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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.

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Rabbi Blake's Message

And you shall love...

Dear WRT Family,

I hope you and your dear ones have enjoyed these warm and bright months of summer. As we get ready to welcome the Jewish New Year 5786, the world's disarray continues to roil our inner worlds, as well.

Kabbalah, that wellspring of Jewish mystical teaching and tradition, teaches that *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world, is a mirror-image project to *Tikkun Ha-Nefesh*: the repair of the soul. Without deep soul-work, we cannot hope to fix what is broken in our world. Our prayer book affirms this and centers God in both projects, the project of world-repair and soul-

repair: "We see that inner and outer worlds are one, as You are One."

Rosh Ha-Shanah is a holiday about renewing the world. ("On this day, the world is born anew," declares the machzor, the High Holy Day prayer book.) And Yom Kippur is a holiday about renewing the soul. ("But repentance, prayer, and *tzedakah* avert the severe decree.") Both kinds of work are hard. Both are necessary. And both begin when we follow this master precept: And you shall love.

In the coming year, WRT will highlight as our byword this phrase, three-times repeated in the Torah: **And you shall love.**

Three times the Torah commands:

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am Adonai (*Leviticus 19:18*).

And you shall love Adonai your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might. (*Deuteronomy 6:5*).

And you shall love the stranger,

for you were strangers in the land of Egypt (*Deuteronomy 10:19*).

In these verses we see that for the Jew, love is (to quote the great song by Boston) "more than a feeling." Love is a spiritual imperative. Love is an orientation to self, other, and the Ultimate (God, however you may choose to understand God). Love is demonstrated in self-respect, fair treatment of our neighbors (those who seem like us), and embrace of the stranger (those who seem unlike us).

Love in Judaism is made real through how we treat **ourselves**: how we take care of the body, nurture the intellect, nourish the soul.

Love in Judaism is made real through how we treat our **neighbors**: how we take care of our community, invest in our schools and libraries and religious institutions, the arts and humanities, how we build congregations of compassion and caring.

Love in Judaism is made real through how we treat **the stranger**: the immigrant, the foreigner, the person who comes into our community seeking opportunity and relief from suffering and fear, the one who has less and needs more, the hungry, the frightened, the vulnerable.

And when we love in these Jewish ways—when we love as "more than a feeling"; when we love with heart, soul, and might; when we love not just in word but in deed; when we do all this - we fulfill the Ultimate Directive: Love God. We love God by loving ourselves, our neighbors, and the stranger in our midst.

And you shall love: let this coming new year, 5786, be a Season of Love in our homes, our hearts, our streets, and our aching world.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Jonathan E. Blake

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION Thursday, April 30, 2026

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we come together to celebrate and support our extraordinary WRT community. This annual event is a wonderful way to honor our shared values, connect with fellow members, and ensure a vibrant future for our congregation.



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 such as Lab Shabbat.

Lab Shabbat

Friday, October 17, November 21, December 12, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 12, October 10, November 7, December 5, from 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, from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Join us every Saturday morning as we gather for a brief service, nosh, and lively discussion of our weekly Torah portion. Our service is clergy led and features moments of gratitude, healing and remembrance. Following some snacking and schmoozing, we come back together for engaging Torah study. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

Sharing Shabbat

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

Our engaging, musical Shabbat service for children in Grades K-7 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

Join us for Pre-Negs at WRT Friday, September 5, October 24, December 5, at 5:30 pm

Join us for Shabbat on September 5, October 24 & December 5, at 5:30 pm with a special "Pre-Neg", as we share food and drink and connect with each other before Services. Make our experiment a success, as we envision new ways to enrich our Shabbat experience at WRT. All are welcome.

Marjorie and Morgan z"l Miller Scholar-in-Residence Weekend and Installation of Rabbi Alissa Platcow

**Featuring Rabbi Roly Matalon,
Senior Rabbi and Rosh Kehila of
B'nai Jeshurun.**

**Friday, September 5, at 6:15 pm
Saturday, September 6, at 9:30 am**

Join us for a Shabbat not to be missed! On Friday, September 5, we will hold a celebratory, joyful and uplifting installation of our new Assistant Rabbi, Alissa Platcow with remarks from Senior Rabbi and Rosh Kehila of B'nai Jeshurun.

On Saturday the joy continues as we learn a series of texts with a panel of amazing and diverse New York Rabbis.

Rabbi Roly Matalon's visionary leadership has had a profound impact on the revitalization of Jewish synagogue life in the US and in Israel, as his involvement in the New York, Jewish, and Israeli communities is broad and deep. Rabbi Matalon has done great work with "Synagogue 2000" and has received awards from the New York Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Peace Fellowship, the New Israel Fund, and T'ruah: The Rabbinic



Call for Human Rights. Rabbi Matalon is a founding co-director of Piyut North America (now Global Piyut Music), a partnership between B'nai Jeshurun and Invitation to Piyut in Israel, which is dedicated to the dissemination of liturgical music from Jewish communities around the world.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with 9/11 Remembrance Friday, September 12, at 6:15 pm

At this Shabbat service, we will kindle flames of memorial for the victims of 9/11.

S'lichot Dessert Reception and Musical Program

Saturday, September 13, at 7:15 pm

We will usher in the Days of Awe in partnership with other Westchester congregations, as we prime ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the High Holidays. This year's S'lichot program will feature a musical exploration of High Holiday melodies and themes, led by WRT's cantors and guest artist, Cantor Becky Mann.

Cantor Mann serves as Assistant Cantor at Temple Israel of Westport, CT and is a leading contemporary Jewish singer-songwriter whose melodies we sing often at WRT. Our service will also include the time-honored tradition of changing our Torah mantles to white in preparation for the upcoming season.

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High Holidays Schedule

S'lichot

Saturday, September 13

7:15 pm *S'lichot Dessert Reception and Musical Program

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Monday, September 22

5:45 pm ‡ADULT Service (Sanctuary)
With concurrent K-5 program

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 am ADULT Early Service (Sanctuary)
9:15 am *TOT Service (Beit Midrash)
10:45 am FAMILY Service (Beit Midrash)
11:45 am ‡ADULT Late Service (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm INTERGENERATIONAL Service (Beit Midrash)
5:30 pm *Tashlich with Young Israel of Scarsdale at Carpenter Pond

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 am *Morning Service (Sanctuary)
10:30 am *FAMILY Apple Picking at Wilkens Fruit and Fir Farm (off-site)

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 1

5:00 pm FAMILY Service (Beit Midrash)
5:00 pm ADULT Early Service (Sanctuary)
7:45 pm ‡ADULT Late Service (Sanctuary)

Yom Kippur Day

Thursday, October 2

9:00 am ADULT Early Service (Sanctuary)
9:15 am *TOT Service (Beit Midrash)
10:45 am FAMILY Service (Beit Midrash)
11:45 am ‡ADULT Late Service (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm INTERGENERATIONAL Service (Beit Midrash)

2:30 pm *Musical Meditation (Sanctuary)

3:45 pm *Yom Kippur Afternoon Service includes Yizkor and Ne'ilah (Sanctuary)

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

‡ASL interpretation provided.

