

Garden State Region News - April 24, 2026



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MESSAGE FROM SHEILA KAUFMAN, GSR PRESIDENT

Dear Affiliate,

Shalom!

This past week was Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day, and Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day which also coincided with global environmental awareness Earth Day.

Since the last Yom HaZikaron, 174 IDF soldiers have been killed during their military service with another 54 disabled veterans that succumbed to their injuries. All were recognized as fallen service members. On Yom HaZikaron, most of Israel is closed and at 8PM erev Yom HaZikaron, all of Israel stop in their tracks, get out of their cars, and observe 2 minutes of silence to remember the sacrifice and heroism of these men and women who have fought for their homeland.

Yom HaAtzmaut follows the next day. In contrast to the day before, there are celebrations all across Israel for gaining their independence in 1948. This is a day to spend with family at parks, parades, and fireworks, and to commemorate and honor special people in the country.



On a global scale is Earth Day, established on April 22, 1970 to teach and empower people to take action to keep our planet clean, healthy, and vibrant. I partook in the WL Sustainability program this past Wednesday evening and learned about plastics, climate change, and what we can do to help clean up and protect the environment.

Registration is now closed for our Spring Conference happening next week. I certainly am looking forward to a very informative and colorful day along with celebrating the outgoing Board and welcoming Sindy Manas as incoming GSR President and her new administration. I know they will do a terrific job. The Conference Committee has done a bang-up job in planning what will be a memorable day of learning about Latino Jews, what brought them to America, and enjoying workshops relating to the theme.

We have a Conference Social Action Project that I hope you will all participate in. We are collecting baby formula, diapers, wipes, and kids' socks for 3 non-profit organizations in our Region. Please collect these items at your synagogue and bring them with you to the Conference. You can arrange with [Tova Rothschild](#) to pick up the items if no one is coming to the Conference.

Also at Conference and available now, is our Tzedakah project for **Adraba: Bar and Bat Mitzvah for Children with Disabilities**. Adraba is a Masorti program that partners with special education schools in Israel to offer tailored bar and bat mitzvah lessons designed to meet the unique needs of each child. The program culminates in an unforgettable group ceremony, conducted in an egalitarian manner so that everyone can feel comfortable and involved in the celebration. The ceremony takes place in one of the Masorti kehillot. See the flyer below in this newsletter.

The Women's League Convention 2026 is July 12-15 in Alexandria, VA. Registration is now open. The Convention is Sunday to Tuesday where we will celebrate the B'not Mitzvah class, installation of the International Board 2026-2029, daven, shop, celebrate the Jewels in the Crown Awards, America's 250th anniversary and a whole lot more. There is a Friday to Sunday Shabbaton that is a separate add-on. Another Convention add-on, from Tuesday night to Wednesday is a social program and ends with the WL Open Board Meeting Wednesday morning. Check out the [Convention Website](#).

Deadlines:

- Convention Early Bird registration closes May 1.
- Hotel registration rates are guaranteed until June 7 and they are booked directly with the hotel.

Only 8 more weeks remain for me to visit your Sisterhoods. If I have not been to yours, please let me know and let's make it happen!

Am Yisrael Chai!

Shabbat Shalom,



Sheila Kaufman
President, Garden State Region WLCJ
gsrpresident24@wlcj.org
"Networking to engage, enrich and empower Conservative Jewish women"

2024-2026 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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MESSAGE FROM SINDY MANAS, GSR TORAH FUND VP

Shalom,

Oseh Shalom "May the One who makes peace in the heavens, bring peace upon all of us, all of Israel, all over the world" is our current Torah Fund theme and will end on June 30, 2026. To receive credit for your donation, please send your checks to the Torah Fund office or donate online by June 15, 2026. If sending in checks, please use a trackable method of delivery. The Garden State Region has raised \$ 75,251 so far toward our goal of \$ 81,710.



Last month I attended a Torah Fund event at Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth. Noam Blauer, a JTS student and Hadar Student Rabbi at Rutgers was the speaker. He gave a very interesting speech on **The Multiple Meanings of Matzah-It's a Lot to Digest.**

The next Torah Fund Stands with Israel will be on May 6th, 2026, at 7:30 pm.
Registration is required.

