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Westchester Reform Temple is committed to the value of inclusion, and strives to make worship and programming fully accessible. Our building and bima are wheelchair accessible, and the sanctuary is equipped with assistive listening devices and large-print prayer books. ASL interpretation is available for any worship service upon request, and remote viewing of most services is available via webcasting from our website. If you need any additional accommodations to participate in a temple program, please contact Cantor Amanda Kleinman.

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## Cantor Kleinman's Message

It may surprise you to learn that we mark the new year four times on the Jewish calendar. In the early fall, of course, we observe the best known Jewish new year, the holiday known as *Rosh HaShanah*, on which we celebrate the birthday of the world. And yet, the rabbis teach us, the Jewish calendar offers us three additional opportunities to mark a new year: *Tu B'shvat* (the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat) marks the new year for trees and the natural world, and the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul is considered a new year for the tithing of cattle. The final new year is the first of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which signifies the beginning of a new Jewish calendar year.

This year, the first of Nisan, which begins in just a few weeks, carries a unique significance for us, as it falls almost exactly a year after the Coronavirus began to impact our WRT and Westchester communities. As we prepare to begin a new year, our Jewish tradition instructs us to undertake a process called *cheshbon ha-nefesh*, literally, "an accounting of the soul." The act of *cheshbon ha-nefesh* challenges us to take stock of the year's formative experiences and to acknowledge how they have shaped us, to process the pain and the joy of the year that has passed, to evaluate who we are and consider who we'd like to become.

It feels daunting to process this unprecedented year, to attempt to fully internalize how this year has changed our world and changed each of us. For me, the iconic Israeli songwriter Naomi Shemer offers a helpful frame in her beloved classic, "*Al Kol Eileh*." The song begins: "Over the honey and the bee sting, over the bitter and the sweet . . . please guard, our benevolent God." Shemer bases her lyrics on a rabbinic teaching that suggests we not allow ourselves to be drawn to the honey, lest we suffer a bee sting in attempting to obtain it; Shemer brilliantly turns this teaching on its head, insisting that we cannot allow fear of the bee sting to keep us from seeking the honey.

Without a doubt, this has been a year of bee stings; chief among them, for me, as your cantor, has been the experience of hearing only my own voice singing the melodies of our Shabbat services. My calling as a cantor is to facilitate communal song, and I long to hear your voices joining mine in prayer once again.

And yet, we have pushed through the pain of the bee stings to find the honey: we have experienced sweetness in the beautiful and intimate life cycle events we have marked together, in Zoom coffee dates and Havdalah rituals, in social action initiatives to help support the most vulnerable in our community. On a personal note, the opportunity to bless the two newest members of my family during our congregation's Rosh Hashanah morning service was among the sweetest moments of the nine years since I joined the WRT family.

As is always the case in our lives, the honey and the bee sting are intertwined, and we must sometimes endure the bitter to access the sweet. As Naomi Shemer reminds us, neither diminishes the other (in fact, sometimes the bee sting makes the honey even sweeter), and our Jewish tradition provides us with a framework to sanctify both.

Though perhaps it is six months too late (or six months too early), as we embark on a new year of sorts, it still feels fitting to share these words that we offer on Rosh Hashanah as we dip apples in honey:

*"Y'hi ratzon milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, shet'chadeish aleinu shana tova um'tukah."*

May it be your will, Eternal our God and God of our ancestors, to renew for us a year of goodness and sweetness. During these challenging times, while we may continue to feel the sting of disappointment, of expectations unmet, and of plans unfulfilled, let us find the strength and resilience to continue to create moments of sweetness and joy.

# Avodah: Worship and Spirituality

We look forward to a time soon when we can gather again in our Sanctuary in-person safely.

Until then, please join us for services online via any of these platforms:

WRT Livestream - [www.wrtemple.org/live-stream/](http://www.wrtemple.org/live-stream/)

WRT Facebook - [www.facebook.com/WestchesterReformTemple/](https://www.facebook.com/WestchesterReformTemple/)

WRT YouTube - [www.youtube.com/user/WRTempleNY](https://www.youtube.com/user/WRTempleNY)

## Kabbalat Shabbat

**Fridays at 6:15 pm**

Our Friday evening Shabbat service features the rituals, melodies and warmth of our congregation. The service includes a sermon or presentation by one of our rabbis, cantors or special guests.

Shabbat services typically begin at 6:15 pm and we always livestream our services to our website, Facebook, and YouTube. Please check the calendar and website for any changes due to special programming or holiday weekends.\*

## Torah Study

**Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am**

Each Shabbat morning we gather informally to read and discuss the week's Torah portion. The group is led by volunteers, with clergy participation. The morning begins with an informal gathering, followed by an invigorating learning session. No prior experience with Torah is necessary; just come as you are, with an open mind!\*

## Sharing Shabbat

**Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am, during the Jewish Learning Lab year**

Our engaging, musical family service for children in Grades K-6 and their families is open to the congregation and community. This weekly service is led by our clergy, and followed by engaging learning and conversation for children, parents and teachers. All are welcome! (September - May)\*

## Pre-Shabbat Song Session

**Fridays at 4:00 pm**

Families with young children are invited to join with Cantor Amanda Kleinman, JLL Songleader Kayla Gitlin and Cantorial Intern Isaac Sonett-Assor virtually to share songs and bring in our weekly holiday of Shabbat! Watch your eblast for a zoom link or join us anytime on our Facebook and YouTube pages!

## Family Tefillah with the Jewish Learning Lab

**Sundays, 10:30 - 11:00 am, during the Jewish Learning Lab year**

This 30-minute family service includes familiar prayers, explorations of holidays, music and stories for children in Grades K-6 and their families. Designed for our Jewish Learning Lab families and led by our clergy, this service is always open to the congregation and community. (September - May)\*

\* Please check our Weekly Update email or our website calendar for links to participate in these services.

# Services and Events

## Passover Festival Morning Service

Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 am

## Passover Yizkor Service

Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am



## Service of Responsibility, in Commemoration of the Holocaust

Friday, April 9

6th grade Program at 5:30 pm

Community Wide Service at 6:15 pm

*Yom HaShoah v'Ha-G'vurah* is a day for remembering the tragedy and celebrating the heroes of the Holocaust.

