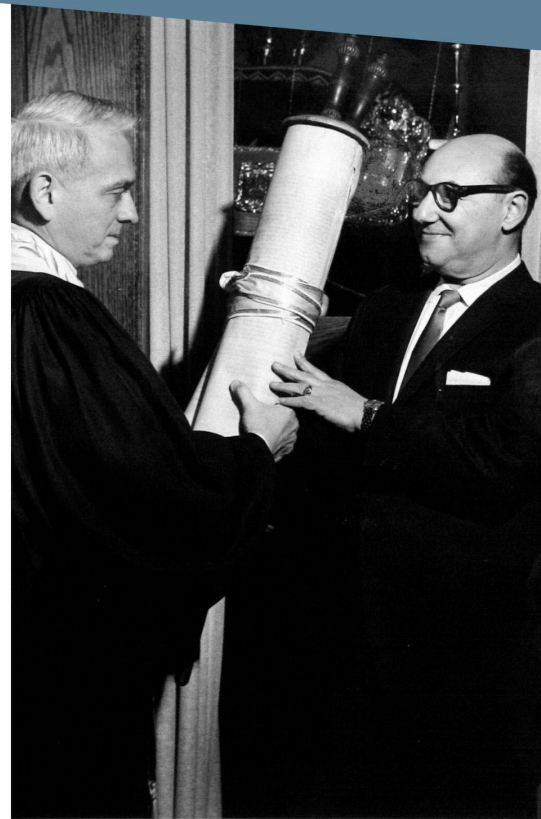


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Westchester Reform Temple is committed to the value of inclusion, and strives to make worship and programming fully accessible. Our building and bima are wheelchair accessible, and the sanctuary is equipped with assistive listening devices and large-print 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

...בְּנֵי שְׁבַעִים לְשִׁיבָה...

“At 70, fullness of age.” - *Pirkei Avot* 5:21

Dear WRT Family,

In April 1953, eight young couples, most of them recently moved to the suburbs, met at Dr. Roly Mindlin's home on Dickel Road, with the intention of discussing how best to provide a Jewish environment for their children whom they were raising in Scarsdale.

Among them were our congregant of blessed memory, Judy Weinberg and her late husband Charles. Judy was recognized at our annual *Chai Society Shabbat* this May, shortly before her death this July at the age of 97. May the memory of these extraordinary Founders of WRT be a blessing!

Together, these families emerged from that fateful meeting with a dream that would soon become a reality. By the High Holidays of 1953—70 years ago—WRT was officially chartered with the UAHC—the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform Movement's synagogue arm (now called URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism).

It says much about the vision of our Founding Families that they chose to name our synagogue Westchester Reform Temple, both for its proud identification with Reform Judaism and our principles of informed choice and Jewish compatibility with modernity, as well as the declaration that our Temple

would serve all of Westchester and not just Scarsdale.

Now, 70 years later—a milestone the Rabbis identified as “fullness of age” (*Pirkei Avot* 5:21)—we salute the vision and strength of our founders. But even more, we commit ourselves to realizing and extending their vision for new generations of our people and for a bold and challenging new era of Judaism.

Judaism is a conversation that spans millennia: from the Torah's own demands that we pursue justice, protect the vulnerable, maintain an everlasting covenant, build a homeland, and sanctify time through celebrations and commemorations, to the Rabbis' multitude of voices and opinions, stories and legislation, to us, here, right now, we all contribute to the continuous unfolding of the Voice that first spoke at Sinai.

Here at WRT, we will all join the conversation, celebrating and honoring our 70th year throughout this new Jewish year of 5784 (2023-2024).

We begin by returning again and again to our beautiful campus for High Holiday services, for Sukkot and Simchat Torah (featuring a fantastic Sukkot Block Party and festive Simchat Torah Celebration), and **marking a celebratory, historic Shabbat service on Friday November 3, 2023**, which will feature many familiar faces of “WRT Past, Present, & Future,” including Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl who will deliver the sermon, and guest musicians including world renowned Klezmer clarinetist David Krakauer.

In the Spring, we ask you to save this date—Thursday evening, **May 9, 2024**—for an unforgettable Broadway-style Musical Gala and Tribute in honor of WRT's 70th year.

Within these pages you will find more information about our 70th year and other opportunities to celebrate this congregational milestone, including through learning, holiday celebration, social action, community engagement, and a December *Trip of a Lifetime* to Israel marking the intersection of WRT's 70th and Israel's 75th.

As we enter the new year, we ask God to prosper the work of our hands so that our righteous labors will endure.

We ask God to bless this holy congregation, and all who serve it, with continued vitality, strength, courage, and vision.

We ask God to soften our hearts to let in compassion for the vulnerable in our midst.

We ask God to help us live up to the vision of the founders of Westchester Reform Temple in our commitment to Judaism, the Jewish People, and this congregation.

We ask God to welcome us in good health, hope, and joy, to a new year, in which together we will make WRT stand for **We Rejoice Together**.



S'lichot

Saturday, September 9

- 7:00 pm Program
- 8:00 pm Dessert Reception
- 8:30 pm S'lichot Service

We will begin the High Holy Day season in partnership with other Westchester congregations, as we reflect on the meditative themes of Selichot and prime ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the Days of Awe. The evening will begin with a panel discussion of local rabbis moderated by Rabbi Blake on timely and important Jewish issues, followed by a S'lichot service led by WRT's cantors, in collaboration with cantorial colleagues from participating congregations.

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 15

- 5:00 pm Family Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Service (*Sanctuary*)

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Saturday, September 16

- 9:15 am Adult Early Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 am Family Early Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 11:30 am Family Late Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 11:45 pm Adult Late Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 2:15 pm *Tot Service (*Beit Midrash*)

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Sunday, September 17

- 10:00 am *Morning Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:30 am *Family Apple Picking at Wilkens Farm (*off-site*)
- 5:30 pm *Tashlich with Young Israel of Scarsdale at Carpenter's Pond (*offsite*)

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 24

- 5:00 pm Family Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Early Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:00 pm Adult Late Service (*Sanctuary*)

Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 25

- 9:15 am Adult Early Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 am Family Early Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 11:30 am Family Late Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 11:45 am Adult Late Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:45 am Study Session with Rabbi Rick Jacobs (*CJL*)
- 2:15 pm *Tot Service (*Beit Midrash*)
- 2:45 pm *Musical Meditation (*Sanctuary*)
- 4:15 pm *Yom Kippur Afternoon Service (*Sanctuary*) includes Yizkor and Ne'ilah

*These services are open to the community. High Holidays ticket requests can be completed online at www.wrtemple.org.

