

## Save the Dates

**Fri.-Wed., July 10-15, 2026**  
**WL Convention & Shabbaton**  
Alexandria, VA

**Summer 2026**  
**Region Executive Committee and Board Training**  
(Place, Date, and Time to be announced)

**Sun. November 15, 2026**  
**GSR Torah Fund Event**  
(Place and Time to be announced)

**Sun. May 2, 2027**  
**GSR Spring Conference**  
(Place and Time to be announced)

*Sisterhoods are requested not to plan conflicting meetings with Region programs.*

## Thank you ~ Yasher Koach

**Congregation B'nai Israel and their Sisterhood**, our sincere appreciation and many thanks for opening their doors to us with warmth and hospitality for today's Conference.

**Toby Maser**, our WLCJ Conference and Region Consultant, for her time and direction in her commitment to the Garden State Region and Women's League.

## Garden State Region Donation Opportunities

**Evelyn Auerbach z"l Education Fund**  
To perpetuate outstanding programming for our Region.

**Ella Berman Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
To provide scholarships for leadership development opportunities.

**Garden State Region Sunshine Fund**  
To support members of the Board in their time of need.

*Checks should be made payable to:*

**Garden State Region-WLCJ**  
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**Garden State Region**  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

# Spring Conference & Installation of Region Officers



**Sunday, May 3, 2026 ♦ 16 Iyar 5786**

**Congregation B'nai Israel**  
160 Millburn Avenue ♦ Millburn, NJ

Sheila Kaufman, GSR President  
Susan Winter, Conference Co-Chair  
Helene Knee, Conference Co-Chair  
Toby Maser, WLCJ Conference Consultant



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



## Garden State Region President Sheila Kaufman

Welcome to the Garden State Region Spring Conference, “Jewish Latinos – Coming to America.” This is a different take on the typical Spring Conference. This is a social atmosphere. This includes our region business meeting, Milestone Awards, elections and installations later in the day. We have a great group of women for our panel discussion followed by workshops.

I am honored and have enjoyed serving as the Garden State Region President. In addition to our

two wonderful Torah Fund Events honoring Sebley Hausler and Ruth Aach, we also enjoyed a fabulous Women of Achievement Gala. We continued with Coffee & Conversation zoom programs during the winter months that included a number of programs from Israel with a clown and our kehilot from Jerusalem and Herzliya. I enjoyed visiting with you at your synagogues and have a few more visits after Conference. Our Social Action projects were diverse and fun and especially volunteering twice at the Community Food Bank of NJ.

We welcome and wish a Mazel Tov to our new Region President, Sindy Manas, and the executive committee and board for 2026-29, and a hearty welcome to the new members of the board.

Kol haKavod, thank you, to my Executive Committee, Board members and Sisterhood Presidents that worked tirelessly during this administration. I will forever be grateful for ALL of OUR successes.

L'Shalom,

**Sheila**

Sheila Kaufman  
GSR President 2024-26  
GSRPresident24@wlcj.org, (973) 610-2524 (c)

### Conference Committee

Susan Winter and Helene Knee, Co-Chairs  
Toby Maser, WLCJ Conference Consultant and Advisor  
Sheila Kaufman, GSR President

Donna Franklin	Ilene Rothman	Lynette Seader
Miriam Linver	Tova Rothschild	Cheryl Sessler
Teri Manes	Teresa Samtur	Jackie Walzer

## Tributes

In honor of Sheila Kaufman, our GSR President and welcome Sindy Manas, our new GSR President. ~ *Helene Knee*

Kol HaKavod, Sheila for an amazing 2 years as Region President.~ *Lynette Seader*

Todah Rabah & Yasher Koach to the 2024-26 GSR Board! May you go from strength to strength! ~ *Teresa Samtur*

Mazel Tov and thank you to outgoing/incoming GSR officers & board members. May we continue to go from strength to strength. ~ *Elise Norwitz*

