



New International President Debbi Kaner Goldich Begins Her Tenure at Women's League for Conservative Judaism's First Virtual Convention 2020

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More than 1,400 women gathered on Zoom for Women's League for Conservative Judaism's first Virtual Convention on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Debbi Kaner Goldich was installed as the 23rd International President of WLCJ.

In her acceptance speech, Goldich said, "My goal as president will be to continue to keep us relevant and meet the unique needs of Conservative Jewish Women, no matter what is happening in the world. We will adapt and continue to change even more! We will change by finding new technological ways to communicate with all our women in North America and Israel."

She continued, "We will search out new communities of Jewish women worldwide. To all of them, and to our existing communities we will provide new and varied Jewish educational and leadership opportunities that only we in Women's League can provide."

The day-long convention began with a Healing Service, Psalms Study and In Memoriam, followed by a Social Justice Panel, Plenary Sessions, Sisterhood Workshops, Installation Ceremony and concluded with a dynamic Celebratory Concert.

President Debbi Kaner Goldich has been involved with Women's League for Conservative Judaism for close to 40 years. She has been an active member in four synagogues and their sisterhoods in Pennsylvania and Arizona. She is the 2020 Convention Chair, leading the first-ever WLCJ Virtual Convention and condensing three days of programming into one day, in response to the world pandemic. A pediatric nurse for 35 years, Goldich is used to responding quickly in grave times.

Goldich loves WLCJ with all her heart. As she says, "Where else do you get to do such meaningful work with the most wonderful friends in the world?"

As the President of WLCJ, she has a clear vision of what she hopes to accomplish in her three-year tenure. A major aim will be a greater focus on public policy and social action.

"We are the same organization we were 103 years ago when Mathilde Schechter educated a community of Jewish women. But, of course, we are also very different. As an organization we have kept up with societal changes through those years and played a major part in our movement becoming egalitarian."

Goldich continued, "Instead of teaching our women how to set the Shabbat table, our organization now teaches Mishna to almost one hundred women who join together monthly to study on Zoom and are taught by women Rabbis who are graduates of our

Seminaries. Now our women learn how to wrap tefillin and share personal conversations. And, now our Sisterhood affiliates learn how to manage every aspect of their Sisterhood programming, finances and education virtually. As for technology, our women are on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook."

Goldich hopes to continue to expand and modernize WLCJ's communications and marketing efforts as well.

WLCJ is thrilled to welcome its new International President!

About Women's League for Conservative Judaism: Founded by Mathilde Schechter in 1918, Women's League for Conservative Judaism has been impacting the lives of people in the Conservative movement around the globe for more than 100 years. WLCJ is dedicated to creating a vibrant, egalitarian Jewish community, one which nurtures community, family and the values of the Jewish tradition. As an active member of Conservative/Masorti movement and the largest synagogue-based women's organization worldwide, WLCJ provides services to thousands of women and hundreds of women's groups worldwide. For more information, please visit: [Women's League for Conservative Judaism](#).

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