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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.

WJCS [Westchester Jewish Community Services]: Through the *Partners in Caring Program*, WRT is able to offer the support of an onsite Social Worker from WJCS, as well as offer social services to congregants in need.

UJA-Federation of NY: We are grateful for a special grant to enable and empower WRT to be the most inclusive congregation we can be. UJA-Federation also facilitates our partnership with the Jewish Deaf Resource Center, to provide ASL interpretation on demand at services and WRT programs.

URJ [Union for Reform Judaism]: Our Reform Movement's synagogue arm; WRT is a proud member of the URJ and celebrates the leadership of URJ President, WRT Rabbi Emeritus Rick Jacobs.

HUC-JIR [Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion]: WRT supports the HUC-JIR, the official training ground for Reform Jewish professionals.



Rabbi Blake's Message

Dear Friends,

By the time this Spring issue of the WRTimes reaches you, I will have just returned from a weeklong trip to Israel, my first in four years: as long an interval between visits as I've experienced since coming to WRT 20 years ago.

The annual Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the Rabbinical arm of the Reform Movement, occasioned this particular visit. I am honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of the CCAR for a two-year term, and to have led the Shabbat morning Convention service with my colleague and friend, Rabbi Allison Berry of Temple Shalom in Newton, MA.

I wish I could tell you everything I saw, experienced, and felt on this most recent trip, timed to celebrate Israel's forthcoming celebration of 75 years of independent Statehood on Yom Ha-Atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day (observed April 25-26; please save the date of Friday, April 28th, for a celebratory Shabbat at WRT).

I wish I could tell you what I ordered at the new restaurants I got to try for the first time in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, in a country whose culinary scene has exploded to become the rival of any cosmopolitan destination in Europe. I wish I could tell you about the

conversations with the distinguished political and religious officials that our delegation felt privileged to meet, the hard questions asked and the complex responses offered. I wish I could give you all the details, or even describe adequately the excitement of returning to this magnificent, fascinating, and paradoxical country, simultaneously as ancient as an archaeological relic from Biblical times, and as hypermodern as Silicon Valley.

I wish I could tell you all about our orientation event: hiking, followed by wine tasting, in the Jerusalem hills, followed by an afternoon of study at the venerated Pardes Institute, where scholars and laypeople from all over the Jewish world converge to learn from our sacred texts. (Why they scheduled a wine tasting right before a Talmud seminar is beyond me.)

I wish I could describe the thrill of cheering on my colleagues who ran in the Tel Aviv Marathon alongside their Israeli counterparts on February 24th.

I wish I could tell you what was spoken in the halls of the Knesset, where we met with members of Israel's newly formed governing coalition and leaders of its opposition, including my colleague and friend Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the first Reform rabbi elected to Israel's parliament.

I know that this democratically elected government under Netanyahu faces many steep challenges to provide economic prosperity and stability for all of Israel's citizens, and, above all, to provide a safe and vital future for the Israeli people in the face of innumerable threats, especially from those foreign nations, peoples, and groups hostile to Israel's interests (and even its existence) both on its borders and far away.

Precisely because Israel is a robust democracy, I also rest assured that Israelis, especially their elected leaders of the opposition in the Knesset, will never hesitate to raise their voices in advocating for a society that honors not only Israel's Jewish people and Jewish character, but also Israel's non-Jewish citizens (20% of the population of Israel, 1 in every 5 citizens, is not Jewish) who seek equal opportunity and protection under the law.

I look to Israel's leaders, activists, and citizens, as well as to us Reform and Conservative Jews in Diaspora, to advance the cause of non-Orthodox Judaism in the world's only Jewish state, mindful that there are so many ways to be Jewish in the 21st century, and that Judaism is so immeasurably enriched, not diminished, by Jewish diversity.

I trust that Israel's strong LGBTQ community and its allies both in Israel and abroad will also do all within their power to sustain and strengthen essential rights and legal protections. And I will always stand side-by-side with Israelis who refuse to give up hope in a better, more peaceful, more prosperous future for Israelis and Palestinians as distinct peoples with independent, national aspirations. I will lend my support to all in the region and across the world who earnestly "seek peace, and pursue it," as the Psalmist taught.

And I wish I could tell you how it felt to lift my voice in song from the bimah of Beit Daniel, the largest Reform congregation in Israel, on Shabbat morning, and have hundreds of rabbis singing along.

I long to tell you all of this, and I will, in the days and weeks to come. But now, as I

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write these words, it is only the first week of January, and my trip is still six weeks away.

I know one thing for sure: I am going to return from this trip more eager, more determined, and more joyfully ready than ever, to take us back to Israel before this year is out.

