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## **PROGRAMMING with PANACHE**

### **Kehilah/Education Program Guidebook Volume III**

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## Introduction

"We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us"

- Joyce Johnson Rouse

Many of us have been fortunate to have read and used Volumes I and II of Educational Programs Booklet compiled by Ellen Bresnick and Julia Loeb, when they were WLCJ Education and Program Co-Chairs. It's probably not a surprise that the idea of creating a third volume came to us in the second year of this administration. While we had initially thought to continue using the same format, we eventually came around to considering the idea of expanding it and including a section on program planning. Thus, the guide and toolkit tips were born. We call it *Programming with Panache* as a way of identifying it.

While Hilary Clinton has been credited with popularizing the phrase, "It takes a village," that phrase and concept are African in origin. Nonetheless, it is true in our case, as well. It took a group of us to bring you Volume III, expanded to *Programming with Panache*. We would like to thank the following WLCJ members for their input and assistance in our endeavor: ALL of the committee chairs of Kehilah/Education; Helene Knee and Susan Winter for sharing their 6 Ps of Programming that we expanded; Ariana Burrows for her editing expertise, and ALL of the WLCJ members who shared their programs with us. We could not have made this possible without the assistance of the WLCJ Office - Karen Ballena, Caleb Espiritu-Bloomfield, Julia Loeb, and Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields.

Thank you to Ellen Bresnick and Julia Loeb, who led by example and inspired us.

We hope you find this guidebook useful. This is not intended to be a professional work, so we hope you will overlook any errors and omissions. While we tried to correct GUM (grammar, usage, mechanics) errors to clarify information, we also tried to keep all the programs and information in everyone's original voice as much as possible.

We hope you will find our guidebook useful. Feast your eyes on the many and varied programs presented for your reading pleasure!

Fran and Jeanette

# Kehilah and Education Committees 2023-2026

## Who We Are . . . What We Do

The following is a list of all the committees that fall under the purview of Kehilah or Education. Listed alphabetically, there is a description of the committee goals, the names of the committee chairs, and their contact information. In this way, members can contact any of the chairs for information. There is also a list of the programs that were presented by each committee during this administration if that was part of their purpose. These programs have been recorded and are available for viewing on the Women's League Website under Member Materials. They can also serve as the basis for future programs for your sisterhood affiliate.

### Education Committees

#### **Bat Mitzvah:**

Co-Chair: Toby B. Holtzman / [tholtzman@wlcj.org](mailto:tholtzman@wlcj.org)

Co-Chair: Anne Schimberg / [afkschimberg@gmail.com](mailto:afkschimberg@gmail.com)

This three-year program, taught by Rabbis, Educators, and Leaders of the Conservative movement, met once a month. It provided an opportunity for women to expand their Jewish literacy skills and become more familiar with Shabbat and holiday observance. It also gave students the opportunity to become part of a special community which increased their confidence and enhanced their connection to Judaism. At the end of the three years, they will become B'not Mitzvah at the WLCJ Convention where they will have an Aliyah, chant from the Torah, and lead part of the Shacharit service.

#### **Environment and Sustainability**

Co-Chair: Heddy Belman / [Hfsbh@aol.com](mailto:Hfsbh@aol.com)

Co-Chair: Corinne Hammerschlag / [Corinne@rogers.com](mailto:Corinne@rogers.com)

The function of this committee is to educate Sisterhood Affiliates on the importance and relevance of preserving and protecting the environment. This will be done through the Jewish text "What is the Jewish Perspective, and What is our Responsibility" expressing our values with a series of interactive Zoom programs/workshops. There are also plans for a major sustainability collaboration and program, in which members of this committee, in conjunction with other arms of the Conservative/Masorti movement, will focus on conserving Earth's resources, and improving our environment. This committed group of organizations will work to ensure that, individually and collectively, we are saving our planet for future generations, L'Dor V'dor. Here is a list of programs that were presented over

the last three years:

- Being Environmentally Jewish, and What are the True Facts of Climate Change.
- Helping to Ensure a Healthy World: The Mitzvah of Yishuv Ha'olam
- Reverse Tashlich- Repair the Seas and Protect our Water and Our Planet
- Our Planet: Protect, Preserve, Save - Keep It Beautiful! Investigate Protective Solutions via Entrepreneurs, Corporations, Scientists, and Farmers
- Partnering with Jewish Earth Alliance and participating in Virtual Lobby Days, twice a year, in Zoom meetings with our US Senators in review of bills and resolutions.

### **Hebrew Classes**

Chair: Rachel Ferber / [rferber@wlcj.org](mailto:rferber@wlcj.org)

The purpose of this class series is to provide opportunities to members to develop or enhance their Hebrew literacy skills using prayers from Shabbat and holiday prayers. Classes meet weekly and are taught by WLCJ volunteers. Classes are a semester long, usually 14 weeks, starting in the fall and spring. Currently, there are four classes being taught, based on need and demand. They are:

- The Level 2+ is for students who have previously taken this class and do not yet read smoothly.
- The Level 3+ class is for students who are proficient readers who want to improve their fluency through Shabbat and holiday prayers.
- There are two Level 4 classes - Level 4 Chumash is for proficient Hebrew readers who want to strengthen their skills and learn vocabulary through the weekly Torah and Haftarah portions. Level 4 - Advanced Siddur class is for students who previously took our Level 3 Grammar class and members with strong Hebrew reading ability. This class will delve into prayers by examining word roots, prefixes, suffixes, and essential grammar.

### **Health and Wellness**

Chair: Debbie Bettan / [Dbettan@wlcj.org](mailto:Dbettan@wlcj.org)

The purpose of this committee is to present health topics that concern women. Each year a program has been presented that discusses a topic that interests and affects women. The following annual programs were presented over the last three years:

- A fireside chat with Dr. Rochelle Walensky

- Dr. Jack Rubinstein about the connection between women laying Tefillin and helping women's heart health.
- Jewish Women and Food. It's Complicated!

### **Tefillah**

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Co-Chair: Amy Schwartz / [adschwartz53@gmail.com](mailto:adschwartz53@gmail.com)

The responsibility of this committee is to serve as the tefillah chairs for Convention and to help lead Hallel during Makom B'Yachad Rosh Chodesh services.

### **WL Reads**

Chair: Karen Block / [kblock@wlcj.org](mailto:kblock@wlcj.org)

Committee: Bonnie Cham and Adele Weinstein

The function of this committee is to provide 2-3 virtual book discussions with author interviews over the course of the year. There were efforts to engage in online conversation prior to the book talks, but it was not successful due to technology issues. The first two years there were three programs presented each year. This last year it was reduced to two programs as WLCJ encouraged fewer programs to be presented. This committee encouraged Sisterhood Affiliates to contact them for assistance or book recommendations. Here is a list of the books that have been presented over the last three years.

- Where The Lilacs Bloom Once Again, Friddie's Story by Roni Rosenthal.
- The Choice by Maggie Anton
- Exile Music by Jennifer Steile
- We Would Never by Tova Mirvis
- Displaced Persons: Stories by Joan Leegant
- To Die in Secret by Rabbi Haviva Ner-David
- Lolita at Leonard's of Great Neck and Other Stories from the Before Times by Shira Dicker
- The Many Mothers of Ivy Puddingstone by Randy Susan Meyers

### **Kehillah Committees**

#### **Creative Judaic Arts**

Chair: Jody Glass / [Glass.jody@gmail.com](mailto:Glass.jody@gmail.com)

Creative Judaic Arts: This committee provides members of all regions with programming and crafting ideas that beautify the holidays and the mitzvot. Besides presenting

programs one or two times during the year, this committee is responsible for presenting a workshop at Convention that offers members from all regions an opportunity to be creative. The programs or instructions that have been presented over the last three years include:

- Button Art Tree of Life
- String Art Hamsa
- Alcohol Ink Tiles
- When Social Action and Creative Handcrafts Meet
- Create an Israel Flag Purse Charm
- Memory Wire Vashti Bracelet
- Safety Pin Israel Flag and other holidays

**Inclusion:**

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Co-Chair: Vicki Isman / [Vicki.isman@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.isman@gmail.com)

Committee Member: Barbara Brande

The purpose of this committee is to provide information and programming about minorities and underserved communities that feel left out of society and from mainstream Jewish institutions. Some of these communities are those that have disabilities (emotional, cognitive, physical) and some are because they belong to different minority groups. The goal is to provide programming and information that will enable our members to better include those individuals and groups in our sisterhood affiliates and synagogues. Since many of the timely topics overlap with what other committees, such as Mishpachah, Keruv, and Personal Conversations could present, there has been a deliberate effort to partner with them in order to expand and better develop the topic being presented. Information on the topic as well as support and assistance are offered to regions and sisterhood affiliates. The following are the programs that were presented during this administration:

- Inclusion 101
- Practical Programs for Connecting Community
- B'nai Mitzvah Program for Children with Disabilities (Adraba) of the Masorti Movement (in partnership with Mishpachah)

**Kehilah/Education Programs**

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This is not a committee. Some of the functions are to provide information, oversight, and support to the Kehilah and Education committees. One of the many functions of the

Kehilah Chair/Education and Kehilah/Education Vice Chair is to present programming that satisfies one or more of the following criteria: does not apply to any of the other umbrella committees, applies to holiday celebrations or to timely topics of interest, and can represent one or both arms of Kehilah/Education.

The following additional programs were presented over the course of three years:

- Navigating Civil Rights: The Journey Begins - Kehilah
- Hanukkah Program: We are Going on a Treasure Hunt - partnered with Cathy Swerdlow, then Vice President and Education Chair
- Bridging Faiths and Rights: A Civil Rights Exploration - Kehilah
- Turning YOUR Memories into Treasured STORIES - Kehilah
- Sisters in Faith: Advocating for Civil Rights - Kehilah
- Sisters Celebrating Chanukkah the Sixth Night - Kehilah
- Chanukkah BINGO! - Kehilah and Education
- Dress as Your Best Self! - partnered with Doreen Bornfreund, Vice President, and Membership Chair
- Strategies for Program Success - Kehilah and Education

#### **Mathilde's Master Class:**

Chair: Fran Hildebrandt / [fhildebrandt@wlcj.org](mailto:fhildebrandt@wlcj.org)

This three-year program, taught by Rabbis, Educators, and Leaders of the Conservative movement, met monthly from October-June. This is the first time it has been offered. Originally designed to follow the Bat Mitzvah class, it was open to all members regardless of whether they attended the Bat Mitzvah class or not. They had the option to register every year or choose which year, or thematic topic appealed to them. In this way, an opportunity for serious study was provided to women who wanted to expand their Jewish knowledge. The theme for the past three years has been Women's Voices. Each year a different aspect was studied:

- **Year One:** Women's Voices Raised in Texts from the Tanakh, Talmud, and Modern Midrash
- **Year Two:** Women's Voices Raised in History from the Middle Ages, Early 20th Century, and Modern Times
- **Year Three:** Women's Voices Raised in Rituals around *tefillah*, life cycle events, and around calendar/homebound rituals.

At the end of the three years, in conjunction with the WLCJ Convention, women who attended classes for all three years will receive certificates of recognition.

## **Keruv**

Co-Chair: Ariana Burrows / [ariana\\_b@verizon.net](mailto:ariana_b@verizon.net)

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This committee focused on issues that challenge interfaith families and in some cases hinder them from connecting with the mainstream Jewish community and/or participating in synagogue and community activities and events. Programs acknowledged that more effort is needed to make interfaith families feel welcome and to develop/increase their sense of community and connection with the Jewish community. For the third program, committee members found a highly successful, expanding Conservative synagogue in Chicago that utilized strategies for attracting interfaith couples, holding weddings in the shul without violating standards of the Rabbinical Assembly and retaining the newly wedded couples as members. The following programs were presented during this administration:

- Keruv: *LOVING ACCEPTANCE: Engaging with Our Interfaith Families*
- Keruv: *Making the B'Mitzvah Rite Feel Right: Interfaith Families Celebrate* (in partnership with Mishpachah)
- Keruv: *OPEN DOOR...OPEN ARMS: Successful Strategies for Interfaith Inclusion*

## **Makom B'Yachad**

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This committee facilitates and organizes a virtual community three times a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday) for our WLCJ Sisters. It originally began in March of 2020, just as COVID began. It was designed to give women an opportunity to recite Kaddish online, at a time when most synagogues were closing down out of a concern for safety. It has become an opportunity for women to recite the Mi Sheberach, the Prayer for Healing, the Psalm of the Day, say Kaddish, as well as engage in serious text study with others from across the U.S., Canada, and Israel.

## **Mishpachah**

Chair: Denise Brand / [drb04411@gmail.com](mailto:drb04411@gmail.com)

The main function of this committee is to present programs that relate to the Modern Jewish Family. Each program will focus on a challenge or issue that families face today. Since many of the timely topics overlap with what other committees such as Inclusion, Keruv, and Personal Conversations could present, there has been a deliberate effort to partner with them in order to expand and develop the topic being presented. The other

purpose of this committee is to provide additional information that can be accessed on the WLCJ website and to provide support to regions and sisterhoods/affiliates.