Consider sending a Torah Fund E-card for Mother's Day. There are many lovely cards on the website. <https://torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/>

Do you have any memorable Torah Fund programs you would like to share with us? Sisterhood Affiliates are always looking for ideas for Torah Fund programs.

Please invite me to your Torah Fund events. I would love to attend.

Your generous donations to Torah Fund are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all you do for Torah Fund.

Shabbat Shalom,

Sindy Manas
Torah Fund VP Garden State Region
Smanas750e@gmail.com

GSR REGION PROGRAMS

- **Sun. May 3, 2026 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** - GSR Spring Conference and Installation of Officers - "Jewish Latinos - Coming to America" at Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn. Registration and Tributes are now closed.
- **July 10-15, 2026 - WLCJ Convention 2026; Alexandria, Va**
[REGISTRATION OPEN](#)
 - Fri.-Sat. July 10-11 - Shabbaton (add-on)
 - Sun.-Tues. July 12-14 - Convention
 - Tues.-Wed. July 14-15 - Evening Program & WLCJ Board Meeting (add-on)
- **Convention Deadlines**
 - Before May 1 - Early Bird Registration
 - After May 1 - Regular Registration

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND TRIBUTES ARE NOW CLOSED.

**2026 Garden State Region
Spring Conference & Installations**
Sun., May 3, 2026 ~ 16 Iyar 5786
Congregation B'nai Israel ~ 160 Millburn Ave, Millburn, NJ
8:30 AM ~ 4:30 PM
Check-In/Continental Breakfast 8:30 am
Conference officially begins at 9:15 am SHARP!
Installation begins at 2:30 pm

Sign Up for Workshops:

- Genealogy
- Jewish Jeopardy
- Latino Music & Dance
- Craft Project (add'l \$)
- Mexican Flowers & Painted Vase

Jewish Latino Panelists:

- Hedy Belman, Ecuador
- Deborah Bendayan, Venezuela & Mexico
- Vicki Kleinberg, Panama

Social Action Project:
Please bring **baby formula & diapers, wipes, kids' socks** to donate to these organizations in our region:

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

Tentative Agenda:

- Business Meeting including Slate Approval
- Panel Discussion
- Latino Lunch
- Workshops
- Installation
- Dessert Reception

Cost & RSVP Deadlines:
payment by check or *credit card* (3% service fee)

**Early Bird: April 10	\$45 / \$46.35
**Regular: April 19	\$55 / \$56.65
Craft (20 person limit)	\$10 / \$10.30
Installation & Reception Only	\$10 / \$10.30
Tributes	\$18 / \$18.54

Sheila Kaufman, GSR President
Susan Winter, GSR Conference Chair
Helene Knee, GSR Vice Conference Chair
Toby Maser, WL Consultant

more info: Susan Winter ~ winter.susan@gmail.com

Click to Register 

****You MUST register - There will be NO walk-ins!****

All Sisterhood & WL Individual members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Mazel Tov to our Outgoing and Incoming GSR Boards who will be discharged and installed at our Spring Conference.

OUTGOING BOARD 2024-2026

INCOMING BOARD 2026-2029

Questions? Susan Winter at winter.susan@gmail.com

PARTICIPATE IN OUR
SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT



We are collecting Baby Formula & Diapers, Baby Wipes, and Kids' Socks. These items can be brought either to a collection box at your individual shul (**by Friday, May 1**) or directly to the GSR Spring Conference on May 3. [The attached sign can be printed and attached to a collection box in your shul lobby.](#)

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tova Rothschild
Social Action Chair
tovacrothschild@gmail.com



Adraba: Bar/Bat Mitzvah for Children with Disabilities

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The program has been operating for over 30 years and collaborates with approximately 40 schools across all of Israel, empowering over 100 students annually to celebrate this significant milestone. Since its founding, over 5,000 students have marked their bar and bat mitzvah with Adraba!

“ Yarden's Mother

This process for Yarden was exciting and happy. The event itself was amazing, emotional, and well adapted for him. Yarden learned to read and sing the prayers, and was surrounded by a lot of love, where he was surrounded by his immediate family, school staff, and his classmates.