We have opened registration for a congregational trip to Israel to take place over winter break, December 2023, entitled: "Israel at 75. WRT at 70. The Trip of a Lifetime." All ages and stages of life are welcome--and we have custom itineraries both for families with children and first-timers, and for those who are returning to Israel--whether it's your 2nd visit or your 75th. Please don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to celebrate the convergence of milestone birthdays for Israel and for WRT.

Cantor Kleinman and I can't wait to take this adventure with you.

Look for more information to be announced in upcoming eblasts.

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.

Participate alongside fellow congregants in-person, or join us on any of our live-streaming platforms:

WRT Livestream - www.wrtemple.org/live-stream/

WRT Facebook - www.facebook.com/WestchesterReformTemple/

WRT YouTube - www.youtube.com/user/WRTempleNY

Please check the calendar, our weekly email updates and website for any changes due to special programming or holiday weekends.

Tot Shabbat

Fridays, March 17, April 14, and May 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Experience the joy of Shabbat with children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. Designed for families with children of preschool age and younger, Tot Shabbat starts with songs and stories led by our clergy, followed by a family-friendly dinner. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this service (no drop-offs).

Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Each Shabbat morning we gather informally to read and discuss the week's Torah portion. The morning begins with a brief Shabbat service at which mourners who wish to say Kaddish are warmly welcomed. The group is led by volunteers, with clergy participation. No prior experience with Torah is necessary.

Sharing Shabbat

Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, during the JLL year*

Our engaging, musical Shabbat 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 organized by cohort – a special JLL curricular experience for the children, and time for the adults to concurrently study, share stories, and ask questions together with a member of the clergy team. All are welcome! (September - May)*



Services and Events

Shabbat Service: Naming of Leo Judah Sonett-Assor, son of Cantorial Intern Isaac Sonett-Assor and Caroline Sonett-Assor **Friday, March 3 at 6:15 pm**

Join us for a joyful Kabbalat Shabbat service where we will publicly bless and bestow a Hebrew name on Leo Judah Sonett-Assor, son of Isaac Sonett-Assor and Caroline Sonett-Assor, who was born on November 27, 2022. This happy milestone will be accompanied by a festive Oneg Shabbat. Please also tune in for our Great Latke-Hamentasch Debate, where Rabbi Baken and Rabbi Blake will face off in a time-honored tradition to mark the arrival of Purim.



The Great *Latke-Hamentasch* Debate **Friday, March 3 at 6:15 pm**

Which food will reign supreme? Following a tradition that originated in 1946 at the University of Chicago, Rabbis Baken and Blake will summon all their rhetorical powers in arguing for the greatest food known to the Jewish People and humankind.



WRT's (Purim) Masked Singer **Monday, March 6th** **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, including dinner and entertainment**

WRT's Masked Singer is the Purim Event of the Year that you will not want to miss! Join your fellow congregants as we gather for a night of fun, entertainment and treats to celebrate Purim. Stay tuned for all the details.

Who will win WRT's (Purim) Masked Singer? We can't wait to find out!

Services and Events

Marjorie and Morgan z"l Miller Scholar-in-Residence Weekend and Installation of Rabbi Sasha Baken, featuring Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, Ph.D. March 10 - 11, 2023

Join us for a special Shabbat of celebration, inspiration, and learning. Returning for an encore weekend after his acclaimed visit to WRT as Scholar in Residence in 2017, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, Ph.D., will raise our spirits, our intellects, and our curiosity with his brilliant teaching and oratory.

Dr. Hoffman, is The Barbara and Stephen Friedman Professor Emeritus of Liturgy, Worship and Ritual at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, where he began teaching in 1973. Under his tutelage, generations of rabbis have been inspired by his brilliance, humor, and personal humility. Rabbi Larry Hoffman is a prolific author, having written over forty books, many achieving international recognition, as well as countless popular and scholarly articles, and his blog, entitled "Life and a Little Liturgy." In addition, he has shaped the current conversation about Judaism in the 21st century through groundbreaking projects including "Synagogue 2000," "Synagogue 3000," and "NextDor," in which WRT participated as a pilot congregation.

He is Academic Coordinator of the Tisch Fellowship Program, which recognizes and contributes to the spiritual and intellectual development of some of the most promising rabbis of the current generation, including our own Rabbi Sasha Baken, who joined WRT as Assistant Rabbi in July 2022 and whose Installation we will celebrate at Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Please join us for an unforgettable Shabbat that will lift your spirits, challenge your assumptions, and invite your curiosity.



Friday, March 10th

6:15 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Installation of Rabbi Sasha Baken

Installation remarks by Rabbi Larry Hoffman and Rabbi Baken, followed by a festive Oneg.



Saturday, March 11th

**9:00 am: Congregation-wide Shabbat morning service
featuring Rabbi Larry Hoffman**

10:30 am: Community Kiddush Bagel Brunch

11:00 am: Congregation-wide Learning with Rabbi Larry Hoffman

Services and Events

Men of Reform Judaism present “Not Your Zayde’s Seder!”

Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 pm

The Men of Reform Judaism of WRT proudly present a fun, family-friendly Seder that will introduce us to Passover traditions, foods, and music from Jewish communities around the world. Drawing on the personal and family experiences of our own WRT congregants of diverse Jewish backgrounds, Rabbi Blake and Cantorial Intern Isaac Sonett-Assor will look forward to sharing these special traditions with you! This program is dedicated in memory of WRT congregant Alan Broadwin z”l. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/3XJAjVT>

WRJ Annual Women’s Seder: “Truly, our cup runneth over”

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 pm

Led by Westchester Reform Temple’s “Fabulous Four” Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Danielle Rodnizki, Rabbi Leah Citrin and Rabbi Sasha Baken.

After the parting of the Red Sea, the Israelite women sang and danced their way across to freedom. Join us for a Passover celebration, gathering as the daughters of Israel did, to pray, sing, dance, and eat. We will commemorate, and continue the journey! RSVP at <http://bit.ly/3wemrqE>

Passover Festival Morning Service

Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am

Passover Yizkor Service

Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 am

Service of Responsibility

Friday, April 21, at 6:15 pm

This cherished and solemn annual tradition of WRT is observed on a Shabbat evening close to the observance of *Yom Ha-Zikaron La-Shoah v’La-G’vurah*, or *Yom Ha-Shoah* for short: Holocaust Remembrance Day on the Jewish calendar. At WRT, we kindle candles of memorial for the 6 million Jews who perished alongside millions of other innocent victims of the Nazi genocide. Our Sixth Grade students and families are asked to participate in this evening of remembrance and commitment, as they take upon themselves the responsibility to remember a child who perished in the Shoah, and we as a community vow to remember and to work to confront and combat genocide, antisemitism, and hate in our time. This service will feature a Survivor of the Shoah as our featured speaker, with details to be provided in the coming weeks.



Services and Events

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Rabbi-in-Residence

April 26 - 29

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin is one of American Judaism's most prolific and most-quoted rabbis and thought leaders. His colleagues have called him "an activist for Jewish ideas," "courageous," "always relevant," and "a rabbi's rabbi."

Ever since his first book, "Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim The Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah" (Jewish Lights Publishing), Rabbi Salkin has been known for his writing, teaching and activism. His books are on such subjects as ritual, masculinity, Zionism, inter-religious affairs, and how Jews can change the world. He has written or edited three Torah commentaries – two of which are for teens. Several of his books have won national awards.

Rabbi Salkin's award-winning blog, "Martini Judaism: for those who want to be shaken and stirred," is published by the Religion News Service. His essays have appeared in the Washington Post, Commentary, The Huffington Post, Tablet, Mosaic, Forward and JTA. He has discussed the American political scene on CNN and the BBC. He has contributed articles to scholarly journals.

Rabbi Salkin is an intrepid Zionist and lover of Israel. He has served on the boards of Zionist organizations, has led congregational missions to Israel, interprets Israel from the pulpit and in print, and studies every summer at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, a leading center of Jewish thought and education.



Dialogue and Discussion

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Rabbi Salkin will join Rabbi Blake for a public conversation about the challenges and opportunities facing Jewish communities in America.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Friday, April 28 at 6:15 pm

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services, where Rabbi Salkin will engage us from the *bimah* followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat celebrating *Yom Ha-Atzma'ut*, Israel's 75th Independence Day.

Torah Study

Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 am

Join Rabbi Salkin for Torah Study and conversation.

Services and Events

Confirmation Service and Shavuot

Friday, May 26 at 10:00 am

Over the past year, our 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 — and they take on a new mantle of Jewish leadership.

Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

Friday, May 12 at 6:15 pm

Join us for a celebratory Kabbalat Shabbat service honoring WRT's many volunteer leaders. The annual Brotherhood Award will be presented by the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ), alongside the Tracy Kreisberg Award presented to a distinguished member of the Confirmation (10th Grade) Class in memory of Tracy Kreisberg z"l, and the Bauman Scholars Award, presented to a high school student of exemplary commitment to Jewish learning, in memory of Samuel Bauman z"l.



Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 pm

Welcome the Festival of the Giving of Torah with a Joint Reform Community-Wide Celebration of Learning. WRT will team up once again with other local Reform Jewish Congregations and their clergy for a memorable night of Jewish learning. Blintzes and Cheesecake will be served! *Location TBA.*

Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 2 at 6:15 pm

We will kick off the month of June by observing WRT's 3rd Annual Pride Shabbat, recognizing members of our LGBTQ+ community and WRT's commitment to the Jewish principle of B'tzelem Elohim, that every human being is an expression of the Divine image.

