



WLCJ2020
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

2020 Virtual Convention

Sisters Journeying Together

Convention Schedule

10:00am EDT

Convention Opening

This program will be live-streamed at [facebook.com/WLCJ1/live](https://www.facebook.com/WLCJ1/live)

10:20am EDT

Welcome and Presentation to Margie Miller

10:30am EDT

Tefillin - *Shehecheyanu* Moment

10:40-11:30am EDT

Healing Service, Psalms Study, In Memoriam

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Ellen S. Wolintz-Fields

Featuring *Zoomria* - the WLCJ Choir:

Marilyn Cohen, International Northeast Region
Barbara Ezring, Seaboard and Southern Regions
Toby Holtzman, Seaboard Region
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Gilda Zucker, Intracontinental Region

Conducted by: Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and
Cantor Leon Sher, Congregation Beth El, Voorhees, NJ

11:30am-12:00pm EDT Chatting in Zoomburg Meeting Rooms

12:00-1:00pm EDT

Social Justice Panel

Social Justice: Torah, DNA or Both?

Rabbi Cheryl Peretz
Assoc. Dean, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies
Sara Bresnick Tennen
Exec Dir, DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
Dr. Marc Swatez and Rebecca Joy Fletcher,
The ARK, Chicago

1:00-1:30pm EDT

Continuing the Conversation:

- Sara Tennen, DCVLP
- Marc Swatez & Rebecca Fletcher, The ARK
- Rabbi Cheryl Peretz, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies
- Schmooze

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1:30-2:45pm EDT

The Business of Women's League

WLCJ Plenary Session

Rules of Convention

Bylaws Vote

Elections

State of the League

Torah Fund: Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson,
Chancellor Arnold Eisen, and
Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz

Jewels in the Crown Awards

2:30-3:00pm EDT

Zoom Meeting Room - Virtual Journal

3:00-4:00pm EDT

Sisterhood Workshops

Presidents: Toby Maser, Carol Simon, Meryl Balaban, and Cory Schneider

Be part of a fun, informative and inspiring Convention and acquire the tools to ensure a smooth journey as Sisterhood President.

Torah Fund: Randy Schwartz, Barbara Ezring, Lisa Paule, Jeanette Brownstein, and Donna Burkat

All you need to know to create a successful Torah Fund campaign in your Sisterhood.

Membership: Sandy Blumenthal, Sue Bengel, and Regina Newman

Membership Express: Journey with us on the road to what it is and what it can be.

Advocacy: Ardis Wexler, Marlene Oslick, Karen Cuker, Dana Sirkin, and Laurie Silverblatt

Advocating for Women's League Resolutions.

Engagement/Programming: Grace Schessler and Karen Seltzer

Programming for today's Sisterhoods: A look at relevant and accessible ideas.

Communications: Deb Bruce, Rachel Ferber, and Sheila Kaufman

Tools to engage and inform your community.

4:00-4:30pm EDT

Cocktails with Margie and Debbi

4:30-6:00pm EDT

Installation Ceremony and Celebratory Concert

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Presenters



Rabbi Cheryl Peretz, is the Associate Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, where she also received her ordination. She also holds her MBA in Marketing Management from Baruch College, and helps bring those skills and expertise into the operational practices of rabbis and congregations throughout North America.



Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro grew up on Mercer Island, Washington, in a rabbinic home, instilled with a love of Judaism and music. From an early age, she knew she would continue the long family line of rabbis, cantors and educators. Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro was invested as a Hazzan and earned her degree in Sacred Jewish Music from the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where she was awarded the Jacobson Memorial Prize in Hazzanut. She also holds a B.A. in Near Eastern Studies and Music from the University of Washington.



Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean's Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and is Vice President of American Jewish University in Los Angeles. A member of the Philosophy Department of AJU, he is particularly interested in theology, ethics, and the integration of science and religion. He supervises the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program and mentors Camp Ramah in California in Ojai and Ramah of Northern California in the Bay Area. He is also dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany, ordaining Conservative rabbis for Europe. He is the author of 12 books and over 250 articles, most recently *Renewing the Process of Creation: A Jewish Integration of Science and Spirit*.



Chancellor Dr. Arnold M. Eisen, one of the foremost authorities on American Judaism, is the seventh chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary. Before coming to JTS, Chancellor Eisen served on the faculties of Stanford, Tel Aviv, and Columbia universities. An award-winning writer and advocate for the Jewish community, the chancellor's many publications include *Rethinking Modern Judaism*, and most recently, *Conservative Judaism Today and Tomorrow*, a collection of essays that explore essential matters of Jewish belief and practice from a Conservative perspective.



Chancellor Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, who became the eighth chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary on July 1, 2020, has served JTS both as a groundbreaking scholar and a visionary institutional leader. As dean of two schools and most recently as provost, she has shaped and strengthened JTS's academic programs while teaching and mentoring countless students. She is the first woman selected as chancellor of JTS in its 134-year history.

