

Hineini - Answering the Call



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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

Hineni: Answering the Call

Shanah Tovah - it's that time of year again.

You receive these words on the cusp of the new year 5787. Poignantly, Rosh HaShanah begins this year on the 25th *yahrzeit* of 9/11, which will shape the direction of our prayers and reflections as we welcome the New Year, as well as give new meaning to the oldest name for this observance, the one given by the Torah: **Yom Ha-Zikaron, Day of Remembrance.**

It is said that the shofar calls us – and God – to remember, in three ways:

Malchuyot, “Sovereignty” - remember that God is sovereign. However we choose to understand (or struggle to understand) God, the shofar calls us to the awareness that we are not the center of

the universe; that worship of the ego is a spiritual dead end; that our day-to-day and year-to-year pursuits too often confuse net worth for true worth.

Zichronot, “Recallings” - in one of its many displays of spiritual audacity (*chutzpah klapei shamanyim*), Judaism proposes that God too is called by the sound of the shofar to remember: to remember the covenant with our ancestors; to remember how our People has kept alive a flame of hope in darkest times, providing – even when our adversaries would extinguish it – a light unto the nations of the world.

Shofarot, “The Shofar-Calls of Revelation” - our machzor (High Holiday prayer book) asks both us, and God, to recall the great sound of the shofar that accompanied the revelation of Torah at Sinai. Taken seriously (not literally), the call of the shofar is a remembrance of a time when Jewish people stood united with a “mixed multitude” of humanity, ready to hear words that proposed a moral order to the universe, words that transformed not just our people but human civilization.

Fittingly, WRT is dedicating the new year, 5787, to the theme **Hineni (“Here I Am”): Answering the Call.** For every day, especially these days, calls us to respond with vigor and nobility. Every new episode of antisemitism and anti-Zionism, whether it surfaces here in our community, or is broadcast into American homes by candidates for office and elected officials, or is shouted from

protesters for whom Israel has become a convenient scapegoat for any number of grievances, is a call for us to respond: not with indignance, not with indifference, but with the wisdom, power, and beauty of our Jewish tradition which envisions a world in which all are made in the divine image, all worthy of honor and love.

The same holds true when Jewish voices preach vitriol and Jewish values give way to violence. We will answer the call by holding Jewish leaders and their followers accountable for living and leading as the Prophet called: *to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God* (Micah 6:8).

And, above all, Judaism constantly urges us to answer the call of living by saying Hineni to everything life offers us: by showing up with joy, with eagerness, with a spirit of helpfulness, and, always, with hope.

A special Yom Kippur Afternoon service will highlight this theme **Hineni: Answering the Call** by offering a fresh reading of the Book of Jonah and reflections from three bright and promising next-generation members of our clergy team who are answering the call of Jewish life, learning, and leadership: Rabbinic Intern Micah Glickman and Cantorial Interns Phil Fisherman and Emma Aaronson. Each of them has made the extraordinary choice to lean into our present Jewish moment in history and take up joyful Jewish leadership as their life’s calling. Please plan to join us for this memorable

service which will lead seamlessly into our afternoon prayers of remembrance (*Yizkor*) and the twilight beauty of the concluding service for the Day of Atonement, *Neilah*.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t pay tribute and offer appreciation to Cantor Kleinman and the 50 members of our WRT congregation who traveled to Poland at the outset of the summer for a FreeBirds (empty nesters) mission exploring themes of destruction and renewal, despair and hope, Jewish memory, Jewish tragedy, and Jewish heroism, in one of the most fascinating centers of Jewish civilization the world has known – and, of course, where more Jews perished in Nazi mass murder than any other place on earth in our 3,000-year history.

Standing, sweltering, in the meager shade of the barracks that once housed teeming masses of enslaved and tortured Jewish bodies, enduring 100-degree heat as we walked through the gas chambers and crematoria of labor- and extermination camps Majdanek and Auschwitz-Birkenau, our community responded with a powerful *Hineni: Here I Am*, to the call to bear witness to our history and to the living flame of Judaism – inextinguishable, so long as we continue to respond.

L’Shanah Tovah - May you, your loved ones, our People, and the human family be blessed with good health, love, peace, and enduring strength in this new year.