FOR WRT MEMBERS:

Please read this entire message as the process this year has some meaningful changes.

We are delighted to offer High Holiday Tickets to all members who are current with their membership. To review your account, please log in to the LINKS portal or contact Linda Zarra at (914) 723-2391.

Tickets are included in your Membership Dues at no extra charge (except for Non-Resident Members) for the primary adults in your household, and your children and/or guests aged 30 and younger.

Individual tickets are per person/per day and are available for purchase for your adult children aged 31 and older, their significant others aged 31 and older, and/or adult extended family members and their significant others.

- We will continue to accommodate requests for guest tickets. However, new for this year is that any party with requests for guest tickets in excess of 4 will be directed to the intergenerational service for the morning services.
- We will continue to accommodate reciprocal ticket requests. However, new for this year is that reciprocal tickets are now treated as a type of guest ticket, and should be requested in your overall guest ticket request (subject to the limit described above).

FOR NON- WRT MEMBERS:

Community-wide Services: WRT offers certain services for the community (Members and non-Members are welcome) to attend at no charge (see the schedule of services). Registration is required for anyone who wishes to attend.



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High Holidays Tickets

Shalom! We look forward to welcoming you at High Holiday services this year.

In response to member feedback, and by taking advantage of our system's capabilities, we have made several important changes to our process and rules for this year.

The changes we have made are designed to allow more WRT Members to obtain seats in the usually filled morning Sanctuary services, and make better use of the space we have available in the Intergenerational services.

We encourage you to read this full page, and to note specifically the following changes:

QR Code for Tickets

- When you have submitted your ticket request, you will receive a QR Code that will show the most current tickets granted, including any changes made over time. Please make sure to bring your IDs for Security to match up with the names on the tickets you have, as shown by your QR code.

Changes to Tickets

- Once you submit your ticket request, you can change your order by yourself at any time, by using your LINKS account. WRT staff are not needed to make changes.
- If your plans change, and you no longer need some of the tickets you have requested, we encourage you to return those tickets via this change option, so that we can offer them to congregants who are on a wait list.

Wait Lists

- If you request tickets to a service that has filled to capacity, you may join a wait list.
- Once a filled service has a critical number of tickets returned back by other members, staff will contact wait list members (in order) and invite them to go back into the system and request the newly available tickets.

Guest Tickets

- Certain services will have a limit of 4 guests that you can request tickets for, including the early and late Main Sanctuary services on Rosh Hashanah morning and the early and late Main Sanctuary services on Yom Kippur morning.
- Those who wish to request more than 4 guest tickets should choose the Intergenerational services on those 2 days instead.

Reciprocal Tickets

- Outgoing reciprocal requests (WRT members wishing to attend services elsewhere) will be self-generated by you, via a form on your LINKS account. WRT office staff are not needed to assist you with this function.
- Incoming reciprocal requests (Members of other synagogues wishing to attend services at WRT with you) are treated as your guests, and you should include them in your request for guest tickets.
- Incoming reciprocal requests who are not guests of WRT Members will be offered seating at the Intergenerational services (not the Main Sanctuary services) on Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur morning.

Intergenerational Services

- Please read the description of this service below, and note that we will use our High Holidays prayer book at these services this year. Last year many congregants raved about it, including enjoying Rabbi Blake giving his sermon "live" at this service.
- We want more congregants to be aware of this exciting new option.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Youth Programming

Begin Rosh Hashanah together as a family in the Main Sanctuary. After approximately 20 minutes in the main service, students in grades K-5 will transition with Rabbi Citrin, Rabbinic Intern Micah Glickman, and Cantorial Intern Phil Fisherman into an interactive holiday program. Parents will pick up students at the conclusion of the main service at 7:15pm. Registration is required and a snack of apples and honey will be served.

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ABOUT OUR SERVICES:

Adult Services: This service is recommended for adults and teens ages 14 and older. Enhanced by our professional choir and instrumentalists, our worship experience utilizes the Reform Movement's High Holiday machzor (prayer book), *Mishkan HaNefesh*. The prayers of Yizkor will be recited at the morning service of Yom Kippur. However, names will only be read at the Yom Kippur Afternoon concluding service.

Intergenerational Services: This early afternoon, approximately 90-minute service, is recommended for adults and students ages 10+, and features the prayers of the Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur daytime services. Held in WRT's beautiful Beit Midrash, our Intergenerational Service will feature uplifting music and utilizes the Reform Movement's High Holiday machzor (prayer book), *Mishkan HaNefesh*. **Rabbi Blake will offer the same sermon in this service as he is delivering at morning Adult Services in the sanctuary.**

Family Services: Led by our clergy, this prayer service is designed for elementary school-aged children and their families and uses Visual Worship that is projected on large screens.

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, stories, and shofar!

Yom Kippur Afternoon: Conclude the Days of Awe at WRT with a stirring service celebrating our theme, "And you shall love." Cantor Kleinman will present a tapestry of music, poetry, and the voices of leaders within our WRT community. This service will feature Yizkor memorial prayers and end with a beautiful *Ne'ilah* and *Havdalah*.



HELPFUL INFORMATION:

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 (not for *Selichot* nor Rosh HaShanah Second Day).

Security: Have your High Holiday Ticket QR Code 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.

Community-wide Services: WRT offers certain services for the community (Members and non-Members are welcome) to attend at no charge (see the schedule of services). Registration is required for anyone who wishes to attend.

Childcare: Available at no charge for children 2-5 years old during the following services: Erev Rosh HaShanah, Rosh HaShanah morning, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning. Sign-up is required in advance, so that we may plan appropriately. Signup at www.wrtemple.org/join/links/

Reserved Accessible Seating: Available for all Sanctuary services. There is a 2-seat request limit. If you have additional family members who would like to sit with you, please have them arrive early to find seating near your reserved placement. Signup at www.wrtemple.org/join/links/ or call the Temple office at 914-723-7727.