Thank you, Sheila, for your wonderful leadership. ~ *Donna Franklin*

A heartfelt thank you to Sheila Kaufman for all her hard work and dedication to the GSR region. ~ *Lisa Katz*

Mazel Tov Teresa for another year of service! ~ *Rebecca Biderman*

Thank You to our President & awesome administration as we welcome another with open arms!!! תודה רבה ~ *Heddy Belman*

Mazel Tov to Meryl Balaban & Dorothy Cohen. ~ *MJCBY*

Best wishes to the new board! ~ *Dorothy Cohen*

Kol haKavod to my wonderful outgoing Board. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. ~ *Hugs, Sheila Kaufman*

Mazel tov! Outgoing / Incoming Board! ~ *Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields*

Kol haKavod to the 2024-2026 Exec Comm. & Board. You connected everyone with WL and Judaism at home. ~ *Barbara Ezring*

Mazal Tov to Barbara Leveene as incoming Corresponding Secretary! ~ *Vicki Cohen*

Kol HaKavod Sheila Kaufman & outgoing Region Board. Mazel Tov to the incoming Region Board. ~ *Susan Winter*

Thank you to the outgoing Officers & Board. Mazel Tov to the incoming Officers & Board. ~ *Susan Sferas*

To honor Sheila Kaufman and the Region Board on a great term. ~ *Sindy Manas*

Congratulations Sindy on your new role as the GSR President. You will do a wonderful job! ~ *Julia Barron*

Best of luck to the new board and thank you to the outgoing board. ~ *Jacalyn Walzer*

Mazal Tov Helene Davis & Sebley Hausler on your Installation. ~ *Fondly your Sisterhood Members*

Congratulations to my wonderful wife Sindy upon her installation as the next President of the GSR. ~ *Howard Manas*



## Donations

### Sisterhood Affiliates

*Thank you for supporting the Region.*

**Aberdeen**, Temple Beth Ahm  
**Caldwell**, Congregation Agudath Israel  
**Closter**, Temple Emanu-El of Closter  
**Fort Lee**, The Jewish Community Center of Fort Lee/Gesher Shalom  
**Highland Park**, Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth  
**Howell**, Congregation Ahavat Olam  
**Marlboro**, Marlboro Jewish Center-Congregation Ohev Shalom  
**Millburn**, Congregation B'nai Israel  
**Morristown**, Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael  
**Oakhurst**, Congregation Torat El  
**Ridgewood**, Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center  
**South Orange**, Miriam Sisterhood, Ohev Shalom Congregation  
**West Orange**, B'nai Shalom

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## Tributes

Mazel Tov to Sindy and incoming Board. ~ *Janice Saferstein*  
Mazel Tov & best wishes to the 2026-29 GSR Board! May you go from strength to strength! ~ *Teresa Samtur*  
Mazel Tov to Sindy and her incoming Board. I wish you much success. I am here for you! ~ *Sheila Kaufman*  
Mazel Tov to 2026-2029 GSR Exec Comm & Board. Wishing you Hatzlalah-much success. ~ *Barbara Ezring*  
MAZEL TOV to Sindy Manas as incoming GSR President ~ *Vicki Cohen*  
Mazel Tov to Sindy & Barbara! ~ *Karen Pollock*  
Mazel Tov, Sindy our next Region President 2026-29. ~ *Lynette Seader*  
Thank you outgoing board and Mazal Tov to the new! ~ *Susan Shapiro*  
Mazel tov Leslie G. & all on the Board. ~ *Love Janet Slifer*  
Mazel Tov to Sindy Manas and the incoming board. Can't wait to work with all of you. ~ *Lisa Katz*  
Congratulations Barbara Leveene on your new role as Corresponding Secretary. Well deserved! ~ *Julia Barron*



## WLCJ Conference Consultant Toby Maser

Toby held every position in her small, but energetic Synagogue and Sisterhood, then went on, and up the ranks, serving in various positions in her Region, currently as her Region's treasurer. She has been a member of the International Board of Women's League as a Vice-President. Currently, Toby holds the portfolio of Co-Chair of Programming, with suggestions for affiliates of all sizes and interests. As a consultant, Toby often reaches into her bag of knowledge as a teacher of children with special needs to think outside the box. She enjoys searching out up and coming leadership and guiding Sisterhood Affiliates and Regions to engage, enrich and empower their members, and enable the women and to develop stronger and vibrant organizations. Toby is the mother of 3 married adults and the "Nannie" of her 3 rays of sunshine.