Rabbi Jonathan E. Blake

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 2, November 20, December 11, 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, October 9, November 13, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

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

Torah Study

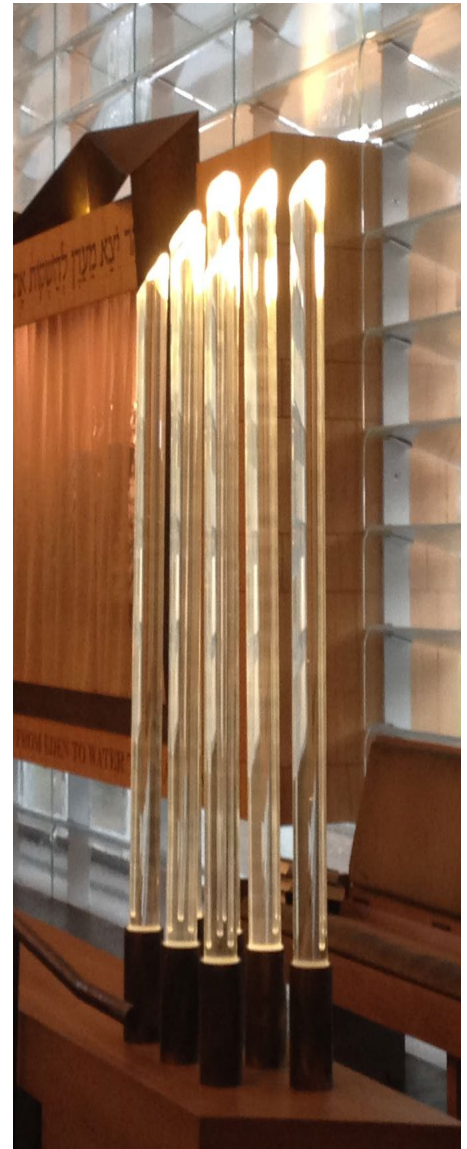
Saturdays, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

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.

Shabbat B'yachad (Shabbat Together)

**Saturday, October 31,
December 5, January 23,
March 6, March 27, June 5,
9:00 AM**

Join us for the inaugural year of our new intergenerational Shabbat morning initiative, Shabbat B'yachad (Shabbat together). The morning will begin with a participatory musical Shabbat morning service led by our clergy. Following the service, we'll enjoy a community oneg and then a study for adults, taught by a member of our clergy team or a visiting scholar. A separate youth program, led by members of our JLL team, will take place during the study. Please watch the weekly eblast for more details!



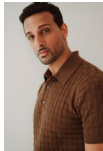
HIGH HOLIDAYS 5787/2026

High Holidays Schedule

S'lichot

Saturday, September 5

7:00 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, we are thrilled to feature **Tony Award-winning actor, Ari'el Stachel (*The Band's Visit*)**, who will perform his one man show, *Other*. In the show, Stachel relays his challenges with identity as the son of an American Jewish woman and a Yemini-Israeli father and weaves a fearless, deeply funny, human exploration of identity, mental health, and self-acceptance. Our service will also include the time-honored tradition of changing our Torah mantles to white in preparation for the upcoming season.



Erev Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 11

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

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 21

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 and require tickets with ID. High Holiday ticket requests can be completed online at www.wrtemple.org.*

‡ASL interpretation provided.

FOR WRT MEMBERS:

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

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 reciprocal ticket requests. However, reciprocal tickets are now treated as a type of guest ticket, and should be requested in your overall guest ticket request.

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 (look for the asterisks (*) in the schedule of services). Tickets and ID are 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 items:

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.

Tickets for Your Group - New "Clone" Feature

To help make it easier for you to select tickets for your entire group attending the same services, a new feature allows you to "clone" the selections from your first ticket and apply it to the others in your group. See instructions in the online ticket form.

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.

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 is an increasingly popular service, including enjoying Rabbi Blake giving his sermon "live" at this service.
- We want more congregants to be aware of this exciting 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 Interns Phil Fisherman and Emma Aaronson 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.

If you need assistance with renewing your membership or requesting High Holiday tickets, please call our office staff at 914-723-7727.

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ABOUT OUR SERVICES:

Adult Services: This service is recommended for adults and students of B'nei Mitzvah age 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: Held in WRT's beautiful Beit Midrash, this service is designed for middle and high school ages, young adults, older adults and their families, and 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. 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.

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: This year's Yom Kippur afternoon service will explore WRT's theme for the year: *Hineni: Answering the Call*. Using the book of Jonah (the traditional reading for Yom Kippur afternoon) as the framing text, WRT's clergy interns, Emma Aaronson, Phillip Fisherman, and Micah Glickman, will reflect on what calls them to Jewish leadership and will share what it means for them as future clergy to "answer the call" in this moment in Jewish life.



HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Parking: There is off-site parking at the Scarsdale Pool/Crossways Field, 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 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). Tickets and ID are 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 on the last page of your online High Holiday Seating Request form or call the Temple office at 914-723-7727.

Large Print Prayer Books: Prayer books will be provided at services, including a limited number of Large Print sets. Unfortunately, prayer books are not available for lending out (for live streaming from home).

You may purchase physical books from CCAR Press: <https://www.ccarpress.org/mishkan-hanefesh-print-books/>
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.

Services and Events

Spirits in the Sukkah

**Friday, September 25 following
Kabbalat Shabbat services, 6:15 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. The theme this year is, "RED, WHITE, & BOOZE: A Celebration of American Liberties." Questions? Lori.Gertzog@gmail.com

Sukkot Festival Service & Lunch

Saturday, September 26, 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 delicious lunch.

Sukkot Block Party

**Sunday, September 27,
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! Sponsored by the MRJ.

Sukkot Under the Stars

Featuring the Oren Neiman Trio

Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 PM



Celebrate Sukkot with an outdoor concert of Israeli music performed by the Oren Neiman trio. The trio, led by WRT's own Oren Neiman (guitar), also features bassist Daniel Ori, and longtime WRT teacher and musician, Nadav Snir-Zelniker (percussion). The trio's new album, *Serenity Now*, is a genre-bending exploration of Middle Eastern rhythms, jazz aesthetics and a rock attitude. Paying tribute to the music of their childhoods, the trio melds a variety of folkloric musical traditions into compositions that reflect the complexities of our modern world.

Erev Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2, 5:30 PM

Join us for a joyful Lab Shabbat in celebration of the Torah as we unwind the entire Torah scroll, complete the annual cycle of reading, and begin anew.

Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret/ Yizkor Service

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 AM

Please come and be a part of our service celebrating a new cycle of Torah and remembering loved ones through the memorial prayers of Yizkor.

Commemorating October 7th: A Night with FIDF (Friends of the IDF)

**Wednesday, October 7,
6:30 - 7:15 PM Teen & Parent
Dinner and Conversation
7:15 PM Program in the Sanctuary**

As we commemorate the third Yahrzeit of the attacks of October 7th, 2023, we will welcome to WRT members of the IDF who will share stories, both harrowing and heroic, of their self-sacrificing service in defense of the Jewish State and the Jewish People in our time of greatest need.

Janet Bond Brill, Author of *Little Edna's War: A true story of resistance, hope, and survival of the Holocaust*

October 22, 7:00 PM



At just seven years old, Edna Szurek risked everything to smuggle food through holes in the Warsaw Ghetto wall. By the age of 10, she was the youngest decorated member of the Polish resistance, and by the end of the war, she had defied every Nazi plan for her destruction. Drawn from over five hours of her firsthand testimony recorded by the USC Shoah Foundation, this powerful memoir by author Janet Bond Brill, PhD, traces Edna's impossible journey: from the ashes of a shattered birthday celebration to the brutal reality of a POW camp. Presented by FreeBirds, open to all.

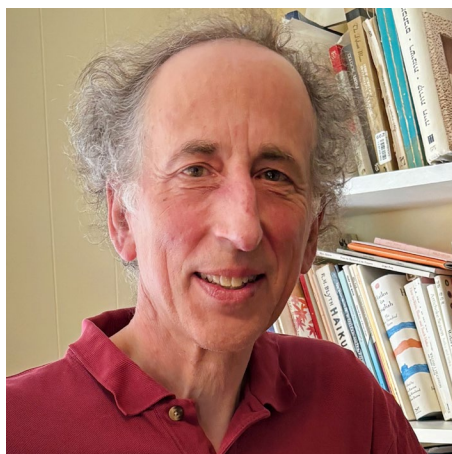
SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 13, 2027

Our Annual Celebration

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.

Services and Events

Artist-in-Residence Rick Black
Friday, October 30 – Saturday,
October 31



We are thrilled to welcome to WRT award-winning book artist and poet Rick Black. His books are represented in private and public collections, including the Library of Congress, the Yale University, and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Rick Black's residency at WRT over the Shabbat of October 30-31 will highlight the centerpiece of the weekly Torah portion, *Vayera*, and its searing story *Akedah: The Binding of Isaac*.