Just a few notes...

Adult services: This service is recommended for adults and children ages 10 and older. Enhanced by our professional choir and instrumentalists, our worship experience utilizes the Reform Movement's High Holiday prayer book, *Mishkan HaNefesh*.

Family services: Led by our clergy, this prayer service is designed for elementary school-aged children and their families.

Tot services: Preschool-aged children and their families will love celebrating the High Holidays at this bite-sized service, led by our clergy and featuring sing-along songs and stories.

Parking: There is off-site parking at the Scarsdale Pool, where we provide two comfortable Shuttle Buses for the quickest and most hassle-free way to get to and from services. Shuttle buses will be available for all services, for both Holidays, except Selichot and Rosh HaShanah Second Day.

Security: Have your High Holiday Ticket and Photo ID (for adults) ready to show at the entry. Leave bags and packages at home; security will need to inspect any that you bring with you. Please avoid bringing unnecessary items into the building.

Prayer books: Prayer books will be provided at services. Unfortunately, prayer books are not available for live streaming from home.

You may purchase e-books via these links:

Rosh Hashanah: <https://amzn.to/3bgokMF>

Yom Kippur: <https://amzn.to/3vgeL79>

Alternatively, anyone who wants to buy their own physical prayer books can do so using this link: <https://bit.ly/3vFDHmh>.

Community-wide services: WRT offers certain services to the community to attend at no charge (see the schedule of services). Registration is required for anyone who wishes to attend. Please register online at www.wrtemple.org.



5784 Yom Kippur Food Drive September 14 – September 26, 2023

As we enter the new year 5784, we invite you to not only reflect on your past deeds, but to look outward toward the needs of the world at large. Through our traditional Yom Kippur food drive, we can deepen our High Holiday experience by donating to those in need, and as a community, work toward repairing our world.

- Brown or White Rice
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Canned or Dried Fruit
- Canned Meals

During Rosh Hashanah services, brown paper bags will be provided to fill with your donations. Please donate non-perishable items only. No glass containers, pre-opened or out-of-date items please. When choosing items for donation, please look for labels that read: low sodium, no salt added, no sugar added, unsweetened, reduced sodium, 100% fruit juice, lite. All items will be donated to Feeding Westchester.

Delivering your food bags: Your filled bag can be brought to a designated bin outside of the Westchester Reform Temple entrance from September 14, 2023 through the week leading up to Yom Kippur. If you bring the bag to Kol Nidre Services or on Yom Kippur Day, please place it in the bin that will be located under a tent in the back parking lot in the parking space closest to the ECC playgrounds.

"Is not this the fact that I look for: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to undo the fetters of bondage, to let the oppressed go free...to share your bread with the hungry?" - Isaiah 58. As Isaiah implores the Israelites to let the fast lead the people to do the work of Tikkun Olam, we implore you to join in this congregational response.

Avodah: Worship and Spirituality

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.

Shabbat In The Round

Saturdays, October 28 and December 9 at 9:00 am

Shabbat in the Round is an inclusive, musical, family-friendly congregational Shabbat morning service. Additional dates: January 27, March 30 and May 11

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.

Tot Shabbat

Fridays, September 8, October 13 and November 17 (70th Birthday Party Celebration), 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).

Additional dates: Jan. 19, Mar. 1, Apr. 6 and May 31.

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

9/11 Observed and Civil Service Gratitude Friday, September 8

Please join us for a special service honoring our Civil Servants, our local professionals and volunteers who serve in local Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and Emergency Medical Services.

S'lichot Services (see page 4)

Saturday, September 9

- 7:00 pm Program
- 8:00 pm Dessert Reception
- 8:30 pm S'lichot Service

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, September 22 at 6:15 pm

Shabbat Shuva (meaning the "Shabbat of Return") is the Shabbat which falls between the holidays of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur; it is a time of heightened spiritual awareness and introspection.

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 29 at 6:15 pm

Shabbat Service welcoming the festival of Sukkot.

Spirits in the Sukkah following Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm

Tasting of Artisanal & Local Spirits with the Clergy (21+)

Sukkot Festival Service

Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 am

Join us for our Festival service where we will celebrate Sukkot, participate in its rituals, and study its signature traditions and texts. (Outdoor sukkah, weather permitting)

Sukkot Block Party

Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Join us outdoors for a celebration of the season, featuring live music, food trucks, and activities for the whole family.

Erev Simchat Torah: A Celebration of Torah Friday, October 6 at 5:30 pm

Join us for a special evening where we will bless our newest and youngest JLL (Jewish Learning Lab) learners, and celebrate the completion of another year of learning and living Torah. *Please note this is a time change for Shabbat Service.*

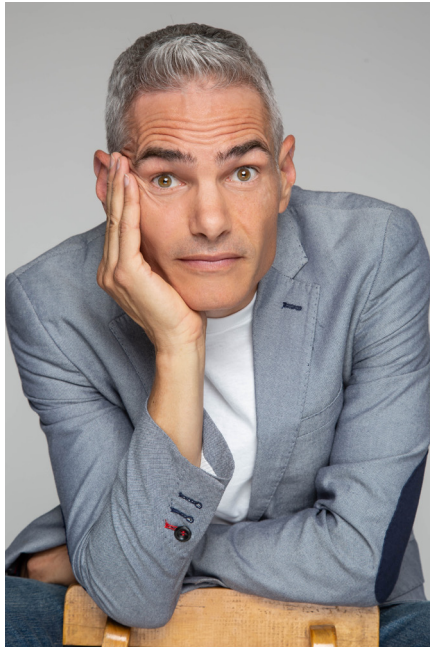
Atzeret-Simchat Torah Festival Service and Yizkor

Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am

Please join us for our service celebrating a new cycle of Torah and remembering loved ones through the memorial prayers of Yizkor.