Talmud Torah: Adult Education

Adult Learning: Introduction to Talmud

Led by Rabbi Jonathan Blake

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20, May 11 and 18 at 10:15 am (Zoom)

Join Rabbi Blake and fellow learners for a weekly deep dive into the spiritually nourishing and intellectually challenging world of the Babylonian Talmud. For this spring learning series, we will explore signature Talmudic passages that shed light on Jewish philosophy, ethics, observance, and law, with a focus on the content and form of rabbinic thought and debate. No prior text/Hebrew experience is required. All are welcome. Class meets weekly for 90 minutes over Zoom, from 10:15 - 11:45 am.



Rabbi Jonathan Blake

Mussar - Measuring What Matters

Led by Rabbi Sasha Baken

Fridays, March 10, April 14, and May 12 at 12:00 pm (Zoom)

Between the 11th and 18th centuries, individual Jewish scholars developed the study and practice of Mussar as a field of Jewish thought and spiritual growth. Many of these authors were unaware they were contributing to a burgeoning canon of Mussar literature. Mussar emerged as a movement and a pedagogy in the 19th century when Rabbi Israel Lipkin of Salant codified Mussar literature and popularized the study and practice of Mussar.

In the modern era, Mussar is recognized as a spiritual practice that utilizes tools such as text study, journaling, and meditating in effort to understand various character traits (middot, literally “measures”) that each of us embodies such as generosity, anger, humility and trust.

Together we will employ these tools and focus on texts from sages like Rabbi Bahya Ibn Paquda, The Ramban, Rabbi Moshe Chayim Luzatto and Rav Shlomo Wolbe, so that each of us can explore our individual paths toward internal spiritual balance.



Rabbi Sasha Baken



Cantor Amanda Kleinman



Cantor Danielle Rodnizki

Rosh Chodesh 5783

Led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman and Cantor Danielle Rodnizki

Tuesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20 at 11:30 am

Join our cantors and a diverse group of women for a monthly, midday infusion of study and sharing as we mark each new month on the Hebrew calendar. We will come together as a community to celebrate happy occasions, and to hold space for one another in times of challenge or healing.

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 janer teach@aol.com.



Jane Roberts





President's Message

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This year Passover begins at sundown on Wednesday, April 5 when most of us will congregate with our families to celebrate the exodus from Egypt. Although the majority of us will be fortunate to be able to return “home” to our families, there are thousands of Jews who celebrate “abroad.” For this reason, I began to research where the largest Passover Seder is held. Surprisingly, the most attended Seder takes place in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. For the last 30 years, Kathmandu has hosted the largest Passover welcoming anywhere from 800 - 2,000 Jews.

As the destination has risen in popularity so have the preparatory challenges. For example, in 2012, organizers baked 1,100 pounds of matzo which skyrocketed to 4,500 pounds by 2019. 900 chicken hunks are cooked alongside thousands of boiled eggs in preparation for the tradition. According to *The Atlantic*, “celebrants faced the extra challenge of making a kitchen kosher in third world conditions, not to mention getting Passover supplies and kosher ingredients to Nepal from Israel and the U.S. This year, 1,000 bottles of kosher wine, 1,100 pounds of matzo, 150 pounds of salami, 180 pounds of oil, hundreds of cans and jars of gefilte fish, tuna, olives, pickles, and other kosher fare arrived from Israel and New York days before Passover.” Despite 12 hour power outages and other logistical challenges, Kathmandu has continued to host this expansive event for decades. Clearly, Passover prompts Jews to overcome herculean challenges to welcome strangers from far and wide.

The participants reveal as much about the tradition as do the preparations. The growth of the Kathmandu Seder mirrors the steadily increasing influx of Israeli backpackers traveling immediately following their required army stint preceding university. Besides falafel and humus, Hebrew is often heard in the streets of Kathmandu. Interestingly enough, for many Israeli Jews, backpacking in Nepal is a rite of passage, a place to which they flock to hike, raft, and bungee jump. Even more remarkable is the geographical diversity of Jews who complement the “core” Israeli celebrants. Residents of New Jersey, Colorado, California, and Canada all attend an “English” Seder in the adjacent ballroom. In essence, Passover is a time when Jews can find a home anywhere in the world where there are other Jews, irrespective of their upbringing or traditions.

As our *Haggadah* begins, “Let all who are hungry come and eat,” let’s recall a key tenet of one of our most treasured traditions: to welcome the stranger. Just as Kathmandu—a remote Himalayan city perched 4,500 feet above sea level—can serve as the congregational Seder site for thousands of Jewish “travelers” each year, so can we open up our hearts and our homes to unfamiliar visitors. As our ancient ancestors led us out of Egypt thousands of years ago with faith that we would someday settle elsewhere, let us create a home not only for our friends and family but also for the itinerant stranger. *Chag Sameach!*

Music of WRT

We know that music has immense power to connect us, lift us up, and inspire us. What better way to be in community than to experience the beauty of music with fellow congregants and leading Jewish artists, cantors, and composers!