Join us at Shabbat for our observance of this solemn day, as we hear the story of a local Holocaust survivor— and in so doing, honor the memories of the six million Jews and five million others who perished at the hands of the Nazi regime.



## Yom HaAtzma'ut Service

Friday, April 16 at 6:15 pm

We will celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day, with a musical Shabbat service featuring both timeless Israeli classics and the innovative melodies of Israel's emerging Progressive prayer communities.

## Chai Society Service

Friday, April 23 at 6:15 pm

The induction of the 13th Cohort of WRT's Chai Society celebrating WRT congregants with membership of 18 years or more, will be VIRTUAL this year!

We anticipate another enthusiastic, but alas, VIRTUAL turnout to honor members of long standing whose dedication and devotion to WRT has been so vital to its success. Check your email and weekly eblasts for details as they evolve!

## Lag Ba'Omer

Friday, April 30 at 6:15 pm

Join us for a special Campfire Shabbat in celebration of Lag Ba'Omer, the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer, on which it is traditional to gather around bonfires for singing and prayer. Stay tuned for in-person possibilities as it gets closer, COVID-depending.



## Shabbat Service - Farewell to Ariel Milan-Polisar

Friday, May 7 at 6:15 pm

At this Shabbat service we will recognize our rabbinical student intern for the past three years, Ariel Milan-Polisar, who will be ordained a Rabbi on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Join us as we celebrate her contributions to our community, and wish her well as she begins her rabbinic career.

## Shabbat Service: Consecration of Confirmands

Friday, May 14 at 6:15 pm

## Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Evening of Sunday, May 16

Join with WRT congregants and members of other local synagogues as we come together for the tradition of late-night study in observance of Shavuot. *Stay tuned for further details.*

## Shavuot Yizkor Service

Monday, May 17 at 10:00 am

## Confirmation Class of 5781

Service date and time TBA

Over the past year, our thirty 10th grade Confirmation students have been learning, engaging in community service, and building community with one another — in preparation for their Confirmation service. Join us on Shavuot as this remarkable group of teenagers leads the congregation in prayer, study, and song — as they take on a new mantle of Jewish leadership.

### This year's Confirmation class:

Rachel Bernstein, Samantha Bernstein, Jason Dickstein, Zach Feldman, Jedd Frydman, Isabelle Goldban, Sarah Gorelick, Ava Gorelick, Daniel Hochberg, Samantha Hoexter, Julia Kent, Emily Koch, Nathaniel Lewis, Charlie Milberg, Henry Nova, Tyler Novenstein, Jordan Paris, Hana Pitchon, Sydney Rossano, Daniel Rublin, Mason Ruzumna, Allison Scheffler, Mattie Silberfein, Alexandra Simon, Maddie Stein, Brooke Suzman, Alexandra Tretler, Samuel Wetzstein, Jaxon Zemachson, and Flora Zik.

# Services and Events *continued*

## Men's Club Brotherhood Award Shabbat

Friday, May 21 at 6:15 pm  
*Award recipient to be announced.*

## Shabbat Service - Memorial Day Weekend

Friday, May 28 at 6:15 pm  
 Rabbi Blake will be offering a sermon in honor of Bob Dylan's 80th birthday (5/23/21). As a tribute to his favorite singer-songwriter, and in recognition of the enduring power of Dylan's voice, each of Rabbi Blake's sermons for the coming year will comment on a significant song from Dylan's canon.



## Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 4 at 6:15 pm  
*Stay tuned for further details.*

## High School Graduation Shabbat / Tracy Kreisberg Prize and Samuel Bauman Scholar Prize awarded

Friday, June 11 at 6:15 pm  
 On this Shabbat we will pay tribute to our teenagers, and recognize their growth and development this year. We will formally award the Tracy Kreisberg Prize, that recognizes an outstanding Confirmation student in memory of Tracy; the Samuel Bauman Scholar Prize, that recognizes a student who exemplifies the pursuit of fearless learning; and honor all of our graduating seniors.

## Juneteenth Observance Shabbat

Friday, June 18 at 6:15 pm  
 WRT joins in a spirit of love and shared responsibility with our friends and neighbors, the congregation and clergy of Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church in Mount Vernon. The Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue, Church Pastor, will preach to our congregation. During the service we will also observe Juneteenth, which recognizes the day on which the last slaves in the United States were set free.



## Morgan & Marjorie Miller Scholar-in-Residence Program and Tribute to Marcy R. Harris

Afternoon of Sunday, May 16 - *stay tuned for further details*

Join us for an afternoon of learning as we honor Marcy R. Harris for her four years of service as WRT's synagogue president. Thanks to the generosity of the Morgan & Marjorie Miller Scholar-in-Residence Fund, our guest presenter will be Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, president of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion — where Marcy serves as Vice Chair of the Eastern Region Board of Overseers. We will celebrate Marcy's accomplishments, thank her for her leadership, and continue to dedicate ourselves as a congregation to the highest caliber of Jewish learning through Dr. Rehfeld's teaching.

**Andrew Rehfeld, Ph.D.**, is the 10th President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). A leading political scientist and distinguished Jewish communal leader, Dr. Rehfeld's career has bridged both the academic and professional worlds as Associate Professor of Political Science at Washington University (2001 to 2019) and as President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis (2012 to 2019). Elected on December 18, 2018 by the HUC-JIR Board of Governors after a national search, he began his tenure on April 1, 2019, and was inaugurated on October 27, 2019, at Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati. He succeeds Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., z"l, HUC-JIR's previous President (2014-2018).





# Marcy R. Harris

President's Message

## EMBRACING CHANGE

It's been a year since Covid, or the fear of the novel coronavirus, first entered our lives. What a year it's been!

A year of long days and nights spent at home, a year of limitations and loss. But also a year of love, of learning, of rediscovery. Of reconnections that transcend geography, of inner explorations that transcend time.

Above all, the year between last Pesach and this Pesach has been a year of adaptation, if not outright change. As a result, when we emerge from the pandemic, we're unlikely to return to our former lives, because we're no longer our former selves. We've all changed and been changed by the experiences of the past year.

Change based on experience is foundational in Judaism. In the earliest chapters of the Torah, Abram becomes Abraham, and Jacob becomes Israel, both as a result of transformative encounters with God. Ever after, stories of personal and communal change define the Jewish people. It is this ability to retain our core beliefs and rituals, while adapting to the environment and cultures around us, that enabled our very survival.