Services and Events



Weekend with Joel Chasnoff: CONNECTING TO ISRAEL & ONE ANOTHER THROUGH COMEDY AND COMMUNITY

Joel Chasnoff is a stand-up comedian, TV and podcast host, educator, and author of three books, including the bestselling memoir *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*.

Having lived in Westchester County for many years, Joel made Aliyah to Israel six years ago and will be on his annual tour to promote his new book, *Israel 201: Your Next-Level Guide to the Magic, Mystery, and Chaos of Life in the Holy Land* (published February 2023).

Thursday evening, October 26

Comedy performance and cocktails/hors d'oeuvres, open to the congregation.

Friday evening, October 27

Joel will give remarks at and teaching following Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Saturday morning, October 28

Guest remarks at, and teaching following a congregational Shabbat-in-the-Round.

This event is made possible by the *Rabbi Richard Jacobs and Susan K. Freedman Fund for Innovation in Jewish Life* at WRT.



Rabbi Angela Buchdahl

WRT@70 Friday night service - Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, keynote speaker Friday, November 3 at 6:15 pm

Join your clergy, congregation, and extended WRT community as we celebrate our 70th anniversary at a festive and memorable Shabbat service. We'll be joined by Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism and WRT's Emeritus Rabbi, and Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl, who will offer the sermon.

Rabbi Buchdahl serves as Senior Rabbi of Central Synagogue in Manhattan, and previously served as the congregation's senior cantor. She began her rabbinate and cantorate right here at WRT and was a classmate of Rabbi Blake in rabbinical school.

Rabbi Buchdahl is the first Asian American to be ordained as a cantor or rabbi in North America and has been featured in dozens of news outlets including the Today Show, NPR, and PBS and was listed as one of *Newsweek's "America's 50 Most Influential Rabbis."*



Rabbi Richard Jacobs

WRT@70 Gala/Broadway Night SAVE THE DATE - Thursday evening, May 9, 2024

At a Gala celebration to mark WRT@70, we will give thanks for our community that has brought our remarkable congregation to this special point in time, and look forward together to a bright and dynamic future. Please join us for a magical evening of celebration and support for WRT!

The WRT@70 Gala includes: Cocktails, Dinner, Dessert and Entertainment (Broadway Night). For more information see page 11.

The First Twenty Years...



1953: WRT founded.

- Eugene Lipman serves as part-time rabbi.
- Dr. Rowland Mindlin is first president.
- First services held in Dyckman Hall, Scarsdale.
- Later services are held in several area churches.

1954:

- Under President Clifford H. Rich the Sisterhood and Men's Club are founded.
- One hundred children are in Sunday School.
- Maurice H. Schatz is chosen as first full-time rabbi.
- The land is purchased where the Temple now stands.

1955:

- David Greenberg is selected as second full-time rabbi.

1956:

- Irving Isaac serves as Temple president.

1957:

- Under President Edwin J. Steefel construction begins on Temple building.

1958:

- Under President Ulrich Schweitzer construction of Temple is completed.
- The Sanctuary is designed as a Magen David.

1959:

- Under President Dr. Milton Zaret the Temple is dedicated at a special service.

1961:

- Erwin Herman serves as interim rabbi.

1962:

- Jack Stern, Jr. is installed as third full-time rabbi.

1963:

- Tenth Anniversary Service.
- Tenth Anniversary Ball at Hampshire Country Club.

1965:

- Expansion of the Temple is authorized.
- Dedication of Czechoslovakian Sefer Torah which is on permanent loan from Westminster Synagogue, London

1967:

- Peter Rubinstein becomes first rabbinic intern.

1968:

- Joseph Boardman becomes first full-time cantor and music director.
- Ground-breaking services for Temple expansion during Irving Berkelhammer's presidency.

1969:

- First Leo Baeck Lecture with Morris Abrams as speaker.
- Soil from Israel is deposited in base of new Sanctuary Ark by Rabbi Stern.

1970:

- Under President Norman L. Blumstein, the new sanctuary is dedicated at special service.
- The classroom wing is dedicated in memory of Irving Berkelhammer.

1971:

- Official change from Ashkenazic to Sephardic pronunciation of Hebrew.
- Stained glass windows designed by Ephraim Weitzman and Czechoslovakian Torah Mantle are dedicated.
- Stuart A. Gertman appointed the first assistant rabbi and director of religious education.
- Seymour Sims receives the first Men's Club Brotherhood Award for service to community and Temple.

1972:

- First Stephen Sulds Memorial Film Festival.
- Dedication of organ. Dedication of Library endowed and furnished by Temple Sisterhood.
- Dedication of new Sanctuary doors designed by Betty Goldstein.

1973:

- 20th Anniversary Dance at Temple, Roberta Peters soloist.
- WRT Endowment Trust Fund is begun.

... stay tuned for the next 20 years in the WRTimes Winter issue.

Cover Photos (starting top left):

Consecration of the Religious School's new students in Rabbi Stern's first year; Rabbi Stern with WRT President Irving Berkelhammer for the dedication of the Czechoslovak Torah Scroll; Rabbi Stern holding service; The completion of the Czechoslovak Torah cover by the Sisterhood, under the guidance of Bernice Meyerson and Betty Goldstein; Rabbi Stern addressing the congregation at the 1970 groundbreaking; During construction of the current Sanctuary, Rabbi Jacobs, Rabbi Blake, Past Presidents Amy Lemle and Ellen Sunness placing soil from Israel at the location of our Sanctuary Ark; Charles Weinberg z"l helping to inscribe our WRT Torah.