Presenters



Rebecca Joy Fletcher has been serving as The ARK's experiential Jewish educator for the past six years. The first person to hold this position, Rebecca administers and runs all group volunteering programs, family volunteering programs, and ARK on the Road, lectures, workshops, and programs. Throughout all these activities, Rebecca's goal remains the same: to educate and emotionally connect Chicago's wider Jewish community to The ARK, and to its clients, their challenges, triumphs, and dreams. Rebecca is also the co-creator and one of the performers of the ARK documentary theater piece "Voices of The ARK" which is regularly presented at parlor meetings and other gatherings. Rebecca came to her ARK position with a wealth of relevant experience – as an ordained cantor and educator (though she does not hold a pulpit anymore), as an arts educator, and as a working Chicago actor and acclaimed Jewish theater-maker. She is proud to work for such a compassionate and forward thinking organization!

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Dr. Marc Swatez is the Executive Director of The ARK, a poverty agency providing wrap-around services (medical, dental, food pantry, homeless shelter, mental health, financial and social services) to Chicagoland Jews in need. Prior to joining The ARK, Marc spent 14 years working as a synagogue executive director. Marc holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University and was one of the first faculty members at the University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies. He is currently on the teaching faculty and a mentor for Spertus Institute's Masters in Jewish Professional Service program. Marc lives with his wife in Skokie and has three children, one at home, one in Israel, and one successfully launched.

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Sara Bresnick Tennen is the Executive Director of the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, a legal services organization in Washington, DC that provides free legal representation to low income domestic violence victims and at-risk children. Ms. Tennen, a trained mediator and forensic interviewer, earned a law degree and a Master's degree in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in Psychology and Women's Studies from the University of Rochester.

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Participants



Laurie Akers is a Chicago-based soprano, composer and multi-instrumentalist. She is a celebrated Jewish Rock Radio artist and serves as the host of the Chicago Sings Jewish Rock Radio series, which brings together cantors and musicians from over 20 congregations in the Chicagoland area to create and share original Jewish music. Her song, Stand Strong, has been included in numerous social justice concerts throughout the country including the 2019 Consultation of Conscience in Washington D.C and the American Conference of Cantors 2019 Social Justice concert in Atlanta. Laurie proudly serves as the full-time cantorial soloist at Congregation Or Shalom in suburban Chicago. In addition, she frequently serves as a guest artist at congregations throughout the country. Laurie is currently pursuing cantorial certification through the Cantors Assembly's CICA program.



Rebecca Boro has faced many challenges in her life. As a result of a traumatic brain injury at 30 weeks gestation, she was born with Cerebral Palsy and a vision impairment. The doctors told her parents that she would never be able to walk or talk. She loves being Jewish! She had a bat mitzvah and has chanted Torah and Haftarah numerous times. Rebecca credits her love of learning and singing from her parents. She enjoys tutoring others in the art of Torah chanting and prayer leading. She has led Ma'ariv on multiple occasions including at Tikvah Shabbat at Camp Ramah in New England.



Hazzan Raquel Pomerantz Gershon is an award-winning singer, composer and teacher of Jewish music, devoted to sharing her passion for Jewish music and tefillah to bring people closer to God and Judaism. Raquel & #39's original music includes songs of faith, hope and gratitude that touch the soul and uplift the spirit. Many of them can be found on her two CDs, **Jerusalem On My Mind and Candlesticks of Silver**. A graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary as well as Columbia University, Raquel received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Teachers College, Columbia University and is proud to have taught hundreds of students of all ages and abilities at Day Schools, religious schools and Ramah camps. She has presented workshops at the Cantors Assembly convention, Jewish education conferences and at assorted Federation and synagogue programs. Raquel currently serves as the ritual director at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, and sings with the Jewish Rock Radio Chicago Sings ensemble.



Cantor Leon Sher earned his Master of Sacred Music and Cantorial Investiture from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Jewish Institute of Religion of the Hebrew Union College in New York City. Currently, Cantor Sher is the Music Director at Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, NJ and is the founding conductor of HaZamir South Jersey, **10** the local chapter of HaZamir, the International Jewish Teen Choir.

Jewels in the Crown Winners



THE JEWELS IN THE CROWN



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Jewels in the Crown Winners

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B’nai Torah Congregation Sisterhood—Boca Raton, FL
Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Clearwater, FL
Congregation Kol Ami Sisterhood—Tampa, FL
Jacksonville Jewish Center Sisterhood—Jacksonville, FL
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood—Palm Beach, FL



Jewels in the Crown Winners

GARDEN STATE

B'nai Shalom-The Jewish Center of West Orange Sisterhood—
West Orange, NJ

Highland Park Conservative Temple-

Congregation Anshe Emeth Sisterhood—Highland Park, NJ

Miriam Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom—South Orange, NJ

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Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Livingston, NJ