To discover our wonderful artists in this series, please visit the website, <https://bit.ly/3MSTYfV>



	Shehecheyanu: Celebrating in Song WRT MUSIC SERIES 2022-2023
	
SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023	
New Music for Timeless Hebrew Poetry Isaac Sonett-Assor Cantorial School Senior Recital	

New Music for Timeless Hebrew Poetry Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 pm

WRT is proud to celebrate the upcoming ordination of Cantorial Intern Isaac Sonett Assor with a presentation of his graduate recital. The concert, featuring WRT's clergy team and volunteer choirs, will highlight Isaac's own musical compositions, which give new life to classic Hebrew poetry spanning thousands of years of Jewish history.



Men of Reform Judaism

Intellect, Vision, Spirit, Jewish Heritage & Values

The Men of Reform Judaism at WRT (formally the Men's Club) is a fellowship of men who aspire to *Tikkun Hanefesh* (Self Improvement) and *Tikkun Olam* (Repair of the World). MRJ at WRT is a group who provide intellect, vision and develop spirit. Our members recognize their obligation to our Jewish heritage and values.

We welcome all community members interested in developing new friendships and participating in activities which will enhance comradeship and provide meaningful service to the Temple and the community.

Our events range from fun outings to meaningful speakers/discussions to impactful community services. There is something for everyone and if not, let us know and we will do it!

Upcoming Events:

"Not Your Zayde's Seder!"

Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 pm *(details on page 7)*

Mezuzah Craft Project with JLL

Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Blood Drive

Sunday April 2, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Breakfast with speaker Susan Klugman: "Jewish Genetics"

Sunday, April 23, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Dr Susan Klugman, MD, a longstanding member of WRT, will discuss, "Cancer, Is it in our Genes and Why Us?" She is the Director of Reproductive and Medical Genetics at Montefiore Medical Center and a Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health and Pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Klugman's clinical focus is on the evaluation of patients and families at risk for genetic disorders including those patients at risk for hereditary cancer syndromes. She also provides evaluations during pregnancy or preconception, including prenatal diagnosis and consultation for patients undergoing assisted reproductive technologies.

MRJ Brotherhood Award

Friday, May 12 at 6:15 pm *(details on page 9, see Volunteer Recognition Shabbat)*

MRJ Retreat with Rabbi Blake

Saturday, May 13, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Learn with Rabbi Blake and WRT's Men of Reform Judaism at our annual Spring Retreat, where Rabbi Blake invites us into contemplation of the spiritual wisdom of our sacred tradition.

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Monthly Business meetings

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm

February 7

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13 - MRJ Annual Elections

Men of Reform Judaism continued

Breakfast with author/speaker Fred Price “Writing Literary Fiction”

Sunday, June 4, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Under the pseudonym David Hirshberg, Fredric Price - a member of WRT for the past eight years - has published 2 literary novels and four short stories. His first novel - *My Mother's Son* (2018), and his second novel *Jacobo's Rainbow* (2021) - each won nine literary awards. His writing can be characterized as historical literary fiction that focuses on the American Jewish experience. His books have been reviewed by Mitch Markowitz, screenwriter of *Good Morning Vietnam*, and well-known writers including Marcia Clark, Thane Rosenbaum, Gary Shteyngart, Abigail Pogrebin, and Shulem Deen. He is the recipient of starred reviews from the American Library Association and Library Journal. He has now transitioned to screenwriting, and will be speaking on the art of fiction writing and the state of affairs in the publishing industry.

Women of Reform Judaism



“Kicking Up Your Seder a Nosh” An evening with Rabbi Hara Person

Thursday March 23, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

WRJ is excited to have Rabbi Hara Person, the first female Executive Director of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, join us for the evening. We can't think of a better way to enrich our Seders then to prep with the co editor of the new Reform Haggadah *The Mishkan Haseder*, Passover chef, baker, and spiritual leader Rabbi Person! *Location TBD*

WRJ Annual Women's Seder: “Truly, our cup runneth over”

Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 pm

Led by Westchester Reform Temple's “Fabulous Four” Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Danielle Rodnizki, Rabbi Leah Citrin and Rabbi Sasha Baken. *More information on page 7.*

“An evening with Rabbi Blake” at WRT

Tuesday, May 30

WRJ year end celebration dinner and discussion.





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! Offering a variety of monthly activities, ranging from game nights to trips to Europe, the Free Bird community offers members a fun and active way to create connection with each other, our clergy, and Judaism.

For information about our Free Birds events, please contact Lori Gertzog at lori.gertzog@gmail.com.