Perhaps our adaptability comes from our connection to Torah, an ancient but living document that we still read weekly to help us address life's challenges. As Reform Jews, we don't follow the words of the Torah literally but look to the Torah's ancient beliefs, rituals and traditions – and change them – to imbue our lives with meaning today. The possibilities and opportunities that result from these changes make Reform Judaism dynamic and exciting.

At Westchester Reform Temple, change is so central to our identity that we've embedded the idea of change into our middle name.

Here are just a few ways that WRT has changed this year:

- We've rediscovered the outdoors. Each week, children in our Early Childhood Center are spending more time engaged in outdoor play on our campus. On Shabbat, b'nei mitzvah celebrants lead worship in the CJL circle or under an outdoor, heated tent on the CJL patio, joined by clergy and a few friends and relatives. Focused on the essence of the b'nei mitzvah ritual rather than on the extras, families report that these small outdoor gatherings are deeply beautiful and meaningful.

- We're checking in more to stay connected. Temple volunteers have reached out to all of our members multiple times since the start of the pandemic, to maintain relationships, see who may need extra help, and express appreciation for the continued support of WRT during this challenging time. Members of the clergy team also are in regular contact with our members, providing life cycle officiation and pastoral care, engaging through worship, classes and other temple programs, and checking in to see how people are managing.

- We've accepted technology with our Judaism. Unheard of pre-Covid, we now take Zoom worship, Zoom learning, and even Zoom lifecycle events for granted. We don't necessarily love it, but technology provides us a safe way to practice our Judaism as a community. It also allows us to transcend geography so we can engage together no matter where we are.

- We've brought Judaism back into our homes. While the Passover seder long was observed as a home-based ritual, we've relied on the temple for our celebrations of most other holidays. That changed this year, with the temple closed to large communal gatherings. Instead, families took charge and brought their Judaism home. Online sales of shofars exploded, while sukkah kits and Hanukkah menorahs sold out on Amazon. With greater personal agency over Jewish practices, families created new Shabbat rituals and new holiday traditions. Many also discovered the seemingly unlimited access the internet provides to Jewish classes, Jewish music, Jewish films, Jewish museum tours, Jewish cooking, and pretty much Jewish anything.

We can't know whether the changes in us, in our lives, and in the life of our synagogue this year will continue after the Covid pandemic ends. But we can be certain that the continued opportunities for change we now face offer us endless possibilities for discovery and renewal.

Wishing you and your loved ones a *zeissen* Pesach, a holiday of sweetness, discovery and renewal.

**The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning**

Tuesday evenings from October to May

The Melton School of Jewish Learning sets the standard for high-quality, text-based, interactive Jewish study. Learners who completed 50 hours of study in Year I of the Melton curriculum are continuing their studies this year, focusing on Jewish Ethics and Jewish History.

**Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Professor Rachel Korazim, Ph.D.**

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11 at 2:00 pm

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 at 2:00 pm



Rachel Korazim, Ph.D.

Every week, renowned Israeli Educator and Professor of Israeli Literature Rachel Korazim teaches an online class featuring the works of classic and modern Hebrew poets. Class is taught in English, over Zoom, to an international audience. WRT is proud to join dozens of other congregations in participating in this special opportunity to learn from a master educator while connecting with members of Jewish congregations from around the world.

Rachel Korazim, Ph.D., is a renowned Israeli Educator with a passion for teaching Israeli literature. In the field of Holocaust Studies, Dr. Korazim is second to none; she served as the lead educator in the 2005 redesign of Yad VaShem and has captivated WRT congregants on trips to Israel and as WRT's Scholar-in-Residence in 2016.

**And She Said: Women's Commentaries on the Bible**

Led by Ariel Milan-Polisar, WRT Rabbinic Intern

Fridays, March 12 and May 7 at 11:00 am

This class will use *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, Nehama Leibowitz's interpretations, and Judith Plaskow's philosophy to understand important Biblical passages from the feminine and feminist perspectives. This class is for everyone—those new to Torah study and those more experienced with it.



Ariel Milan-Polisar

**Rosh Chodesh 5781**

Led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman

Tuesdays, March 16, April 13, May 11 and June 8 at 11:30 am

We will be reading and discussing *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl*, by Marra Gad. *The Color of Love* is a memoir about Gad's experience as a Jewish woman of color, and about how she navigated experiences of racism in her community and in her own family. This year will provide us an opportunity to discuss issues of diversity and race within the Jewish community through the lens of the experiences of women.



Cantor Amanda Kleinman

**Mishna: The Building Blocks of Jewish Life**

Led by Rabbi Jonathan Blake

Thursdays, beginning April 15 at 10:15 am (dates to be announced)

This program continues taking us into a detailed analysis of the most important and influential book of Rabbinic Literature, the *Mishna* ("Teaching"), which itself becomes the cornerstone of the Talmud. The *Mishna* was compiled in the early-mid 3rd Century (CE) and reflects generations of Rabbinic teaching. Watch the weekly eblast for upcoming dates.



Rabbi Jonathan Blake

**Advanced Hebrew Bible Class: A Study Of Tanach**

Led by Jane Roberts

Wednesdays, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Students must have knowledge of Torah, Hebrew roots and basic Hebrew vocabulary, and a familiarity with the Siddur. For more information about sign-up and fees, please contact Jane Roberts at janerteach@aol.com.



Jane Roberts

**Alef, Bet and Beyond**

Would you like to learn Hebrew? If you are interested in joining a weekday morning class for adults, please contact Nancy Abraham at nancy.abraham@wrtemple.org.

## Women of Reform Judaism

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) is the sisterhood of Westchester Reform Temple. As a member of the National WRJ, we are among hundreds of sisterhoods with tens of thousands of members around the globe. On a national and global level, WRJ is an integral part of the Reform Movement. WRJ national works closely with the Union of Reform Judaism and its affiliates to strengthen Reform Jewish life.