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>

Holidays-in-residence with special guest, Shira Kline:

Friday, October 6 - ECC Sukkot Concerts by age cohort

Sunday, December 10 - JLL Chanukah Concert

Our youngest congregants and their grown-ups are invited to celebrate Sukkot in song with the ECC community and Chanukah with the JLL Community. Our concerts will feature acclaimed performer and Jewish music educator, Shira Kline, who “travels with her kiddie rock band, delivering an interactive program of joy and spirit, story and song”



**HOLIDAYS-IN-RESIDENCE
WITH SHIRA KLINE**
OCTOBER 6, 2023 - ECC SUKKOT
DECEMBER 10, 2023 - JLL CHANUKAH

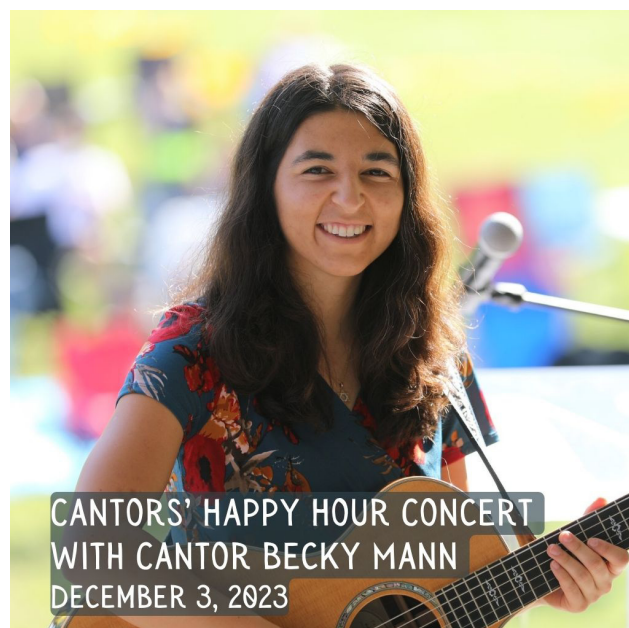
Cantors' Happy Hour Concert with special guest, Cantor Becky Mann

Sunday, December 3

Join the Cantors and our visiting artist, Cantor Becky Mann, for an evening of singing, sipping, and schmoozing. Bring a friend; meet new friends!

A composer, guitarist, and newly-ordained cantor, Becky Mann has been called “one of the brightest voices of a new generation of Jewish songwriters carrying our tradition forward in new and exciting ways.”

This event is open to everyone and hosted by the Freebirds.



**CANTORS' HAPPY HOUR CONCERT
WITH CANTOR BECKY MANN**
DECEMBER 3, 2023

Shabbat Shira with special guests, Rabbi-Cantor Shani Ben Or and Boaz Dorot Friday and Saturday, January 26 -27, 2024

Celebrate the Shabbat of Song, named for the joyous song the Israelites sang as they crossed the sea from slavery into freedom. Our Shabbat worship and learning will feature special guests from Israel, Rabbi-Cantor Shani Ben Or and Boaz Dorot. With their beautiful compositions inspired by their sounds of their Israeli upbringing along with their liturgical expertise, Shani and Boaz's soulful voices and melodies will lift our spirits, just as Miriam with her timbrel.

Rabbi-Cantor Shani Ben Or is the first to be ordained as a Reform Cantor in Israel. She and Boaz Dorot are the co-founders of the Nigunim Ensemble, a pioneering Israeli ensemble that creates, arranges, and performs sacred music. Shani aspires to establish a thriving liberal cantorate in Israel: one that is authentic and relevant to the multi-cultural climate of Israeli society and fluent in the musical treasures of Ashkenazi and Mizrahi Jewish traditions.



Installation of Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor Friday, March 29, 2024

Our community will commemorate a moment of sacred transition, as we formally welcome Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor as WRT's Assistant Cantor with the time-honored ritual of installation. To offer blessings to Cantor Sonett-Assor, we will welcome leading voices in the Jewish world, Cantor Sonett-Assor's cherished mentors, Cantors Gerald Cohen, Richard Cohn, and Benjie Ellen Schiller. This service will also feature WRT's choirs. A celebratory community oneg will follow our service.



WRT@70 Gala/Broadway Night Thursday, May 9, 2024

Save the date for a gala celebration of WRT at 70! Our program will feature clergy and beloved friends of our congregation singing Broadway classics spanning the seven decades of WRT. Stay tuned for more information!

The WRT@70 Gala includes: Cocktails, Dinner, Dessert and Entertainment.

The WRT Music Series is made possible by donations to the *Jewish Music and Spirituality Fund* at WRT.





President's Message

Warren Haber

Two years ago, in anticipation of our upcoming 70th anniversary, the Board of Trustees launched a Strategic Planning Task Force. Trustees Jeff Gelles, Lori Gertzog and Andrew Levine led a Committee that partnered with lay leaders, clergy and administration.

The objectives were to update our mission statement (see website) and to propose a plan that would ensure WRT's long term vitality. The work included extensive research, collecting input from surveys, focus groups, and a myriad of stakeholders from within the congregation, and interviewing leaders from over 20 noteworthy congregations and Jewish organizations throughout the United States.

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support the strategic plan, which is summarized below .

We now welcome all of you to join us in making this plan a success. We encourage you to review the initiatives below and contact a trustee, clergy member, or temple administrator to participate in any of these initiatives and help propel WRT from strength to strength and generation to generation—*l'dor va-dor*. **We welcome your engagement to experience more meaning and joy through your involvement with WRT.**

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Mallorie Corcoran
ECC Liaison

1. Deepening our focus on membership recruitment and retention

Objective: attract, welcome, and retain members

2. Rethinking the Shabbat experience

Objective: increase Shabbat engagement as a focal point for connecting members with WRT and each other, and enhancing religious meaning

3. Creating smaller communities within our larger congregation

Objective: increase engagement by offering small group experiences that explore interests and deepen personal connections

4. Rethinking Board/EC governance, particularly trustee roles and responsibilities

Objective: determine optimal Board/EC structure to maximize trustee engagement and involvement, benefiting both trustees and WRT

5. Designing and implementing a sustainable approach to Development/Philanthropy

Objective: ensure sufficient financial resourcing to sustain WRT's broad range of experiences and offerings across the congregation

6. Ensuring an engaging JLL experience

Objective: educate the next generation and create happy Jewish memories

7. Envisioning the ECC of the future

Objective: consider ECC needs going forward including whether to expand the program and other potential improvements, all while enhancing the quality of the program for families.