Community



Jane Slevin



Cantor Laura Stein

Parental Bereavement Group

Wednesdays, March 15, 22, 29, April 12, 19, and 26 at 11:30 am

This Support Group meets to create community for those in mourning over the loss of a loved one, and to help find comfort and process feelings of loss through caring discussion and in sacred Jewish context.

This program is led by Jane Slevin, LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist from Westchester Jewish Community Services), and Cantor Laura Stein, LMSW, a social worker who specializes in spiritual care. Please RSVP to Suzanne.saperstein@wrtemple.org.



Rabbi Sasha Baken

Living with Divorce: Support Group

Wednesdays, March 15, April 19, and May 17 at 7:00 pm

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 Baken 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.

Evening Book Group

Tuesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20 at 7:30 pm

Interested in joining the evening book group? Once a month (usually Tuesdays) the group meets via Zoom for review and discussion on the month's selected title. For more information, please contact Lenore Rosenbaum at papoobeads@optonline.net.





Tzedek, Tzedek, tirdof - Justice, justice, we shall pursue!

Sharon Stiefel

Director of Social Impact and Community Engagement

I celebrated my first anniversary as the Director of Social Impact and Community Engagement this December, in the middle of the holiday season and in the midst of seasonally inspired giving and tikkum olam projects.

In furtherance of its commitment to fighting food insecurity, WRT launched a new initiative - WRT Delivers Thanksgiving. To ensure that as many people as possible, regardless of circumstances, have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, WRT joined a local Scarsdale tradition - **Grandma Pat's Thanksgiving Dinner** - to come together to feed those in our community that might otherwise have gone hungry on Thanksgiving. In the days leading up to Thanksgiving, over 250 volunteers, some as young as four years old, gathered at WRT to cook, bake, and distribute food. Together, we were able to prepare Turkey, candied sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, corn bread, brownies and cookies for 365 people, as well as over 150 additional trays of sides. To read more about this initiative, as well as other 2022 WRT Thanksgiving initiatives, read the full blog post, WRT Delivers Thanksgiving, on the WRT website under "Impact."

For Chanukah, WRT hosted a temple-wide toy drive, combining the efforts of the ECC Mitzvah Corps, Family Mitzvah Corps, Free Birds, Monthly Mitzvah, and WRJ to collect hundreds of toys for children in need in our larger community. In addition, the ECC collaborated with Amy Rossberg and the Caring Community to provide Chanukah well wishes within our own community. At the December ECC Tot Shabbat, children were invited to decorate Chanukah cards that were mailed to 80 or our senior WRT members.

As we enter spring, look forward to more ways to make an impact at WRT. This Purim, we will fulfill one of the four mitzvot of Purim, *matanot la'evyonim* (giving to those in need) through a congregation wide food drive. Before summer, WRT will host a congregation-wide Mitzvah Fair. Stay tuned for dates and details. If you would like to volunteer as an organizer, or have other ideas for social impact projects, email sharon.stiefel@wrtemple.org.

To learn of other opportunities, be sure to check the WRT website at www.wrtemple.org/impact/social-impact-calendar.

The organizations that benefited from the projects above include:

- Children's Hope Chest
- El Centro Hispano
- Friendly Fridge Network
- JCCA Pleasantville Cottages
- Mamaroneck Community Resources Center
- Meals on Main Street

Cooking4HOPE

Sharing Shabbat Sandwich Making
- First Saturday of the Month

JLL Sandwich Making
- Third Sunday of the Month

Hot Meals
- Last Monday of the month

*Sandwich bags and hot meals are distributed to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle and snack bags are distributed to Mt. Vernon Social Services Department.

To learn more, email sharon.stiefel@wrtemple.org.

Keep using your Tzedek Box

Whether you participated in one of the tikkun olam projects discussed here, or have been performing acts of tzedek on your own, remember to pause and reflect upon your social impact by recording your deed, and placing your reflection in the *Tzedek Box*. Toward the end of the year, we will have an opportunity to open our *Tzedek Boxes* as a community and consider where we individually and together can go next.

Tzedek Boxes: Justice Shall You Pursue"
Now through May 15, 2023

Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, 1 West 4th Street, NYC
Artists imagine a new Jewish tradition at the Dr. Bernard Heller Museum by creating their own tzedek boxes.

For more information visit,
www.wrtemple.org/impact/tzedek-box.

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BOX** RECORDING OUR
RIGHTEOUS DEEDS
Be impactful, be mindful, be just.

WERE YOU



Photos (Clockwise from top left):
MRJ Breakfast with Bruce Beck, WRT Delivers Thanksgiving, An Afternoon of Music & Joy Cantorial Concert

THERE?