WRJ of WRT works daily, weekly, and monthly, year round, to strengthen the voices of women in our area in order to create a caring community, nurture our congregation, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

Membership in WRJ is step one in making community connections, so please join (or rejoin). Step two in making community connections is to join our committees, attend our events and programs, and volunteer to organize or create a project. We welcome your ideas. We have myriad ways for each of us to use our energies to connect to each other as we navigate in new ways to make our days enriched.

Our monthly news letter will update you on specific program and project dates. Our weekly email blasts will remind you when to log on for virtual events or meet in person when possible.

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### WRJ Passover Program - Changing Rituals for a Changing Time

Thursday, March 18 at 4:00 pm

WRJ cordially invites you to join Cantor Amanda Kleinman as she leads us in a virtual celebration of Passover, using this new dimension to retell the story of the Exodus from a women's perspective. Look forward to hearing the voices of the biblical women long silent in this story, and bringing meaningful ways to add the sweetness of Passover to our contemporary lives. Details to follow.

### Mussar- Spiritual Balances through Study and Meditation

Led by Sasha Baken, rabbinical student

Fridays, March 19 and April 9 at 12:00 pm

In this class, we will explore Mussar as a spiritual perspective as well as a discipline of transformative practices.

Mussar asks that we engage in thoughtful interaction with our soul traits (middot). These include qualities such as humility, generosity, trust and many others. We will examine lessons from Jewish scripture and apply techniques like journaling, chanting and meditating as methods to balance our middot. According to the practice of Mussar, all character traits (even anxiety!) are valuable to our lives, but we can manage the levels to which they affect our being. Together we have the ability to make use of our challenges so we can flourish in our lives. This class is for anyone seeking depth, looking to discover more about themselves, or interested in analyzing Jewish scripture with a new lens.

### WRJ Book Group

Friday, April 16 at 11:00 am

WRJ Book Group led by WRJ members Ann Lewis and Peggy Jackson (via ZOOM). Look for more information in the WRJ and weekly newsletters.

### WRJ Spring Luncheon and Installation

Thursday, June 3 at 12:00 pm

More information to come.

## Men's Club

The WRT Men's Club is a fellowship of men of WRT who aspire to Tikkun Hanefesh (self-development and self-fulfillment) and Tikkun Ha-olam (repair of the world).

The Men's Club helps build and enhance the overall sense of community at WRT and beyond by creating occasions for congregants to create long-lasting relationships through engagement and community service. The Men's Club fosters a love of Judaism amongst its membership.

Our active WRT Men's Club is a group of "doers," sponsoring a variety of programs throughout the year. Events include but are not limited to: working with the less fortunate, sponsoring blood drives, channukiah building with the JLL, delivering cartons of Passover food to needy area seniors, leading the annual Men's Club Retreat and Men's Club Seder, partnering with other WRT groups to plan events, creating festive onegs for special Shabbats or holidays, sponsoring speakers and movies, providing Plaut Commentaries to B'nei Mitzvah students, and sponsoring the WRT Basketball teams for more than 150 students. Come and "do" with us!

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Community



Cantor Amanda Kleinman



Sasha Baken



Rabbi David Levy

### Living with Divorce: Support Group

Tuesdays, March 16, April 20, May 11 and June 15 at 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 am - Pre-Passover Brunch

Families come in all shapes and sizes. WRT is committed to embracing and supporting people as they live through divorce and single parenting, and find their new family rituals in the face of that change. Rabbi Levy serves as the clergy partner in this endeavor, alongside Jane Slevin, LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist) from Westchester Jewish Community Service. Together, they lead our monthly support group. Wherever you are in the journey of divorce or single parenting, we welcome and are at the ready to provide you with support and community. Please RSVP to Suzanne.saperstein@wrtemple.org if you're able to join us.



Jane Slevin

### Bereavement Group

Wednesdays, March 17, April 14, May 12 and June 16 at 6:00 pm

A monthly support and discussion group led by Jane Slevin, LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist), and Cantor Laura Stein, LMSW. Jane is our skilled and caring partner from Westchester Jewish Community Services, and Cantor Laura Stein is a social worker who specializes in spiritual care. Find comfort in community and caring discussion, and process feelings of loss in a sacred Jewish context. Please RSVP to Suzanne.Saperstein@wrtemple.org.



Cantor Laura Stein

### Caring Community

The Caring Community provides support and friendship during times of crisis and life transitions, and lifts up the joyful moments of our congregation's simchas. For more information, please contact us at [caringcommunity@wrtemple.org](mailto:caringcommunity@wrtemple.org). Donations to the Caring Community Fund Dedicated to Ann R. Miller help support this effort.



#### Attention Seniors: Are you having difficulty navigating the system to reserve a covid vaccine?

WRT's Caring Community can provide help with registration. If you need assistance, contact Caring Community volunteer Rachel Hyman, [rachelhyman@optonline.net](mailto:rachelhyman@optonline.net), 917-734-1168.

### Cooking4HOPE

*Recipe is a noun by definition: a written direction for a therapeutic agent, a set of instructions for making something from various ingredients, a formula or procedure for doing something.*

Our community has this recipe; it is a mission, one of our pillars. It holds up, it gives strength. We call it by name, *Tikkun Olam*.

The therapeutic properties are unseen, the instructions are verbal and written, the ingredients come from a known source, the formula is unique.

- The formula is kept by Debbie Radov, Kristen Friedman, Susan Kessler Ross and Yoel Magid.
- The ingredients come from individual, partnered, and family packers and bakers including ECC families, JLL families, Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, staff, clergy, and local businesses, ages 2 to 96 years young.
- The therapeutic properties come from the heart with essences of touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste.

The yield has reached 800 lunch & snack bags a week, 110 hot meals a month and 300 pounds of clothing & diapers this winter season.

Our neighbors at HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle, Mount Vernon Department of Social Services, The Westchester School for Children with Special Needs in Yonkers, and the Community Center of Northern Westchester in Katonah have expressed sincere gratitude.

If you would like to share this recipe of hope, kindly reach out to [yoel.magid@gmail.com](mailto:yoel.magid@gmail.com). Please remember our fund, the Hungry and Homeless Fund, as it allows us to say "yes, we are here."

A corner of a field, a *pe'ah*, is something that has no measure. The abundance of love to those who can use our care has no boundary. The corners of our field, our *pe'ah*, have been gathered, it is our embrace, our hug.