Large Print Prayer Books: Reserve at www.wrtemple.org/join/links/

Prayer books: Prayer books will be provided at services. Unfortunately, prayer books are not available for lending out (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>

Assistive Listening: Available within our Sanctuary. Listen to the services directly from your smart device. Full directions on how to download and use the app are near the entrance of the Sanctuary.

ASL interpretation: Available for the specifically indicated services only. Please refer to the schedule of services to see which services will have this additional option.

WRT LINKS: Once you have renewed your WRT Membership for the new year, reserve your High Holiday Tickets through your WRT LINKS account.

Services and Events *(continued from page 5)*

FALL HOLIDAYS: CELEBRATE SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH AT WRT



Welcome Sukkot at WRT with Israeli Artist Zoya.

Monday, October 6, at 6:00 pm

World-renowned Zoya Cherassky-Nnadi is a celebrated Ukrainian-Israeli artist, born in Kyiv in 1976, who emigrated to Israel in 1991. Her astonishing depictions of the attacks of October 7th have earned her international recognition, with her works being likened to Picasso's dramatic wartime tableau Guernica. At a gallery exhibition of her paintings, come meet the artist in conversation with our congregant Ruth Suzman who is sponsoring her works at WRT.

Our evening will begin with a brief and joyful service in the Sukkah, followed by a delicious dinner and then join us for conversation with the artist and gallery walk.

Sukkot Festival Service and Harvest Luncheon

Tuesday, October 7, at 10:30 am

Enter our beautiful Sukkah (weather permitting) for a musical and meditative service reflecting the themes of the harvest holiday, followed by a homemade lunch prepared by the WRJ. RSVPs required for lunch. Memorial Prayers on the Yahrzeit of October 7th will be offered.

Ushpizot

**Thursday, October 9,
from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Please join WRJ for our Ushpizot fall harvest dinner. Weather-permitting, we will begin the evening with cocktails and light hors d'œuvres outside before congregating in the sukkah for a short service led by Cantor Kleinman. We will then enjoy a festive potluck dinner in the social hall. This annual celebration has been one of our most popular events of the year; you don't want to miss it!



Spirits in the Sukkah

Friday, October 10

Kabbalat Shabbat services, 6:15 pm

Spirits in the Sukkah, 7:30 pm

Join our clergy for a Sukkot Shabbat Service, followed by an Oneg and Spirits in the Sukkah. Come greet new FreeBirds members and see old friends, while we enjoy an Israeli spirits tasting. Questions? Lori.Gertzog@gmail.com



Sukkot Block Party

**Sunday, October 12,
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Join us outdoors for a celebration of the season, featuring live music, food trucks, and activities for the whole family. Including CRE8 Day where all ages will be able to participate in special workshops to create masterpieces!



Simchat Torah with Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El

Monday, October 13, Time TBA

Join your WRT community and our friends at SSTTE for a festive inter-congregational celebration of Simchat Torah! Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El, at 2 Ogden Road in Scarsdale, will host us as we unroll the Torah from end to end, complete the yearly cycle of Torah reading, and begin anew. All ages welcome; refreshments will be served.

Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret/ Yizkor Service With The Israel Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 pm

Join us as we conclude the High Holiday season and commemorate the Hebrew *yahrzeit* of October 7th with an extraordinary opportunity to support

the arts in Israel. Following a Simchat Torah service and congregational dinner, we will welcome a trio from the Israeli Symphony Orchestra, the resident orchestra of the Tel Aviv Opera. The program, which will feature both classical music and Israeli folk and art song, will allow us the opportunity to hear extraordinary artistry and to offer our support to and solidarity with one of Israel's preeminent musical ensembles during challenging times.

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, Shurat Ha-Din Panel

**Sunday, October 26,
from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Please join us as we welcome Israeli activist attorney, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner who has been at the forefront of defending Israel's interests on the global legal stage. As a leader of Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center, a Tel Aviv-based civil rights organization, she has spearheaded efforts to counteract campaigns that seek to delegitimize Israel and disrupt its security. Her innovative approach involves using legal avenues to challenge hostile activities targeting the Jewish state, including offensive litigation

and direct confrontation of those who advocate for the BDS movement.

Pulpit Exchange and Shared Worship with Greater Centennial AME Zion Church, Mount Vernon

Rabbi Jonathan Blake and Pastor Stephen W. Pogue exchange pulpits for a week of shared worship, fellowship, music, and inspiration.

Kabbalat Shabbat worship at WRT Friday, November 7, at 6:15 pm

Pastor Pogue delivers the sermon and music will be enhanced by the extraordinary Mel Reburg Mass Choir of Greater Centennial AME Zion Church. Services will be followed by a community-wide dinner. At this special service, we will also mark the 30th *yahrzeit* of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, z'l, who was assassinated on November 5, 1995.

Morning Worship at Greater Centennial AME Zion Church, Mount Vernon.

Sunday, November 9, at 9:30 am

Rabbi Blake delivers the sermon. All are welcome for an uplifting morning of

music, praise, worship, and togetherness, followed by a brunch reception in the church fellowship hall.

Piloting the New Reform Jewish Torah Commentary

**Saturday, November 8,
from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Curious about learning Torah? Already a seasoned learner? Join Rabbi Platcow and fellow congregants for a special Shabbat morning exploring the Reform Movement's new Torah commentary. This masterful volume, to be published in 2027, represents the first-ever comprehensive Reform Jewish translation of the Torah and will feature penetrating insights from cutting-edge Biblical scholarship, as well as reflections from today's leading scholars, rabbis, cantors, and authors. Your feedback at this session will guide the final publication.

Learn more here:

<https://www.ccarnet.org/rabbinic-voice/new-reform-torah-commentary/>

A bagel brunch will be served!

5786 YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE September 22 - October 2, 2025

As we enter the new year 5786, 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 October 2, 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.

Talmud Torah: Adult Education



Rabbi Jonathan Blake



Cantor Amanda Kleinman



Rabbi Alissa Platcow



Jane Roberts

Getting Ready for the High Holidays: Online Learning with Rabbi Blake

**Three Thursdays in September, from 10:15 - 11:45 am (Zoom)
September 4, 11, 18**

Join Rabbi Blake for three sessions offered over Zoom on the subject of Maimonides' *Hilchot Teshuvah*, the master text about sin, repentance, and personal transformation in anticipation of the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement.

Rosh Chodesh 5786 Led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman

**Tuesdays, September 9,
October 21, November 18,
at 11:30 am (at WRT)**

Join Cantor Kleinman 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.

Rabbi Blake and Rabbi Platcow: Talmud Shiur

**Thursdays, October 9 - November 20
from 10:15 - 11:45 am (Zoom)**

All are welcome to join Rabbi Blake and Rabbi Platcow for an online exploration of

the Babylonian Talmud and its penetrating wisdom that has shaped the Jewish tradition. This fall, our topic will be Death, Mourning, and Afterlife Traditions From the Talmud. Please join us!