Wendy Keter (in Israel)
Mail: Wendyketer@yahoo.com
Philadelphia phone number –
please remember the time difference
215-909-5208 (local call)

Scan to support Adraba



GOALS OF OUR PROGRAM:

- Prepare youngsters to celebrate their bar/bat mitzvah in a synagogue including having an Aliyah to the Torah
- Develop a sense of belonging to the Jewish People
- Increase self-awareness and a positive self-image
- Provide a peak life experience
- Contribute to helping youngsters mature
- Celebrate like everyone else!
- Nurture acceptance and appreciation of people with special needs on the part of their families, communities and society at large.

POSTPONED!!!!




The Adraba Center invites you to join us at the 2026 ceremonies of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah for Children with Disabilities program

"Know that each and every shepherd has their own tune" Rabbi Avraham of Breslov

Month	Day	School	Address
March <i>Adar-Nissan</i>	12	Szold School, Kfar Saba	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
	16	Horsha School, Ein HaMifratz	Beit Ezeret Avraham Avinu, 31 Shaked St., Naharya
May <i>Iyar-Sivan</i>	4	Gvanim School, Ashdod	The Eglarban Kibbitz, Jerusalem
	7	Shikmim School, Rishon LeZion	Kehilat Adat Shalom Ezeret, *2 Corenities, 6 Miller Street, Rehovot
	11	Li Or School, Ra'anana	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
	17	On School, Tel Aviv	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
	18	Venezuela School, Tel Aviv	Kehilat Tarat Noyan, 52 Yehuda Nahasi Street, Herzliya
25	Gil School, Tel Aviv	Kehilat Tarat Noyan, 52 Yehuda Nahasi Street, Herzliya	
28	Anoch School, Tel Aviv	Kehilat Neve Tzedek Masorti, 42 Chelouche St., Tel Aviv	
April <i>Nissan-Iyar</i>	27	Oz School, Holon	Kehilat Adat Shalom Ezeret, 6 Miller Street, Rehovot
	30	Agam School, Ra'anana	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
June <i>Sivan-Tamuz</i>	1	Ofarim School, Haifa	Kehilat Morsh, 7 Horev Street, Haifa
	4	Gvanim School, Natanya	Kehilat Beit Levan, 19 Yehuda Nahasi St., Natanya
	11	Adam School, Beit Berl	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
	15	Ofakim School, Haifa	Kehilat Morsh, 7 Horev Street, Haifa
	16	Sami Michael School, Tel Aviv	Kehilat Neve Tzedek Masorti, 42 Chelouche Street, Tel Aviv
	18	Shirat Halev School, Bney Dror	Kehilat Hod V'Hadar, 4 Hachsh Street, Kfar Saba
22	Henrietta Szold School, Haifa	Kehilat Morsh, 7 Horev Street, Haifa	

Please contact us with any questions: rakeszthm@masorti.org.il

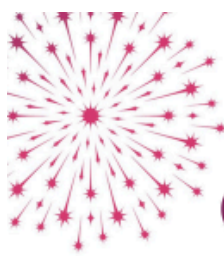
Most ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. Please verify beforehand.

Thank you to our partners who make this program possible:







Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Convention 2026 Social Action Project: Comfort Cases



WLCJ has selected Comfort Cases as the Tzedakah (Social Action) Project for the 2026 Convention. This initiative supports youth entering foster care. WLCJ International leadership, Regions, Sisterhoods, and Individual Members will work in a coordinated structure to ensure timely procurement of all essential and comfort items needed in a backpack for distribution. This project showcases WLCJ's collective impact and provides a platform for Regions to demonstrate strong engagement and leadership.

[Donate Funds to WLCJ to purchase items in bulk](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)



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Convention: Sun-Wed, July 12-15, 2026

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SISTERHOOD AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

Sisterhood Affiliates,

Do you have any programs that you would like others to know about? Either to publicize your event in advance or to share your affiliate program afterwards.

- To publicize your event in advance, send a flyer in jpg or pdf format with Registration link.

- To showcase your affiliate programs post event, submit up to 3 photos with captions and a few sentences to describe your program. (We will shorten if necessary.)

Please e-mail your programs that you would like posted in this newsletter to both [Ilene Rothman](#) AND [Sheila Kaufman](#).