### FreeBirds

If you're at a stage of life where you are feeling "free as a bird," with more time to engage with peers and explore your interests, come join us! Details for all programming will be forwarded in FreeBirds eblasts. Let us know if your youngest child is a high school junior and you would like to join the FreeBirds. Email your request to [office@wrtemple.org](mailto:office@wrtemple.org).

### Shabbat with Temple Israel, Memphis

Friday, March 5 at 7:00 pm

Join Rabbi Levy and Temple Israel in Memphis, Tennessee for Shabbat services via zoom, followed by a talk with Rabbi Micah and Rabbi Levy.

### Tel Aviv Graffiti Tour

Thursday, March 11 at 11:00 am

Join an art expert and Cantor Rodnizki for a tour of graffiti art in Tel Aviv. \$36 per Zoom box.

### Hebrew Manuscripts

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm

Join Cantor Kleinman and Elizabeth Eisenberg for an inside view of ancient Hebrew Manuscripts. \$36 per Zoom box.

### Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration

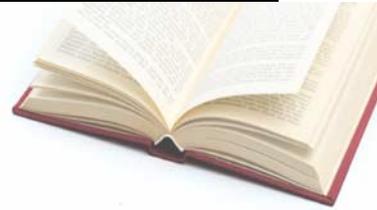
Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

Join Rabbi Blake for a Yom HaAtzma'ut happy hour. Hummus, halvah, and Israeli-inspired cocktails. \$72 per Zoom box, includes food and drinks.

### Evening Book Group

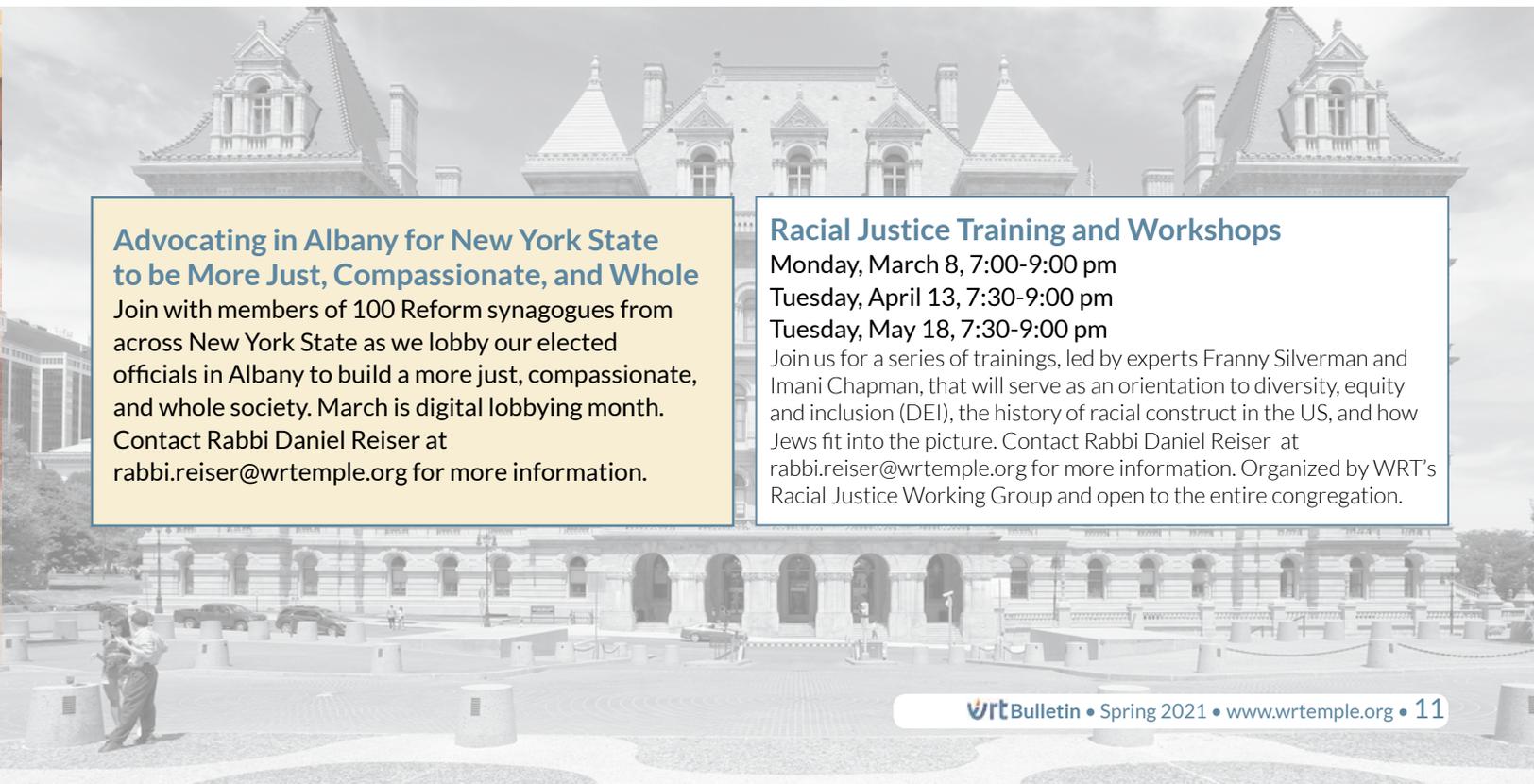
Tuesdays, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 22 at 7:30 pm

Interested in joining the evening book group? Once a month (usually Tuesdays) the group meets for review and discussion on the month's selected title. We are scheduled to meet online via Zoom for the winter meetings. For more information and login details, please contact Lenore Rosenbaum at [papoo beads@optonline.net](mailto:papoo beads@optonline.net).



### Family Mitzvah Corps

The Family Mitzvah Corps is a community of WRT families with children in grades K-6 engaging in hands-on social action work together. Providing the opportunity for young people and their families to interact with the broader world, past efforts have included working with residents of homeless shelters and nursing homes, educational programs for low-income children, and more. Programs are held monthly from September to June. To learn more about these programs, please email Allison Friedland ([allisonefriedland@gmail.com](mailto:allisonefriedland@gmail.com)), or sign-up at: [bit.ly/WRT\\_FMC](https://bit.ly/WRT_FMC) (case sensitive)



### Advocating in Albany for New York State to be More Just, Compassionate, and Whole

Join with members of 100 Reform synagogues from across New York State as we lobby our elected officials in Albany to build a more just, compassionate, and whole society. March is digital lobbying month. Contact Rabbi Daniel Reiser at [rabbi.reiser@wrtemple.org](mailto:rabbi.reiser@wrtemple.org) for more information.