Israel: The Last Thirty Years

**Four Sundays in November from
Noon - 1:30 pm**

(Bring your own lunch; beverages provided)

November 2

***The Roots and Evolution of Israeli
Democracy with Rabbi Jan Katzew,
Ph.D, Guest Scholar***

November 9

***From Assassination to Intifada,
1995-2004***

November 16

***From Gaza to Gaza to Gaza,
2005-2014***

November 23

***The Roots and Aftermath of October
7th, 2015-2025***

Join Rabbi Blake for a close examination of the historical and political forces that have shaped the last 30 years of Israeli history. Following his popular course on the History of Zionism and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2023-2024), this 4-week in-person and livestreamed class will explore the period from the



Make a Donation to Support Israel

The Rabbis' Discretionary Fund of WRT is currently supporting critical organizations that are addressing humanitarian needs, support for Israel's soldiers, and traumatized communities throughout Israel. To make a donation to the Rabbis' Discretionary Fund, go to <https://bit.ly/wrtfunds>.

assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin z"l 30 years ago this November through the present moment.

Advanced Hebrew Bible Class: A Study Of Tanach Led by Jane Roberts

**Wednesdays, from 10:00 am to
11:30 am (via Zoom)**

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.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Beginning in 2026

Never celebrated becoming a Bat or Bar Mitzvah? Want your opportunity to stand before the Torah and take ownership of your place in the chain of our tradition? This winter, WRT will begin an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class and we cannot wait to celebrate with you. If this peaks your interest, please contact Rabbi Alissa Platcow at rabbi.platcow@wrtemple.org



President's Message

Steven Masket

It is my great privilege to take on the role of President of WRT, and have the opportunity to work with the Clergy, Staff, lay leadership and all of you. I am deeply inspired by this wonderful community.

As this is my first message as President, I want to thank Warren Haber, our Immediate Past President. Warren led the Temple over the past four years with grace, energy and a deep understanding of the covenantal relationship between the clergy and lay leadership required for a successful Temple community. It is a privilege to follow in his footsteps and those of so many before him.

My journey in Judaism began in Hebrew School and through a strong connection with my grandfather, who regularly took me to Shabbat morning services. At 12, I became the president of my Junior Congregation in Riverdale. I was a religion major in college, and briefly thought of becoming a Rabbi. Instead, I became the next best thing: a lawyer. Elaine and I married and had our first son Will and made our home in New Jersey for 20 years. Throughout it all, my connection to Judaism never wavered.

At age 35, my life changed when our younger son, Alex, was diagnosed with autism. This was in 1989, at a time when the incidence was 1 in 10,000 and there were few, if any, playbooks in place. As many of you know, parenting a child with developmental disabilities can be overwhelming and isolating. Among many other hard realities, I could not imagine a world where Alex, with his childhood behavior challenges, would find a place in our Temple, or any Temple. I was saddened that something that brought me so much comfort and joy throughout my life was something Alex might not have an opportunity to experience.

By the time Alex was 12, we were still in New Jersey but felt more hopeful. I reached out to our clergy to figure out if and how he could become a Bar Mitzvah. To our immense relief, the clergy were very open and together we found a path that led to Alex having the first special needs Bar Mitzvah there. Preparing for his Bar Mitzvah was certainly atypical and I am happy to share the specifics with anyone. That incredibly joyous experience led to regular attendance at Friday evening services. Now 38, Alex is still mostly non-speaking. But when he visits us for a weekend, we are side-by-side at Friday night services at WRT; he feels at home and welcome by clergy and congregants. It is a joy to watch him get lost in the music, keep track of where we are in the prayer book, and bow at all the appropriate times. It is his spiritual home—a place for all of us and for each of us.

In Elul, the final month of the year, through the end of the High Holy Days, we chant a verse from Psalms: "One thing I ask of Adonai, only that do I seek: to live in the House of Adonai all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of Adonai, and to frequent God's temple." WRT is our spiritual home, where we can be ourselves together: gathering and connecting to our roots, supporting one another whether in sorrow or joy, and drawing strength to face the challenges of today's world.

Building a stronger, more connected community is always at the heart of WRT's mission. Currently, we are in the process of forming Chavurah Gathering

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Jeffrey Mutterperl

Jeff and his wife Valerie live in New Rochelle with their 15-year-old twin boys, Gabriel and Alexander, and have been members of Westchester Reform Temple since 2016. Jeff's relationship with the temple, however, extends to his childhood, as his parents have been members since the late 1970s (he had his bar

mitzvah here and was also confirmed), so joining WRT was a natural extension of the bonds he and Valerie formed after the clergy officiated at many life cycle events, including their wedding and their sons' *brit milah*. Gabriel and Alexander attended the JLL and became b'nei mitzvah in 2023, and they have continued to strengthen their commitment to WRT by sounding the shofar at High Holiday services.

Jeff served for two years on the temple's Social Impact Council, and he and his family volunteer for Cooking4Hope events. They often attend Shabbat services together, and Jeff was honored to deliver a D'var Torah in July 2022.

Professionally, Jeff is a senior vice president in the legal group at RUBENSTEIN Communications, a strategic communications and reputation management firm, where he designs and implements public relations plans for some of the country's leading law firms. He received his B.A. from Bates College and remains connected to his alma mater as an engaged alum.

Jeff is honored to become a trustee and to be dedicating his time to WRT.



Drew Kramer

Drew Kramer has been a member at Westchester Reform Temple since the Fall of 2020. An active parent in the Early Childhood Center, she co-chaired the Social Action Committee, organizing community service events for toddlers and their families. Now that her boys (aged 4 and 6) are no longer in the ECC, she continues

her commitment to repair the world as co-chair of the JLL Family Mitzvah Corp. In addition to her service work, Drew and the rest of the Kramer family sit on numerous event and fundraising committees at WRT, including fundraising for the new playground, the temple and victims of 10/7. She is also the secretary of the Women of Reform Judaism and a regular at Rosh Chodesh.

Outside of WRT, Drew is a writer and artist. Beginning her career in creative digital advertising agencies like Edelman

and Vice Media, she helped major corporations like Target and Unilever create community through content. Today, she continues to push the boundaries of storytelling in her cross-platform story, *Lady & the Floofs*. From live events to online content to print books, *The Lady*, a cheeky, bohemian, British caretaker of Floofs encourages people of all ages to discover the magic in this sometimes scary, wonderful world — by trying things!