L'Shalom,

**Toby**

Toby Maser

WLCJ Conference and Region Consultant

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## Torah Fund

*Announcing our 5787 Torah Fund Campaign*

## Shema Koleinu

שמע קולנו

*Hear Our Voice*



*Shema Koleinu - Hear Our Voice* - marks 40 years since the first female cantor was invested. This year's Torah Fund pin with its joyful women and musical symbolism expresses the right of every woman's voice to be heard as we celebrate this anniversary.

**TORAH FUND**  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM





**Panelist from Ecuador  
Hedy Belman**

Hedy Schottenfeld Belman was born in Quito, Ecuador to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schottenfeld, Holocaust survivors from Bucharest and Czernowitz, Rumania. Her father was originally a lawyer with a Doctorate in political science, and her mother studied to be a physician. They survived labor camps and ghettos and journeyed through 3 continents once they left Rumania. Hedy’s parents had hoped to go to the USA. with sponsorship from an aunt and uncle and HIAS, however the USA was not accepting new immigrants. They went to Paris where they lost a child, and after a year they got papers to go to Quito, Ecuador where they lived for 8 happy, yet difficult, but successful years. In the last few years in Quito, Hedy was born and her family also added a few cousins. Hedy’s aunt and uncle kept pushing for them to come to the USA. They finally moved to the USA when Hedy was 4 years old and she became a US citizen at age 10. Hedy is multi-lingual and speaks 5 languages. Ecuador remained a part of Hedy’s life and she visited with her cousins during the summertime. Hedy excelled in school, went to college, and became a business professional. She also became a leader in Women’s League, where she is an Advisor to the Board, Environmental/Sustainability Chair and is currently a liaison to the Mexican branch of Women’s League at this time. She also served on the WL executive committee in several positions and serves on several boards in the Greater Jewish Community.



**Panelist from Venezuela & Mexico  
Deborah Bendayan**

Deborah was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1967 to Jewish Moroccan-Venezuelan parents. She attended a Jewish K-12 day school in Caracas. As a teenager, she worked as a camp counselor at B’nai Brith for 4 years. She has a BA in Journalism and Communication from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (Caracas, Venezuela). Deborah worked as a PR consultant for more than 20 years, both in Venezuela and Mexico, where she lived for 15 years (2003-2018). In 2018, she moved to the USA and became a Spanish translator with certifications from the American Translators Association and University of Massachusetts - Boston. Since August 2020, she works as a Spanish interpreter at New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, Early Intervention Program. Deborah is married to a scientist/musician. She’s the lead singer of the New Jersey classic rock and roll cover band AXB, and frequent guest singer with the Klezmer band “Tsu Fil Duvids” (Too Many Davids), where she performs in Spanish, English, Ladino, and Yiddish. Deborah’s family alongside her husband David is enriched by a brilliant, learned stepchild and a cute and energetic giant yorkie named Mookie.