### Racial Justice Training and Workshops

Monday, March 8, 7:00-9:00 pm

Tuesday, April 13, 7:30-9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 18, 7:30-9:00 pm

Join us for a series of trainings, led by experts Franny Silverman and Imani Chapman, that will serve as an orientation to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), the history of racial construct in the US, and how Jews fit into the picture. Contact Rabbi Daniel Reiser at [rabbi.reiser@wrtemple.org](mailto:rabbi.reiser@wrtemple.org) for more information. Organized by WRT's Racial Justice Working Group and open to the entire congregation.

# Early Childhood Center (ECC)



Susan Tolchin  
Director of ECC

Every school year at the ECC, we set goals to ensure that our preschool children are becoming increasingly independent and growing socially, emotionally and academically. This past year, with the challenges we have faced, our teachers have been especially creative and loving. Thankfully we see the results with the children in their classes. Below are some suggestions of how to foster these goals with children.

ECC teachers work hard to promote independence in the children in their care. While 3- and 4-year-olds still need plenty of parental help, preschoolers are typically able to do more than many of us think. Here are some suggestions on how you can encourage your child to be more independent at home. At school we encourage the children to throw away their own snack plates, hang up their jackets and clean up their toys -- and they do it quite well. While it may be quicker and easier to do things for your child, it won't help to make your child more self-sufficient. Appeal to their sense of pride. Whenever we endeavor to get children to dress themselves, put jackets on, sit on chairs, we ask them: "Do you want me to help you or can you do it yourself?" Those words are like magic! Most of the time children want to do it for themselves. If not, try playing a game: "Who can get dressed faster, you or me?"

If your child makes his/her bed, resist the urge to smooth the blankets. If she/he dresses in stripes and polka dots, compliment their style. Unless absolutely necessary, don't fix what your child accomplishes on his/her own. Let your children solve simple problems. If you see your child trying to assemble a toy or get a book from a shelf that she/he can reach, pause before racing over to help.

Those moments when you don't rush in give children the opportunity to solve things for themselves. These are the character-building moments. It's natural to want to make everything perfect, but if we do, we cheat children of the chance to experience success. Putting your preschooler in charge of a regular, simple task will build their confidence and sense of competency. Children who are entrusted to water the plants or empty the clothes dryer are likely to believe they can dress themselves or pour their own cereal. Just be sure the chore you assign is manageable and that it's real work, not busywork, since even preschoolers know the difference. The goal is to make your child feel like a capable, contributing member of the family. It can do wonders on building their self-esteem!

Another goal we focus on at WRT is to continue to keep this sacred community alive even after the children have moved on from our ECC. Judaism is a process, not an event. It is a way of life and an understanding of the world and our place in it. During their preschool years, we introduce children to holidays and traditions through songs and celebrations. Moving on to the JLL (Jewish Learning Lab) continues to foster that love of learning. Continued interaction with clergy and higher level programming enables families to keep the continuity of engagement and Jewish education, which is what they loved having in the preschool.

In closing, we would be remiss not to mention how proud we are of our ECC teachers and how they have handled this unusual year. Despite the uncertainty, they have loved and cared for the children. The teachers have given these little ones the gift of routine, predictability and a love of learning. Our commitment to our families remains the same: we will always find ways to engage them, even when we are faced with unprecedented challenges.

With gratitude and appreciation for continued efforts and support to Rebecca Roseman, Assistant ECC Director, Ellen Rosenberg, ECC Administrative Assistant and to the outstanding ECC staff.  
Sue

*Due to the existing COVID situation, we are aware that some of the events below will be done virtually this year. With guidance from our healthcare and licensing consultants, we will carefully determine what is the safest and most cautious way to proceed now through the end of the year. The following programs are offered only as guidelines allow.*

**Family Apple-Picking at Wilkens Fruit Farm**  
Sharing Shabbat and Early Childhood Center families joined for Shabbat songs and storytelling followed by a snack and apple picking. The program is led by Cantor Mia Fram Davidson.

### Israel Virtual Trip

Families are invited to partake in a virtual trip to Israel with their children. Food, arts and crafts, and a "plane ride" are a great way to visit Israel. (ECC families and their children)

### Mom's Night Out / Dad's Night Out

Two social evening gatherings off-site for ECC moms and dads. Organized by parents.

### ECC Cocktail Party

An evening event held at WRT for parents. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This social gathering offers new families the opportunity to come and meet existing ECC families in a fun and festive setting.

### New Family Welcome

Families that are new to our school are invited to meet one another over pizza and dessert. A tour of the ECC is given and children get a first glimpse of their new school.

### Truck Day

All children in the ECC have an opportunity to view and explore trucks during a morning. A few examples of the vehicles involved are: fire engine, police car, garbage trucks, backhoes, ambulance, mail truck and the ever popular ice cream truck! (ECC children only)

### Earth Day

Held each spring, our teachers speak about the importance of recycling. Each class discusses ways in which we can all help to preserve our natural resources. This is an on-going theme at WRT where we continually take time to consider solutions to repair and sustain our world.

In June, all classes plan low-key gatherings during which children will have an opportunity to share memories and reflect on the fun times they have experienced as a class.

Our 4/5 year-olds participate in a **Shalom Service** with an emphasis on the accomplishments and Jewish values they have acquired during the year. This Shabbat service is usually an event with families attending and being part of the celebration. This year we will be creative and find ways to acknowledge the children and include their loved ones in a safe way and in accordance with NYS guidelines.

### ECC Mini session:

The ECC offers an optional end of the year mini-session for children currently enrolled in the ECC. This program bridges the gap between the end of school and the beginning of camp.