Photos (Clockwise from top left): Cantor's Coffee House with guest Elana Arian, FreeBirds showing of Fiddler on the Roof Documentary and Menorah Lighting, Community Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration, and ECC Chanukah Party.

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.

ECC teachers work hard to promote independence in the children in their care. While 2, 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, 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 will not 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 their bed, resist the urge to smooth the blankets. If the child dresses in stripes and polka dots, compliment their style. Unless necessary, do not 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 they can reach, pause before racing over to help.

Those moments when you do not rush in, give children the opportunity to solve things for themselves. These are the character-building moments. It is natural to want to make everything perfect, but if we do, we take from children 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 ultimate 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 many loved having in our preschool.

In closing, we would be remiss not to mention how proud we are of our ECC teachers. They have loved and cared for the ECC 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 in as many ways as possible.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our ECC co-chairs, Mallorie Corcoran, Brooke Vaupen, Morgan Greene and Jessica Weiland for their countless hours of dedication and commitment to our school and the greater WRT community. To all the parents who volunteered throughout the year, thank you for your helping hands. To our Administrative Assistant, Ellen Rosenberg, a huge thank you for your endless dedication and hard work in the day to day happenings in our ECC. Finally, to all the ECC parents, a special thank you for entrusting your precious children to us each day with confidence that they would grow, learn and foster a sense of kindness and caring for others.

With gratitude and love,

Sue Tolchin, ECC Director

Rebecca Roseman, ECC Associate Director



Some events which take place at WRT during the year:

Monthly Tot Shabbats: Fridays, March 17, April 14, and May 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Experience the joy of Shabbat with children, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Designed for families with young children and led by WRT clergy.

Purim Parade: (In the spring)

A festive parade with clergy and children in costumes: parents are invited to attend.

Mom's Night Out Event / Dad's Night Out Event: (In the spring)

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

Israel Virtual Trip: (In the spring)

ECC classes partake in a virtual trip to Israel. Food, arts and crafts, and a "plane ride" are a great way to visit Israel. Led by clergy and ECC staff.

ECC Cocktail Party: (In the spring)

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: (In the spring)

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: (In the spring)

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)

Shalom Service - June 9

Our annual moving up ceremony for our fours, celebrating their accomplishments with attending our ECC. (ECC families of the fours)

Summer Play Place Camp - June 26 - August 11

Our ECC Summer Play Place offers a fun-filled seven week program for Toddlers through Three-year-olds. Sport, water play, theme days, nature, and music/movement.

ECC Family Field Day: (In the fall)

ECC families are invited to Aspen Park in Scarsdale to celebrate the start of the school year. There will be food, music, games, and crafts. It's a great way to start the year by seeing familiar faces and meeting new people. WRT clergy mingle with families to begin fostering relationships. (For ECC-enrolled families)

Family Apple - Picking at Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm: (In the fall)

Songs and storytelling followed by a snack and apple picking. This program is led by WRT clergy.

Sukkot Celebration: (In the fall)

Concert for ECC children, parents/loved one and clergy.

Park Play Dates: (dates to be determined)

Get together with old friends and make new ones at Aspen Park. (For ECC-enrolled families) Organized by ECC parents.

Chanukah Celebration - Milk and Cookies with the WRT Cantors

(In the winter) This festive event includes story time, cookies and Chanukah songs (loved one and children attend).

Chanukah Parties and Passover Seders with Parents

ECC enrollment for school year 2023-2024 is ongoing.



Jewish Learning Lab (JLL)



Rabbi Leah Citrin
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."

"My vision is for the JLL to be a place where students actively explore what it means to be Jewish for them, and have fun while doing it! This means building a foundation of Jewish holidays, history, Hebrew and traditions and then using that foundation to engage in modern life."

- Rabbi Leah Citrin

JLL Calendar Dates:

Sunday, March 5: 9:00 - 11:00 am

Special Purim Program; ALL K-5 students attend

Sunday, March 19:

3rd & 4th graders making mezuzot out of recycled materials (in partnership with MRJ)

10th grade walking tour of the Lower East Side with Rabbi Blake

Thursday, March 23 - Sunday, March 26:

8th Grade Civil Rights Trip

Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 9:

Pesach Break (no classes)

Tuesday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 12:

Last days of Pesach (no classes)

Wednesday, April 19:

6th/7th Parent session 5:45-6:45 pm

Sunday, April 30:

Family T'filah/Confirmation Class Fundraiser

April (TBD):

Info session for 9th grade families about Confirmation

Sunday, May 21:

Family T'filah/special end of year celebration

Wednesday, May 24:

Last Weekday class



Mazal Tov!

November 8, 2022 - January 19, 2023

Births

Patti Berger-Friedman and Alan Friedman
on the birth of their grandson Ryland Haynes Smith
and to the parents Lauren Friedman Smith and Peyton Smith Jr.

