

## Garden State Region News - October 31, 2025



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WITH  
ISRAEL**

**REGISTER TODAY FOR GSR TORAH FUND EVENT**



**REGISTRATION CLOSES NOV. 5**



WL Week

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[WLCJ MINYAN AHAVA - TODAY AT 5 PM](#)

**Register Today. Registration ends on Wednesday, November 5.**



*Oseh Shalom*  
Maker of Peace



## Fall Torah Fund Event

*And 2024-25 GSR Torah Fund Achievement Awards*

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

Check in begins: 12:30 pm

Program/Lunch: 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Congregation Agudath Israel, 20 Academy Road, Caldwell

*Presents*

### Maya Krouse

#### My Journey to JTS

Maya is a first-year Rabbinical student at JTS.

She feels called to pursue a career in the Rabbinate because of a love of Judaism and particular interest in interreligious dialog. In recognizing the power that people of faith have in strengthening each other, she hopes to strengthen Jewish communities by engaging them with communities outside of Judaism. She has a lifelong passion for the Spanish language and more recently Hebrew. Maya hopes that both languages will allow her to engage with a diverse range of Jewish communities. Before attending JTS, Maya was teaching English to elementary school students in Spain. She holds a BA from Occidental College where she studied Politics and Spanish.

*Tribute to*

### Ruth Aach z"l

March 5, 1925 – October 11, 2024

Ruth was a past member at Temple Emanu-El, Closter; WLCJ Torah Fund Cabinet member and board member; and a major Torah Fund donor.

*Chinese Buffet Luncheon*

#### Cost & Registration

**\$40/\$41.20** Early Bird Registration by **Oct. 26**

**\$50/\$51.50** Regular Registration and no later than **Nov. 5**

Donations in memory of Ruth Aach z"l are greatly appreciated and will go to Torah Fund. Tributes will be posted in the program.

- [Register Online HERE](#) - **You must register, there will be no walk-ins.**
- **Send Checks:** payable to **Garden State Region WLCJ**  
Donna Franklin, 7 Liddy Place, West Caldwell, NJ 07006  
Include Name(s), contact information and Sisterhood/Town, dietary needs, and Tribute message.
- **Credit Card:** (VISA or MasterCard only) accepted with a 3% increase shown in blue.

**Questions:** Sindy Manas, GSR TF VP, [smanas750e@gmail.com](mailto:smanas750e@gmail.com)

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**If you are using a credit card for payment, please be sure to include the service charge in your payment. Only VISA and MasterCard credit cards are accepted. We will follow-up with you if the service charge is not included.**

Questions: Sindy Manas, GSR TF VP, [smanas750e@gmail.com](mailto:smanas750e@gmail.com)



ONLINE

**Friday, October 31, 2025**  
**5:00 pm ET / 2:00 pm PT**



[Join Zoom](#)

**Minyan Ahavah** reaches out to people with memory loss and their caregivers. The next virtual service is on **Friday, October 31, at 5 pm Eastern / 2 pm Pacific.**

**Cantor Josh and Rabbi Judith Hauptman** will lead the service. You can log in at **5 pm Eastern / 2 pm Pacific**, or even better, at **4:45 pm/1:45pm**, for a **schmooze**. A really nice way to begin the Sabbath is with a bit of chat with others. So join early! Zoom link is below.

Link: <https://wlcj2.org/u/?V1c6432m&b=2025-10-2817:26:25&e=374134>

Meeting ID: 212 673 2096  
Passcode: 2126732096

Want to bring a **friend** or **relative**? Please do! Just share the link.

Here's a way for you to **participate** in the service: **please hold up a favorite cushion or pillow** and tell us about it.

We look forward to greeting you on **Friday, October 31, at 5 pm/2 pm, or a few minutes earlier.**



**QUESTIONS?**

**Rabbi Hauptman**  
[juhauptman@jtsa.edu](mailto:juhauptman@jtsa.edu)

## WLCJ SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



ONLINE

**Monday, November 3, 2025**  
**7:30 pm ET / 4:30 pm PT**



**All WLCJ Members are invited!**

Please join us for short presentation, discussion, and vote on Proposed WLCJ Bylaws changes.

[Proposed Bylaws Changes](#)

You will receive the Zoom link after completing your registration.

[Register](#)



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## WL WORKSHOP: TOOLBOX TALKS SERIES



 **ONLINE**

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**  
**7:30 pm ET / 4:30 pm PT**



**Announcing: Toolbox Talks for Sisterhood Affiliates**  
**A dynamic Zoom series open to all Women's League members**

Are you looking for solutions to today's leadership challenges?  
Would you like to learn the difference between having a title and being an effective leader?  
Do you want to turn goals into accomplishments?

**If you said yes, then Toolbox Talks for Sisterhood Affiliates is for you!**  
**Join us for one session, all six, or however many work for your schedule.**

**First Session – November 6, 2025**  
**Topic:** *Practical Solutions for Sisterhood Challenges*  
**Speaker:** Margie Miller, Women's League Past International President

[Register](#)

**Upcoming Toolbox Talks sessions:**  
December 4, 2025  
February 5, 2026  
March 5, 2026  
May 7, 2026  
June 4, 2026



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**WL PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS**

 **ONLINE**

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**  
**7:30 pm ET / 4:30 pm PT**



**QUESTIONS?**

WLCJ Personal Conversation Co-Chairs  
**Grace Schessler**  
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**Jani Majewski**  
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**Guest Speaker, Fayina Cohen, LCSW, CHT Licensed Psychotherapist**

Join us for an engaging exploration of authentic communication – an opportunity to discover practical, powerful tools for expressing yourself with clarity and integrity.

Together, we'll learn what it means to be a truly skilled listener, deepen our understanding of the common challenges that arise in meaningful conversations, and explore how to navigate them with confidence and compassion.

Rooted in timeless Jewish wisdom, this experience will weave together modern insights and ancient teachings to inspire more intentional, connected, and impactful communication in every area of life.

[Register](#)

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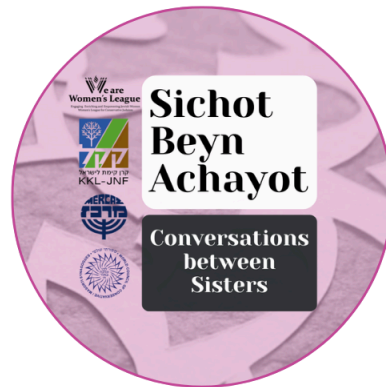
## Still need to register?

Click the image to explore each program series on Zoom. We'd love to have you join us!



Sessions will meet on a Tuesday night each month over Zoom at 7:30PM ET  
Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9

Wednesday, November 5 7:00 - 8:30 pm ET



Sunday, November 23 7pm ET

Sunday, November 2 12:00 PM ET

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