- Keruv: Making the B'Mitzvah Rite Feel Right: Interfaith Families Celebrate (in partnership with Keruv)
- B'nai Mitzvah Program for Children with Disabilities (Adraba) of the Masorti Movement (in partnership with Inclusion)

### **Personal Conversations**

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This committee takes an in-depth look at complex personal issues and topics and then seeks to connect these issues to Jewish practice, teachings, and life.

Speakers include experts in their fields and/or spiritual leaders of the Conservative/Masorti movement. The members of this committee select their topics being mindful of other WLCJ programming initiatives. Opportunities for WLCJ members to actively participate in the programs are provided. Three programs were presented over the last three years:

- Part One: A Conversation with Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe
- Part Two: Building on the foundation of the first program, the second installment continued the conversation with a focus on practical awareness and respectful engagement
- The Power of Authentic Communication: How to Take Your Personal Conversations to the Next Level

# HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A PROGRAM

## The 6 Ps of Programming

In this section, we will discuss how to develop, create, present, promote, and evaluate a program that you would like to present to your sisterhood affiliate or region. You may feel overwhelmed at first, but once you get started you will find that you already know some of these suggestions. If you follow this format, you will achieve success in your programming much more easily.

### PURPOSE

### PLAN

### PARTICIPATION

### PLACE

### PUBLICITY

### PROGRAM EVALUATION

### PURPOSE

First you need to answer two questions: **Why are you presenting this program? Who is your target audience?** To answer the first question, consider that without this knowledge you won't be able to build on the needs and interests of your membership. Programs can be meaningful, educational, and motivational. They can focus on personal growth and self-care. Some programs may encourage developing deeper friendships and a closer sense of community within your sisterhood. Other programs may promote a cause that will benefit your community. Is your program fun-raising or fund-raising? Finally, is it a topic that might satisfy the criterion for Jewels in the Crown? There's nothing wrong with presenting a program that can satisfy more than one objective. Who your target audience is will influence the kind of program you create and why you are presenting it.

### PLAN - PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Once you know what kind of program you want to present, the next step is to further develop an idea. Discuss your vision with your team and other members who can provide

input. Network with others. Survey your membership about what kind of program/s would interest them.

Once you have your idea, research programs that are already out there on your topic. Would you like to create a new program, tweak a program that already exists and has been successful, or a combination?

Is this a stand-alone program or part of a series?

Do you hope to partner with another sisterhood or present on your own?

Some other issues to address: What about a speaker or panel? Have you thought about using videos or music (assuming your program is not a musical act or movie)? What about interactive activities like small group discussion, art projects, staged readings or mock trials? Combine some of these media. Make your program come alive with active participation. Creativity is the key to making your program appealing. Develop your ideas into a program using collaboration, communication, cooperation, and creative energy.

To get you started, here are some ideas:

- Social Justice
- Social Action Projects
- Education
- Environmental/Sustainability
- Health Care/Mental Health
- Financial Planning
- Nutrition & Cooking Programs
- Yoga, Zumba, Belly Dancing, Tai Chi
- Crafts and Art programs
- Book/Author Discussion
- Game Night - games like Jewish Jeopardy, Jewish Trivia
- WLCJ Resolutions

## **PARTICIPATION**

This applies to two categories within your membership. The first is your team, in other words, the ladies who will take active roles in putting on the program. Are there women you can rely on to assist you in finding the speaker, researching the music, or being responsible for brunch, lunch, or the dinner that may be part of the program? Are there people who are skillful with technology and can assist with publicity and/or Zoom? The

more people you get involved with planning, promoting, and presenting, the more people will connect with your sisterhood affiliate. Two byproducts of program participation will be developing leadership and increasing membership. That leads us to the second category: your target audience. Reach out to members who you think might be interested or have expressed interest in your topic. Personally invite new members to participate on your team and/or to attend the program. It's harder to say no to a person who is calling or standing in front of you than an email. Remember - people come for the program and stay involved in your sisterhood for the friendships that are established.

## **PLACE**

Where is your program being held? Does your synagogue have the right facilities to host the program or do you need to find another setting like a home or outside meeting room? Many sisterhood affiliates have returned to in-person or hybrid programs, while many regions are relying on Zoom. Again, think about your purpose and audience. Smaller geographical areas are better for in-person attendance which increases socialization and enhances communication. Zooms or hybrids may be better to reach larger audiences, long-distance learning, may offer greater access to expert speakers who are not local, and may attract attendees in colder climates. Another option to consider is outside "field trip" programs that are local but take place in a museum, theater, activity center, or retail center.

## **PUBLICITY**

Getting the word out is so important! Some items to consider: Is this a sisterhood affiliate or region program only? Or is it open to the community (in-person) or region / WLCJ membership if it is on Zoom? If you are opening it up to your designated community, do you plan to send information to other sisterhood and region presidents, synagogues, and Jewish organizations? How will you publicize it? Will you use email blasts, social media, flyers, or snail mail? Will you extend personal invites by phone, text, or email?

This once again refers back to purpose and audience.

## PROGRAM EVALUATION

It's always helpful to evaluate the program afterwards. One reason is to assess the success and effectiveness of the program that has just been presented. What worked and what didn't. If done among the team who presented the program, the evaluation will allow the committee to identify immediate successes and determine what/how future programs can be improved.

A second reason is to assist you in future programming endeavors. If you use the same criteria for each program evaluation, you will be able to compare different programs.

This metaphorical measuring stick provides you with the means to provide more effective targeted programming and to work on flaws in the system. Some topics to include: what was the attendance for the program, how well was the program received, feedback for improvement, and interest surveys on future topics. There are lots of online surveys that can be used to send to participants. Once again, evaluation allows the programming team to determine from an unbiased population what is working and what needs to be improved. It also offers recognition of the improvements in programming that the team has already successfully achieved.

## TOOLKIT TIPS

1. Form a committee or team to work on programs with you. Do that at the beginning of your tenure. While it is possible for you to form a separate committee for each program that you present, it will become time-intensive and cumbersome.
2. Find out what your budget is for the year and how much is allocated for each program. This will assist you in knowing whether you have to charge for admission and if so, how much. The budget will also help you to determine how much you can afford for an outside speaker.
3. If you are able, plan in advance how many programs and what kind of programs you will be responsible for over the course of a year.
4. Another good place to look for program ideas is the WLCJ website. There is a multitude of ideas there. Here are some of the sources and where you can find them:
  - Member Materials where there are a variety of programs listed. After logging into the WLCJ website, click on "Downloading WLCJ Member Materials." There are a variety of places in the Material Section you can explore to find what you are searching for.
  - Volumes I and II of Educational Programs Booklet created by Ellen Bresnick and Julia Loeb.
  - **The WLCJ-FJMC Inclusion Initiative** will give ideas on how to promote inclusion.
  - *Programming Idea of the Week* and *Programming Ideas* for a plethora of program ideas. This can be found in a variety of places on the website.
  - Don't overlook all the print copies of previous publications. Your sisterhood may have copies of them. You can also find some of them online on the WLCJ website.
5. When determining the theme of a program, try to present it through a Jewish lens if it is appropriate.
6. When you are determining what programs to present over the course of a calendar year, be cognizant of programs that would help your sisterhood affiliate satisfy the Jewels of the Crown criteria or maintain other Jewish values that your sisterhood, synagogue, and WLCJ espouses.

7. If you are creating a series, outline your program ideas for all the programs at the same time. Identify topics and presentation dates early in the process so that you can make sure to connect each program with the other.
8. Once you have your purpose and topic, ascertain if this is going to be a program for which you and your team provide the content (as in "being" the presenter) or if this is a program that requires an outside speaker. Both formats will still be a lot of work, but if you are researching and developing the content, it will be more time intensive. Having a team in which members take on different tasks will reduce individual stress and work.
9. Create a calendar for your program and stick to those dates. Find out to whom and how you turn in publicity. Ascertain publicity deadlines. Work backwards and calculate how much time you need to plan your program, find a speaker, or develop the program content, and create and forward your publicity materials.
10. Apply a variety of strategies when looking for a speaker. Check out local resources first: your sisterhood members and synagogue community, JCC, Holocaust Museum and other local Jewish organizations in your area, as well as community resources such as the library, hospital speaker bureau, museums, and the like. Don't overlook community resources like the parks and rec catalogues because they put on programs with speakers also.
11. Don't wait until the last minute to arrange a speaker. Start 2-6 months before your program to find your speaker, so you can arrange meetings with them and keep an open dialogue with them. Stay in touch as appropriate.
12. If you are asking the Rabbi, Cantor, or anyone else to speak at your program, give them the courtesy of asking at least 6 weeks ahead of time. If this program is scheduled around a holiday or busy time (graduations, Mother's Day, and the like), give them more than 6 weeks notice, if possible. Otherwise, you may put them in a difficult position if they already have a commitment, or you may have trouble finding someone else to take their place.
13. Once you have your speaker, make sure to obtain all his/her/their contact information as in email and phone number. Make sure the speaker knows what time zone the program is being presented in. If you can ask where they will be presenting from, you can make sure they will be on time.
14. Contact the speaker a day or two in advance to make sure everything is set and the speaker is still on board.

15. Thank YOU notes - to your speaker/s and to your team members. Handwritten is best (especially to your team), but email will work. If your speaker is not local he/she/they may not be comfortable sharing their home address. Be sure to do these acknowledgements as soon as possible, within the first few days after the program.
16. Be sure to thank your committee as part of your welcome or concluding remarks. This should also include those people who are not on your committee but assisted in some tangible way.
17. Make sure you arrange your technology in advance. For all the reasons you already know. There is an amazing booklet called ***Zoom Instructions for Hosting a Zoom Event*** by Esta Lichtenstein that you can access. It can be accessed on the WLCJ website.

## Program Organization

This format works just as well for sisterhood affiliates, regions, or WLCJ committees who are presenting programs to their membership.

Welcome: YOU - the person in charge of the program (and committee?)

Greetings: President

D'var (optional): Rabbi or designated person such as Rabbi Ellen (if it is a region or WLCJ program and she has been invited). It could be a member of your affiliate or one of your clergy if it is an affiliate program.

Housekeeping items - YOU

Anything else that needs to be brought up

Presenter's Bio: YOU or someone you designate

Program

Questions and Answers

Thank you and good night

## PRESENTING . . . the PROGRAMS!!!

The following is a selection of programs that have been presented over the last few years by sisterhoods, regions, and WLCJ. They are arranged in alpha order by the first word in the title. We have tried to maintain the voice of each person who volunteered her program so as to maintain her authenticity. Minor edits and revisions have been applied. Feast your eyes on the many and varied programs presented for your reading pleasure!

# **An Evening About Survival - A Talk with Ruth Humberg Muscovitch**

## **Date(s) Presented**

November 9, 2023

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Ruth Humberg Muscovitch was born a week following the confusion and destruction of Kristallnacht in 1938, in the small town of Dingden, Germany. Surviving a harrowing trip across Europe soon afterwards, Ruth and her parents succeeded in immigrating to Canada. Dingden provided a welcoming home to the Humberg family. Although they were the only Jewish family in the town, the Humbergs had strong ties to the area. Ruth's parents were farmers, her paternal grandfather was a butcher, and her paternal grandmother ran a textile business. Their family home was the center of these activities and where Ruth's grandparents raised seven children. During Kristallnacht, the family home was looted and plundered. Ruth's father eventually lost ten close family members in the Holocaust. Like Ruth and her parents, two of her father's siblings and their families also made their way to safety in Canada. The town of Dingden never forgot the Humberg family. In 2012, the Humberghaus Historical Site was opened to the public. It is a recreation of the house at the time the Humberg family last lived there, as well as serving as a place of remembrance and reflection. Now an active octogenarian, Ruth lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ruth will speak about her family, their escape from Germany, and the Humberghaus at a Women's League IntraContinental Region Zoom Event.

## **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

## **What made it such a great program?**

She is a member of one of our affiliates, which made it more personal.

## **Your Name**

Jody Jacklin

## **Best Contact Information (Phone/Email)**

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## **A Family's Journey from Yemen to Israel**

### **Date(s) Presented**

January 8, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Forest Hills Jewish Center Affiliate - Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region (BQLI)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Our shlichah from Israel, Eden Ezra, spoke about her family's journey from Yemen to life on a ma'abara (settlement camp) in Israel. This was an in-person event, and Eden prepared a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of her family and their life in Yemen and then in Israel in the 1950's.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

The presenter was our shlichah, Eden Ezra.