**Garden State Region  
Incoming Executive Committee Officers  
2026 – 2029**

- President ..... Sindy Manas
- Vice Presidents
  - Program/Education ..... Bonnie Isaacson
  - Sisterhood Support ..... Cheryl Sessler
  - Torah Fund ..... Ilene Weber
- Secretaries
  - Communications..... Lynette Seader
  - Corresponding ..... Barbara Leveene
  - Financial ..... Lisa Katz
  - Recording ..... Ilene Rothman
- Treasurer ..... Donna Franklin
- Parliamentarian ..... Dorothy Cohen
- Immediate Past President..... Sheila Kaufman
- Board Advisors ..... Meryl Balaban & Hedy Belman

**Incoming Board of Directors  
2026 – 2029**

- Programming Team
  - .....Fran Katz, Leslie Gleaner, Helene Knee, Teri Manes, Nancy Mayrowetz, Marlene Oslick, Tova Rothschild, Rahel Shapiro, Susan Winter
- Sisterhood Support Team
  - .....Arlene Bernhardt, Joan Gillman, Sebley Hausler, Jacalyn Walzer
- Torah Fund Team
  - .....Sharon Hammerman, Donna Burkat, Elise Norwitz, Janice Saferstein, Susan Sferas
- Archives..... Hedy Belman
- Directory..... Teresa Samtur
- Financial Team ..... Arlene Stein
- Webmaster & Zoom Support..... Helene Davis

*May you go from Strength to Strength in your positions.*



**Garden State Region  
Outgoing Executive Committee Officers  
2024 – 2026**

- President .....Sheila Kaufman
- Vice Presidents
  - Program/Education ..... Susan Winter
  - Sisterhood Support ..... Cheryl Sessler
  - Torah Fund ..... Sindy Manas
- Secretaries
  - Communications ..... Ilene Rothman
  - Corresponding ..... Susan Sferas
  - Financial ..... Lisa Katz
  - Recording ..... Carol Kotch
- Treasurer ..... Donna Franklin
- Parliamentarian ..... Dorothy Cohen
- Immediate Past President..... Lynette Seader
- Board Advisors .....Meryl Balaban & Heddy Belman

**Outgoing Board of Directors  
2024 – 2026**

- Financial Team ..... Arlene Stein
- Programming Team
  - ..... Suzie Hammer, Helene Knee, Teri Manes, Nancy Mayrowetz,
  - ..... Marlene Oslick, Tova Rothschild, Lynette Seader
- Sisterhood Support Team
  - ..... Sebley Hausler, Fran Katz, Janice Saferstein, Jacalyn Walzer
- Torah Fund Team
  - .....Arlene Bernhardt, Sharon Hammerman, Gloria Jaslow, Elise Norwitz
- Archives..... Heddy Belman
- Directory ..... Leslie Foadare
- Madricha..... Teresa Samtur
- Webmaster & Zoom Support..... Ilene Rothman

*Thank you for all the work that you have done in your term of office.*



**GSR Incoming President  
Sindy Manas**



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to assume the position as President of the Garden State Region. I am very honored by your confidence and am looking forward to working with all of you. We have a wonderful Board and together we can do great things to enrich the lives of Jewish Conservative Women.

I look forward to visiting your Sisterhood/Affiliates during my term, and I will always be available to listen and work with you over the next three years.

L'Shalom,

**Sindy**

Sindy Manas  
GSR President 2026-29  
GSRPresident26@wlcj.org, (908) 208-8230 (c)

**Panelist from Panama  
Vicki Kleinberg**



Vicki was born and raised in Colon, Panama. Her father was originally from Persia (now Iran) and mother was born in Hebron, Palestine at the time under British mandate. They emigrated and settled in Panama after having left in the aftermath of the 1929 pogrom. At that time, there were only a handful of Jewish people in Panama, most of them from Middle Eastern countries. Vicki's family was the only family speaking Hebrew at home since most of the others spoke Arabic. She was the youngest child and had three older siblings: Rachel, Tikva, and Samuel. They all attended Catholic schools primarily because the curriculum was in English. Vicki has resided in the US since she was 21 years old and she has been married to Robert for 68 years. Vicki has three children who all currently reside in NJ. She is the proud grandmother to five grandchildren. Vicki and her husband had a small export company which manufactured boxes for exporting produce from Latin America. Vicki also taught Hebrew school in NJ.