Our New Trustees



Dan Bernstein

Dan and his wife, Cheryl, have been Scarsdale residents since 2005 where they have raised their children Sam (21) and Andrew (19). Both children became B'nai Mitzvah at WRT and continued their Jewish education through confirmation and beyond. Cheryl and Dan have been active WRT members—Cheryl as Co-chair of the ECC parents' committee and Dan as member of the Cantorial Search Committee and Audio-visual Task Force. Dan has also participated in several Summer Stage events. Dan and his parents (Marcia and Joe) first joined WRT in 1970. Joe Bernstein was President of WRT from 1981 to 1985 and Marcia chaired the Youth Committee.

Dan has been active in local sports as board member of both Scarsdale Little League and Scarsdale Baseball club, and as coach of many of his sons' temple basketball teams. Professionally, Dan runs a private wealth management practice at Morgan Stanley.

Cynthia Samwick



Cynthia and her husband, Marc, have lived in Scarsdale for 26 years. They raised their three sons, Jason, Oliver and George, and built a full and meaningful life in Scarsdale. WRT is a central core of their community. Cynthia feels blessed to be part of such an engaging, spiritual, and fulfilling congregation with intelligent, talented, and devoted clergy, dedicated volunteers and amazing support teams.

Cynthia has been involved with WRT since their boys began nursery school. She completed the Adult Confirmation class, the Melton program and participates in Mussar classes. One of Cynthia's annual highlights is singing with the Timbrels at the Women's Seder. The WRT family continues to be an integral part of her Jewish identity and growth as she evolved from a ECC mother to a FreeBird.

Cynthia started her professional career in healthcare marketing and education. She is the Founder and Managing Partner of Westchester Wellness LLC, a community of mental health providers. She has engaged in many rewarding volunteer opportunities outside of WRT, including UJA, Dorot, Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling Services, Scarsdale Adult School, STEP program, a WJCS tutor and numerous PTA activities at the Heathcote School.



Jessica Weiland

Jessica and Jeffrey moved to Scarsdale in March 2020 with their daughter, Dylan (4) and recently welcomed another daughter, Hayden (1). WRT and its warm community was a big draw in their move to Scarsdale. Jessica grew up in Scarsdale and was both Bat Mitzvahed and Confirmed at WRT and later married by Rabbi Blake. During these years the foundation for Jessica's passion in Jewish leadership and commitment to building community were formed. She went on to be involved in the rebuilding of Hillel at Tulane University post Katrina and later spearheading, with WRT clergy, a pilot for 'Next Door' bringing Jewish values to post-grads looking for community in NYC.

Currently, Jessica serves as one of the ECC Co-Chairs, was on the recent Rabbinic Search Committee, and the ECC Assistant Director Search Committee. Jessica is honored to become a Board Trustee as she furthers her commitment to WRT, which has enriched her life through so many lifecycle moments. Outside of her WRT involvement and being a full-time Mom, Jessica is a Director in Marketing at American Express.

Talmud Torah: Adult Education

Adult Learning: Talmud Shiur (Class)

Led by Rabbi Jonathan Blake

Thursdays, Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 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 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

Meditation Lab

Fridays, October 13, 27, November 3, 10 and 17

11:00 - 11:45 am (CJL Livingroom)

Are you curious about meditation? Are you wondering how meditation connects to Judaism? Believe it or not, meditation has been utilized by Jews for centuries, benefiting our ancestors (and us!) in mind, body, and spirit. Meditation can enhance calm, clarity, and creativity. You can try it yourself!

Come join Rabbi Blake, Rabbi Baken, and congregant (and mindfulness meditation practitioner and guide) Norm Goldstein on Friday mornings to explore meditation and the ways in which Jewish life can inform this practice. Beginners (and more experienced meditators) are warmly welcome!



Norm Goldstein



Rabbi Sasha Baken

Rosh Chodesh 5784

Led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman
and Cantor Danielle Rodnizki

**Tuesdays, October 17 and November 14
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. *Additional date: 12/12.*



Cantor Amanda Kleinman



Cantor Danielle Rodnizki

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

Men of Reform Judaism

Upcoming MRJ Lectures for 2023-2024:

Wills and Estates: Artem Djukic, an expert in wills and estates explains the importance of a will and how plan for your estate to be passed to your loved ones or chosen charities.

Pros and Cons of Vaccines: Dr. Michael Simberkoff is an expert about vaccines and their effects. He will be discussing the pros and cons of vaccines, including the Covid and influenza vaccines.

Social Isolation and the Pandemic: Dr. Adam Weissman will discuss the effects of social isolation on school age children during the Covid crises. Adam will talk about how it has effected children's development in all social classes, their return to school, their ability to learn, and their social interaction with each other and their teachers.

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Women of Reform Judaism



WRJ Honey Sale for a Sweet New Year!

Rosh Hashanah 2023/5783

100% Organic local Hudson Valley honey. No processing or additives, directly from the bees to you! To order, go to <https://form.jotform.com/wrt/23honey>. Deadline is 8/22.

Ushpizot

Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 pm

Study with Cantor Amanda Kleinman and enjoy a delicious harvest dinner. More details to come.

WRJ'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Monday, November 13, from 10:30 am to 7:00 pm

Chanukah is early this year so SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS WITH TERRIFIC VENDORS

President

Frances Scheffler

Vice President Membership

Allison Weinberg

Vice President Programs

Emily Spector

Vice President Community Connections

Sharon Weinberg

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Financial Officer Judaica Shop

Karen Scheffler

Immediate Past President and WRJ North America Rep

Carole Princer Levy.

FreeBirds

Game Night!

MahJongg + Canasta @ WRT

Thursday, October 12

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Bring Your Group + Be Ready To Play + Have Some Fun (Non-WRT Members Are Welcome)

Make sure to check the WRT website at <https://wrtemple.org/engage/free-birds/> for all of the wonderful Freebirds events coming up!





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

Sharon Stiefel

Director of Social Impact and Community Engagement

In Jewish tradition, 70 years represents the span of a life. As Westchester Reform Temple celebrates its own 70th birthday, it is awe-inspiring to think of how many other lives WRT has touched during this span. WRT has a long and far-reaching history of *tikkun olam*.