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







WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Show your care about Israel by joining us for
our virtual series

Torah Fund Stands With Israel

**An educational forum on the current
dynamics and the role of our Jewish State**

WELCOMING



Tsach Saar
Deputy Consul General,
Consulate of Israel, New York

As Deputy Consul General, Tsach plays a pivotal role in managing the diplomatic activities of Israel's

Consulate in New York. His responsibilities include fostering relationships with elected officials and various community leaders in the consulate's areas of operation. He leads the consulate's engagement with Jewish communities and major organizations. Tsach guides the activities of all departments, overseeing the allocation of resources and assumes the role of Acting Head of Mission in the Consul General's absence.

AND

**A Special Dvar Torah—Guest to be
Announced**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:30pm ET on Zoom

RSVP to torahfund@jtsa.edu

(The Zoom link will be provided prior to the program.)



TORAH FUND

The Jewish Theological Seminary
3080 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund
torahfund@jtsa.edu



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.

Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund

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.



PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO TORAH FUND!

TORAH FUND GIVING LEVELS

Golden Supporter: \$8,100
Keter Kavod \$5,000
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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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Thanks to our donors, we ensure quality education and diverse opportunities for students to become future Jewish leaders serving the broader Jewish community.

Our Jewish future is in your hands!
Visit torahfundecards.jtsa.edu
and send an ecard today.

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[Click HERE](#) to donate to this year's 2025-26 Torah Fund Campaign
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Any questions please e-mail Sindy Manas at smanas750e@gmail.com.

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

Let us know if you have any simchas, special birthdays/anniversaries, well wishes, and sorrows to pass on to [Sheila Kaufman](#).

Birthday Wishes

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

Mazel Tov

- **Alexie Rothman**, daughter of Ilene Rothman, GSR Past President and Communications Secretary. Alexie completed the Boston Marathon this past Monday on Patriot's Day in 3 hours and 19 minutes.

Refuah Shlemah

- **Donna Franklin**, GSR Treasurer
- **Liz Samtur**, daughter of Teresa Samtur, GSR Past President

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

- **Gene Eckstut z"l**, beloved husband of Carole Eckstut, Past President of the former Southern New Jersey Branch of WLCJ. Messages of condolence may be sent to Carole at 842 Lafayette Drive, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 or by email to ceckstut@yahoo.com.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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 gstrtreasurer@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](#)

WLCJ PROGRAMS AND MESSAGES

Shabbat Message

April 25, 2026 | 8 of Iyar, 5786

Walking in My Mother's Footsteps

Anise Parnes

International Vice President and Consulting Services Vice Chair



As this Women's League for Conservative Judaism term comes to its conclusion and I reflect upon my WLCJ journey, I keep asking myself: how did I become a modern-day version of my mother?

[Read more](#)

WLCJ CONVENTION 2026



[REGISTER](#)

WLCJ SHABBATON & CONVENTION 2026

Friday–Wednesday, July 10–15, 2026

Registration is now open!

Take advantage of our **\$1,150 Early Bird special through May 1, 2026!** Regular registration is **\$1,295 beginning May 2.**

Hotel room rates are guaranteed through **June 7, 2026**, so be sure to make your reservations early.

Click [here](#) to register and learn more. We look forward to seeing you there!



[VISIT THE CONVENTION 2026 WEBSITE](#)

PURCHASE YOUR AD FOR THE CONVENTION 2026 VIRTUAL AD JOURNAL TODAY!

Don't let the moment pass without honoring the people who make our community shine. Whether it's a thank you, "*mazel tov*," or a personal note of appreciation and gratitude, now is the time to secure your spot in the Virtual Ad Journal!

[PURCHASE YOUR AD](#)

SUPPORT THE WL CONVENTION 2026 SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

COMFORT CASES

No child's suitcase should be a trash bag. Join us in supporting **Comfort Cases**. Help us bring dignity to youth entering foster care by replacing trash bags with backpacks filled with pajamas, fresh toiletries, and comforting blankets.

There is a critical need for teen items! Teenagers are often the most underserved group in the foster system. Your donations of adult-sized pajamas, full-size hygiene products, and journals will make a massive difference to an older child navigating a difficult transition.