### **What made it such a great program?**

We had over forty attendees, and attracted a broad spectrum of synagogue members, not just from our sisterhood. This program reinforced our connection to Israel and showed us a slice of Israeli history that was new to most of us. Eden's pictures of her family in traditional dress were fascinating.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Many synagogues have a shlichah, an emissary from the Jewish Agency. They would be happy to talk about their experiences in Israel.

### **Your Name**

Rae Theise Kerzner  
Presidium member  
Treasurer

### **Best Contact Information (Phone/Email)**

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## **Bagels, Blintzes and Beginnings**

**Date(s) Presented**

September 2024

**What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

**Brief Description of the Program**

Archivist with Minnesota Jewish Historical Society; how to preserve family history with documents and photos

**How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

**Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

**What made it such a great program?**

Tours of the archives at the University of Minnesota were offered at a later date

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

Opening program for paid-up membership. People brought their pictures to share.

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## **Book Banning Past, Present & Relentless**

### **Date(s) Presented**

October 27, 2024

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Congregation Beth Shalom Oak Park, MI - Central Lakes Great Region (CGLR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

September 22-28, 2024, was Banned Books Week, which is an annual event that highlights the value of free and open access to information. The theme that year, was "Freed Between the Lines" which celebrated freedom to read and focused on attempts to censor books in schools and libraries. We presented a lunch program to discuss the history of book banning and why it is so important to continue to fight against banning books. We asked registrants to bring a banned book to share with the group.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-person or on Zoom. Hybrid is also possible.

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Our speaker, Edie Broida educator/volunteer extraordinaire, presented her PowerPoint to discuss the topic at no charge.

### **What made it such a great program?**

She teamed up with Congregation Beth Shalom member, Fran Hildebrandt to discuss both secular book burning and Jewish book burning. Besides asking registrants to bring books, we had lists of books that are banned and copies of some of the books for women to peruse.

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## Book Club in the Sukkah

### Date(s) Presented

October 9th

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Beth David Sisterhood, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

The program began at 9:30 AM with breakfast, then some inspirational words on Sukkot from Rabbi Bensimhon. After that there was a discussion about our book for October, *The Time Keepers* by Alyson Richman. Our discussion leader for the book was a sisterhood member.

### How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-Person and on Zoom)

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

There was a light breakfast-fruit platter, yogurt, mini muffins, mini-bagels and cream cheese, coffee, tea, and water. Breakfast was held in the Sukkah and then the book club part in the synagogue, since we are in Florida and it was too hot to have the whole program outside.

### What made it such a great program?

The program was presented by the Sisterhood Book Club Chair with an already built in audience. Of course, additional women came. We have had it every year for the last few years and we always get a nice crowd. The Rabbi's presentation was lovely, and we all got to shake the lulav and etrog.

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# **Book Review: Saved by Schindler: The Life of Celina Karp Biniaz**

## **Date(s) Presented**

November 5, 2025

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Book Review with author William Friedrichs, moderator. Bill led the discussion and answered questions about the process and details behind writing the book about Celina Karp Biniaz

## **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

William Friedrichs. Minimal cost only giving away an autographed copy of the book

## **What made it such a great program?**

That we had the author present and leading the discussion. The book was a story about a young girl who as an adult was close friends with many of our affiliate members. It was very personal and meaningful.

## **Anything else you would like us to know?**

This story and author would be an outstanding presenter at the affiliate, region, and/or international level.

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## Bridging Faiths and Rights: A Civil Rights Exploration

### Date(s) Presented

December 7, 2023



### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Kehilah Committee

### Brief Description of the Program

This is the first program in a series that will examine in depth the Civil Rights Movement, which was an organized effort by Black Americans to end racial discrimination and gain equal rights under the law. Many people of conscience, from all races and faiths, were a part of this movement, including the Jewish community.



This program will set the stage for the following programs as well as give a robust discussion of the following: the similarities and differences of antisemitism and racism; experiences and culture that Jews in the South and North were exposed to and how that shaped their attitudes; the relationship between the Jewish and African American communities. We presented it in PowerPoint format using music, video clips, and photographs to enhance the presentation.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom - Could be presented in person or as a hybrid program.

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The information that was presented was researched and presented by Fran Hildebrandt using primary sources. She is happy to share her PowerPoint.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

Even though this can be presented as a stand-alone program, the purpose behind this series was to culminate in a WLCJ trip, titled "Voices of Change: A WLCJ Civil Rights Journey." ALL WLCJ members were invited to attend the programs, regardless of whether they intended to participate in the trip.

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## Building Bridges With the LGBTQ+ Jewish Community

### Date(s) Presented

November 7, 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach (TEPB) - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

A panel of four speakers (Rabbi Michael Resnick from TEPB, Tracy Labgold-Keshet, Cindy Brown-Miami-Dade adult living, Andrew Koerner-local attorney shared how the LGBTQ+ community has or hasn't embraced them in the Jewish and professional arena and what support is offered for this community.

### How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Panelist brochures, name cards in front of each panelist, basket for \$10 donation from guests, 3 X 5 cards, pencils, pastries, cookies, nuts, and drinks. Room Set Up: Sign-in table, auditorium-style chair setup for forty, panelists' table, podium, microphones for speakers & moderator, screen for panelist's slide presentation, Zoom screen, water for panelists, food and drink tables. Decorations: LGBTQ+ flag and bookmark of events

### What made it such a great program?

Highly successful event. Some comments: "Loved the honesty and rawness of presenters." "Program flowed beautifully." "Very informative." "Glad groups are out there pushing forward and educating." "Great program." "Good panel." Panelists were interesting and pleased to be with us. Lots of positive comments, lots of information shared. We spent 25 minutes with introductions, welcome, and anthems. Shelley Gross, President of Florida Region and Mona Hass, VP of Education/Programming of Florida Region were our guests. Shelly gave greetings from the Region. Panelists spoke for 50 minutes. Q&A went well but we forgot to time it. Much interaction from attendees with panelists after presentations and Q&A.

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## **Bunco, Bubbles and Bites**

### **Date(s) Presented**

March 12, 2024

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Temple Beth David Sisterhood, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Florida Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Sisterhood held a Paid-Up Membership program- Bunco, Bubbles and Bites. Women who did not know how to play Bunco were given lessons. Thank you to Renee Kessler who helped us with this fun activity. Little bites (nuts, fruit, hummus, crackers, and bubbly wine and soda were served). For Sisterhood members this event was free. For non-members it was \$36.00. This cost entitled non-members to become a Sisterhood member for 2024-2025 and participate in all the fun and educational activities we continued to have!

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

The tea was held at 1:00 PM. The hostess provided all food so there was no cost to Sisterhood.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Everyone looked forward to being at our hostess's beautiful home and enjoying the lovely food. Shula Fleischer, Florida Region Torah Fund Vice President, gave a beautiful presentation on Torah Fund.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

In the publicity our hostess's home was not mentioned-only that it was at someone's home and when you signed up in the office that information was provided.

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## Button Art Tree of Life

### Date(s) Presented

May 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts

### Brief Description of the Program

Using buttons and card stock women created a picture they could display in their home.



### How can the program be presented?

Zoom, hybrid, or in-person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Please contact Jody for instructions and supply list.

### What made it such a great program?

The intention of this class was for the ladies to use buttons that they had in their drawer or they could purchase new. It was special to see and hear the ladies share where some of their buttons came from. This class like many of the other ones created allowed the ladies the opportunity to create a "one of a kind" tree to represent their unique family.

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## Caribbean Dream Night

### **Date(s) Presented**

November 1, 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth, Highland Park, NJ - Garden State Region (GSR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This was an intercultural program presenting Caribbean food, drink, music, and dance at our Temple. We had live music and dancers who taught about Caribbean culture. The presenters were Jewish Puerto Ricans who also taught about Jewish life in the Caribbean proving that Judaism is multi-cultural, multi-lingual and knows no borders.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Our presenters were: Francisco Gomez and Nicoles Wines of Raices Cultural Center in Highland Park, N.J. Their website is as follows: <https://raicesculturalcenter.org/> We also researched about Jewish life in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Everyone enjoyed hearing the stories of the performers, joining in, or just watching the bomba dance lessons. The Caribbean inspired menu and drinks added to the whole cultural experience. We learned how to make empanadas and flan and served other island inspired foods. We served mojitos and pina coladas as well. We used the island theme in decorating the tables and encouraged our participants to dress for a visit to the Caribbean. Everyone left with smiles on their faces having experienced a trip to the islands right at the Temple.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

This program could be enjoyed by just using Caribbean music and finding someone to help lead the dances. Since Judaism has no borders, this program could be done with Latin culture, Greek/Turkish culture, Morocco, or any country where diaspora Jews have lived.

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Helene Knee

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## Chai Tea for Torah Fund

### Date(s) Presented

January 31, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Beth David Sisterhood, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

Chai Tea was held at a Sisterhood member's home and \$18 was charged per person as a donation to Torah Fund. Our speaker was Florida Region Torah Fund Vice President Shula Fleischer. Scones and tea sandwiches and desserts and tea were served on our hostess' fine china. Torah Fund cards and Torah Fund pins were available!

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The tea was held at 1:00 PM. The hostess provided all food so there was no cost to Sisterhood

### What made it such a great program?

Everyone looked forward to being at our hostess's beautiful home and enjoying the lovely food. Shula gave a beautiful presentation on Torah Fund.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

In the publicity our hostess's home was not mentioned-only that it was at someone's home and when you signed up in the office that information was provided

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## Chanukkah BINGO!



### Date(s) Presented

December 16, 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WICJ Kehilah and Education Committee with assistance from the Fabulous Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

First we lit candles. Then we played Chanukkah bingo using an online free bingo game. We played a practice game and then six games. Winners had gift cards mailed to them. If we had been able to be online longer, we would have played more games. The program got rave reviews.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

We used a free bingo program (<https://myfreebingocards.com>) to obtain the cards and everything we needed to call the bingo names and winners. This game program even explained how to send out the cards by email and accommodate those who wanted to download paper copies if they wanted. We determined in advance all of the information about how many winners, what the prizes would be and practiced in advance. This would make a great fund raiser!

### What made it such a great program?

It gave us a chance to spend time with WLCJ members, especially those who did not have an opportunity to light candles with a group.

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## **Chanukah Program**

### **Date(s) Presented**

December 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Women of Bnai Shalom, Walnut Creek, CA - North by Northwest Region (NxNW)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

At this program, we created a sisterhood tablecloth that we all decorated. We bought a rectangular white tablecloth, Jewish stencils, and laundry markers for everyone to use. The purpose was to create something we could use at sisterhood events. Everyone enjoyed decorating the tablecloth. We also had an activity where we made bracelets with beads and wire. One of our members taught us how to make bracelets. We also had a buffet of fruits, desserts, coffee, and teas, The tablecloth turned out beautiful.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Free event.

### **What made it such a great program?**

We were all working together. We had a lot of fun too.

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## Chanukah Customs & Foods Around the World

### Date(s) Presented

December 16, 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Congregation Beth Shalom Clearwater, FL - Florida Region



### Brief Description of the Program

SEDER HOPPING brings us to different countries around the world each with their own unique reenactment of the story of the Exodus (maggid) and the seder table symbols. We visit the Bloody Hamsa of INDIA, the bling on the AUSTRIAN/HUNGARIAN seder table, flagellation with scallions in PERSIA (IRAN). This is just a sampling of the program with more countries to visit. The seder table could be one long table or different tables representing a different country. A script is available. This is a fun program and very easily put together.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Naomi Rubenstein, who is a program committee member, facilitated the program. There is also the cost of the food

### What made it such a great program?

Naomi presented customs from other countries along with the foods that they customarily eat. We learned about the different countries and customs and got to taste the foods served at Chanukah. We had songs presented by our Rabbis' son. Fun evening.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

Naomi has a pdf of this program. It is very user friendly - could be used at your own family Passover Seder.

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## Charcuterie Board Class

### Name of the Program or Education Series

Charcuterie Board Class

### Date(s) Presented

March 27, 2025, and March 5, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

IntraContinental Region (ICR)



### Brief Description of the Program

Both years featured Glatt Kosher dairy, vegetarian, and/or Israeli food boards. Keeping Kosher can be beautiful. This program taught the women that keeping kosher is not limiting when being creative. The presenter had pictures of what each board should look like. The food was presented, the women divided up, and each group made a board. Everyone got to eat their board after everyone completed creating it. The second year featured Glatt Kosher charcuterie boards around each of the main Jewish holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim, and Tu B'Av. A handout was given about each holiday board explaining the holiday and why certain foods were chosen to make it. Again, after all the boards were created, we all ate the food of each board. We served soft drinks, water, champagne, and wine for the event. We limited each event to thirty-five women.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Jen Sunshine, the rebbetzin, purchased all the food/boards/and materials to make the boards.

### What made it such a great program?

The women could be creative, visit and form "sisterly" relationships and eat their creations. So, it included dinner - the charcuterie boards.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

It was a lot of fun!

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## Climate Change - What are the True Facts?