Anne Meltzer and Frederick Wang
on the birth of their grandson Wyatt Asher Levey
and to the parents Rachel and Mark Levey

Liliane and Michael Bronson
on the birth of their grandson Jude Archer Bronson
and to the parents Nina and Wesley Bronson

Cantorial Intern Isaac and Caroline Sonett-Assor
on the birth of their son Leo Judah Sonett-Assor

Stephanie and Jonathan Aubrey
on the birth of their son Shay Milo Aubrey

Larry Rogers
on the birth of his granddaughter Bree Victoria Rogers
and to the parents Ashley and Matt Rogers

Lisa and Michael Feiner
on the birth of their grandson Emerson Miles Lorenzoni
and to the parents Kate and Ray Lorenzoni

Sondra Older
on the birth of her great-granddaughter Stephanie Noelle Older
and to the parents Paula and Daniel Older

Brittany and AJ Somers
on the birth of their son Max Somers

Engagements

Loryn and Michael Kass
on the engagement of their daughter Nicole to David Godlin

Karen and Bill Frommer
on the engagement of their daughter Hillary to Anthony Coppa

Marriages

Carol and Lawrence Wolfe
on the marriage of their daughter Sarah to Janez Koprivec

B'nei Mitzvah *March, April, May and June*

Magnolia and Scott Grossman
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lilac

Jennifer and Matthew Levine
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jordyn

Allison and Josh Block
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lily

Erika and Art Rublin
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zachary

Janine and Robert Gutman
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Olivia

Libby and Greg Alkalay
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Harper

Jennifer and Alan Goldfarb
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nathan

Diana and Robert Schildhouse
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Abigail

Valerie and Jeffrey Mutterperl
on the B'nei Mitzvah of their sons Alexander and Gabriel

Beth and Adam Lazarus
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Karsyn

Debra and Jonathan Kolodner
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sadie

Stefanie Lieberman and Adam Hellegers
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ginger

Stefanie and Marc Koch
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Carlie

Jessica and Justin Rosenberg
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Allison

Lori and Jason Perla
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Spencer

Julie and Nicholas Santoiemma
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew

Rachel and Jayson Lemberg
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Zoe

Amy and Brian Zwaig
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Samantha

Janelle Luk and David Solarz
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Arthur

Wendy Shi and Mitchell Kahn
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Mindy

Ayelet and Jason Pollack
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Mika

Shauna and Jonathan Friedman
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Claire

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on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Maya

Sarah and David Cohen
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Brody

Hope and Daniel Stephens
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nevin

Debra and Steven Singer
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Molly

Cortney and David Peretz
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sydney

Allison and Ben Friedland
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca

Condolences

Carol Kushnick
on the death of her mother Nancy Mineroff

Michelle Smith
on the death of her cousin Bonnie Dursi Shapiro

Jim Glucksman
on the death of his aunt Joyce Rowe

Darlene Duran (ECC Teacher)
on the death of her mother Jean Kantrowitz

Jill Spitalny Baten
on the death of her husband Marvin "Mickey" Baten

Robert H. Scheibe, z'l
on the death of his brother Peter Scheibe

Alexandra Scheibe and Gabrielle Scheibe Rabinovitch
on the death of their father Robert H. Scheibe

David Lazarus
on the death of his mother Randy Lazarus

Jason Paris
on the death of his father Stuart Paris

Valerie Mutterperl
on the death of her father Alan Broadwin

Amy Levere
on the death of her mother Judy Tenney

Lisa Pascetta
on the death of her father Valentino Pascetta

Mady Feldman-Albert and David Albert
on the death of their brother-in-law Frank Galati

Nancy Toff
on the death of her mother Ruth Toff

Marc and Beth Nabi
on the death of their sister-in-law Jennifer Nabi

Pam Dickstein
on the death of her father Robert Schneider

John Kaufman
on the death of his wife Ann F. Kaufman

Elaine Puchalsky (ECC Teacher)
on the death of her husband Roy Puchalsky

The congregation of WRT mourns the death of our member
Marvin "Mickey" Baten
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

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WRT Cemetery Plots

WRT has plots available at Mt. Eden Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y., for members of the congregation and their relatives. The cost of our plots is considerably less than those available commercially in our area.

Memorial Wall Plaques

Jewish tradition provides many meaningful ways to perpetuate the memory of our dear ones: lighting yahrzeit candles, reciting Kaddish, and giving charity. Among those traditions at WRT is the placing of a stone on a memorial wall near the plaque that bears the name of a relative.

If you would like more information about purchasing a cemetery plot or a memorial plaque, contact Amy Rossberg, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at 914-468-0522 or Amy.Rossberg@wrtemple.org.



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- **Food & Housing Insecurity Fund** Assists those who lack access to food and shelter here in Westchester County

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