## WLCJ International President Julia Loeb

Shalom. Whenever Sisterhoods come together like this, you can really feel the energy, the spirit, and the strength of Women’s League in action. These are the moments that remind us why we do what we do, why we come together as women committed to learning, leadership, and connection.

I hope you enjoy this Region Conference. It’s so much more than a meeting. It’s about growth--learning more about Women’s League, its mission, and the opportunities available to all of you. It’s about connection -- building relationships across Sisterhoods and around the Region, sharing ideas, and strengthening the bonds that keep our communities vibrant. It’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, to learn, and to grow with so many amazing women. And it’s about leadership--celebrating the installation of your incoming Region officers and honoring those Region officers who are completing their service.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our outgoing officers. Your dedication, your time, and your vision have made a real difference, not just in your Region, but across all of Women’s League. You’ve shaped programs, inspired participation, and ensured that our values of community, learning, and Jewish continuity continue to thrive.

And to the incoming officers, Mazel Tov! Stepping into leadership is both an honor and a responsibility, but you are not alone. You have the support of your Sisterhood, your Region, and Women’s League as a whole. Leadership here is about curiosity, courage, and compassion--about showing up, listening, learning, and bringing people together around shared goals.

And as we celebrate leadership today, those stepping forward and those we’re so grateful to honor, I hope you’ll carry this energy with you all the way to July. I can’t wait to see many of you at our Women’s League Convention in Alexandria, Virginia. It’s where our learning deepens, our connections grow, and our collective voice gets even stronger. I hope you’ll join us, and I look forward to celebrating together very soon.

Thank you for all that you do, and for the leadership that makes Women’s League such a remarkable community. It is truly an honor to share this journey with all of you.

L’Shalom,  
**Julia**  
Julia Loeb  
WLCJ International President



## Past Branch/Region Presidents

### Northern New Jersey Branch

- Faye Abraham z”l
- Antoinette Goldberg z”l
- Hannah Horowitz z”l
- Ida Krohn z”l
- Helen Sussman z”l
- Leah Triger z”l
- Harriet Weisberg z”l
- 1952-1954 Sara Skwirsky z”l
- 1954-1960 Barbara Merkin z”l
- 1960-1962 Ella Berman z”l
- 1962-1966 Rosalie Leon z”l
- 1966-1968 Pauline Kessler z”l
- 1968-1970 Helen Berger z”l
- 1970-1972 Evelyn Auerbach z”l
- 1972-1974 Dolly (Delores) Moser z”l
- 1974-1976 Clara Levinson z”l
- 1976-1978 Marilyn Wieseneck Levinberg z”l
- 1978-1980 Blanche Meisel z”l
- 1980-1982 Jeanne Eber z”l
- 1982-1984 Barbara S. Goldfarb z”l
- 1984-1986 Penny Leifer
- 1986-1988 Marion Mohl
- 1988-1990 Janet Arnowitz
- 1990-1992 Marcella Kaplan z”l
- 1992-1994 Betty Crane
- 1994-1996 Gail Weis
- 1996-1998 Anne Moiseev
- 1998-2000 Miriam Bergwerk z”l
- 2000-2002 Rosalie Kesselman z”l
- 2002-2004 Marilyn Berger Horn z”l
- 2004-2006 Heddy Belman
- 2006-2008 Esther D. Schwarz z”l

### Central New Jersey Branch

- 1956-1958 Rhoda Nochumson-Frazier z”l
- 1958-1960 Dorothy Conisa z”l
- 1960-1962 Sylvia Siegel z”l
- 1962-1964 Sylvia Lehman z”l
- 1964-1966 Lillian Gutman z”l
- 1966-1968 Florence Silverman z”l
- 1968-1970 Carol Gallanter
- 1970-1972 Mildred Pollack z”l
- 1972-1974 Yetta Soloff z”l
- 1974-1976 Yvette Rosenberg z”l
- 1976-1978 Miriam Kaplan z”l
- 1978-1980 Ethel Klein z”l
- 1980-1982 Elaine Ravich
- 1982-1984 Muriel Werksman z”l
- 1984-1986 Rosalie Penn z”l
- 1986-1988 Lila Nass
- 1988-1990 Barbara Hollander
- 1990-1992 Suse Rosenstock z”l
- 1992-1994 Sharon Cohen
- 1994-1998 Lillian Hemmendinger z”l
- 1998-2000 Lenore Matin z”l
- 2000-2002 Lynne WeissMarshall
- 2002-2004 Marlene Oslick
- 2004-2008 Jewell S. Hirschorn z”l