INTERNATIONAL NORTHEAST

Beth David Women—Toronto, Ontario

Beth Tikvah Women—Toronto, Ontario

Shaare Zedek Sisterhood—Montreal, Quebec

Temple Beth El Sisterhood—Rochester, NY

Women's Network of Temple Beth Tzedek—Williamsville, NY



Jewels in the Crown Winners

INTRACONTINENTAL

B'nai Amoona Congregation Sisterhood—St. Louis, MO
CBS Women—Congregation Brith Shalom—Bellaire, TX
Congregation Agudas Achim Sisterhood—Austin, TX
Congregation Anshai Torah Sisterhood—Plano, TX
Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Overland Park, KS
Congregation Shaar Hashalom Sisterhood—Houston, TX
Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood—Winnipeg Manitoba
Kol Rinah Sisterhood—St. Louis, MO
Sisterhood of Congregation Shearith Israel—Dallas, TX
Temple of Aaron Congregation Sisterhood—St. Paul, MN
Tifereth Israel Women's League—Des Moines, IA
Women's League of Congregation Etz Chayim—Winnipeg Manitoba



METRO NORTH

Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale Sisterhood—Riverdale, NY
First Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood—Peekskill, NY
Yorktown Jewish Center Sisterhood—Yorktown Heights, NY



Jewels in the Crown Winners

MID-ATLANTIC

Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood—Marlton, NJ
Congregation B'nai Jacob Sisterhood—Phoenixville, PA
Congregation Beth El Sisterhood—Voorhees, NJ
Ohev Shalom of Bucks County Sisterhood—Richboro, PA
Shirat Hayam Sisterhood—Ventnor City, NJ
Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple—Penn Valley, PA
Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Cherry Hill, NJ
Temple Har Zion Sisterhood—Mt. Holly, NJ
Temple Sinai Sisterhood—Dresher, PA
Tiferet Bet Israel Women's League—Blue Bell, PA
Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County Sisterhood—Bensalem, PA



NORTH ATLANTIC

Temple Israel of Natick Sisterhood—Natick, MA
The Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood—West Hartford, CT



Jewels in the Crown Winners

NORTH BY NORTHWEST

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Edmonton, Alberta
Congregation Neveh Shalom Sisterhood—Portland, OR
Women of B'nai Shalom—Walnut Creek, CA



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Adat Ari El Sisterhood—Valley Village, CA
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Women's Connection of Congregation Beth El—La Jolla (San Diego), CA



Jewels in the Crown Winners

SEABOARD

Adas Israel Sisterhood—Washington, DC
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B'nai Israel Congregation Sisterhood—Rockville, MD
Congregation Har Shalom Sisterhood—Potomac, MD
Congregation Olam Tikvah Sisterhood—Fairfax, VA



SOUTHERN

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Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood—Atlanta, GA
Women of Temple Israel—Charlotte, NC



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Tallit Blessing

For Tallit

Baruch Atah Adonai,
Eloheinu melech haolam
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hitateif batzitzit.

טלית

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהִתְעַטֵּף בַּצִּיצִית.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe who makes us holy
with mitzvot and commands us to wrap ourselves in the fringed tallit.

Shehecheyanu: Blessing for Beginnings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us
to this season.

Mah Tov

How lovely are your dwellings, Jacob;
your sanctuaries, people of Israel!
As for me, through Your great kindness I enter Your house;
in awe of You, I bow toward Your holy sanctuary.
ADONAI, I love Your house, the place where Your glory dwells.
I will bow and prostrate myself, kneel before ADONAI
my creator.
My prayers are to You, ADONAI, in the hope that this is
a favorable time;
God, in Your abundant love, respond to me with faithful
deliverance.

Mah tovu ohalekha ya-akov, mishk'notekha yisrael.

Va-ani b'rov hasd'kha avo veitekha,

esh-tahaveh el heikhal kodsh'kha b'yiratekha.

Adonai ahavti me'on beitekha, u-m'kom mishkan k'vodekha.

Va-ani esh-tahaveh v'ekhrah, evr'kha lifnei Adonai osi.

Va-ani t'filati l'kha, Adonai, eit ratzon.

Elohim b'rov hasdekha, aneini be-emet yishekha.

מה טובו אהלך יעקב, משכנותיך ישראל.
ואני ברב חסדך אבוא ביתך,
אשתחווה אל היכל קדשך ביראתך.
יהוה אהבתי מעון ביתך, ומקום משכן כבודך.
ואני אשתחווה ואכרעה, אברכה לפני יהוה עשי.
ואני תפילתי לך יהוה, עת רצון,
אלהים ברב-חסדך ענני באמת ישעך.

Psalm Study - Psalm 150

Psalm 150: An Interpretive Translation

Praise God in the depths
of the universe;
praise God in the human
heart.
Praise God's power and
beauty,
for God's all-feeling,
fathomless love.
Praise God with drums and
trumpets,
with string quartets and
guitars.
Praise God in market and
workplace,
with computer, with ham-
mer and nails.
Praise God in bedroom
and kitchen;
praise God with pots and
pans.
Praise God in the temple
of the present;
let every breath be God's
praise.

—STEPHEN MITCHELL

HALLELUYAH! Praise God.