### ECC Summer Play Place June 28 - August 13:

Come Run, Play and Explore. We offer a 7 week program for Toddlers (entering our 2s in September) as well as a program for 3 and 4 year-olds. Lots of outside activities including: Science, Sports, Nature, Arts and Crafts and Water Play. **For more information on our program, contact Ellen.Rosenberg@wrtemple.org or call the ECC 914 723-5493.**



# Jewish Learning Lab (JLL)



Rabbi David Levy  
Associate Rabbi &  
Jewish Learning Lab Director

## Welcome to Westchester Reform Temple's Jewish Learning Lab: Kindling a Lifelong Love of Jewish Learning & Living

The Jewish Learning Lab is WRT's vision for Jewish education. Through the Jewish Learning Lab, WRT aspires:

- To support the development of a strong Jewish identity, strengthened with the Hebrew language, rooted in the Jewish tradition, nurtured by the study of Judaism, and guided by Jewish values.
- To create enduring and joyful Jewish memories, bringing Torah to life and inspiring Jewish dreams.
- To celebrate both the richness of our traditions and the limitless possibilities of innovation, preparing us to engage with the unique blessings and challenges of being Jewish in the 21st century.
- To foster the development of an inclusive and caring community, reflecting the diversity of Jewish life today.
- To empower our community to help repair the world.

The Jewish Learning Lab advances Westchester Reform Temple's mission: "to ensure the perpetuation of the Jewish people and to cultivate a love of our Jewish heritage: God, Torah and Israel."

### WRT's First Ever Drive-Thru Purim-Palooza!

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am - ONLINE Family Purim Service,  
Spiel & Megillah Reading

10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Community Purim  
Drive-Thru Carnival  
in the WRT Parking Lot

Join us as we celebrate our First Drive-Thru Purim-Palooza (Purim begins the evening of February 25)! Our entire WRT community and friends are invited to experience Purim through music, stories and celebrations!

The adventure begins online with a short Service and Spiel, followed by our Purim Carnival in the WRT parking lot! No need to park and exit your vehicle! All activities will take place through your open car windows.

The JLL team is looking forward to merry-making with you and your family!

This experience is a part of our Connections Programming Initiative, in partnership with our 7th Graders and WRTEens!

*Note: There are no JLL Classes; Come to PURIM-Palooza!*

### Yom HaShoah and "Children of the Shoah Pairing Program"

Friday, April 9 (via Zoom)

5:30 pm - Pairing ritual for 6th graders

6:15pm - Service of Responsibility  
& Survivor Story

Yom HaShoah v'Ha-G'vurah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed this year during Shabbat evening services.

WRT's annual remembrance of the Shoah (Holocaust) includes a unique program for our Sixth Graders and their families as well as a talk from a Holocaust survivor.

Prior to services, at the 6th Grade Family "Children of the Shoah Pairing Program," 6th-graders will be asked to accept an important responsibility: to be paired with the memory of a child who perished in the Shoah. During this time in the evening's program, each student will receive a pairing, with information about the children who were not able to reach their own B'nei Mitzvah.

At services, following the program, WRT will invite a local Holocaust survivor to share their story and memories and to answer your questions. We look forward to your 6th graders participating in this meaningful occasion. More information can be found on page 5.

### 3rd and 4th Grade Learning Celebration

Sunday, May 16

9:30 - 10:30am

All 3rd and 4th Graders (Alef, Bet, and Sharing Shabbat) and their families are invited to join us on Zoom for our Learning Celebration!

Conclude our year together with our annual end-of-year program to lift up the achievements of our 3rd and 4th Graders and their year long exploration of the story of the Exodus.

Students will share projects that reflect on the themes of the Israelite journey to freedom and Shavuot. Our celebration will include an awards ceremony and musical performance!

Thank you for a wonderful year together!

## MARCH 14th

Parent Session (5th Grade)

27th - 31st

NO CLASSES - Passover Break

## APRIL 1st - 5th

NO CLASSES - Passover Break

9th

Service of Responsibility (6th Grade)

14th

Parent Session (6th/7th Grade)

## MAY

15th - 16th

Learning Celebration  
(3rd/4th Grades)



For more information, contact: **David E. Levy**, Associate Rabbi and JLL Director at [Rabbi.Levy@wrtemple.org](mailto:Rabbi.Levy@wrtemple.org) or **Felicia Block**, JLL Assistant Director at [Felicia.Block@wrtemple.org](mailto:Felicia.Block@wrtemple.org)

# WRT Calendar

## MARCH

**Tuesday, March 2**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Thursday, March 4**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, March 5**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service  
7:00 pm Shabbat Service with Temple Israel, Memphis

**Saturday, March 6**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat

**Monday, March 8**  
7:00 pm Racial Justice Training and Workshop

**Tuesday, March 9**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Thursday, March 11**  
11:00 am FreeBirds Tel Aviv Graffiti Tour  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, March 12**  
11:00 am Women's Commentaries on the Bible  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, March 13**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Hirsch  
2:30 pm Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Choset

**Tuesday, March 16**  
11:30 am Rosh Chodesh 5781  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
7:00 pm Living with Divorce  
7:30 pm Evening Book Group

**Wednesday, March 17**  
6:00 pm Bereavement Support Group

**Thursday, March 18**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
4:00 pm WRJ Passover Program

**Friday, March 19**  
12:00 pm Mussar- Spiritual Balances  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, March 20**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rakower  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Carlie Kauffman

**Sunday, March 21**  
11:00 am Living with Divorce Pre-Passover Brunch

**Tuesday, March 23**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Wednesday, March 24**  
7:30 pm FreeBirds Hebrew Manuscripts

**Thursday, March 25**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, March 26**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, March 27 - Erev Passover**  
9:00 am Torah Study

**Sunday, March 28 - Passover**  
10:00 am Passover Festival Service

## APRIL

**Thursday, April 1**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, April 2**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, April 3**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Passover Yizkor Service

**Tuesday, April 6**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Thursday, April 8 - Yom HaShoah**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, April 9**  
12:00 pm Mussar- Spiritual Balances  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service- Service of Responsibility

**Saturday, April 10**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Horn  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Frank

**Tuesday, April 13**  
11:30 am Rosh Chodesh 5781  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
7:30 pm Racial Justice Training and Workshop

**Wednesday, April 14**  
6:00 pm Bereavement Support Group

**Thursday, April 15 - Yom HaZikaron**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
6:30 pm FreeBirds Yom HaAtzma'ut Event