### Date(s) Presented

Feb 25, 2024 --- was recorded

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Environment / Sustainability

### Brief Description of the Program

What are the True Facts on Climate Change and What can we do to help??

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

We had very qualified panelists: Mark Pappier, a well-known meteorologist; Mirele Goldsmith, Founder of Jewish Earth Alliance, who also coordinates Virtual Lobby Days twice yearly with US Senators, and an important connection to Congress; Rabbi Nina Cardin, author, and Environmental Activist and founder of Jewish Women's Resource Center, who also wrote about Jewish views on the environment.

### What made it such a great program?

All the input from each panelist brought a wealth of info and knowledge to all present PLUS-we explored WHAT can do to help as an individual, in our synagogues and community (in a small way or a huge way) and showed WE CAN Make a BIG Difference.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

This helps us to move forward, spread the word, have conversations, and investigate solutions.... Listen to the news in our respective areas, investigate... while engaging others to pay attention and help take care of our environment!!

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## "Coffee" & Conversations with Denise

**Name of the Program or Education Series**

"Coffee" & Conversations with Denise

**Date(s) Presented**

April 6, 2025

**What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

**Brief Description of the Program**

Open conversation with the President of the Region. All members were invited to get to know their Region President. We did it in the morning.

**How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

**Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Denise Mosk is our Region President. We had a couple of prizes for attending (\$36 and \$25)

**What made it such a great program?**

Open conversation with members who had never met the Region President had a chance to talk with her.

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# The Daffodil Project

## Date(s) Presented

2022 & 2023



## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Melville Jewish Center, Melville, NY - Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region (BQLI)

## Brief Description of the Program

"The Daffodil Project aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million daffodils in memory of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crisis in the world today". The shape and color of the daffodil resemble the Yellow Stars that the Jews were forced to wear during The Holocaust and yellow is the color for remembrance. Since daffodils are bulbs and not seeds, they return and bloom with a burst of color each spring, most often in conjunction with Yom HaShoah. It is an emotional, powerful, and commemorative community driven program that you can expand upon year after year.

## How can the program be presented?

In-Person

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The initial planting of the bulbs for your Daffodil Garden needs to be done during the fall for them to bloom in the spring. We included this part of the program as part of our Mitzvah Day. A designated area needs to be established, and the ground prepared before the planting can begin. We then mapped out the area in pre-established rows for planting and gave a brief explanation of the planting process. It must be done in an organized but fun fashion to prevent chaos. Adults and children of all ages participated, and it was a very fulfilling activity physically, communally, and emotionally. And of course there were yellow daffodil cookies to take home. It was broadcast on the local news twelve on Long Island.

## What made it such a great program?

What made the program so profound was the fact that it is a 2-part program. We planted the bulbs in the fall on our Mitzvah Day and then commemorated the garden in the spring for Yom HaShoah. The program can be embellished year after year by adding hand painted rocks to the garden, purchasing a reflective area to sit and whatever you and your community find meaningful.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

The Daffodil Project's main headquarters is located in Atlanta, Georgia and they have a comprehensive website with information, instructions, materials, and everything you need to create a successful program.

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## December Delights: Celebrating Historical Insights and Interfaith Inclusion

### Date(s) Presented

December 4, 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Beth El Temple Women's Network and The Emanuel Synagogue Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Hartford, CT - North Atlantic Region (NAR)

### Brief Description of the Program

Dr. Keren R. McGinity, Director of Intermarriage Engagement and Inclusion, USCJ, provided valuable insights into the growing population of interfaith families and addressed how they can create authentic celebrations by recognizing the distinctiveness of holidays and traditions, and create their own unique December Delights out of December Dilemmas. Dr. McGinity is the author of two books - *Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Intermarriage, & Fatherhood* and *Still Jewish: A History of Women and Intermarriage in America*. This discussion was intended to provide information and support to couples and families who are trying to figure out how to honor both Jewish and Christian (or other) traditions, and how to celebrate rather than diminish the differences. The Rabbis of both synagogues participated in the planning and participated in the program. The program was free of charge for attendees and refreshments were served. The speaker's fee of \$3,000 was split between the two synagogues.

### How can the program be presented?

In-person but could be on Zoom

### What made it such a great program?

The collaboration between the two synagogues and our Rabbis, and the enthusiastic participation of the Rabbis in the program and reinforces its message. Dr. McGinity's deep knowledge and experience of this issue gave her comments a lot of credibility.

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## Dinner for Homeless Men

### Date(s) Presented

January 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Highland Park Conservative Temple-Cong Anshe Emeth (HPCT-CAE Sisterhood), Highland Park, NJ - Garden State Region (GSR)

### Brief Description of the Program

In January, we made dinner for sixteen homeless men and two staff members at a shelter in New Brunswick. We served chicken, cookies, broccoli, roasted, and mixed white and sweet potatoes, roasted.

### How can the program be presented?

In person

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Program Team

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# **Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community: Breaking the Silence and Building Support**

## **Date(s) Presented**

March 16, 2025

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Beth El Temple Women's Network, The Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood, and Beth Shalom B'nai Israel Sisterhood - North Atlantic Region (NAR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

The goal of this program was to increase education about domestic violence and promote awareness of its presence in our community. Speakers from Interval House (an agency dedicated to ending domestic violence in the greater Hartford area), Jewish Women International and Jewish Family Services shared their expertise on this topic. This included learning how to recognize signs of suspected abuse, sharing resources that are available to support survivors, providing tools for talking to teens about healthy relationships and providing information about prevention efforts. The Rabbi from one of our synagogues gave opening remarks and the Rabbi from another synagogue gave closing remarks, emphasizing how important this issue is to them. We held this program on a Sunday afternoon beginning at 3pm and wrapping up at 5pm. Light refreshments were served - fruit, popcorn, cookies, hot and cold drinks. There was no charge for admission, and the speakers did not receive honoraria. Donations to the three organizations represented by the speakers were encouraged. We displayed various handouts, brochures and cards provided by these organizations on the check-in table for attendees to take home.

## **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

## **What made it such a great program?**

The participation and messages from the Rabbis were a powerful endorsement of the importance of spreading this knowledge. Each of the three main speakers was very articulate and knew her stuff. Incorporating local statistics and anecdotes reinforced the fact that yes, this is an issue in our very own community!

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## Dress As Your Best Self

### Date(s) Presented

May 28, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Kehilah/Education and Membership Committees



### Brief Description of the Program

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

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

This program could be presented in person by a local person who is a fashion maven. If brunch, lunch, or dinner is included, it could be used for a paid-up membership event, opening of the year program, or to celebrate Torah Fund.

### What made it such a great program?

It's so great to realize that regardless of age and/or size, women are interested in their appearance and that it can be a bonding activity that enhances sisterhood and community.

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## Engaging With Our Interfaith Families

### Date(s) Presented

February 19, 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Keruv (Interfaith Inclusion) Committee of Women's League

### Brief Description of the Program

How has the reality of interfaith marriages changed in the Conservative movement? Two speakers presented ways that Conservative Jewish spaces can be made inviting for all families and described moving from "warm and welcoming" to fully loving, celebratory acceptance.

An interfaith specialist spoke about changes from the "old narrative" (i.e., negative attitudes toward intermarriage) and emphasized the importance of inclusion, recommending a new narrative for responding to intermarried families.

A congregational rabbi examined interfaith inclusion, including creating a welcoming culture for current and prospective interfaith families and LGBTQ+ folk, Jews of all colors and abilities, and all ages. Specific activities and programs to involve Jewish-adjacent members and to reach younger interfaith families should be welcomed — if not initiated — by synagogue leadership.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom, unless speakers with relevant expertise and experience are locally accessed.

### What made it such a great program?

The expertise of the speakers and their communication skills made for a quality introduction to interfaith inclusion. Reference: Inclusion Resource Guidebook (FJMC and WLCJ, August 2022)

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## Game On!

### Date(s) Presented

January 15, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

We featured Jewish author Debra Green, *Mahjong at Mara's*, who told her Jewish life story, enjoyed a brunch, and 54 Jewish women participated in traditional Jewish mahjong and canasta games for the afternoon. We raffled off many gift shop and mahjong gift items. New friends were made and a good time was had by all.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

We are lucky that authors like winter in Florida so that keeps costs down. We charged for the luncheon and game afternoon to cover the cost of food and security.

### What made it such a great program?

New friends were made and a good time was had by all.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

#### Your Name

Ilene Goldstein

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Donna Bolshon, 847-716-0461,

## **Gloria Fredkove, a Holocaust Story**

### **Date(s) Presented**

May 2024

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Gloria Fredkove told the story of her mom escaping the Holocaust and arriving in Italy.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Dinner

### **What made it such a great program?**

Listening to the story and other people sharing their stories as well.

### **Your Name**

Gail Rosenberg and Robin Abel

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# GSR Conference with Panel and Installation May 3, 2026

## Date(s) Presented

May 3, 2026

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Garden State Region (GSR)

## Brief Description of the Program

The Garden State Spring Conference was an all-day event from 8 am-4:30 pm. Besides Installation, one of the highlights of the day was a panel that was presented in the morning about the experience of Jewish Latinos immigrating to the U.S. Ecuador, Morocco, Venezuela, and Mexico City were represented. Some were Holocaust survivors who left Europe and moved to Latin America. Although they were in different parts of the world, their journey to America and that of their families in a Latin country was very similar, as Jews, as students, and our Jewish upbringing had similar successes and common Jewish heritage experiences. Each of the panelists had a similar experience with their families, (those who survived ) having to begin again in a new country, a new language and way of making a living and new careers.



## How can the program be presented?

In-Person; maybe on Zoom

## What made it such a great program?

The panel and the workshops and installation and Jewish Jeopardy game ... all terrific, but the panel especially got rave reviews.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

Many of the workshops could be replicated by sisterhoods or regions. The Latino Panel Coming to America and Jewish Jeopardy would be especially interesting.

## Your Name

Heddy Belman

## Best Contact Information (Phone/Email)

Sheila Kaufman, Helene Knee, and  
Susan Winter

## History of Jewish Musicians Through the Ages

### Date(s) Presented

May 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### Brief Description of the Program

Our Rabbi Rubenstein played Jewish music on his trumpet and gave the history of the various musicals and the musicians.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### What made it such a great program?

Seeing the other side of our rabbi.

### Your Name

Gail Rosenberg and Robin Abel

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# The History of Mah Jong

## Date(s) Presented

November 7, 2024

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

## Brief Description of the Program

The presenter gave a detailed outline of mahjongg from the earliest times in the Orient to how the Jewish people adopted it. This is the description the presenter gave: "What does Confucius, the sparrow, Abercrombie & Fitch and many Jewish mothers and grandmothers have in common? Come discover the history of mahjong in China and America and learn why so many Chinese people and Jewish-American women have a love affair with this historic game."

## How can the program be presented?

Zoom

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The cost to an affiliate or region was a donation to Torah Fund in the presenter's name. We did not charge for participants to attend. We then had in mind to give the affiliates additional material so they could actually teach mahjong locally. I do not have the material to share however there is information online.

## What made it such a great program?

Informative, interesting topic

## Anything else you would like us to know?

This was an opportunity to give the affiliates additional material to put their own program on and to help them to take it further and play the game themselves.

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Jody Jacklin

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## Homemade Soup for the Community

### Date(s) Presented

January 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

HPCT-CAE Sisterhood, (Highland Park Conservative Temple-Cong Anshe Emeth), Highland Park, NJ - Garden State Region (GSR)

### Brief Description of the Program

The HPCT-CAE Sisterhood made vegetarian soup. (Six types, including mushroom barley, lentil, minestrone, and broccoli.) We sold soup to our synagogue members. We then donated twenty-five soup quarts to seniors at the Highland Park Senior Center. We donated five soup quarts to people in our community who are ill. We still have soup quarts in our freezer and will distribute them to families in need.

### How can the program be presented?

In person

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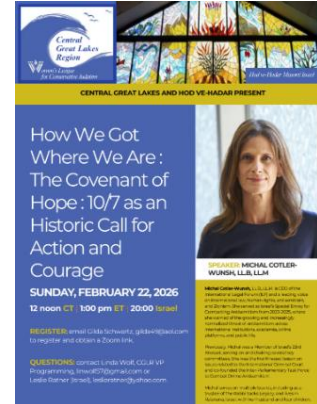
# How We Got Where We Are: The Covenant of Hope: 10/7 as a Historic Call for Action and Courage

**Date(s) Presented**  
February 22, 2026

**What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**  
Central Great Lakes Region (CGLR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Zionism was discussed from an historical perspective which began with the 1975 UN resolution stating that Zionism is racism and applied this to the current situation occurring throughout the world. Furthermore, our speaker, Michal Cotler-Wunsh, discussed that antisemitism is not a problem of the Jews but rather of the antisemites and the places where antisemitism is permitted to spread, ultimately infecting others with mutating hate. Cotler-Wunsh also discussed how the silence of women's organizations after October 7 was unforgivable. Antisemitism and Zionism were discussed within the context of universities and social media.