Nicole Risener

Nicole and her husband, Edward, moved to Quaker Ridge in 2019 and joined WRT that same year. Their two boys, Andrew (7.5) and Jacob (4) each attended the ECC and Andrew is a current student in the Jewish Learning Lab. Nicole has been a dedicated volunteer at WRT for many years, contributing her time and leadership across a wide range of roles. She

currently serves as Co-Chair of the Philanthropy Committee. Previously, Nicole has served as Co-Chair of the ECC, and she's been a member of the Nominating Committee, the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee, and the Jacobs Freeman Fund, as well as numerous event planning, JLL, and task force committees.

Nicole graduated from Muhlenberg College in 2009, where she was President of the Muhlenberg Hillel on campus. Nicole spent her professional years working in fundraising for American Friends of Ben Gurion University and American Jewish Committee (AJC).

Since becoming a mother, Nicole has stayed home raising her boys full time and in her free time she loves playing tennis, swimming, and cooking.



Michael Leibert

Michael and his wife Laura joined WRT when they moved to Scarsdale in 2020. Their daughter Natalie will have her bat mitzvah ceremony in October and their 10 year-old son Josh continues to anchor the family in the Sharing Shabbat program. Michael has been a member of the finance committee for the past year and is grateful for the

opportunity to serve the congregation as a trustee.

Michael is the founder of an investment advisory firm that manages a private investment fund.

Community

Meditation Lab

**Fridays, from 11:00 am - 11:45 am
(CJL Livingroom)**

Many of us are aware that mindfulness and meditation have become increasingly present in people's lives as a set of tools to navigate stress, increase calmness and clarity, and to promote joy. Our Meditation Lab is led by Norm Goldstein. Norm utilizes his 25 years of training and experience in mindfulness meditation to support temple members to explore Jewish meditative techniques.

Chair Yoga Series at WRT

Thursdays at 2:00 pm (in-person)

We invite you to come and try this series to nurture your body and soul. RSVP via email to receptionist@wrtemple.org or call the temple office at 914-723-7727.

Bereavement Group

**Wednesdays at 11:30 am
(in-person)**

These support groups are for those in mourning over a loss, and to help find comfort and process feelings of loss through caring discussion and in sacred Jewish context. Led by Jane Slevin, LMFT (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist from Westchester Jewish Community Services) and Cantor Laura Stein, LMSW, a social worker specializing in spiritual care.

Evening Book Group

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Interested in joining the evening book group? The group meets on a Tuesday evening of each month at WRT for review and discussion on the month's selected title. For more information, please contact Lenore Rosenbaum at papoobeads@optonline.net.

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Groups that will offer more intimately scaled experiences that explore shared interests and build and deepen personal connections. We are experimenting with Shabbat "Pre-Negs," gatherings with a more robust offering of food and drink before Friday night services, as an opportunity to build connections. We are also forming an Inclusion Committee. Inclusion means much more than physical accessibility; it is the happy outcome of a welcoming, supportive community.

Twenty-five years ago, our family's outreach to our NJ clergy, leadership and congregants helped overcome the isolation for Alex and for me and then for the many others who followed. At WRT, these same efforts were ably and energetically championed for many years by Susan Wiener, z'l. May her memory be for a blessing and an inspiration as the Inclusion Committee taps the passion and expertise both within our congregation and outside to help guide us to embrace our entire congregation and anyone who visits WRT. As we prepare for the High Holy Days, This one thing I ask: may WRT be a spiritual home and supportive community for all of us, and for each of us.

FreeBirds

Spirits in the Sukkah

**Friday, October 10,
from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

Join our clergy for a Sukkot Shabbat Service, followed by an Oneg and Spirits in the Sukkah. Come greet new FreeBirds members and see old friends, while we enjoy an Israeli spirits tasting. Questions? lori.Gertzog@gmail.com

Sunday Sing Along Happy Hour with the Cantors

**Sunday, December 7,
from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at WRT**

Join our cantors for an extraordinary Happy Hour program featuring WRT's beloved pianist and jazz icon, Pete Malinverni, and special guest, acclaimed author Jamie Bernstein. Jamie, the daughter of music legend, Leonard Bernstein, will share stories of her

father and his music, while Pete and the cantors offer Bernstein standards from his Broadway, jazz, and classical works.



Women of Reform Judaism

Sukkot Festival Service and Harvest Luncheon

Tuesday, October 7, at 10:30 am

Enter our beautiful Sukkah (weather permitting) for a musical and meditative service reflecting the themes of the harvest holiday, followed by a homemade lunch prepared by the WRJ. RSVPs required for lunch. Memorial Prayers on the Yahrzeit of October 7th will be offered.

Ushpizot

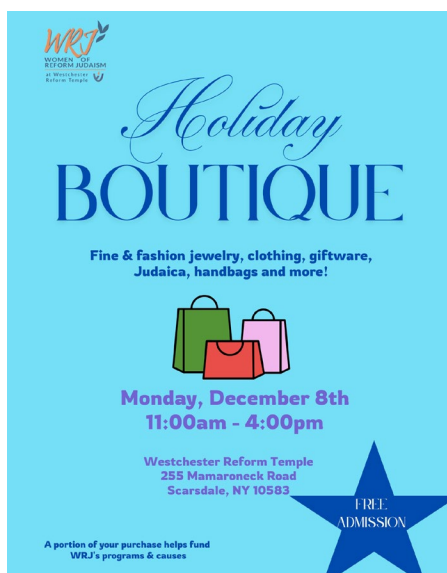
**Thursday, October 9,
from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Please join WRJ for our Ushpizot fall harvest dinner. Weather-permitting, we will begin the evening with cocktails and light hors d'œuvres outside before congregating in the sukkah for a short service led by Cantor Kleinman. We will then enjoy a festive potluck dinner in the social hall. This annual celebration has been one of our most popular events of the year; you don't want to miss it!

WRJ Donut Tasting and Chanukah Celebration

**Wednesday, December 3,
from 8:00 pm - 9:45 pm**

Please join us for the second annual donut-tasting contest as we celebrate Chanukah with dessert and drinks. All ages are welcome!



Meet the new WRJ President, Sarah Kagan

Sarah Kagan is the newly elected President of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) at WRT. Jewish agricultural holidays are her favorites: Sukkot, Tu B'Shvat, Passover and Shavout particularly as celebrated at WRT by WRJ. Sarah loved being an ECC parent and has found ways to maintain involvement in Temple life over the years. She graduated from Barnard College and the Yale School of Management. Recently, Sarah and her husband, Stewart celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.