Praise God in the sanctuary.
Praise God in the heavens, the seat of God's power.
Praise God at the triumph of the Divine.
Praise God in accord with the greatness of God.
Praise God with the call of the shofar.
Praise God with the harp and the lyre.
Praise God with timbrel and dance.
Praise God with flute and strings.
Praise God with crashing cymbals.
Praise God with rousing cymbals.
► Let every breath be praise of God;
halleluyah, praise God.
Let every breath be praise of God;
praise God, *halleluyah*!

Hal'luyah.

Hal'lu El b'kodsho, hal'luhu birkia uzo.

Hal'luhu vi-g'vurotav, hal'luhu k'rov gudlo.

Hal'luhu b'teika shofar, hal'luhu b'nevel v'kharor.

Hal'luhu b'tof u-mahol, hal'luhu b'minim v'ugav.

Hal'luhu v'tziltz'lei shama, hal'luhu b'tziltz'lei t'ruah.

Kol ha-n'shamah t'hallel yah, hal'luyah.

Kol ha-n'shamah t'hallel yah, hal'luyah.

Psalm 150

הללויה,
הללו אל בקדשו, הללוהו ברקיע עדו.
הללוהו בגבורתיו, הללוהו ברב גדלו.
הללוהו בתקע שופר, הללוהו בנגבל וכנור.
הללוהו בתוף ומחול, הללוהו במנים ועגב.
הללוהו בצלצלי שמע, הללוהו בצלצלי תרועה.
כל הנשמה תהלל יה, הללויה.
כל הנשמה תהלל יה, הללויה.

תהלים קנ

PSALM 150. This psalm brings the Book of Psalms to an exultant close. The Book of Psalms begins with the praise of the single righteous individual, "Blessed is the one who does not walk in the way of the wicked" (Psalm 1:1), and concludes with every living being praising God.

Shirat Hayam

THE SONG AT THE SEA

Then Moses and the people Israel sang this song to ADONAI:

I will sing to ADONAI, who has triumphed gloriously,
who cast horse and rider into the sea.

ADONAI is my strength and my might; God is my deliverance.

This is my God, to whom I give glory—

the God of my ancestors, whom I exalt.

ADONAI is a warrior; God's name is ADONAI.

God has cast Pharaoh's chariots and army into the sea;

Pharaoh's choicest captains have drowned in the Sea of Reeds.

The depths covered them; they sank in the deep like a stone.

Your right hand, ADONAI, singular in strength—

Your right hand, ADONAI, shatters the enemy.

With Your majestic might You crush Your foes;

You let loose Your fury, to consume them like straw.

In the rush of Your rage the waters were raised;

the sea stood motionless, the great deep congealed.

The enemy said: "I will pursue, I will capture and plunder!

I will devour them, I will draw my sword.

With my bare hands will I dispatch them."

You loosed the wind—the sea covered them.

Like lead, they sank in the swelling waters.

Who is like You, ADONAI, among the mighty?

Who is like You, majestic in holiness,

awe-inspiring in splendor, working wonders?

You stretched out Your hand—the earth swallowed them.

In Your love You lead the people You redeemed;

with Your strength You guide them to Your holy habitation.

Nations hear and quake;

panic grips the dwellers of Philistia.

Edom's chieftains are seized with terror,

trembling grips the mighty of Moab,

all the citizens of Canaan are dismayed,

dread and fear descend upon them.

Your overwhelming power makes them silent as stone,

while Your people, ADONAI—the people

whom You have redeemed—pass through peacefully.

Lead them and bring them to Your lofty mountain;

the abode You fashioned, ADONAI,

the sanctuary Your hands established.

ADONAI shall reign forever and ever.

Exodus 15:1–18

אֲנִי וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת לַיהוָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ
לְאֵמֹר אֲשִׁירָה לַיהוָה כִּי־גָאָה גָּאָה סוֹס

וְרֹכְבוֹ רָמָה בַּיָּם: עֲזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה וַיְהִי־לִי
לִישׁוּעָה זֶה אֱלֹהִי וְאֵלֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵי

אֲבִי וְאַרְמָמְנָהוּ: יְהוָה אִישׁ מִלְחָמָה יְהוָה
שְׁמוֹ: מִרְפַּבֶּת פָּרָעָה וְחִילוֹ יִרְהַב בַּיָּם וּמִבְחָר

שְׁלֵשִׁיו טָבְעוּ בַיָּם־סוּף: תַּהֲמֹת יִכְסִימוּ יָרְדּוּ בַמַּצּוֹלֹת כְּמֹ־
אֶבֶן: יְמִינֶךָ יְהוָה נֶאֱדָרִי בַכֶּחַ יְמִינֶךָ

יְהוָה תִּרְעַץ אוֹיְבִי: וּבָרַב גְּאוֹנֶךָ תַּהַרֵּס
קִמְיִךָ תִּשְׁלַח חֲרֹנְךָ יֹאכְלֵמוּ פֶקֶשׁ: וּבְרוּחַ