**How can the program be presented?**  
Zoom

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Our speaker, Michal Cotler-Wunsh, LL.B., LL.M. is CEO of the International Legal Forum and a leading voice on international law, human rights, antisemitism, and Zionism. She was a member of Israel's 23rd Knesset. She is a co-founder of the Inter-parliamentary Task Force to Combat Online Antisemitism. There was no charge for 20 minutes.

## **What made it such a great program?**

Excellent speaker, she addressed issues from an Israeli perspective.

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Linda Wolf

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# "Inclusivity: A Mitzvah Hero"

## Date(s) Presented

October 19, 2025

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Brooklyn Queens Long Island (BQLI) with Kehilla Maayanot (Arnona, Israel)



## Brief Description of the Program

Beth Steinberg, founder of Shutaf Inclusion Programs and member of Kehilla Maayanot, spoke about her work with Shutaf and her work in Jerusalem with programs for children and young adults with disabilities. Ms. Steinberg spoke about how she and her co-founder began the Shutaf program, the dearth of programming for children and young adults in Israel, and how the programming has grown to include summer programs that are inclusive for all children, year round programming, and the issues faced by children and young adults with physical, emotional and learning differences especially during the recent wars.

## How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Beth Steinberg lives in Israel; she travels to North America and is open and eager to provide in-person programs as well as meeting with synagogue rabbis and educators to discuss inclusion programs and education. Beth uses these programs to help raise money to support Shutaf and their programs (they do not receive any funding from the Israeli government); so, her speaker's fee is substantial. However, you absolutely get what you pay for.

## What made it such a great program?

Beth is a passionate and amazing speaker. She made Aliyah with her family in the early 2000's and is a wonderful observer of life in Israel. She has a newsletter "Conversations About Inclusion <bethsteinberg@substack.com> that I strongly suggest reading if considering inviting her to a program.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

Beth Steinberg is a wonderful product of the Conservative Movement (her father was a rabbi on Long Island, she and her siblings were at Ramah), and she is an active member at Kehilla Maayanot. In addition to supporting her very important work with Shutaf, we also need to support our Masorti sisters and synagogues in Israel.

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## Israel Flag Purse Charm

### Date(s) Presented

March 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts

### Brief Description of the Program

To make a charm for your purse, using a variety of different kinds and colors of beads and a Torah Fund charm. Participants had the opportunity to purchase all of the materials in advance so that as a group, they could make the purse charm with Jody on Zoom as she gave expert directions.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom or In-Person



### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Jody Glass, WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts Chair presented the program. Please contact Jody (email below) for her supply list and directions. While there are directions for the flag, it also includes graphs for most major holidays.

### What made it such a great program?

Gave women a chance to be creative and to publicly acknowledge their pride in being Jewish. Fun project to do as a group or individually.

### Your Name

Jody Glass

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## Israel Flag Pin

### Date(s) Presented

April 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts



### Brief Description of the Program

What makes this pin so cool is that you use a safety pin as the back for the pin which is made of blue and white pearls. Participants had the opportunity to purchase all of the materials in advance so that as a group, they could make the flag pin with Jody on Zoom as she gave expert directions.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom or In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Jody Glass, WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts Chair presented the program. Please contact her directly (email below) for her supply list and directions.

### What made it such a great program?

Gave women a chance to be creative and to publicly acknowledge their pride in being Jewish. Fun project to do as a group or individually.

### Your Name

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# **Jewish Jeopardy**

## **Date(s) Presented**

May 3, 2026

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Garden State Region (GSR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Jeopardy game show atmosphere celebrating 250 years of Jews in America.

## **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

This program was presented at the 2026 GSR Spring Conference as a workshop. We used free online Jeopardy software from Jeopardy Labs (<https://jeopardylabs.com/>) to create a Jeopardy formatted trivia game measuring knowledge of the rich history and enduring contributions of Jewish Americans from the Pre-Revolutionary period to the present. The questions were created by the GSR Spring Conference Committee. Jeopardy Labs provides an easy online editor to enter questions and answers and then to run the program. We used a projector attached to an internet connected PC to project the games onto a wall. In 45 minutes, we had time to play two games with five categories each. We used maracas as buzzers in keeping with the theme of our Spring Conference. We gave prizes to the winners. The prizes were books about Jewish contributions to America keeping with the theme. The books were purchased inexpensively at Thrift Books. At the end we gave the participants handouts providing information on our program platform with questions and answers so that they could use it as a program for their Sisterhood. Jeopardy Labs also provides a paid license (\$20 perpetual license) which provides additional features. They also provide jeopardy templates created by other people if you are not interested in creating your own.

## **What made it such a great program?**

All the ladies in the workshop participated. They were competitive and learned a lot. Some women really came out of their shells.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

In case we encountered a problem with the internet, we had a backup plan to use prepared index cards arranged on a board to run the game. The question \$amount was on the front of the card, with the question on the reverse side. We had printed answer sheets.

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Ilene Rothman

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## Joy in Judaism: Family and Community

### Date(s) Presented

February 22, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Garden State Region (GSR)

### Brief Description of the Program

Our two Israeli kehilots spoke on various topics.. One spoke on joy in Israel on family day and joy in chesed. The other spoke on three weddings, all so different, and the fourth on observance in a small community (not religious). We also had someone from the GSR speak on her synagogue's services outdoors and first Friday Shabbat dinners. When we originally met with the group to discuss a topic they all wanted a topic that was positive since so much negativity is out there.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

<https://youtu.be/Owcj82sAisc>. is the recording.

### What made it such a great program?

Sharing of information and the positivity that emanated the room

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## **The Jewish Perspective on the Environment Being Environmentally Jewish**

### **Date(s) Presented**

Nov 5, 2023 - Recorded as well

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

WLCJ Environment Sustainability Co-Chairs H Belman and C Hammerschlag

### **Brief Description of the Program**

We discussed the beauty of our environment and our responsibility to protect and make it better.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Our speaker was Rabbi Cella and all her info from Torah and more!!

### **What made it such a great program?**

The depth of the beauty of our heritage, the presentation, and the Q&A

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

It was well done and led the way to develop programs that had true facts on Environment/Sustainability.

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# Laughter is the Best Medicine

**Date(s) Presented**

March 19, 2026

**What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL - Florida Region

**Brief Description of the Program**

Cantor shared the background of Jewish laughter with visuals/music of Jewish comedians. A psychologist shared medical knowledge about the necessity of humor in our lives. A comedian delighted the audience with a performance as the final portion of the program before everyone enjoyed snacks. Each participant was given a "Laughter Pills" key chain filled with M&M's. The room was decorated with smiley face balloons.

**How can the program be presented?**

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

**Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Everyone enjoyed the variety of the panel for this program.

**What made it such a great program?**

The program was great as it was joyful, educational, and entertaining.

**Your Name**

Ilene Goldstein

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## Latkes & Vodkas

### **Date(s) Presented**

Chanukah

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, Bronx, NY - MetroNorth Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Live music performance, tables for games including dreidel and mahjong. Potato latkes were served with sour cream and apple sauce. There was also a variety of flavored vodkas and juices that were offered.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

We are lucky to have an eclectic rock band in the congregation that is part of the Men's Club. Costs were for the food served and tips for maintenance staff.

### **What made it such a great program?**

It was a joint program that brought together different synagogue groups including younger members.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Not much vodka was needed.

### **Your Name**

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# Let's Talk - about Family Roots

## Date Presented

January 29, 2025

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program

WLCJ International Membership Team

## Brief Description of the Programming

### Let's Talk - about Family Roots

Debbie Lempert talked about the Jews of Greece, and specifically about her late father's origins. Debbie told us about the historic roots of Jews in Greece and discussed her father's and his family's persecution and escape from the Nazi occupation. She has visited her father's hometown twice, so she also described a bit about life in Greece today for her relatives and other Jews.

Q&A - Participants then had a chance to share how their own family histories compared to her story.

## How can the program be presented?

Zoom

## Other pertinent information you would like to include

Name of the presenter: Debbie Lempert is WLCJ Convention 2026 Program Co-Chair, a Leadership Institute Trainer and Consultant, WLCJ VP Consulting Services 2026-2029.

## Necessary Materials

Zoom tech to oversee the program with the ability to screen share photos and provide other technology for the presentation.

No cost - presenter is a WLCJ member.

## What made it such a great program?

Personal references and photos shared by the presenter.

## Your Name

Doreen Bornfreund

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## Let's Talk - about Journey to Judaism

### **Date Presented**

January 28, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on these programs?**

WLCJ International Membership Team

### **Brief Description of the Programming**

Meet Jerilynn Payne: Her Journey to Judaism, amid a Life of Service and Activism

Jerilynn Payne, a WLCJ Board Member and dedicated "Jew by Choice," who brings vibrant energy to everything she does, talks about her unique path to Judaism along with inspiring stories from her diverse career and extensive volunteer service. Join us to discover how faith and activism intersect in her incredible journey.

Q&A - Participants will then have a chance to share how they relate to her story.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include?**

**Name of the presenter:** Jerilynn Payne is a WLCJ Convention 2026 Social Action Project Chair, Seaboard Region Membership VP, WLCJ Cares Chair.

### **Necessary Materials**

Zoom Tech to oversee program with ability to share screen for photos and/or presentation.

**Cost** No cost - presenter is a WLCJ member.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Personal references and photos shared by the presenter.

### **Your Name**

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Vivian Leber

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## Memory Wire Esther Bracelet

### Date(s) Presented

February 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts



### Brief Description of the Program

What woman ever has enough jewelry? These Memory Wire Esther bracelets were made from a kit that was purchased in advance so that participants could create them using 6mm and/or 8mm assorted beads with small hole beads under the watchful gaze of Jody who walked them through the activity.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom or in-person is the easiest

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Please contact Jody Glass for a complete set of supplies and directions.

### What made it such a great program?

Gave women a chance to be creative and celebrate Purim at the same time. Fun project to do as a group or individually. Afterwards, women could admire their own bracelets and everyone else's in the group, as well as get ideas for future bracelets.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

This activity does not have to take place on Purim. It could be presented at any time.

### Your Name

Jody Glass

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## Minyan and a Meal

### Date(s) Presented

Monthly

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Congregation Bnai Amoona, St Louis, MO - IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### Brief Description of the Program

Congregation B'nai Amoona takes pride in the fact that a minyan is held every morning and evening, 365 days of the year. Sisterhood created the "Minyan and a Meal" program to help make sure there are enough members for a complete minyan available for those who attend. The program chairs select one night a month to attend the minyan as a sisterhood and then we go out for dinner.

### How can the program be presented?\*

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

This program has been very successful because there would not have been a minyan without Sisterhood's participation. There is no rsvp required. We have between 4-20 members a month. It has proved to be a very worthwhile program, and many new friendships have been formed. It gives the members the opportunity to meet others they might not have otherwise met. We encourage other synagogues with an in-person minyan to start a program like this.

### What made it such a great program?

Props up minyan, easy and social time

### Your Name

Diane Friedman

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# Navigating Civil Rights: The Journey Begins

## Date(s) Presented

January 15, 2024

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Kehilah Committee

### Tonight's Discussion

Welcome!  
Greetings  
• Julia Loeb  
• Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields  
Milestones in the Movement  
Memories: Jerilynn Payne and Edith Magruder  
Questions and Answers  
Lilah Tov!



## Brief Description of the Program

This program took place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Focusing on specific events that took place, we explored the history of the Civil Rights Movement which took place in the 1950s and 1960s. Many people of conscience, from all races and faiths, were a part of this movement, including the Jewish community. This is the second program in a series that examined the Civil Rights Movement in depth by discussing milestone events within the context of history by using a PowerPoint format that included music, video clips, photos, and speakers, to enhance the presentation. Each program is a standalone program which can be attended individually or as part of the series.

## How can the program be presented?

Zoom

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The information that was presented was researched and presented by Fran Hildebrandt. She is happy to share her PowerPoint.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

Even though this can be presented as a stand-alone program, the purpose behind this series was to culminate in a WLCJ trip, titled "Voices of Change: A WLCJ Civil Rights Journey." ALL WLCJ members were invited to attend the programs, regardless of whether they intended to participate in the trip.

## Your Name

Fran Hildebrandt

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## OPEN DOOR...OPEN ARMS

### **Date(s) Presented**

February 9, 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

A collaboration between the Keruv (Interfaith Inclusion) & Mishpachah Committees of WLCJ

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Three speakers offered ideas for outreach and services to bring interfaith families into synagogues and sisterhoods within the standards of practice for Conservative congregations set by the Rabbinical Assembly

An executive director of a synagogue that is experiencing significant increase of Jews by Choice and supportive non-Jewish spouses and parents spoke about their contributions to the shul's spiritual, cultural, educational, and recreational initiatives. Outreach and points of entry for interfaith families include the highly reputed pre-school, musicals, and community activities. A synagogue cantor manages a community outreach program for unaffiliated interfaith families and directs the Jews by Choice program, which leads to a significant number of conversions. The rabbi prepares interfaith couples for marriage, arranges for a Reform rabbi (synagogue member) to officiate, and is present during the wedding. A community organization executive director discussed programming and comfortable ways for interfaith couples and families to explore Jewish cultures and values, helping families/couples connect with local synagogues.