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Men of Reform Judaism

Sukkot Block Party with Special CRE8 Day Activities!

**Sunday, October 12,
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

During the Sukkot block party this year, MRJ will offer Workshops in 4 exciting types of Artistic expression. Artist Facilitators will be on hand to show and tell people how to proceed.

Collage Making

Materials will be provided for kids, teens and adults to cut and paste images onto paper, making their own piece of Art.

Paper Making

Artists will show Congregants the super-simple way of making mush and flattening it into beautiful artistic creations.

Castle Making

A favorite project for kids is making Castles and other structures out of tubes and cardboard. Examples of these Castles and other creations will be displayed, materials provided and guidance offered.

Assemblage Making

Bring your own small sized "Junk" for the creation of 3D Sculpture. Examples of Assemblage will be displayed, some materials will be provided and MRJ Artists will assist with these creations.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in more than one of these Workshops. These Workshops are for all ages since you are never too young or too old to CRE8!

MRJ Sunday Lecture Series

September 14, October 19

& November 9,

from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Breakfast will be served.

**Stay tuned for the weekly Thursday emails
to find out details on the following events:**

More MRJ Sunday Lecture Series

November:

Basketball League will begin!

November 17:

Menorah Distribution



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Justice, justice, we shall pursue!

Sharon Stiefel

Director of Social Impact and Community Engagement

Visit bit.ly/3SbFpdb to learn more about *tikkun olam* initiatives and opportunities, and sign up to get more involved.

And you shall love...This command appears in Leviticus, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself," and has been hypothesized as the inspiration of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" famously depicted in Norman Rockwell's painting "The Golden Rule." When Rockwell set out to paint this, he strived to represent as many people as possible: including age, ethnicity, culture, religion and belief systems, and gender, in other words, our world-wide neighbors.

I am fortunate to spend much time in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and have spent more time than the average person staring at this large painting. Each time I look at it, I am captivated by the motion. This painting is not a portrait of stagnant individuals. Rather, each person is doing something - holding, hugging, reading, praying, listening, and speaking.

How do we, as a community, offer love to our neighbor, and specifically those less fortunate? We commit ourselves to acts of *gemilut chassadim* (loving kindness) and *chesed* (compassion). Whether it is feeding those suffering from food insecurity through our Cooking4Hope programs, Yom Kippur Food Drive, WRT Delivers Thanksgiving, matanot lavyonim on Purim, taking to the streets for Midnight Run, or writing letters to our representatives, each act is one of love.

Treat love as a verb. Join the many social action and social justice opportunities at WRT. In doing so, together we will move our world closer to *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).

Save the Dates:

WRT Yom Kippur Food Drive

September 22 - October 2

WRT Delivers Thanksgiving

November 22 - 26

WRT and Greater Centennial Pulpit Exchange

November 7 - *at WRT*

November 9 - *at Greater Centennial*

WRT Mitzvah Week+

January 10 - 19

Sign Up to Get Involved!



Rabbi Blake & Jonathan Greenblatt, CSO of ADL



WRT Mitzvah Corps

<https://form.jotform.com/wrt/wrt-mitzvah-corps>



Midnight Run

<https://form.jotform.com/wrt/midnight-run-with-wrt>



Mitzvah Week

<https://form.jotform.com/wrt/wrt-mitzvah-week>



WRT Delivers Thanksgiving

<https://form.jotform.com/wrt/4th-annual-wrt-delivers-thanksgiving>

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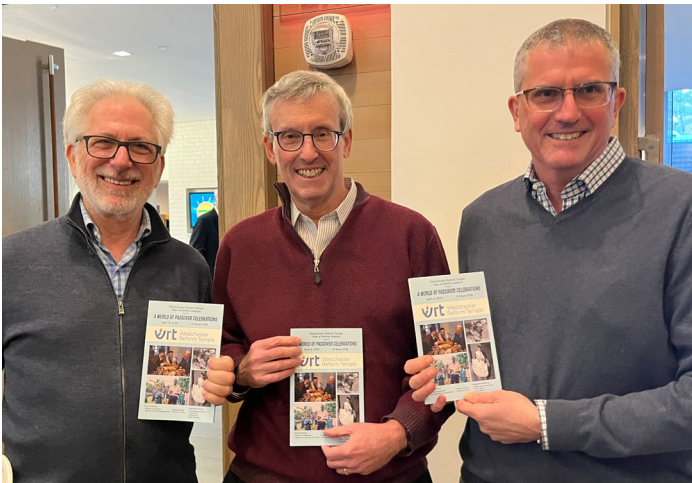
MRJ Seder of World Traditions



Purim Battle of the Bands



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Spring Celebration



Purim Battle of the Bands



Game Night

THERE?



Mitzvah Fair



Mitzvah Fair



PurimPalooza!



WRJ Seder



Game Night



Mitzvah Fair



Spring Celebration

Early Childhood Center (ECC)

At the Westchester Reform Temple Early Childhood Center, education is more than for just our children. Our teachers are lifelong learners, engaging in over 15 hours of professional development each year. We deeply believe in the importance of remaining on the cutting edge, staying current with the latest trends and issues in the ever-evolving field of early childhood education. We also know that investing in our staff's development results in warm, safe classroom settings where our students will learn, grow and thrive.

When creating a professional development calendar for our school year, we as directors consider what our teachers need as well as what our teachers want. There are certain trainings that our teachers require (i.e. CPR and first aid training), and there are other trainings our teachers desire to strengthen their depth of knowledge and enhance their classroom environments.

Each year, Early Childhood Center directors at reform temples are invited to attend the ECE-RJ (Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism) Conference designed to expand and

enhance our practice. Many of the educational speakers we bring in to educate our staff have been through connections we have fostered at this yearly conference.

Trainings we have set up for our teachers include:

- Understanding the Diversity of Needs in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Building Phonological Awareness in Early Childhood Centers
- Physical Therapy in Early Childhood
- Understanding Diversity and Belonging in Early Childcare
- Understanding Classroom Environments
- Process Art
- The Importance of Block Play

At the ECC, we are committed to our goal of facilitating and nurturing the next generation of life-long Jewish learners. Just like our children, we are always learning!

To learn more about our Early Childhood Center, please reach out to us at 914-723-5493 and remember to follow us on Instagram @wrt.ecc



Rebecca Roseman
ECC Director

Jennifer Brauntuch
ECC Associate Director



Upcoming ECC Events

Tot Shabbats:

Fridays –

**September 12, October 10,
November 7, December 5,
January 9, March 13, April 10,
May 29, from 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.