אֲפִיךָ נִעְרַמוּ מֵיָם: נִצְּבוּ כְמוֹ־נֶגֶד
נִזְלִים: קָפְאוּ תַהֲמֹת בְּלִבֵּיהֶם: אָמַר

אוֹיְבִי אֶרְדֵּף אֲשִׁיג אֶחְלֶק שְׁלָל תִּמְלֹאֲמוּ
נַפְשִׁי אֲרִיק חֲרָבִי תֹורִישְׁמוּ יָדִי: נִשְׁפָּתָה

בְּרוּחְךָ פִּסְמוּ יָם: צָלְלוּ בַעֲוֹפֹת בְּמִים
אֲדִירִים: מִי־כַמְכָה בָּאֵלֶם יְהוָה מִי

כַּמְכָה נֶאֱדָר בַּקֹּדֶשׁ: נוֹרָא תַהֲלֹת עֲשֵׂה
פֶלֶא: נִטִּיתָ יְמִינֶךָ תִּבְלַעְמוּ אֶרֶץ: נִחִיתָ

בַּחֲסֹדְךָ עַם־נוֹ נִאֲלָתָה נִהַלְתָּ בַעֲזָךָ אֶל־גִּוֵּה
קֹדֶשְׁךָ: שָׁמְעוּ עַמִּים יִרְגְּזוּן חֵיל

אֲחוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל פִּלְשֶׁת: אֲנִי נִבְהַלּוּ אֱלֹפֵי
אֲדוֹם: אֵילֵי מוֹאָב יֹאחֲזֻמוּ רַעַד נִמְגּוּ

כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּנְעָן: תִּפֹּל עֲלֵיהֶם אֵימָתָה
וּפֹחַד: בְּגִדְלִי זָרוּעַךָ יִדְּמוּ בָאֶבֶן עַד־

יַעֲבֹר עִמָּךָ יְהוָה: עַד־יַעֲבֹר עַם־נוֹ
קִנְיָתָה: תִּבְאֲמוּ וְתִשְׁעַמּוּ בְּהַר נִחֲלֹתֶךָ מְכוֹן

לְשִׁבְתְּךָ פָּעֻלְתָּ יְהוָה: מִקֵּדֶשׁ אֲדִנִּי בּוֹגְגוּ
יָדֶיךָ: יְהוָה יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד:

שמות טו:א-יח

Ozi V'Zimrat Yah

OZI V'ZIMRAT YAH

Ozi v'zimrat Yah, vay'hi li lishuah.

עֲזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה, וַיְהִי־לִי לִישׁוּעָה.

Adonai is my strength and might; God will be my salvation. (Exodus 15:2)

Hear, O Israel, ADONAI is our God, ADONAI is one.

Sh'ma yisrael, Adonai eloheinu Adonai ehad.

Recited quietly: Praised be the name of the one
whose glorious sovereignty is forever and ever.

You shall love ADONAI your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all that is yours.
These words that I command you this day
shall be taken to heart.
Teach them again and again to your children;
speak of them when you sit in your home,
when you walk on your way,
when you lie down,
and when you rise up.
Bind them as a sign upon your hand
and as a symbol above your eyes;
inscribe them upon the doorposts of your home
and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

V'ahavta et Adonai elohekha b'khol l'vav'kha u-v'khol nafsh'kha
u-v'khol me'odekha. V'hayu ha-d'varim ha-eileh asher anokhi m'tzav'kha
ha-yom al l'avdekha. V'shinantam l'vanekha v'dibarta bam, b'shivt'kha
b'veitekha u-v'lekht'kha va-derekh u-v'shokhb'kha u-v'kumekha.
U-k'shartam l'ot al yadekha v'hayu l'totafot bein einekha.
U-kh'tavtam al m'zuzot beitekha u-visharekha.

If you will hear and obey the mitzvot that I command you
this day, to love and serve ADONAI your God with all your
heart and all your soul, then I will grant the rain for your
land in season, rain in autumn and rain in spring. You shall
gather in your grain and wine and oil; I will provide grass in
your fields for your cattle and you shall eat and be satisfied.
Take care lest your heart be tempted, and you stray and serve
other gods and bow to them. Then ADONAI's anger will flare
up against you, and God will close up the sky so that there
will be no rain and the earth will not yield its produce. You
will quickly disappear from the good land that ADONAI is
giving you. Therefore, impress these words of mine upon
your heart and upon your soul. Bind them as a sign upon
your hand and as a symbol above your eyes; teach them to
your children, by speaking of them when you sit in your
home, when you walk on your way, when you lie down and
when you rise up. Inscribe them upon the doorposts of your
home and on your gates. Then your days and the days of your
children, on the land that ADONAI swore to your ancestors to
give them, will be as many as the days the heavens are above
the earth.