### Garden State Region

- 2008-2011 Meryl Balaban
- 2011-2013 Janet Geldzahler
- 2013-2018 Ilene Rothman
- 2018-2021 Teresa Samtur
- 2021-2024 Lynette Seader
- 2024-2026 Sheila Kaufman

## Region Members on the WLCJ International Board 2023-26

Meryl Balaban  
Heddy Belman  
Donna Burkat  
Barbara Ezring

Sheila Kaufman  
Sindy Manas  
Marlene Oslick  
Ilene Rothman  
Janice Saferstein

Teresa Samtur, Treasurer  
Cory Schneider  
Lynette Seader  
Susan Winter



## Garden State Region Affiliated Sisterhoods

**Aberdeen**, Temple Beth Ahm  
**Caldwell**, Congregation Agudath Israel  
**Clark**, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah  
**Closter**, Temple Emanu-El of Closter  
**Cranford**, Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim  
**East Brunswick**, East Brunswick Jewish Center  
**Fair Lawn**, Congregation B'nai Sholom, Fair Lawn Jewish Center  
**Fort Lee**, The Jewish Community Center of Fort Lee/Gesher Shalom  
**Highland Park**, Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth  
**Howell**, Congregation Ahavat Olam  
**Livingston**, Temple Beth Shalom  
**Marlboro**, Marlboro Jewish Center/Congregation Ohev Shalom  
**Metuchen**, Congregation Neve Shalom  
**Millburn**, Congregation B'nai Israel  
**Montville**, Pine Brook Jewish Center  
**Morristown**, Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael  
**North Brunswick**, Congregation B'nai Tikvah  
**Oakhurst**, Congregation Torat El  
**Old Bridge**, Congregation Beth Ohr  
**Ridgewood**, Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center  
**Scotch Plains**, Congregation Beth Israel  
**Somerset**, Temple Beth El  
**South Orange**, Miriam Sisterhood, Ohev Shalom Congregation  
**Teaneck**, Congregation Beth Sholom  
**Toms River**, Congregation B'nai Israel  
**Wayne**, Shomrei Torah Congregation  
**West Orange**, B'nai Shalom  
**Woodcliff Lake**, Temple Emanuel of Pascack Valley



## Tricky Tray and Jewelry Sale

Prepared by Lynette Seader and Nancy Mayrowetz

Donations were made by: Dorothy Cohen, Donna Franklin, Sebley Hausler, Sheila Kaufman, Helene Knee, Anne Kroll, Nancy Mayrowetz, Elise Norwitz, Teresa Samtur, Andrea Seader, Lynette Seader, Cheryl Sessler, Jacalyn Walzer, Elaine Wasserman, and Susan Winter



## Milestone Awards

*In recognition of those Sisterhoods achieving milestone anniversaries with Women's League for Conservative Judaism over the past two years.*

### 2025

**Somerset**, Temple Beth El ..... 55 years  
**Old Bridge**, Congregation Beth Ohr ..... 65 years  
**Closter**, Temple Emanu-El of Closter ..... 70 years  
**Fair Lawn**, Congregation B'nai Sholom, Fair Lawn Jewish Center ..... 70 years

### 2026

**Toms River**, Congregation B'nai Israel ..... 60 years  
**Caldwell**, Congregation Agudath Israel ..... 90 years  
**Highland Park**, Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth ..... 95 years

## Social Action Project

*Thank you for participating!*

The collection of Baby Formula, diaper and wipes, kids' socks to be delivered to:

- Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry, South Orange
- 180 Turning Lives Around Shelter, Hazlet
- Ida Kushner Central Jersey Diaper Bank, New Brunswick

## Tzedakah Project

### Adraba: Bar and Bat Mitzvah for Children with Disabilities.

Adraba is a program that partners with special education schools to offer tailored bar and bat mitzvah lessons designed to meet the unique needs of each student. The ceremony takes place in one of the Masorti kehillot in Israel.