ECC Family Fun Day

**Sunday, September 7,
from 10:00 am – Noon**

ECC Families are invited to Aspen Park in Scarsdale to celebrate the start of the school year. There will food, games led by Happy Fit and crafts. It is a great way to start the year by seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends. WRT clergy mingle with families to begin fostering relationships.

ECC and JLL Family Apple Picking Offsite (Rosh Hashanah Day 2)

**Wednesday, September 24,
at 10:30 am**

Rosh Hashanah songs and storytelling followed by a snack and apple picking at Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm. This program is led by WRT clergy.

Sukkot Block Party

**Sunday, October 12,
from 11:30 - 1:30 pm**

Join us at WRT for this fun-for-all-ages event which includes crafts, songs, games and more.

EAT, SLEEP, POOP Parenting Mini Series

**“EAT” Thursday October, 23
“SLEEP” Tuesday February 3
“POOP” Thursday April 23
from 7:15 – 8:30 pm**

WRT Clergy and ECC faculty invite you to join us for one, two or all three of our upcoming parenting speaker series. Enjoy light bites, wine and expert speakers in these three important

toddler/early childhood parenting topics. This event is designed for parents/guardians of young children.

ECC Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year begins

Current ECC Families:

October 27 – October 29;

Temple Members:

October 30 – October 31

Registration opens to the public: November 3 and will be ongoing.

ECC Book Fair

November 12 – November 14

Come shop for children's books and support our ECC.

Chanukah Celebration – Milk and Cookies with the Cantors

**Thursday, December 18,
from 4:00 – 4:45 pm**

This festive event includes story time, milk, cookies and Chanukah songs.

PurimPalooza

**Saturday, February 28,
from 11:00 – 1:00 pm**

Come in costume and enjoy carnival games and noshes!

ECC Cocktail Party

Thursday, March 12

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.

STEAM Extravaganza

**Thursday, March 19,
from 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Join us for this fun afternoon where ECC children can explore teacher-led booths experimenting with various scientific, technological, engineering, art and math experiences. Pizza dinner to follow.

Virtual Trip to Israel

Wednesday, April 22

ECC students partake in a virtual trip to Israel. It is so much fun traveling on our ECC Airplane, visiting the shuk, planting flowers, fishing in Eilat and so much more! This event is led by WRT clergy and ECC staff.

New Family Welcome

**Thursday, May 14,
from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Families who 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

Wednesday, May 20

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!





Jewish Learning Lab (JLL)

Rabbi Leah Citrin

Associate Rabbi & Jewish Learning Lab Director

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.

As we begin a new school year, the entire JLL team dedicates itself anew to the mission and values of WRT and the JLL in order to fulfill this vision.

The summer months provided a critical opportunity for curriculum review, design, and development.

I am looking forward to a great year!

-Rabbi Leah Citrin

Calendar Dates:

First Days of JLL:

Tuesday, September 9

(3rd/4th midweek, K-2 midweek, 5th grade midweek)

Wednesday, September 10

(3rd/4th midweek, 6th/7th midweek, 8th-12th)

Saturday, September 13

(K-7 Sharing Shabbat)

Sunday, September 14

(K-5 Sundays)

Chevruta sessions will begin the week of 9/15

High Holiday Closings Schedule

There will be NO JLL on these dates.

Tuesday, September 23

(Rosh Hashanah)

Wednesday, September 24

(Rosh Hashanah)

Saturday, September 27

(Shabbat Shuva)

Sunday, September 28

Wednesday, October 1

(Erev Yom Kippur)

Thursday, October 2

(Yom Kippur)

Tuesday, October 7 (Sukkot)

Tuesday, October 14

(Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah)

Lab Shabbat

Fridays, October 17, November 21, December 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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.

- October 17 with Simchat Torah and Kindergarten Consecration
- November 21 with 1st Grade Participation
- December 12 with 3rd Grade Participation

A preview of 2026:

- January 23 with 2nd Grade Participation
- February 27 with 4th Grade Participation
- April 24 with 5th Grade Participation
- May 15 with Kindergarten Participation

Other Dates:

September

September 7

6th & 7th Grade Back-to-School Ice Cream Party (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

September 9

Back-to-School Night for K-5 parents (7:30 pm - 8:30pm)

September 14

Back-to-School Brunch K-5 (11:30 am - 12:45 pm)

- Family T'filah (9:00 am - 9:30 am)

October

October 12

Family T'filah

October 12

Sukkot Block Party

October 17

Lab Shabbat

October 20

7th Grade Trip to the Anne Frank Exhibit

November

November 9

Family T'filah

November 11

NO Tuesday JLL (Veteran's Day; building closed)

November 14-November 16

Teen Retreat @ URJ Eisner Camp

November 21

Lab Shabbat

November 26

NO Midweek JLL (Thanksgiving Break)

Mazal Tov!

Births

Susan Epps-Ginsberg and Daniel Ginsberg

on the birth of their grandson Maxwell Shai Bolnick
and to the parents Ariel Ginsberg and Jared Bolnick

Nancy Spiro

Robin Hirsch and Ricky Spiro

on the birth of their grandson Evan Mitchell Marder Spiro
and to the parents Jess Marder-Spiro and David Spiro.

Ellen and Bob Sunness

on the birth of their grandson Leon Scott Monroe
and to the parents Brooke Sunness and Alex Monroe

Cynthia and Marc Samwick

on the birth of their granddaughter Madison (Maddy) Dylan Samwick
and to the parents Sammy and Jason Samwick

Tina and Cliff Adler

on the birth of their grandson Oliver Adler Chouraqui
and to the parents Nicole and Alex Chouraqui

Laurie and Adam Citron

on the birth of their daughter Chloe Rose Citron

Nancy Tarlin and Tom Ferber

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on the engagement of their daughter Jamie to Jeremy Bacon

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on the engagement of their son Brian to Katie Trimm
and their son Daniel to Jocelyn Tolpin

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Cheryl and Paul Waters

on the marriage of their son Sam to Sami Wintner

Mady Feldman-Albert and David Albert

on the marriage of their son Harrison Jennings to Andrea Biel

Wendy and Gary Simon

on the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Dillon Jefferies

Nancy Segal and Richard Liebman

on the marriage of their daughter Abbey to Josh Garay

Judy and Marc Chamlin

on the marriage of their son Leland to Sydney Meyers

Sharon and Phil Jacob

on the marriage of their son Ben to Jackie Hornung

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on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Avery

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on the death of his mother Roslyn Black

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on the death of his mother Phyllis Thurm

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on the death of their grandfather Robert L. Ellis