Deuteronomy 11:13-21

ADONAI said to Moses: Speak to the people Israel, and
instruct them that in every generation they shall put *tzitzit*
on the corners of their garments, placing a thread of blue on
the *tzitzit*, the fringe of each corner. That shall be your *tzitzit*;
you shall look at it and remember all the mitzvot of ADONAI,
and fulfill them, and not be seduced by your eyes and heart
as they lead you astray. Then you will remember and fulfill all
My mitzvot, and be holy before your God. I am ADONAI your
God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your
God. I am ADONAI your God—

Numbers 15:37-41

Truly

Va-yo-meir A-do-nai el Mo-she lei-mor:
Da-beir el b'nei Yis-ra-eil, v'a-mar-ta a-lei-hem
v'a-su la-hem tsi-tsit, al kan-fei vig-dei-hem l'do-ro-tam,
v'na-t'nu al tsi-tsit ha-ka-naf p'til t'chei-let.
V'ha-ya la-chem l'tsi-tsit, ur-i-tem o-to
uz-char-tem et kawl mits-vot A-do-nai, va-a-si-tem o-tam,
v'lo ta-tu-ru a-cha-rei l'vav-chem,
v'a-cha-rei ei-nei-chem
a-she-er a-tem zo-nim a-cha-rei-hem,
L'ma-an tiz-k'ru, va-a-si-tem et kawl mits-vo-tai
vi-h'yi-tem k'do-shim lei-lo-hei-chem.
A-ni A-do-nai E-lo-hei-chem,
a-she-er ho-tsei-ti et-chem mei-e-rets Mits-ra-yim
li-h'yot la-chem lei-lo-him;
A-ni A-do-nai E-lo-hei-chem... Emet

Sh'Ma Va-yo-meir

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד.

Recited quietly: שְׁמַע שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

וְאַהֲבַת אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ
וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ
הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ
בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:
וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:
וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל-מְזוּזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

דברים ו:ד-ט

וְהָיָה אִם-שָׁמַעַתְּ תִּשְׁמָעוּ אֶל-מִצְוֹתֵי אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוֶּה
אִתְּכֶם הַיּוֹם לֹא-הָיָה אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּלְעַבְדּוֹ בְּכָל-
לְבַבְכֶם וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁכֶם: וְנָתַתִּי מִטֶּר-אֶרְצְכֶם בְּעֵתוֹ יוֹרֶה
וּמִלְקוֹשׁ וְאֶסַּפְתִּי דְגָנְךָ וְתִירְשֶׁךָ וְיִצְהַרְךָ: וְנָתַתִּי עֵשֶׂב
בְּשֶׁדְךָ לְבַהֲמֹתֶךָ וְאֶכְלָתָה וְשָׂבַעְתָּ: הֲשִׁמְרוּ לָכֶם פֶּן-יִפְתָּה
לְבַבְכֶם וְסָרְתֶם וַעֲבַדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם
לָהֶם: וְחָרָה אֶף-יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעָצַר אֶת-הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא-יִהְיֶה
מָטָר וְהִיאֲדָמָה לֹא תֵתֵן אֶת-יְבוּלָהּ וְאֶבְדְּתֶם מְהֵרָה מֵעַל
הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה נָתַן לָכֶם: וְשָׁמַתָּ אֶת-דְּבָרֵי
אֵלֹהִים עַל-לְבַבְכֶם וְעַל-נַפְשְׁכֶם וְקִשְׁרָתֶם אִתָּם לְאוֹת
עַל-יָדְכֶם וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֵיכֶם: וְלִמְדַתֶּם אִתָּם
אֶת-בְּנֵיכֶם לְדַבֵּר בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְכָתַבְתֶּם עַל-מְזוּזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:
לְמַעַן יִרְבוּ יְמֵיכֶם וְיָמֵי בְנֵיכֶם עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע
יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לֵאמֹר לָתֵת לָהֶם בְּיָמֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם עַל-הָאָרֶץ:

דברים יא:יג-כא

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם וַעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם צִיצִית עַל-פְּנֵפִי בְּגְדֵיהֶם
לְדֹרֹתָם וְנָתַתִּי עַל-צִיצִית הַפָּנֶף פְּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת: וְהָיָה
לָכֶם לְצִיצִית וּרְאִיתֶם אֹתוֹ וּזְכַרְתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה
וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְלֹא תִתּוּרוּ אַחֲרֵי לְבַבְכֶם וְאַחֲרֵי עֵינֵיכֶם
אֲשֶׁר-אַתֶּם זֵנִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם: לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם
אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֵי וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲנִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם לְהוֹיֹת
לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

במדבר טו:לז-מא

אַמֶּת

Modim

Modim Anachnu Lach

Mi Sheberakh

Prayers for Healing

*Mi sheberakh avoteinu
m'kor ha-b'rakhah l'imoteinu,*
May the Source of strength
who blessed the ones
before us
help us find the courage
to make our lives a blessing,
and let us say: *Amen.*

*Mi sheberakh imoteinu
m'kor ha-b'rakhah la-avoteinu,*
bless those in need of
healing
with *r'fuah sh'leimah:*
the renewal of body,
the renewal of spirit,
and let us say: *Amen.*

—DEBBIE FRIEDMAN
AND DRORAH SETEL

Mourner's Kaddish

Mourner's Kaddish

Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

May God's great name be exalted and hallowed throughout the created world, as is God's wish. May God's sovereignty soon be established, in your lifetime and in your days, and in the days of all the house of Israel. And we say: *Amen*.