From as close as WRT's *bimah* and as far as across the ocean, through the years, our clergy have repeatedly called out injustice and inequities, demanded change, and empowered advocacy and action. Rabbi Jack Stern z"l marched in the deep South in support of the Civil Rights Movement and spoke out against the Vietnam War and apartheid in South Africa. Rabbi Rick Jacobs traveled to Chad to meet with Darfur refugees, and brought back the message that we must rally support to help to end the genocide there. Closer to home, Rabbi Jacobs called for action when the Boy Scouts banned an openly gay leader and worked toward better relationships between Jews and Muslims. Rabbi Jonathan Blake inspires us with words of inclusion and support for refugees. He passionately denounces Muslim travel bans, gun violence, and acts of hate and terrorism. And when Roe v. Wade was overturned, Cantor Amanda Kleinman stood on the *bimah* on Kol Nidre, and declared "...I'll shout from this *bimah* on the holiest day of the year: your religious tradition, your temple, and your clergy consider your right to choose to be sacred."

WRT has been a leader in environmental sustainability. In 1991, the Temple Youth Group initiated a recycling program at WRT. 20 years later, WRT was awarded a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certification and was also the first house of worship in Westchester County to become Zero Waste.

Together as a community, we try to overcome inequities such as food insecurity. In 1977, WRT members began to distribute Passover food boxes to elderly and needy members of

the New York Jewish Community. Today, we continue to send Passover packages to our own members, and support the Kosher Food Pantry at HOPE Community Services. Last year, when Ukrainian refugees were in need of kosher food for Passover, we mobilized in two days' time to collect, organize, and send food for 30,000 Jewish refugees for distribution in Eastern Europe. Each month, we cook hot dinners for those in need, in addition to making sandwiches and hosting food drives throughout the year.

Rabbi Stern's and Rabbi Jacobs's legacies of welcoming the stranger persist under the leadership of Rabbi Blake. In 1989, we resettled the first Russian refusenik family, followed over the next four years by three additional Russian families. In 2017, we resettled two refugee sisters from the Central African Republic, and now we convene again to welcome a family from Ukraine. We continue to proclaim that all are welcome here at WRT.

It is impossible to put onto one page the impact WRT has made over the past 70 years and continues to make, from MRJ Blood Drives, to WRJ Thanksgiving Dinners for the Visually Impaired, from the Inclusion Task Force to the Racial Justice Working Group, from the Caring Community to our new member committees. With this rich history in the foreground, we now have a strong and thriving impact program that focuses on Equity and Justice, Local and Global Community, and Environmental Sustainability. We will continue to strengthen our partnership with local organizations that share these common values, such as HOPE Community Services, The Sharing Shelf, and Afya Foundation.

In celebration of our 70th, I challenge our WRT community to collectively complete 70 hours of impact through hands-on projects, outreach, and advocacy. Please join me in this pledge and reach out to me to be a part of this initiative.



Community

Cooking4HOPE Hot Meals **Last Monday of Each Month**

August 28, September - No Cooking4HOPE hot meals, October 30 and November 27

Come make dinner for clients at HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle. Dinner is made the morning of the last Monday of each month in the Westchester Reform Temple kitchen. In addition to the hot meals, sandwiches are made and sandwich bags are assembled. The meals are transported to HOPE by WRT driver volunteers directly after the cooking. If you can't make it Monday, you can still volunteer ahead of time by shopping or baking desserts.

To sign up, visit <https://wrtemple.org/impact/cooking4hope/>. To get more involved in food insecurity initiatives, email Sharon Stiefel at Sharon.Stiefel@wrtemple.org.

WRT Delivers Thanksgiving **Save the Dates:**

Sunday, November 19 – Wednesday, November 22

WRT is committed to fighting food insecurity in our local communities. To ensure that as many people as possible, regardless of circumstances, can celebrate Thanksgiving, WRT and local volunteers make Thanksgiving meals for those that might otherwise go hungry.

Because of you, last year we were able to prepare meals for over 365 people, as well as an additional 150 sides. Be a part of this extraordinary mitzvah this year!

Sign up to be a part of the WRT Delivers Thanksgiving Planning Committee by emailing Sharon.Stiefel@wrtemple.org, subject line: *WRT Delivers Thanksgiving*.



Cantor Laura Stein

Spousal Bereavement Group

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1 and 8 at 11:30 am

General Bereavement Group

Wednesdays, October 11 and November 15 at 7:00 pm

These Support Groups meet 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.

Both Bereavement Groups are 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.



Jane Slevin

Living with Divorce: Support Group

Wednesdays, October 11 and November 15 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 Sasha 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.



Rabbi Sasha Baken

Evening Book Group

Tuesdays, September 19, October 17 and November 21, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Interested in joining the evening book group? The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at WRT for review and discussion on the month's selected title. The September book title is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. For more information, please contact Lenore Rosenbaum at papooobeads@optonline.net.



WERE YOU



Photos (starting top left): Mitzvah Fair, Achinoam Nini Concert, MRJ Passover Seder, Mitzvah Fair, Purim, Jodi Kantor Event

THERE?



Photos (starting top left): MRJ Seder, Purim, Confirmation, WRJ Seder, MRJ Seder, Pete Malinverni Trio Concert

Early Childhood Center (ECC)



Jennifer Brauntuch
ECC Assistant Director

Rebecca Roseman
ECC Director

Many adults are familiar with the “traditional” 3 R’s from school:
Reading, wRiting, aRithmetic

Our ECC has created new 3 R’s:
Renewed, Refreshed, Reorganized

This fall begins a new chapter for the ECC. After serving as the ECC Associate Director alongside Sue Tolchin, I (Rebecca Roseman) am thrilled to be the Director of the Westchester Reform Temple Early Childhood Center. Our new ECC Assistant Director, Jennifer Brauntuch, joined me this summer. Jen comes to our ECC with an extensive background in Education, School Administration, as well as, a degree in Social Work. Ellen Rosenberg, our ECC Administrative Assistant is continuing her role to work directly in many capacities with our team. Together, we will continue to make certain that the ECC is the highest quality early childhood program in the area. We are delighted to be starting the school year off with our new team.