### **How can the program be presented?**

via Zoom to reach speakers across geographic areas

### **What made it such a great program?**

The program discussed ways to embrace interfaith families, invitations to conversion and one path to marriage within a Conservative synagogue without violating current Rabbinical Assembly rules. Reference: Inclusion Resource Guidebook (FJMC and WLCJ, August 2022)

### **Your Name**

Denise Brand  
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## Opening Meeting

### **Date(s) Presented**

August 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Women of B'nai Shalom, Walnut Creek, CA - North by Northwest Region (NxNW)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This was a Sunday afternoon meeting, beginning at 2 pm. Since it was our opening meeting we served high tea. Our Torah Fund VP spoke about Torah Fund. One of our members who is a wonderful violinist played Jewish melodies which we all enjoyed. We had an art table set up with headbands, ribbons, and lace where you could create your own headband. Many of us wore beautiful hats and headbands. I took photos. There were also some tables decorated with our mothers' and grandmothers' hats. There were also some beautiful tea sets on several tables. The event was free.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

We had round tables, seating eight to a table with white tablecloths, each table had a teapot. Each place setting had a gift bag with tea bags, and small jars of honey and jam. We had a buffet table with fruit, desserts, and small sandwiches.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Everyone had a lovely time. We had a nice turnout and people enjoyed visiting each other.

### **Your Name**

Sandra Eliaser

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## Our Voices at the Table

### Date(s) Presented

Sunday, March 29, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Women of Temple Israel (WoTI) - Charlotte, NC - Southern Region

### Brief Description of the Program

This event was a unique Passover seder centered on experiencing the Exodus through the voices of Jewish women as we celebrate our freedom, resilience, and the power of our individual and shared voices. This was a highly interactive program complete with symbolic foods, meaningful readings, songs, and heartfelt connection.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Dr. Laura Bernstein, 2025-26 WoTI Co-President led the seder. Rabbi Judith Schindler, Sklut Professor of Jewish Studies & Founding Director of the Greenspon Holocaust and Social Education Center at Queens University of Charlotte, was a guest speaker/delivered a D'rash, and everyone in attendance was offered an opportunity to do a reading. This was a 2-hr event, and the fee was \$18/person (which covered most of the overall cost).

### What made it such a great program?

We had a highly engaged event planning meeting. We developed a special Haggadah. We incorporated table discussions, songs, and lots of opportunities to engage. We had a catered brunch, and our caterer was part of our overall planning committee.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

We had fifty women in attendance. Every person who registered showed up for this event. We used a QR code to access a two-question survey during the event, so we received immediate feedback. Based on responses, we conclude this was one of our most successful events over the past couple of years. A copy of our Haggadah was sent via email. Here is a link to the event page on our website so you can see additional details.

<https://www.templeisraelinc.org/event/our-voices-at-the-table.html>

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# **Our Planet: Protect, Preserve, Save: Keep it Beautiful!!**

## **Date(s) Presented**

Earth Day - April 22, 2026 - was recorded

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

WLCJ Environment and Sustainability

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Presenting some workable solutions for our environment / sustainability!! The program is presented by entrepreneurs and founders of Productive Environmental Networks that make a difference and build bonds!!!

## **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Three panelists 1) Josef Abramowitz-President of Gigawatt Global in Israel, is an activist, educator and entrepreneur, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 3 times, and also recognized as a pioneer of the solar energy industry. 2) Rabbi Ed Rosenthal founder and CEO of Repair the Seas-Tikun Ha Yam, an organization focused on Jewish Marine Conservation, promoting environmental stewardship, through initiatives (i.e., Reverse Tashlich), combining Jewish tradition with ocean protection! Our obligation is to protect the Planet. 3) Shani Mink is a seasoned farmer, experiential Jewish Educator and Executive Director and Co- Founder of the Jewish Farmer Network. The connection between farming and Judaism and helping the environment and introducing healthy foods to eat and helping to contain the methane gas entering our environment ... almost as much methane as transportation does. That does not mean to stop eating beef~~

## **What made it such a great program?**

The diverse panel offered so much insight into the many that are working to help protect our world, our planet, and again, what can we do to HELP !!!

## **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Only one person of all these panelists over these 4 years requested an honorarium... ALL were trying to share their expertise and offer help and knowledge that makes a difference !!

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## Paint n' Sip

### **Date(s) Presented**

September 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Garden State Region (GSR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Painted a Tree of Life with an art instructor providing paint supplies and a sketched picture

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Needed thirty-six canvases, bulk acrylic paint, brushes, and easels. Hired a professional who brought most of the supplies and aprons. Charged \$15 pp.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Attracted younger people, a 1-&-1/2-hour program, fun and relaxing to paint together.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

We gave leftover paints to the Hebrew School, and they had their own paint n sip a few months later

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Lynette Seader

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# Passover Food Drive



## Date(s) Presented

April 6, 2025

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Women's Network of Temple Beth Tzedek, Williamsville, NY - International Northeast Region (INR)

## Brief Description of the Program

We accepted donations of canned goods and nonperishable food items, as well as paper products to give to food banks to distribute.

## How can the program be presented? In-person

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Food barrels are stationed at the front door. Congregants are encouraged to drop off food items at any time, but a special effort is made for Passover, with donations included as part of admission to programs. There is minimal expense because donations are solicited.

In 2026, a special plea was made to address food insecurity among college students. In cooperation with the local Hillel, grocery store gift cards were also donated. The Hillel Director commented that the donations gave students the dignity to buy what they liked.

## What made it such a great program?

The program was successful because we all worry about the students, especially those far from home. We hope the kindness offered now may result in new members, should they settle in the area.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

Our volunteers also serve monthly dinners to an agency called "Friends of the Night People." We have many food drives, including Operation Isaiah for Kol Nidre. For Purim, the USYers rent pasta boxes to use as groggers and then the pasta is donated to the local food bank. We seek donations of pasta sauce to go with it.

## Your Name

Linda Boxer

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## Pathways to Conversion

### Date(s) Presented

January 27, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

Co-Chairs of the event spoke about the history of conversion to start the program. Two Women's League members and one spouse of a member spoke about their background in their birth religion and what led them to the decision to convert, the process they went through, how their families reacted to the decision and the impact it has made on their lives. Snacks and informal discussion followed the program.

### How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

We had a hybrid program. Prior to the program, the co-hosts treated our panel to a delicious meal at our local kosher restaurant which really bonded the group. The only program cost was the snacks provided and cost of security.

### What made it such a great program?

Congregants, men, and women, and those that have been attending our shul thinking about conversion, attended the event. People who have known each other for so long really learned more about the background of their friends. Truly brought people together!

### Anything else you would like us to know?

This was a truly heartwarming program!

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Ilene Goldstein

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## **Relax Your Body, Soul, & Mind! Meditation Class**

### **Date(s) Presented**

6 Consecutive Weeks Beginning January 19, 2026 (Monday)

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This was a 45-minute meditation class led by an experienced instructor. He started with relaxing the individuals and moving them into a meditation state and then took them out of it slowly. He did have an exchange with the participants to see what their individual experience was. What added to the success of the program was his strong personal connection with each participant.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Denny Kelly \$300

### **What made it such a great program?**

It was very well received, not only by members but across the country within other affiliates / regions.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

This was a great bridge to build membership. So many people were interested that the only way they could participate was to become a member. We gained a few members.

### **Your Name**

Jody Jacklin

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## Revelation and Creativity

### Date(s) Presented

May 29, 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### Brief Description of the Program

On Shavuot, we reflect on receiving the revelation at Sinai anew. Using the Jewish Studio Process - a unique methodology blending art therapy practices with a reimagined approach to Jewish learning and spirituality - "we'll reflect on what we need revealed anew this year and possibilities that lie ahead." Sheryl explained that she would guide participants through the Jewish Studio Project, a creative process combining Torah study, creativity, and art therapy. The process includes various stages, and Sheryl set the scene by asking participants to imagine being at Mount Sinai during the revelation before exploring related texts in small breakout groups.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Sheryl Kalman an affiliate member and a Trained Jewish Studio Project Facilitator.  
Paper/pen for home visualization

### What made it such a great program?

We had an expert. It was a very unique experience.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

Jewish Study Project is good from the affiliate to the international level.

### Your Name

Jody Jacklin

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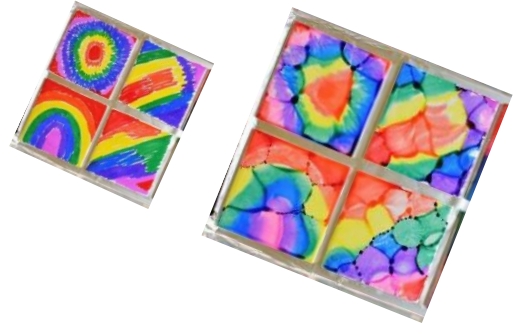
## Rosh Hashanah Place Cards or Trivets using Sharpie Markers

### Date(s) Presented

September 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts



### Brief Description of the Program

To make as a community Rosh Hashana trivets or place cards to use at the table for Rosh Hashana.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom or in-person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Jody Glass, WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts Chair presented the program. The ladies received the supply list to buy supplies locally before the program. If you contact Jody she will send you the complete supply list and directions.

### What made it such a great program?

The program was well attended on Zoom with some sisterhoods running a program with their members in a room together. It was a fun evening, and we experimented with different ideas thrown out by the ladies on Zoom.

### Your Name

Jody Glass

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## **Sangria in the Sukkah**

### **Date(s) Presented**

During Sukkot in 2023, 2024, 2025, and will be held in future years

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, Birmingham, AL - Southern Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

We gather in the synagogue sukkah which is elegantly set up with a buffet of fruits, desserts, and Sangria at the drinks station. Women gather to socialize, network, and learn about the Jewish women who are the topic of discussion each year.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Six sisterhood members are asked by our VP of Programming to make a short presentation about a Jewish woman from the category of each year's focus. The popular event is well attended with 60+ women attending in 2025. The last three years' discussion topics were "The Traditional Seven Ushpizot", "Inspirational Jewish Women in our Personal Lives" , and "Jewish Female Heroes." Next year's Sangria in the Sukkah topic will be "Admirable Jewish Women from the Birmingham Community." Expenses for the event cover security, food, and beverages. Food and beverage costs are very flexible. The event is free to women who attend because Sisterhood covers costs. Voluntary donations are sought. The fun of being in the sukkah together makes this an in-person event, but the speakers could present on Zoom if need be.

### **What made it such a great program?**

The "Sangria in the Sukkah" event is a great combination of learning, fun, and sisterhood. It's a beautiful evening to share with friends who have a common interest in supporting our Jewish lives. The weather is usually perfect for a beautiful evening under the sky seen through the schach of the sukkah roof.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

This has become a great recurring event that members look forward to.

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Barbara Brande

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## **Security in our Synagogue**

### **Date(s) Presented**

May 2024

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This program had a panel of 3 people discussing security in our temple and other synagogues. They provided the necessary information in case something happened at a house of worship

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

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Gail Rosenberg and Robin Abel

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## Seder Hopping

### Date(s) Presented

March 18, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

CBS Clearwater - Florida Region

### Brief Description of the Program

SEDER HOPPING brings us to different countries around the world each with their own unique reenactment of the story of the Exodus (maggid) and the seder table symbols. We visit the *Bloody Hamsa* of INDIA, the *bling* on the AUSTRIAN/HUNGARIAN seder table, *flagellation with scallions* in PERSIA (IRAN). This is just a sampling of the program with more countries to visit. The seder table could be one long table or different tables representing a different country. A script is available. This is a fun program and very easily put together.

### How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Naomi Rubenstein, Program Committee member - formerly Jewish Educator

### What made it such a great program?

Everyone attending learned about various Seder customs and participated in the parts of the seder. Very educational and lots of fun.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

Both our rabbis - Rabbi David Weizman & Rabbi Danielle Upbin participated in this program. Afterward they reported that many people enjoyed it.