Congregation and mourners:

May God's great name be acknowledged forever and ever!

Mourners:

May the name of the Holy One be acknowledged and celebrated, lauded and worshipped, exalted and honored, extolled and acclaimed—though God, who is blessed, *b'rikh hu*, is truly [on Shabbat Shuvah we add: far] beyond all acknowledgment and praise, or any expressions of gratitude or consolation ever spoken in the world. And we say: *Amen*.

May heaven bestow on us, and on all Israel, life and abundant and lasting peace. And we say: *Amen*.

May the one who creates peace on high bring peace to us and to all Israel [and to all who dwell on earth]. And we say: *Amen*.

Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'meih raba, b'alma di v'ra, kiruteih, v'yamlikh malkhuteih b'hayeikhon u-v'yomeikhon u-v'haye d'khol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vizman kariv, v'imru amen.

Congregation and mourners:

Y'hei sh'meih raba m'varakh l'alam u-l'almei almay.

Mourners:

Yitbarakh v'yishtabah v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei v'yit-hadar v'yitaleh v'yit-halal sh'meih d'kudsha, b'rikh hu, l'eila min kol [on Shabbat Shuvah we substitute: l'eila l'eila mikol] birkhata v'shirata tushb'hata v'nehamata da-amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael [v'al kol yosh'vei teveil], v'imru amen.

Some congregations recite Anim Z'mirot here; see page 208.

Some congregations conclude with Adon Olam on page 211;

others conclude with other Shabbat songs (see pages 212 and 82–85).

קדיש יתום

Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא,
בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא, בְּרַעֲוִיתָהּ,
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
בְּעֻגְלָא וּבְזִמְנ קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Congregation and mourners:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא עָלְמָיָא.

Mourners:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא,
לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל־ [לְעָלְמָא לְעָלְמָא מְכַל־
[on Shabbat Shuvah we substitute: לְעָלְמָא לְעָלְמָא מְכַל־
בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא וְנִשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחְמַתָּא דְּאִמְרֵינוּ בְּעֻלְמָא,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל,
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עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵינוּ הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל [וְעַל כָּל־יֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל],
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Some congregations recite Anim Z'mirot here; see page 208.

Some congregations conclude with Adon Olam on page 211;

others conclude with other Shabbat songs (see pages 212 and 82–85).

THANK YOU... from Margie

To the members of my Executive Committee...

Lucy Becker (VP and Public Policy Chair): I was thrilled to have you serve as a VP bringing your calm and steady voice to our Executive Committee. You represented us well as an UN NGO and your care of public policy and world affairs insured that our organization remained relevant. Thank you Lucy.

Sue Bengele (VP and Membership Chair): Membership is so important. Without members our sisterhoods would not exist. To Sue B and Sue T... Your outreach to our region and sisterhood membership chairs insured they received the tools they need to succeed. Thank you and your team for all your outreach.

Sandy Berenbaum (Exec. Appointee and Consulting Services Chair): Thank you to my "birthday twin" for leading a cadre of WL dedicated Consultants. By always updating the dialogue and training our consultants/mentors, each sisterhood can receive the support they need to succeed. You and Meryl Balaban (Consulting personnel chair) did a wonderful job... always matching the skills of our consultants to meet the needs of our sisterhoods.

Karen Block (Recording Secretary): Your meticulous records insured that the work we did was documented and will be the written record of our administration. Thank you for the countless hours to take the minutes, attach all the reports and for being such an important member of our Executive Committee. (A shout out to our hometown Valley Stream.)

Sandy Blumenthal (Financial Secretary): You have been such a driving force. Your work, with Rusty, was nothing short of miraculous. You understood that per capita, isn't just about the money, it's about the partnership and relationship WLCJ has with our sisterhoods. Yasher Koach

Ellen Kaner Bresnick (Exec. Appointee and Personnel Chair): What unusual times we had! Thank you for leading our staff search committee. You always understood that this was never a challenge, but an amazing opportunity. We were able to not just replace our retiring staff, but create a staff that will meet our needs now and in the future. I value your work ethic and your friendship.

Deb Bruce (VP and Israel Chair): Thanks to your passion and love of Israel, we were able to revitalize WL's commitment to support our Israeli sisters by funding the Masorti Women's Days of Study. We exceeded all expectations by nearly tripling our monies donated. Fabulous Job!

Agnes Emert (VP and A & E Chair): Thank you for taking on a new challenge and creating a wonderful team who took our message to every committee/team within our organization. Our goal was to assess and evaluate what each group did and make sure that they set goals and made mindful decisions within their portfolios. You did great work!

Barbara Ezring (Exec. Appointee and Education/Program Chair): You and your amazing team, created more educational programs than we ever could have imagined. You insured that every single member could avail themselves to programing that would meet her needs and interests. There are not enough adjectives to sing your praises. Todah!

