Financial Secretary. And the last workshop on 8/13 is on Torah Fund lead by Sindy Manas, GSR Torah Fund VP. And lastly, Wed. 8/6 is for Sisterhood Presidents only whether you are new or ongoing with our WL Advisor, Toby Maser. All workshops start at 7:30 PM. Come to the workshops with your questions and ideas to discuss.

The 2025 Women of Achievement Gala Virtual Journal, the Honorees, and photos can be found on the region website. This will be up all year.



The Region Newsletter will come out one or two more times over the summer and then we will be back for every other week beginning in September.

Let's pray for the victims, survivors and families of the Texas flooding. May the hostages continue to come home to their loved ones.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Sheila

Sheila Kaufman President, Garden State Region WLCJ gsrpresident24@wlcj.org

"Networking to engage, enrich and empower Conservative Jewish women"

2024-2026 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President - Sheila Kaufman

VP, Programming - <u>Susan Winter</u>

VP, Sisterhood/Affiliate Support - Cheryl Sessler

VP, Torah Fund - Sindy Manas

Secretary, Communications - Ilene Rothman

Secretary, Corresponding - Susan Sferas

Secretary, Financial - Lisa Katz

Secretary, Recording - Carol Kotch

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Immediate Past President - Lynette Seader

Advisor to the Board - Meryl Balaban

Advisor to the Board - Heddy Belman

GSR REGION PROGRAMS



2025 GSR SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Take a Break, Catch up and Refresh with us in your cool home!

The Garden State Region is providing 3 workshops open to our region members this summer to help you plan, answer questions and help you produce a productive year. Give you insights on Membership, Programming, and Torah Fund with the new campaign *Oseh Shalom* for this year. Plus, a session just for Sisterhood Presidents (ongoing and new).

All workshops are open to Garden State Region members only.



All at 7:30 pm

Mon. Aug. 4
Programming

Wed. Aug. 6
Sisterhood
Presidents Only
with Toby Maser,

WL Consultant

Mon. Aug. 11 Membership

Wed. Aug. 13 Torah Fund

Please register & Zoom link will be sent at time of confirmation

REGISTER HERE

For one or all!

Any questions Sheila Kaufman GSRpresident24@wlcj.org

2025 GSR Summer Workshops

The Garden State Region of WLCJ offers various summer workshops focused on enhancing Sisterhood Affiliate leadership skills. GSR members are invited to attend this summer's upcoming workshops. All sessions will be conducted via Zoom starting at 7:30 PM on the designated date. Please register for the session appropriate for your position in your Sisterhood Affiliate 2025-2026 administration and/or session(s) that you would be interested in. A Zoom link will be provided in the registration email confirmation.

Only GSR region members can register for these workshops.

Register

- September 14, 2025 Coffee & Conversation with Our Israeli Kehilot
- November 16, 2025 GSR Torah Fund Event
- May 3, 2026 GSR Spring Conference

SISTERHOOD AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

Do you have any programs that you would like others to know about? Let us know here. Please send your programs that you would like posted to both Ilene Rothman and Sheila Kaufman.

PROGRAMS FROM WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Leadership Institute; July 27-29, Oheb Shalom Congregation, South Orange, NJ Reservations are now CLOSED.

GOOD AND WELFARE - GARDEN STATE REGION Share your news and nachas with us!

Birthday Wishes

Wishing all who have July anniversaries and birthdays, Yom Huledet Sameach!

Refeuah Shlemah

Morton "Mort" Lasky z"l, husband of Iris Lasky, Past Pacific Southwest Region Branch President, member of WLCJ International Board and Torah Fund Cabinet. Messages of condolence may be sent to Iris's home or by email to RNBOWGAL1@aol.com

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 Donations can also be made via Credit Card.

Donate to GSR using Credit Card



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



Announcing Our 2025-2026 Campaign Theme:

Oseh Shalom עשה שלום

Maker of Peace

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 The Abraham J. Heschel Seminary.

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. Oseh Shalom Bimromav, "may the One who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us and all the people of Israel," appears at the end of Kaddish and in other prayers, and is also a song. We help foster Jewish unity by our support of the five global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education.



Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO TORAH FUND!

TORAH FUND GIVING LEVELS

Golden Supporter: \$8,100 Keter Kavod \$5,000 Scholarship Patron \$2,500 Patron \$1,200 Associate Patron \$600 Guardian \$300 Benefactor \$180

FOR OUR U.S. SUPPORTERS, go to inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund 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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Click HERE to send a Torah Fund E-Card

Click HERE to donate to this year's 2025-26 Torah Fund Campaign

Click HERE to donate to the Creating New Spaces Campaign

<u>Click HERE</u> 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 Sindy Manas at smanas750e@gmail.com.



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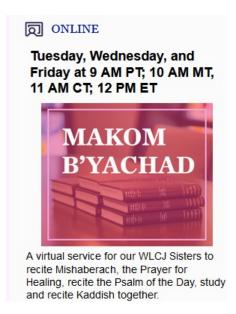
PRAYER FOR HOSTAGES

Prayer for the Return of Slain Hostages

(in English & Hebrew)







Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/630830287 Meeting ID: 630 830 287

Password: 875936



Previous WLCJ **Programming**

Weren't able to join us? Visit our Youtube Channel for more videos. View our past recordings.

Visit Youtube

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

Sign Up

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 Ilene Rothman and Sheila Kaufman.

Click <u>here</u> to connect with the Garden State Region Facebook page.

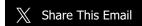
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