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PREPARE FOR WL CONVENTION 2026



[REGISTER](#)

DRESS AS YOUR BEST SELF!

Thurs | May 28 | 12:00 pm ET | Online

In preparation for Convention, join us for an exclusive webinar on mastering your Convention wardrobe. Learn from **travel expert Alexandra Jimenez** (*Travel Fashion Girl*) on how to "Dress as Your Best Self," and get creative tips from **WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts Chairperson Jody Glass** on perfecting your look for our "Midnight at the Masquerade" gala. From capsule wardrobes to masquerade masks, we've got you covered.

HELP KEEP WLCJ UNITED NATIONS NGO STATUS!

WLCJ needs your help to renew our UN credentials! If your Sisterhood Affiliate hosted programs between **2022–2025** addressing UN goals (like ending poverty, promoting peace, reducing inequality, etc.), we need to include them in our application. Please use the link below to submit a brief summary and a copy of your event flyer.

[SUBMIT YOUR PROGRAM INFO HERE](#)

LET'S TALK



REGISTER

NEXT-GEN WOMEN LEADERS: IN CONVERSATION WITH CAMERON FIELDS

Wed | Apr 29 | 8:00 pm ET | Online

What does the future of Jewish leadership look like? Join us for an inspiring conversation with **Cameron Fields**, a dynamic emerging leader, public health advocate, future medical student, and WLCJ Individual Member. From the front lines as an EMT to the heart of campus life at Hopkins Hillel, Cameron will share her journey and reflections on the unique challenges and bold opportunities facing the next generation of women leading with purpose.

WL TOOLBOX TALKS

TURNING SISTERHOOD GOALS INTO ACTION

Thurs | May 7 | 7:30 pm ET | Online

Is your sisterhood ready to move from planning to performing? Join us for our next Toolbox Talks session featuring **Past International President Carol Simon**, where she will break down how to bridge the gap between holding a title and truly leading. Whether you're looking for real solutions to leadership challenges or want to turn big ideas into meaningful accomplishments, this dynamic session is for you.



REGISTER

UPDATES: PROGRAMMING WITH PANACHE

HELP SHAPE THE WLCJ PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK

The Kehilah and Education Committee is updating our collection of creative, meaningful programming, and we need your ideas. Submissions are open to everyone! **The deadline for submissions has been extended to April 30.**

QUESTIONS? Fran Hildebrandt

at fhildebrandt@wlcj.org or 248-318-8301.



SUBMIT A PROGRAM

For reference, you can view past editions here:

[Volume I](#)

[Volume II](#)

JEWISH BOOKS, JEWISH WORLDS

AN INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION OF JEWISH CULTURE, IMAGINATION, AND RESILIENCE

The JTS Library has just launched Jewish Books, Jewish Worlds, a breathtaking new digital experience that brings its world-renowned rare collection to your fingertips. It's an interactive journey through the manuscripts, art, and stories that have defined our resilience and imagination for centuries.



EXPLORE THE COLLECTION



The WWOT, the Weekly Words of Torah, each week through the end of June 2026, will connect to the **2025-2026 / 5786** Torah Fund general campaign, *Oseh Shalom – Maker of Peace*. To read more Weekly Words of Torah, [click here](#).

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

How can the silence of Aaron's grief teach us to honor the living? In this week's reflection on the double parashah, Rabbi Margie Cella explore the sacred bridge between the mourning of *Achrei Mot* and the holiness of *Kedoshim*. By embracing the wisdom of our elders and the transformative power of the mitzvot, we learn to turn the "strange fire" of personal loss into a radiant, collective commitment to a more sanctified world.

READ WEEKLY WORDS OF TORAH

OTHER WLCJ PROGRAM REMINDERS

Click the image to explore each program series and to register.



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



Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

12 noon ET, 9am PT, 10am MT, and 11am CT

A virtual service for our WLCJ Sisters to recite *Mishaberach* (the Prayer for Healing) and Psalms, and study *Kaddish*.

<https://zoom.us/j/630830287>

Meeting ID: 630 830 287

Password: 875936

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Look for all the info both here and on our Website & Facebook pages.

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