Debbi Kaner Goldich (Exec. Appointee and Convention Chair): You successfully planned and executed basically two conventions. That was certainly not something anyone would have expected! Your persistence for excellence and precision in execution, insured no matter where we were...Schaumburg or Zoomburg, Convention 2020 would go down in history. Thank you!!

Debra Green (VP and Region Services Chair): Supporting and being a resource to our region presidents takes much more than monthly zoom calls. I'm sure there were countless phone calls, mentoring and always being accessible. Thank you for all you did on behalf of our wonderful region presidents!

Judi Kenter (Exec Appointee and Social Action Project chair): Thank you Judi for your steadfast dedication and clear thinking. You have taken on so many projects through the years, always done with care and perseverance. You have distinctively served on the Executive Committee for many years. Your wisdom will be missed.

Janet Kirschner (Treasurer and Budget Chair): I've always said, every organization needs a Janet! Your dedication, financial knowledge and expertise has kept us fiscally sound for a decade. You created a mindful balanced budget each year, mentored the accounting staff, maintained a clear voice and have truly been at my side from the beginning. I can't thank you enough.

Vivian Leber (VP and WL Reads Chair): You took a simple formula of our online book group, to become a true jewel of our programming crown. WL Reads has expanded, excites and engages hundreds and hundreds of members throughout North America and Israel. You accomplished so much, Thank you!

Dr. Barbara Levin (VP and Personal Conversations Chair): Being a doctor was so helpful in knowing what concerns our women have in regard to Health and Wellness. Creating meaningful conversations on topics of interest, insured our programming was diverse and relevant. Thank you for all you did.

Myra Promisel (VP and Finance Chair): You were a perfect person to oversee our finance team. Your insightful questioning, steadfast determination and thoughtful voice was such an asset to WL. You managed your team, insuring that WL will continue to be fiscally responsible and insure our stability in the future. Thank you Myra.

Illene Rubin (Exec. Appointee and Convention Vice Chair Program): Who could have imagined ... years of planning, years of conversations, team meetings, outreach to speakers, juggling with the logistics vice chairs, Renee Ravich and Marilyn Berkowitz, to insure your vision would be executed with ease. You made sure that lemonade would be made from the lemons we were dealt. What an accomplishment. Thank you and your entire team!

Randy Schwartz (Exec. Appointee and Torah Fund Chair): In a climate that has been more than challenging, your work in Torah Fund, has been outstanding. We created a planned giving campaign (Thank you Edna Schrank and Cory Schneider), held monthly meetings with the Region TF VPs, customized printed materials for each region and created quarterly TF Newsletter. Three outstanding and beautiful pins have adorned thousands of our members. Your calm voice and gentle way never wavered. Thank you Randy.

Carol Simon (Immediate Past President): Thank you for always having a clear vision on who we are and where we should be going. Chairing the Nominating Committee (with your fabulous team) insures our bright future. Being the Immediate past president (which I'll soon find out) must be done with a delicate balance. You were always there when I needed you and I cannot thank you enough for giving me my space, but never being more than a phone call away.

Elly Sokol (VP and Communications Co Chair): Elly, I know these three years, were not what you expected. Your fortitude and survival spirit inspired us continually. We all hope that the years ahead will be filled with good health and happiness.

Shelley Szwalbenest (Exec. Appointee and Parliamentarian): You might have been new to Exec., but we couldn't have been more thrilled to have you join our ranks. You learned so much and always were graciously there to answer my endless questions. It has been a pleasure working with you. I cannot thank you enough for your efforts.

Sue Taffet (VP and Membership Co Chair): Yes, the Sue and Sue team (you and Sue Bengel) managed our entire membership, affiliation and retention team. (Huge shout out to Sherry Lynn Rubin). Membership is at our core, and it takes a village to address at every level. Thank you for all you did Sue.

Rita Wertlieb (Past President): (to my Class of '92 classmate) Rita, you have served on the Exec for well over a decade. I'm sure it will be difficult to step aside. Your insightful questions, constant support, and being the voice of organizational history has been invaluable. Your kindness, grace and dedication is much admired by all. Thank you for the many years you have served WL. You are a treasured PIP.

Lara Werwa (VP and Communications Co Chair): I know how excited you were to become a VP. As we know, life sometimes has other plans. You have expanded your horizons and have an opportunity to conquer your next challenge. We always wish you well Lara.

Iris (Rusty) Zackheim (VP and Per Capita Chair): You are one of the most focused, goal oriented women I know. You have a clear sense of "right" and a formidable presence. You live by the expression "there's no I in Team," always giving credit to others around you. BUT I know better. You and Sandy should be ecstatic about being so over budget each year. Yasher Koach!

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It has been our custom during Convention, to collect Tzedakah at the end of our Shacharit service, to support a community organization. This year we have targeted “The ARK,” with Social Action donations of shirt bags and blankets, but especially with our Convention now being virtual, we would like to extend a request for your financial contributions toward this organization.
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