**Friday, April 16 - Yom HaAtzma'ut**  
11:00 am WRJ Book Group  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, April 17**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Lily Pillette  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Talia Hodes

**Tuesday, April 20**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
7:00 pm Living with Divorce  
7:30 pm Evening Book Group

**Thursday, April 22**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, April 23**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service - Chai Society Shabbat

**Saturday, April 24**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Julie Scheffler  
5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Kirschner

**Tuesday, April 27**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Thursday, April 29**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, April 30 - Lag BaOmer**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

## MAY

**Saturday, May 1**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Sasha Batzofin  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Skylar Katz

**Tuesday, May 4**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Thursday, May 6**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, May 7**  
11:00 am Women's Commentaries on the Bible  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service - Farewell to Ariel Milan-Polisar

**Saturday, May 8**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Julia Barro  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Lily Gordon

**Tuesday, May 11**  
11:30 am Rosh Chodesh 5781  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim  
7:00 pm Living with Divorce

**Wednesday, May 12**  
6:00 pm Bereavement Support Group

**Thursday, May 13**  
2:00 pm Great Israeli Hebrew Poets with Prof. Korazim

**Friday, May 14**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service- Consecration of Confirmands

**Saturday, May 15**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
9:00 am Sharing Shabbat  
10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Ben Cheikin  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Stevie Rosenberg

**Sunday, May 16 -**  
TBA Morgan and Marjorie Miller Scholar-in-Residence Program and Tribute to Marcy Harris

**Monday, May 17 - Shavuot**  
10:00 am Shavuot Yizkor Service

**Tuesday, May 18**  
7:30 pm Evening Book Group  
7:30 pm Racial Justice Training and Workshop

**Friday, May 21**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service- Brotherhood Award

**Saturday, May 22**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Julia Kristol  
1:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Sabrina Anders

**Friday, May 28**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, May 29**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Noa Cukier

**Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day**

## JUNE

**Thursday, June 3**  
12:00 pm WRJ Spring Luncheon and Installation

**Friday, June 4**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service- Pride Shabbat

**Saturday, June 5**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Camryn Culang  
5:00 pm Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Nussbaum

**Tuesday, June 8**  
11:30 am Rosh Chodesh 5781

**Thursday, June 10**  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Matalon-Shalmi

**Friday, June 11**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service - Senior Graduation Shabbat, Kreisberg Prize and Bauman Prize

**Saturday, June 12**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Jonathan Brown  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Grace Liebman

**Tuesday, June 15**  
7:00 pm Living with Divorce

**Wednesday, June 16**  
6:00 pm Bereavement Support Group

**Thursday, June 17**  
3:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Shapiro

**Friday, June 18**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service with Greater Centennial

**Saturday, June 19**  
9:00 am Torah Study  
5:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Seka Slivjanovski

**Tuesday, June 22**  
7:30 pm Evening Book Group

**Friday, June 25**  
6:15 pm Shabbat Service

**Saturday, June 26**  
9:00 am Torah Study

## Westchester Reform Temple Special Funds

What better way to celebrate, honor, and remember loved ones...than through a generous, tax deductible donation.  
Thank you for making a culture of giving to WRT an integral part of your Jewish life.

### HELP SUPPORT ALL THE PILLARS OF OUR COMMUNITY

**Inspired Giving** • Formerly known as “Benefactors,” this enhanced level of Membership support helps WRT provide financial assistance to our families in need for Membership and Tuition fees, and helps WRT cover unexpected budget gaps during the course of the year.

**Annual Appeal / General Fund** • supports all events and activities

**Security Fund** • provides for enhancements to our campus security

**The Rabbi Richard J. Jacobs and Susan K. Freedman Fund for Innovation in Jewish Life** • supports initiatives to live the lessons and traditions of Judaism, to learn and think deeply, to repair our world, to stand steadfastly with Israel, and to care for one another and the world around us.

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**Cantors’ Discretionary Fund** • supports our music programs and worthy organizations

**Cantor Stephen H. Merkel Fund** • supports Jewish Music and Yiddish Culture at WRT

**Frances G. Horowitz High Holiday Flower Fund** • helps defray the cost of sanctuary flowers

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**Artist-in-Residence Fund** • supports visiting artists bringing music and the arts to our community

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**Bauman Scholar Fund** • encourages, recognizes and celebrates the Jewish learning and identity formation of WRT’s most academically inclined students, as exhibited by the fearless learning of Sam Bauman of blessed memory

**WRT’s Education Fund** • supports educational and social action initiatives, lectures and scholarships

**Early Childhood Fund** • helps buy new equipment for our preschool

**Morgan & Marjorie Miller Scholar-in-Residence** • supports the annual Scholar-in-Residence program

**Norman L. Blumstein Memorial Fund** • helps children attend Jewish camps and programs

**Jewish Learning Lab Family Fund** • provides hospital gifts & shiva meals to families and staff in our learning community, and also supports scholarships for families in need.

**Jewish Learning Lab/Sharing Shabbat Special Projects Fund** • provides funds to enhance our Jewish Learning Lab programs

**Teacher (Madrachim) Education & Training Fund** • supports continuing education for our Jewish Learning Lab teachers

**Vivienne Sulds Memorial Fund** • supports special lectures and adult education programs

**WRJ Jewish Learning Lab Scholarship Fund** • Jewish Learning Lab tuition support

### TIKKUN OLAM – REPAIRING THE WORLD

**Hungry and Homeless Fund** • assists hungry and homeless in Westchester County

**Jewish Poor Fund** • provides financial assistance to the Jewish Poor

**Maimonides Fund** • in memory of Frederick P. Rose; provides anonymous support to the needy

**Global Refugee Initiative Fund** • supports the resettlement of refugees in Westchester and the region

### CHAVURAH – COMMUNITY

**Caring Community Fund Dedicated to Ann R. Miller** • support for the ill or bereaved

**Men’s Club Youth Fund** • supports various activities for Jewish youth

**Women of Reform Judaism Mitzvah Fund** • supports individuals and worthy projects

### CLAL ISRAEL – THE JEWISH PEOPLE

**Sister Synagogues Fund** • Kehilat Mevasseret Zion, Israel / Kehillat Yozma, Modi’in, Israel

**Alfred and Doris Ronald Israel Scholarship Fund** • for WRT teen travel on Israel Programs

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