### Your Name

Henrietta (Cyndi) Silverman,  
VP Programming

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## **Sigd - The Holiday You Haven't Heard Of**

### **Date(s) Presented**

11/19/2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region (BQLI)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This was an in-person program celebrating the Beta Israel - Ethiopian Holiday of Sigd. Celebrated on the 40th day after Yom Kippur, Sigd commemorates Moses receiving the second set of Ten Commandments. Our program began with a backdrop of Ethiopian Jewish music and Ethiopian food brought in from the Tsion Cafe, a kosher Ethiopian Restaurant in Harlem, NY. Our guest speaker was Bizu Riki Mulla, a Beta Israel member who was involved in helping to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the 1990's and 2000's. Following her presentation, hands-on workshops were done making pictures in the Ethiopian style and mixing Berbere Spice. All participants were given a handout with the recipe for Berbere Spice Mix (from the cookbook Gursha, by Beeju Barhany, owner of Tsion Cafe) and Ethiopian recipes from the Gursha Cookbook that use Berbere spice.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Bizu Riki Mulla <bizuriki@msn.com> provides a lecture and shows a film about life in Ethiopia and the immigration to Israel. She charges for the program, but it is worth it! Beeju Barhany <tsioncafe@gmail.com> also does lectures about Ethiopian Cooking and food demonstrations. The music was found on YouTube and put together into a playlist on a repeating loop. The Berbere spice has a lot of components; we purchased most of the spices in local grocery stores and were able to return the extras. We also purchased small (2oz) spice jars on Amazon and labels for each jar. For the Ethiopian-style pictures, the components were cut out prior to the event, and the participants were able to put the pictures together using a template and glue. We were also fortunate that there were people who had Ethiopian-Jewish pieces of art that they lent to us to exhibit during the program.

### **What made it such a great program?**

Sigd was a relatively unknown holiday to most of us, so there was a lot of interest. The cost of the program was purposely priced at \$10 to encourage people to come; so BQLI

subsidized the program. The program began at 6:45pm and was over by 9-9:30pm, and the Ethiopian food provided a "dinner" for everyone.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

There were a lot of different parts of the program, and the program could work with only a few of the elements.

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# Sisters in Faith: Advocating for Civil Rights

## Date(s) Presented

February 8, 2024

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Kehilah Committee



## Brief Description of the Program

We continued to explore the history of the Civil Rights Movement. While it really began in 1865 with the Thirteenth Amendment when slavery was abolished in the United States, our focus was on the 1950s and 60s in which there was an organized effort by Black Americans to end racial discrimination and gain equal rights under the law.

Who were those sisters in faith? What was their involvement in the Civil Rights Movement?

In this third program in the series, we explored the activism of women during the 50s and 1960s as they worked toward a shared goal of equality. We focused on the effect/s of Jewish and Black women activists of the movement then and now, using a PowerPoint format, which included music, video clips, and photos to enhance the presentation.

## How can the program be presented?

Zoom

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

The information that was presented was researched and presented by Fran Hildebrandt who is happy to share her PowerPoint.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

Even though this can be presented as a stand-alone program, the purpose behind this series was to culminate in a WLCJ trip, titled "Voices of Change: A WLCJ Civil Rights Journey." ALL WLCJ members were invited to attend the programs, regardless of whether they intend to participate in the trip.

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## Sisterhood + Mental Health

### Date(s) Presented

May 8, 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Beth El Temple Women's Network and The Emanuel Synagogue's Membership and Engagement Committee - North Atlantic Region (NAR)

### Brief Description of the Program

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the CEO of our local Jewish Family Services interviewed Betsy Lerner, author of *Shred Sisters*. This intimate and bittersweet story explores the fierce complexities of a suburban Connecticut Jewish family, mental health, and a hard-won path between two sisters. Following the Q&A with the author, the JFS CEO also shared information about the mental health services provided by JFS. The final portion of the program included two members of Women's Network who are embarking on a Mental Health Challenges initiative that will develop more programming for our synagogue on this topic. They also provided information on Infinite Horizons Clubhouse, a community-based organization that provides day programs for adults working to rebuild their lives after a mental health setback. Finally, we asked attendees to fill out a questionnaire about the impact this program had on their knowledge of mental health and other questions to help form future programs on this topic. We had encouraged our members to read the book in advance and had extra copies available for sale and signing at the event. We served a buffet from 6pm-6:30pm, then began the program, which wrapped up at 7:45pm. We charged \$18 per person, which covered the cost of the food. We provided the opportunity for donations, which went to JFS. Instead of an honorarium for the author, Women's Network donated in her name to JFS.

### How can the program be presented?\*

In-Person

### What made it such a great program?

Both the author and CEO were wonderful speakers, and they really engaged the audience. There was a lot of information sharing, both from the speakers and audience members - it was interactive and educational.

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# **Sisterhood in the Sukkah and "Good Grief! What's for Dinner**

## **Date(s) Presented**

October 9, 2025

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood St. Paul, MN - IntraContinental Region (ICR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

Paid-up membership program and free dinner .Learning in the Sukkah with appetizers, dinner and inspiration behind a grief club cookbook done by a younger member, who also spoke about her personal journey. Tried this to attract younger members. We had a good turnout and utilized one of our members.

## **How can the program be presented? In-Person**

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Cost was almost half our budget, because of food costs, but it was the first program of the year and very well received and enjoyed. Flyers come out of a different budget. A couple of recipes from the cookbook were made for dinner and the cookbook was available for purchase, with money going to the grief support club of Minnesota. I got the idea for the program because Annie and her kids were on the news and in the newspaper about the cookbook and how cooking together helped them remember and helped them heal.

## **What made it such a great program?**

We were able to start in the new sukkah, and the presenter is a very kind and well-spoken person. People were very empathetic about her experiences and about how cooking together helped the family heal. Also, it was a free dinner. People enjoy learning with our female rabbi.

## **Anything else you would like us to know?**

It is nice to be able to draw on the expertise/ experiences of our membership for program ideas. It seems to resonate with other members. We do call people to encourage them to come to the programs. Numbers would be low if we didn't.

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Sue Schwartz

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## **Social Action from the Tushy Out**

### **Date(s) Presented**

March 22, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Learn how Rabbi Weiss took her social action, grassroots project-"Undies for Everyone" to a national level. Undies for Everyone provides children living in poverty or crisis with new underwear, recognizing the importance of this small basic need as part of a child's increased chances of long-term success.

### **How can the program be presented?**

via Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Rabbi Amy Weiss donated to her organization and gave a prize to a person who attended.

### **What made it such a great program?**

This program gave the affiliates the tools to develop their own social action program.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

It was so educational with a lot of great information to learn.

<https://undiesforeveryone.org/>

### **Your Name**

Jody Jacklin

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## Southern Region Conference 2025

### **Date(s) Presented**

March 2025 three-day Conference

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Southern Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Programming and Education worked with President Marsha Raimi, Conference Vice President Cheryl Gleich, and the Conference Committee to organize speakers, a panel discussion and presentations for the March 2025 Conference held at Temple Beth-El, Birmingham, AL. TBE's Civil Rights Experience program supported the Conference theme of Civil Rights and Antisemitism with speakers and activities. Keynote speaker Dr Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt) spoke on Rediscovering Advocacy: Techniques from Classic Social Movements. He included the V'ahavta prayer as a guide for preparing to combat antisemitism. A panel discussion and working groups on Combating Antisemitism in our Communities and on Campus were moderated by Programming and Education Co-VP, Barbara Brande. Dr Shaul Kelner (Vanderbilt), Margaret Norman (Birmingham JCRC), Dani Oren (Atlanta JNF) and Rebekah Mann (SSI National), participated in the panel, then met in small group sessions with conference participants to continue the discussion. Southern Region Co-VPs of Programming and Education, Lydia Mandel and Barbara Brande, led an afternoon session on the whys and hows of Programming. The Co-VPs coordinated additional breakout sessions on Thriving in Stressful Times led by Caryn Corenblum, a rugelach baking experience with Helen Crowley, and a walk through Birmingham's Civil Rights District led by CRE Docent Michael Sznajderman.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Conference was in-person. Only the awards ceremony was Zoomed

### **What made it such a great program?**

Attendees were immediately attracted to the conference topic due to its hands-on interaction with Civil Rights history. The walk in the Civil Rights District was great, providing time for learning, discussion, and fresh air exercise.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

Birmingham's and Temple Beth-El's civil rights history attracted much interest and were a natural connection to discussions on antisemitism.

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## Southern Region Conference 2026

### Date(s) Presented

March 2026 one day conference

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Southern Region

### Brief Description of the Program

Programming and Education Co-VPs worked with President Marsha Raimi, Conference Vice President Cheryl Gleich, and the Conference Committee to organize speakers and presentations for Conference 2026, which focused on issues of women's power. It was titled Power, Resilience and Sisterhood. Issues of lost power, resilience, regained power, and working solutions were introduced by Rabbi Lauren Henderson of Congregation Or Hadash, Sandy Springs, GA. Presentations and group discussion topics included Domestic Abuse by Wendy Lipshutz of Shalom Bayit, of JF & CS Atlanta, on Homelessness/the Unhoused by Gillian Gansler of Rebecca's Tent, Shearith Israel, Atlanta and on Human Trafficking by Cindee Sapoznik of 2MyPlace, Roswell GA. Tammy Gottlieb, Vice Chair of Women of the Wall, spoke via Zoom from Israel about her participation in the organization's fight for women's ability to pray as a group able to use Torah Scrolls, tallit and tefillin at Jerusalem's Western Wall, Judaism's public and most holy site.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### What made it such a great program?

Although the subject matter was heavy and emotionally charged, the conference participants gave positive feedback on gaining new insights and an understanding of these relevant issues.

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Lydia Mandel

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# **The Story of CANDY with a Chocolate Coated Jewish Twist**

## **Date(s) Presented**

January 6, 2026

## **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Tifereth Israel Women's League in conjunction with IntraContinental Region (ICR)

## **Brief Description of the Program**

From prehistoric bee-hunters to global conglomerates, people throughout the ages try to satisfy their "sweet tooth." This program explored the history of candy & candy-making, examining various holiday candies as well as the ties some iconic brands have had to World War II. The presenter also included the development of candy within the Jewish culture or by Jewish individuals and how it was incorporated into "Jewish" life. The description given by the presenter was: "The Story of Candy with a (chocolate covered) Jewish Twist." She included holidays- when candy is on many minds... and many lips. Along the way, we saw candy making in action as well as taking a trip down memory lane to the confections of our youth.

## **How can the program be presented?**

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

## **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

We asked the affiliates to have fun with this program. To hopefully gather together and possibly have a candy party at the synagogue or in a home while watching the presentation. We had many ideas to go with this as a Region such as mailing a candy bar to each person who registered and possibly a candy basket to one person who attended. There was no cost since these ideas were not executed. The one cost was a donation to Torah Fund in the presenter's name. Any other cost was taken on by the affiliates themselves and to what degree of a party / activity they wanted to do. The only other potential cost was a drawing for one member to get a small discount to Region Conference. Other than that, there is minimal cost and material preparation.

## **What made it such a great program?**

The interest of the people and the topic. There were so many directions that it could have gone. A very creative option available.

**Anything else you would like us to know?**

We had initially intended to give a candy bar to each person who registered and then give away a mini gift basket full of candy. However, due to timing we were not able to complete that.

This was a special program for the Region that actually worked in conjunction with an affiliate who did a joint program

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Jody Jacklin

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## Strategies for Program Success

### Date(s) Presented

May 28, 2026

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Kehilah and Education

### Brief Description of the Program

This program is for those who want to add zest and zing to their programs as well as present programs that will engage their members. This program will offer a stimulating and informative workshop on strategic programming. We featured Program/Education Region Vice Presidents, Jody Jacklin, Gilda Schwartz, and Susan Winter in a panel to offer best practices in programming as well as Anise Parnes, WLCJ Vice President and Consulting Services Chair to share how to access the WLCJ website for program materials. We offered tips for effective programming and finished with a discussion of great program ideas that could be taken back to sisterhoods and/or regions.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

We asked three region program or education vice presidents to be our panelists as well as Anise Parnes who chairs the WLCJ Consulting Services Committee.

We also think this would be a good training module for education and programming vice presidents and chairs.

### What made it such a great program?

We focused on tips, strategies, as well as program ideas and resources. We think being concrete makes it a valuable resource for those who are novices in programming.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

Using different speakers, this program could be presented in person.

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## String Art Hamsa

### Date(s) Presented

Convention, July 2023 and on Zoom August 2023

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts



### Brief Description of the Program

This program took place at Convention 2023 under the direction and guidance of Jody Glass, at which time they created a hamsa they could take home. Materials were purchased in advance, so the time was spent enjoyably learning how to make the hamsa and completing it before the workshop ended.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom or In-person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Please contact Jody directly (her email is below) for a supply list and directions.

### What made it such a great program?

Women had a chance to spend time together at Convention creating a project they could display in their homes. There was a second program for those who ordered the materials but could not make the Convention program.

### Your Name

Jody Glass

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## Succulent Terrariums

### Date(s) Presented

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Temple Israel, Natick MA - North Atlantic Region (NAR)

### Brief Description of the Program

Found a local person who sells succulent terrariums and arranged to have them bring supplies so members could create their own terrarium.