[Adraba: Bar/Bat Mitzvah for Children with Disabilities - התנועה המסורתית](https://www.masorti.org.il/adraba-eng/)  
<https://www.masorti.org.il/adraba-eng/>





# Garden State Region Spring Conference

## Jewish Latinos-Coming to America

Sunday, May 3, 2026 ♦ 16 Iyar 5786

Hosted by the Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn, NJ



## Agenda

- 8:00** Morning Minyan with Congregation B'nai Israel
- 8:30** **Registration & Continental Breakfast** (Social Hall)
- 9:15** **Morning Plenary** (Sanctuary)  
GSR President Greetings – *Sheila Kaufman*  
National Anthems – *Lisa Katz*  
Host Sisterhood President Greetings – *Miriam Linver*  
D'var Torah – *Cantor Lorna Wallach*  
WLCJ Consultant Greetings – *Toby Maser / Susan Winter*  
WLCJ International President Greetings – *Julia Loeb / Sheila Kaufman*
- Region Business Meeting** – *Sheila Kaufman, President*  
Treasurer – *Donna Franklin*  
Torah Fund – *Sindy Manas*  
Presentation of Slate of Officers and Board for 2026-29  
*Lynette Seader, Nominations Chair*  
Vote on Slate – *Sheila Kaufman & Lisa Katz*
- Milestone Awards** – *Sheila Kaufman*
- 10:30** **Conference Program Introduction** (Sanctuary)  
*Susan Winter, Conference Co-Chair*
- Panel Introduction/Moderator**  
*Helene Knee, Conference Co-Chair*
- Panelists**  
Heddy Belman – *Ecuador*  
Deborah Bendayan – *Venezuela & Mexico*  
Vicky Kleinberg – *Panama*
- 12:00** **Luncheon** (Social Hall)  
Netilat Yadaim & Motzi – *Miriam Linver*  
Birkhat HaMazon – *Cory Schneider, Past WLCJ Int'l President*

*Times are approximate.*

- 1:00** **Workshops**
- 1 - Genealogy** (Chapel)  
*Susan Kobren*  
Learn how to discover your Jewish roots.
- 2 - Jewish Jeopardy** (Social Hall)  
*Ilene Rothman, Teresa Samtur*  
Game show atmosphere, celebrating 250 years of Jews in America.
- 3 - Latino Music and Dance** (Multipurpose Room)  
*Shari Levine*  
Latin Line Dancing.
- 4 - Craft Project** (Youth Lounge)  
*Lynette Seader*  
Mexican Chayo Flowers and Painted Vase.
- 2:15** **Tricky Tray** (Sanctuary) – *Lynette Seader*
- 2:30** **Installation of Garden State Region Officers & Board**  
*Susan Winter, Conference Co-Chair* (Sanctuary)
- Discharge Officers**  
*Teresa Samtur, WLCJ Secretary, Past GSR President*  
*Jacalyn Walzer, GSR Board, Past Hudson Valley Branch President*  
*Sheila Kaufman, GSR President 2024-26*
- Install Officers**  
*Ilene Rothman, Past GSR President*  
*Lynette Seader, Immediate Past GSR President*  
*Rabbi Chaim-Eliezer Edelstein, Temple Beth Ahm Aberdeen*  
*Sindy Manas, GSR President 2026-29*
- L'Hitraot** – *Sheila Kaufman*
- 3:45** **Installation Reception** (Social Hall)