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Matthew and Aria Snetiker

on the death of their son/their brother
Zachary Snetiker

Wilver Diaz, WRT Custodian

on the death of his father Hernán Diaz

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on the death of her father Yehuda Amrami

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on the death of her stepmother Gloria Byron

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on the death of her mother Florence
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on the death of her father Leonard Pfeifer

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on the death of her mother Margaret "Margy"
Wepman

Max Blondman

on the death of his grandmother Madeline
Blondman

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on the death of her grandmother Bobby
Schwartz

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on the death of her husband/his father
Bertram Lewis

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on the death of her husband Arnold Hodas
and on the death of her brother Darwin Green

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on the death of her father Robert Goldsmith

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on the death of his father Sheldon Richard
Lefkowitz

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on the death of her mother Janis Myrna Weissman

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on the death of his father Milton Alan Wolfe

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on the death of her cousin Robert Wiesen

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on the death of his mother Sandra Curtis

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on the death of his mother Sonia "Sonny" Rothberg

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on the death of her father Alan Isserlis

The congregation of WRT mourns
the death of our member

Roslyn Black

and extends sympathy to her bereaved family

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the death of our member

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on the death of her husband Richard A. Schiffer

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on the death of her uncle Fred Heim

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on the death of her father Arnold Sanford Cohen

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on the death of his brother in-law James Pearlman

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on the death of his mother Linda Bodian

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on the death of her husband Armand Lerner

Myrna Block

on the death of her son Michael Block

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**WRT Cemetery Plots**

In recent years, space in local Jewish cemeteries has become increasingly limited. However, Westchester Reform Temple still has burial plots available for members of the congregation at Mt. Eden Cemetery in Hawthorne, NY, just a 20-minute drive from Scarsdale.

Our inventory, in units of 8-grave and 4-grave plots for families, 2-grave plots for couples, and single graves for individuals, is priced lower than that available commercially in our area. Consider securing your burial site for peace of mind for yourselves and your families.

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, Director of Congregant Relations and Pastoral Care, at 914-468-0522 or email Amy.Rossberg@wrtemple.org.

WRT Inspirations

Dear Friends,

Philanthropy is at the heart of WRT's community. We rely on your generous support to bring our mission to life. Thanks to our donors, we are able to foster a vibrant community, provide meaningful Jewish learning, and offer inspiring programs for all ages.

As you consider your giving this year, we invite you to support WRT in a way that is most meaningful to you –whether through the **Inspired Giving Annual Fund**, the **Spring Celebration**, the **Legacy Circle** (www.wrtemple.org/give/legacy-circle/), or one of our special funds, we hope you will join our philanthropic efforts. Every gift makes a difference.

If you have any questions about giving to WRT, would like to discuss a contribution, or are interested in joining our volunteer efforts on behalf of the temple, please don't hesitate to reach out to Laura Rosen Apostolou, Philanthropy Director (laura.apostolou@wrtemple.org or 914-723-7727 ext. 8128)

Thank you for being a cherished part of the WRT family.

With deep appreciation and many thanks,

WRT Philanthropy Committee: Co-Chairs: Alex Crisses and Nicole Risener, Committee: Beth Altschuler, Dan Bernstein, Sheryl Spivack Braun, Randi Culang, Sydney Solomon



Nicole and Edward Risener

JLL Class Parent, Philanthropy Committee Co-Chair, Volunteer

WRT holds a special place in our families' hearts. It is one of the only places that the four of us share, differently but equally. The temple has helped us establish roots here in the Scarsdale Jewish community when we moved here five years ago and has become the central defining Jewish home for my husband and me and our two sons. We are so grateful for everything that WRT has to offer, and giving to the annual Inspired Giving Annual Fund is a chance to do something meaningful to us each and every year."



Sydney and Jordan Solomon

ECC Parent, Philanthropy Committee Member, ECC Cocktail Party Chair

WRT has truly become a cornerstone of our family's life, enriching each of us in unique and meaningful ways. Being part of the philanthropy committee and helping plan the ECC Spring Party has allowed me to give back, support the teachers who have become part of our family, and strengthen the sense of community. For our children, WRT offers a space to form lasting friendships, explore their Jewish identity, and deepen their connection to tradition. As a couple, we've made lifelong friends and deepened our commitment to serving the community. We look forward to continuing our journey as members of WRT, excited to grow alongside this community as our family grows and evolves.

Giving Opportunities at Westchester Reform Temple

SUPPORTING ALL THE PILLARS OF OUR COMMUNITY

- **Inspired Giving (Annual Fund)** – This is WRT's annual campaign and supports all events and activities throughout the year. Gifts to this fund support our general operating budget.
- **Security Fund** – This fund enables us to support the many security needs of WRT, including equipment, resources, ongoing training and support for the law enforcement professionals who make up our security team at WRT.
- **The Rabbi Richard J. Jacobs and Susan K. Freedman Fund for Innovation in Jewish Life** – Supports initiatives to live the lessons and traditions of Judaism, to learn and think deeply, to repair our world, to stand steadfastly with Israel, and to care for one another and the world around us.
- **Rabbi Jack and Priscilla Stern Fund for the Generations** – WRT's Endowment Fund

AVODAH – SPIRITUALITY

- **Rabbis' Discretionary Fund** – Supports needy individuals, organizations and worthy projects
- **Cantors' Discretionary Music Fund** – Sustains and enhances WRT's music programs, and supports worthy causes at WRT and in the wider community.
- **Jewish Music and Spirituality Fund** – Supports special initiatives in music and worship, including guest artists and concert programs.

TALMUD TORAH – LEARNING

- **Bauman Scholar Fund** – Encourages, recognizes and celebrates the Jewish learning and identity formation of WRT's most academically inclined students, as exhibited by the fearless learning of Sam Bauman of blessed memory.
- **Morgan & Marjorie Miller Scholar-in-Residence Fund** – Supports the annual Scholar-in-Residence program.
- **Norman L. Blumstein Memorial Fund** – Helps children attend Jewish camps and programs.
- **Vivienne Sulds Memorial Fund** – Supports special lectures and adult education programs.
- **Och Family Educational Fund** – Supports need-based financial assistance on JLL tuition for our students.
- **The Eslyn Fund** – To encourage, promote and support educational travel to Israel for the youth of WRT.

TIKKUN OLAM – REPAIRING THE WORLD

- **Food & Housing Insecurity Fund** – Assists those who lack access to food and shelter in Westchester County.
- **Social Impact & Community Engagement Fund** – to support the work of social justice and social action at WRT and engaging our community.

CHAVURAH – COMMUNITY

- **Caring Community Fund** – Dedicated to Ann R. Miller Support for the ill or bereaved.

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