During the spring and summer months we were very busy refreshing our classrooms and reorganizing classes. We continue to strive for excellence in the area of early childhood education. In thinking about WRT’s Early Childhood Center and its purpose, here are some of the priorities that we hold high:

1. To give children a strong foundation for future academic success.
2. To enhance children’s self-concepts and social skills as they learn to get along in the world.
3. To ensure that children have a childhood full of play, adventure and investigation.
4. To create a community where adults and children experience a sense of connection and new possibilities for making the world a better place

A vision for an organization is a collective process. We need interest, purpose and ideas from our parents, volunteers and staff. We are pleased to have amazing parent co-chairs to partner with for this year: Mallorie Cocoran, Morgan Satler Greene, Jessica Weiland and Nicole Risener. Working together to build a common vision for WRT to include programming and activities for children and their families is, and will remain, our priority.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year!

Warmly,

Rebecca and Jen



Some events which take place at WRT during the year:

Monthly Tot Shabbats: Fridays - Sept. 8, Oct. 13, *Nov. 17, Jan.19, Mar. 1 and May 31, 5:30 – 6:30 pm; Saturday, Apr. 6 at 9:00 am
Experience the joy of Shabbat with children, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Designed for families with young children and led by WRT clergy. *WRT 70th Birthday Party

ECC Family Field Day: Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:00 am – Noon
ECC Families are invited to Aspen Park in Scarsdale to celebrate the start of the school year. There will be food, games led by Happy Fit and crafts. It is 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)

Park Playdates: (dates to be determined)
Get together with old friends and meet new ones at Aspen Park. (For ECC-enrolled families) ECC Parents organize these events.

ECC and JLL Family Apple Picking Offsite: Sunday, Sept. 17
Rosh Hashanah songs and storytelling followed by a snack and apple picking. This program is led by WRT clergy.

Sukkot Block Party: Sunday, Oct. 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

ECC Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year begins:
Current ECC Families: Oct. 31 – Nov. 1; Temple Members: Nov. 2 – Nov. 3;
Registration opens to the public: Nov. 6 and will be ongoing.

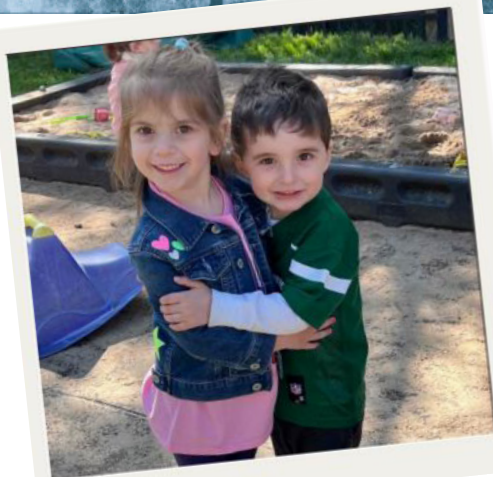
Chanukah Celebration – Milk and Cookies with the Cantors:
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4:00 pm
This festive event includes story time, milk, cookies and Chanukah songs. (loved ones and children attend; siblings welcome)

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. This event is led by clergy and ECC staff.

ECC Cocktail Party: (in the spring)
An evening event held at WRT for existing and incoming ECC parents. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres are served. 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. Tours of the ECC are given and children get a first glimpse of their new school.

Truck Day: (in the spring)
All ECC children have an opportunity to view and explore trucks during their ECC school day. Trucks that often visit us are: a fire engine, a police car, a garbage truck, a backhoe, an ambulance, a mail truck and the ever popular ice-cream truck! (ECC children only)



Jewish Learning Lab (JLL)



Rabbi Leah Citrin
Associate Rabbi &
Jewish Learning Lab Director

Welcome back!

With the start of the new year, I am excited to bring several changes to the JLL this year that will help us better fulfill our mission of creating joyful Jewish memories and supporting the development of our students' strong Jewish identities.

Unifying our Sunday program into one session allows all our learners to be here at one time, creating a stronger community. A redesign of our weekday program for 3rd and 4th graders will solidify their early exposure to the Hebrew language (which starts in Kindergarten).

After Services, Sushi, and Shake Shack back in April, I am excited to refine our family-focused Shabbat experience with the introduction of Lab Shabbat six times over the course of the year, with each Shabbat highlighting a different grade. Additionally, the return of our strongest and most skilled teachers will create classroom environments that are conducive to living and loving Judaism. It is going to be a great year!



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."

Apple Picking

Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 am

Family Apple Picking at Wilkens Farm (off-site)

Rosh HaShanah is the head of the new year, celebrated with the sweetness of apples and honey.

Join Rabbi Citrin and Cantor Sonett-Assor at the apple orchard for singing, a story, and apple picking.

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 6 at 5:30 pm

As we complete one cycle of reading Torah and begin again, we will consecrate our newest learners who have joined the JLL for the first time this year in Kindergarten.

Lab Shabbat

Fridays, October 27, December 8, February 9, April 12 and May 10

5:30-7:00pm

An opportunity to welcome Shabbat with a family friendly service followed by a delicious and different dinner each time. Designed for families with children in Kindergarten through fifth grade, each Lab Shabbat will include participation by a particular grade to showcase their JLL learnings.



Mazal Tov!