### How can the program be presented?

In-Person

### What made it such a great program?

Everyone got to chat and go home with something nice that was green and that they had created.

### Your Name

Marci Landis

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## Table Talks

### **Date(s) Presented**

December 15, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Beth Shalom Congregation, Columbia, MD - Seaboard Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

We held the program as our paid-up membership event. Attendees rotated from table to table, meeting new conversation partners each time and exploring a fresh conversation prompt at every stop. The format made it easy for new members to connect and gave everyone a chance to talk with every person in the room. The program is flexible and can be adapted for different themes or holidays. Ours had a Hanukkah twist, with candle lighting, playful centerpieces, latkes, doughnuts, and other treats. A few of the conversation prompts were also Hanukkah-themed. While we held this as an in-person event, the format could easily be adapted for a virtual conversation group for those unable to attend.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person or Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

The only cost was food, drinks, and centerpieces.

### **What made it such a great program?**

The conversation topics were fun and engaging, sparking lively discussion. People left feeling energized and with new friendships.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Each table had two conversation topics to choose from plus a few additional thought questions to enable robust conversation.

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## Tallit Workshop

### **Date(s) Presented**

December 19, 2021

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Congregation Brith Shalom, Bellaire, Texas - IntraContinental (ICR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

This series of workshops provides women with an opportunity to create a personal tallit for their own use AND creates a number of tallitot to be donated to the synagogue to hang with the traditional ones typically found at the synagogue in the lobby.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

The tallitot were made using a technique called "Shibori" with indigo dye. Shibori is essentially an ancient Japanese form of tie-dye. Once the dyeing is complete, in a follow-up session, participants will tie their own tzitzit. Additionally, various women will share their personal journeys of how they came to choose to wear a tallit on a regular basis. The history of this mitzvah will be explored.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

CBS has an immense amount of information it can share with you in advance if you decide to present this two-part program.

### **Your Name**

Debi Mishael

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# Taste the Story

## Date(s) Presented

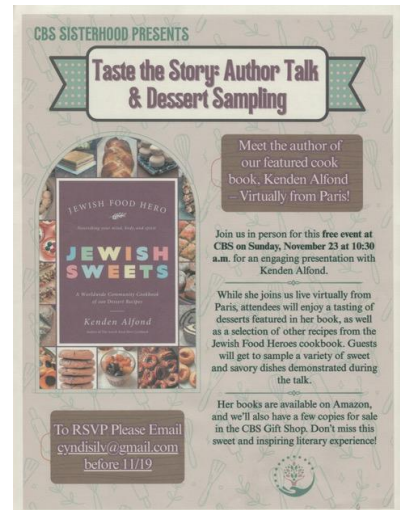
November 23, 2025

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Congregation Beth Shalom, Clearwater, FL - Florida Region  
November 23, 2025

## Brief Description of the Program

The cookbook author, Kendan Alfond, joined our Sisterhood via Zoom from Paris. She is the author of multiple cookbooks and the Jewish Food Hero website. Our Sisterhood chose five recipes from her books, two desserts, one soup, and two salads. We made those recipes and enjoyed tasting them after the Zoom presentation with the author.



## How can the program be presented?\*

Hybrid

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Roxana Levin, Sisterhood Program Committee member, facilitated, and Kendan Alfond, author of the five cookbooks spoke. We chose recipes from those cookbooks.

## What made it such a great program?

We got to meet the author face to face, heard her reasons for starting the cooking website and writing her books. (Professionally she is a psychotherapist who lives in Paris.) There was time for questions and answers. The two desserts were great and so were the salads. The cucumber soup did not appeal to many in the group. This was a different kind of program but with a Jewish orientation. Everyone enjoyed it because it allowed us to learn new recipes and taste new foods as well as visit with our sisterhood members.

## Your Name

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Clearwater Sisterhood

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## Tea & Torah Fund with Margie

### Date(s) Presented

September 11, 2025

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

IntraContinental Region (ICR)

### Brief Description of the Program

This was an open relaxed discussion of Torah Fund between all affiliate members and our Torah Fund Vice President, Margie Schneider. . She answered questions about the 2025-26 Torah Fund campaign. Each Sisterhood was asked to set a goal for the coming year. Margie then shared ideas on how to meet those goals. This allowed all region members to talk to our Torah Fund VP. Everyone's question could be answered.

### How can the program be presented?

Zoom

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Margie Schneider was our Torah Fund speaker, which meant there was no cost for the program.

### What made it such a great program?

There was a Q&A available to the entire Region. Individuals could learn even when they were not directly connected to Torah Fund

### Anything else you would like us to know?

#### Your Name

Jody Jacklin

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# Two Envelopes: What You Want Your Loved Ones to Know When You Die

## Date(s) Presented

About twenty-five presentations over the past 2 years

## What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Different sisterhoods from the Reform and Conservative Movements in Michigan have contacted author, Rusty Rosman, who is a member of Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood, Southfield, MI, to present her program to their sisterhoods.

## Brief Description of the Program

When you die, there are so many things your family and loved ones immediately need to know. Two Envelopes is your voice, conveying your final wishes regarding your death and your estate. This program will start the conversation and assist your family in finding out where to find information and items when you aren't there to tell them - such as, is your medication on auto refill? Where? Which credit card is used?

## How can the program be presented?

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

## Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

I want to sell my book which comes with two envelopes - \$21.20 which includes Michigan tax and \$20 out of state.

## What made it such a great program?

I know what most people don't think about when a loved one's life ends. These envelopes are in your home so ALL your children can read what you want so there's no fighting about what to do. And oh boy, do kids like to fight with each other, no matter their age.

## Anything else you would like us to know?

I like to present with the rabbi of the shul or, in Metro Detroit, with Rabbi Krakoff.

## Your Name

Rusty Rosman

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## Tu B'Shevat & Passover Parsley Planting Project

### Date(s) Presented

2023

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

Melville Jewish Center, Melville, NY - Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region (BQLI)

### Brief Description of the Program

Perfect project to be included in a Tu B' Shevat Seder. Plant parsley in time for your Passover Seder. Eat, drink, pray & plant as we celebrate trees and how they nourish us, inspire us, and beautify our world.

### How can the program be presented?\*

Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Seder preparations included: Copies of script, fruits, juices, paper goods, and other supplies purchased. Fruit was washed and placed in individual cups, bagels and spreads were delivered. Tables with tablecloths and centerpieces were set. Parsley planting packets included: one pack of parsley seeds purchased from American Meadows Planting, a container with drainage purchased on Amazon, soil purchased from a local nursery and divided into zip lock bags, and instructions so it could be done in person or at home. We then held a contest to see who grew the largest plant! Photos were posted on our synagogue chat. Enjoyed by all!

### What made it such a great program?

Women coming together to sing, chant, recite blessings and thought-provoking readings. Tasted four different fruits and drank four different kinds of juice while discussing Jewish themes inspired by nature during our Tu B' Shevat Seder.

### Anything else you would like us to know?

The project followed the seder.

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## **Virtual Lobby Day with our Congressional Senators**

### **Date(s) Presented**

Twice a year at Tu B'Shevat, around February, and Tisha B 'Av around August

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

WLCJ in Partnership with JEA Jewish Earth Alliance

### **Brief Description of the Program**

We are provided with information on bills being submitted or in need of submission and support for a vote in either direction. We meet with our respective Senators in each of our respective states!!! There are preliminary meetings and briefings often to help us understand the challenges and the good in each lobby day. We see who supports and who does not support this legislation, and offer our voices and concerns, as well as have respect for the elected officials' thoughts hearing their side, positive and negative. We have scripts from JEA to help us present and discuss !!

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Each state has two Senators and staff who are on the call with us... each senator/staff and all done separately with honesty, caring, and respect !! AND GREAT INFORMATION!!!!... on each side !!!

### **What made it such a great program?**

Openness and connecting to our government on incredibly important issues by providing information that we can share with our regions and affiliates with facts of what is happening. Our voices and support or concerns mean a lot to ALL ... We have had medical programs that we joined throughout these years, in response to these topics presented !!

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Our network has been involved in amazing work, and we have expanded our outreach and knowledge base in sooooo many areas... it spreads fast, and yet sooooooo much to do.... Some regions and sisterhoods are greatly involved, and many are just beginning to connect and see the need. Bottom line, the environment and sustainability of our

beautiful planet is important for all of us to try to improve for us and for future generations. HELP protect our land, air, and seas, along with our health and nutrition.

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Heddy Belman

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## **Volunteer at the Community Food Bank**

### **Date(s) Presented**

December 2025 and January 21, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Garden State Region (GSR)

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Our region volunteered at the Community Food Bank. The first time they helped with cooking and the second time with sorting food cans.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s,**

### **What made it such a great program?**

It was a good social action project and at the same time women from different region sisterhoods worked on a project together.

### **Your Name**

Susan Winter

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## **Volunteering in Support of Israel: Rabbi Sharon Marcus**

### **Date(s) Presented**

March 23, 2025/ February 2025

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Central Great Lakes Region (CGLR) and Women of Park, Pepper Pike, OH

### **Brief Description of the Program**

Rabbi Marcus conducted a mission trip to Israel visiting our Masorti sister synagogue, Hod Ve'Hadar in K'far Saba. We created PowerPoint and developed a program that described their trip and presented it to our sisterhood and the region. Among the many places they visited, they traveled to Jerusalem and visited the Nova Festival site. They also assisted farmers harvesting crops and served them in soup kitchens.

### **How can the program be presented?**

via Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

There was no cost for us.

### **What made it such a great program?**

The love and concern for Israel emanated through the presentation.

### **Anything else you would like us to know?**

Rabbi Marcus left Park Synagogue June 30, 2026.

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Linda Wolf

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## **We're Going on a Treasure Hunt**

### **Date(s) Presented**

December 30, 2024

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

The Kehilah and Education Committees. Fran Hildebrandt and Cathy Swerdlow, then Vice Presidents and Kehillah and Education Chairs

### **Brief Description of the Program**

First we lit candles. Then we presented the group with a list of Hanukkah themed items that they could find in their houses. We sent them on a scavenger hunt. After giving them time to obtain these items, we shared them with each other. The program concluded with participants sharing Hanukkah memories with each other.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom or in person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

You can find a list of items by checking out Etsy or using Google.

### **What made it such a great program?**

It gave us a chance to spend time with WLCJ members, especially those who did not have an opportunity to light candles with a group.

### **Your Name**

Fran Hildebrandt

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## When Social Action and Creative Handcrafts Meet

### Date(s) Presented

January 25, 2024

### What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?

WLCJ Creative Judaic Arts and Social Action Committees

### Brief Description of the Program

Jody Glass presented program ideas using multiple fabrics and yarn crafts ideas to develop social action projects that sisterhoods and regions could adapt to create programs and projects for their memberships.

### How can the program be presented?\*

Could be all three - Zoom, hybrid or in-person

### Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)

Please contact Jody directly (her email is below) for her handout that has needlepoint, knit/crochet, jewelry, and paper craft ideas.

### What made it such a great program?

It gave women a chance to be creative and feel artistic as well as feel that they were creating something that could be used to better the world they live in.

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## Where Did the Women Worship?

### **Date(s) Presented**

January 26, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Seaboard Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

In this illustrated talk, art and architectural historian Dr. Samuel Gruber presented a fascinating overview of the role of women in Jewish worship space, focusing specifically on the types of physical spaces allowed to women in European and American synagogue architecture from the 18th century until today.

### **How can the program be presented?**

Zoom

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

\$500, shared with two other synagogues

### **What made it such a great program?**

Excellent slide presentation with time for extensive Q & A.

### **Your Name**

Rona Walters

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## Women's Seder

**Date(s) Presented**

March 29th, 2023

**What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Temple Beth David Sisterhood, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Florida Region

**Brief Description of the Program**

The seder was held at 7:00 PM at the Synagogue. Light bites were served like veggies and dip, fruit, snack, and wine. A few sisterhood members made and brought their charoset, so we had a charoset bar set up also. Our rabbi who was then a cantor (Danielle Bensimon) led the seder

**How can the program be presented?\***

In-Person

**Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

Our Rabbi-Cantor Danielle Bensimon led the seder. The only cost was for the light bites.

**What made it such a great program?**

The charoset bar was a big hit and Cantor led a meaningful (and short) seder.

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Karen Winer

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## Women's Self-Defense Workshop

### **Date(s) Presented**

Dec. 2024, April 12, 2026

### **What Region or Sisterhood put on this program?**

Adas Israel, Seaboard Region

### **Brief Description of the Program**

A widely acclaimed women's self-defense workshop led by Chantell Prestcott-Hollander, founder of the StrongHER Initiative. This workshop will help you to predict and prevent violent encounters, and to physically defend yourself from them, through understanding predatory behavior.

### **How can the program be presented?**

In-Person

### **Other pertinent information you would like to include (name of the presenter/s, necessary materials, cost, and the like)**

The cost for the program was \$675.

### **Your Name**

Rona Walter

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