January 19 - July 12, 2023

Births

Margie (ECC Teacher) and Larry Orell

on the birth of their granddaughter Olivia Blake McGavock
and to the parents Molly and Tim McGavock

Carol and Steven Kushnick

on the birth of their grandson Theodore Solomon Milstein
and to the parents Rachel and Joshua Milstein

Andrea and Alan Markowitz

on the birth of their grandson Sonny Wills Polk
and to the parents Shayna and Rich Polk

Toby and Judah Schulman

on the birth of their daughter Cosette Rose Schulman

Merle and Stephen Brenner

on the birth of their great-granddaughter Madison Rose Kaplan
and to the parents Leah and Adam Kaplan

Lauren and Matt Goldman

on the birth of their son Jonas Shai Goldman

Jill and Howard Fife

on the birth of their grandson Elliott Yuval Fife
and to the parents Yael Nobel and Jonathan Fife

Ruth and Sid Lapidus

Gail and Larry Dobosh

on the birth of their great granddaughter/their granddaughter
Bailey Harper Morgenstern
and to the parents Sara and Eric Morgenstern

Robin and Scott Gottlieb

on the birth of their granddaughter Madeline Bella Gottlieb
and to the parents Ilana and Ethan Gottlieb

Joan and Larry Zombek

on the birth of their granddaughter Jordyn Faye Zombek
and to the parents Jaime and Michael Zombek

Stacey and Jeffrey Guber

on the birth of their son Joshua Lawrence Guber

Bryar and Brad Bernard

on the birth of their daughter Sadie Wren Bernard

Bonnie and Peter Gatof

on the birth of their granddaughter Scarlett Elfi Morgan
and to the parents Jessica and Jason Morgan

Elise and Noel Flagg

on the birth of their granddaughter Talia Natalie Grebe
and to the parents Lindsay and Alexander Grebe

Melissa and Jeffrey Fastov

on the birth of their grandson James Tate Trock
and to the parents Hannah Fastov and Jonathan Trock

Peggy and Russell DaSilva

on the birth of their granddaughter Millie Charlotte Eckstein
and to the parents Ellen DaSilva and David Eckstein

Alexandra and Benjamin Schwartz

on the birth of their son Ryan Cooper Schwartz

Amy and Craig Lemle

on the birth of their granddaughter Chloe Cate Levy
and to the parents Tracey and Marcus Levy

Larry Rogers

on the birth of his granddaughter Lola Bea Feuer
and to the parents Heather and Eric Feuer

Ellen and Hal Freiman

on the birth of their grandson Theodore Paul Blomerth
and to the parents Rachel and Paul Blomerth

Rebecca and Ami Ziff

on the birth of their daughter Camille Joni Ziff

Janet and Bruce Beck

on the birth of their grandson Evan Grey Beck
and to the parents Jordana and Jonathan Beck

Engagements

Bruce and Lois Zenkel

on the engagement of their granddaughter Nikki to Max Grossman
and their grandson Billy to Katie Grimes

Betsy Weiser and Eric Karp

on the engagement of their son Andrew Karp to Danielle Kohn

Celia and Larry Brown

on the engagement of their daughter Meredith to Zachary Sheinberg

Suellen and Howard Singer

on the engagement of their daughter Melanie to Ross Taube

Sarah and Stewart Kagan

on the engagement of their daughter Joan to Max Winograd

Marcy and John Harris

on the engagement of their son Andrew to Rachel Hudson

Cheryl and Paul Waters

on the engagement of their son Samuel to Samantha Winters

Beth Ehrich Berkeley and Alan Berkeley

on the engagement of their daughter Rachel Kourakos to
Frederik Hendriksen

Barbara and Bennett Josselsohn

on the engagement of their son David to Brittney Glassberg

Marriages

Linda and Joseph Simon

on the marriage of their son Peter to Emma Nagel

Joan and Lawrence Zombek

on the marriage of their son Ethan to Arielle Zelin

Linda and Seth Plattus

on the marriage of their daughter Danielle to Jake Yormak

Linda and Dick Schapiro

on the marriage of their daughter Lizzy to Josh Goldstein

Emily and Mitchell Spector

on the marriage of their daughter Olivia to Josh Goldman

Diane and Lloyd Loft

on the marriage of their daughter Hayley to Matthew Moskowitz

Wendy and Gary Simon

on the marriage of their daughter Lindsay to Yonatan Tamam

Abby and David Salzman

on the marriage of their daughter Julie to Jorge Miranda

Musa Yenni

on the marriage of her son Jonathan to Ruby Kaufman

Ellen and Scott Baken

on the marriage of their daughter Rabbi Sasha Baken to Roie Rennert

Beth Ehrich Berkeley and Alan Berkeley

on the marriage of their daughter Ellen Kourakos to Eric Schwartz

Kim Reichig and Michael Ziegelbaum

on the marriage of their daughter Dylan Ziegelbaum to Ryan Saxe

Susan and Jeffrey Landsberg

on the marriage of their daughter Harley to Eric Belmont

Linda (WRT Bookkeeper) and Vito Zarra

on the marriage of their son James to Jacalyn Barile

Donna and Steven Herman

on the marriage of their son Ross to Rebecca Sloan

B'nei Mitzvah

Leslie and Mark Hoffman

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Alice

Berit and Marc Berger

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Tessa

Lauren and Craig Bender

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Reed

Irena and Jeffrey Turner

on the B'nei Mitzvah of their children Ethan and Isabella

Jennifer and Marc Brooks

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Bennett

Abby and Heath Sroka

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew

Kimberly and Joshua King

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Hailey

Sara and Jordan Foster

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel

Rebecca Gabin and Aaron Gabin

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ethan

Heidi and David Greenberger

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Emma

Marcy Berman-Goldstein and Barry Goldstein

on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters Lindsay and Natalie

Lauren Fields and James Fields

on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters Chloe and Emily

Erica and Alexander Crisses

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Blake

Hilary and Alex Teeman

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Amelia

Jennifer Cohen and Mark Horney

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Alexandra

Beth and Steven Pass

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sam

Marin and Brad Weinberg

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Weston

Erica German and Jonathan Potack

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Russell

Debbie and Andrew Horn

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin

Ilona and Jonathan Pokoik

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Noah

Dana and Robert Mitchell

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Brooke

Raina and David Cheikin

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zachary

Michelle and Jed Schwartz

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob

Valerie and Eric Arnold

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dylan

The congregation of WRT mourns the death of our member
Roberta Friedman
and extends sympathy to her bereaved family.

The congregation of WRT mourns the death of our member
Ken Zeleznick
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

The congregation of WRT mourns the death of our member
John Kaufman
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

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Margaret Sheppe
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Alfred Fields
and extends sympathy to his bereaved family.

The congregation of WRT mourns the death of our member
Judith Weinberg
and extends sympathy to her bereaved family.

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.

Condolences

Gerald Friedman
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