The work is now in the collections of Columbia University's Rare Books and Manuscript Library in NYC, the Rare Book Collections of Washington University in St. Louis, and the New York Public Library's Dorot Jewish Division.

Artist Talk at Kabbalat Shabbat Services, Conversation and Guided Art Tour following Services

Friday, October 30, 6:15 PM

Shabbat B'Yachad ("Shabbat Together") Congregational Service, Bagel Brunch, and Learning/Discussion with the Artist

Saturday, October 31, 9:00 AM - Noon

Pulpit Exchange with Greater Centennial AME Zion Church in Mount Vernon

Friday, November 6 & Sunday, November 8



Join Pastor Stephen W. Pogue, the Melusina Reeberg Mass Choir, and our dear friends from Greater Centennial AME Zion Church in Mount Vernon, one of WRT's sister congregations, for a weekend honoring our shared commitment to the good of our shared Westchester Community and the betterment of America and humanity.

Reverend Dr. Stephen W. Pogue
Sermon at WRT

Friday, November 6, 6:15 PM

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue will offer the sermon at WRT Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a shared community dinner for our two congregations. All are welcome.

Greater Centennial Morning Worship at AME Zion Church

Sunday, November 8, 9:30 AM

Rabbi Jonathan Blake will offer the sermon at morning worship at Greater Centennial (312 S. 8th Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY). All are welcome; please join for a rousing morning of praise and prayer.

Holiday Boutique & ECC Book Fair

Friday, November 13

See page 12 for details.

An Afternoon of Music and Joy (Westchester Cantors Concert)

Sunday, November 15, 4:00 PM

WRT is proud to host An Afternoon of Music and Joy, the biennial cantorial concert sponsored by the Westchester Jewish Council and Kol Hazzanim (the Westchester cantors' organization). This year's concert, featuring cantors of synagogues throughout Westchester and Fairfield counties (including Cantor Kleinman and other members of our WRT cantorial team), will highlight significant Jewish contributions to American pop culture in honor of America at 250 through genres including Golden Age cantorial music, American Songbook standards, Broadway, and singer-songwriters like Carole King, Billy Joel, and Carly Simon.

The Maccabeats in Concert

Sunday, November 29, 4:30 PM



Back by popular demand, we can't wait to welcome Jewish a cappella sensation, the Maccabeats, back to WRT for a pre-Chanukah concert. Often travelling with little more than the shirts on their backs and the ties on their necks, the Maccabeats have entertained and inspired hundreds of audiences worldwide, from Alabama to New Zealand and everywhere in between. Using nothing more than the unadulterated human voice, a clean-cut presentation, and a little Jewish humor, this unique group of singers is able to connect with fans of all backgrounds and ages. The concert will be intergenerational and family friendly; all are welcome!

Talmud Torah: Adult Education



Rabbi Jonathan Blake



Cantor Amanda Kleinman



Rabbi Alissa Platcow



Jane Roberts

Hineni: Answering the Call — A Seven Week Journey Through Talmud

Thursdays, October 8 – November 19, 10:15 – 11:45 AM over Zoom, with Rabbi Blake

"Hineni. Here I am." With this single word, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and Isaiah answer God's call, and with this word we open our Yom Kippur worship. But what does it actually mean to say Hineni? Our Sages wrestled with every dimension of the question: Why do the greatest leaders resist the call? What happens to a community when no one has the courage to speak up? And, hardest of all, what happens when someone answers the call too eagerly, with a zeal that consumes the very people it claims to serve? Drawing principally on the Babylonian Talmud, with excursions into Torah, Prophets, and modern poetry, we will study stories of reluctant leaders, quiet heroes, catastrophic silences, and the Binding of Isaac, the Torah's most troubling "hineni" of all.

No Hebrew or prior Talmud experience required; all texts provided in translation. Come ready to discuss and debate. The Rabbis would expect nothing less.

Rabbi Blake's popular online Talmud Shiur (class) is offered online, is recorded, and is open to all.

Rosh Chodesh 5787 Led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman

Tuesdays, October 6, November 10 & December 8, 11:30 AM (at WRT)

Join Cantor Kleinman and a diverse group of women for a monthly, midday

infusion of study and sharing. We will be reading *As a Jew* by Sarah Hurwitz. We will also ground ourselves in Jewish time with a short study around the Jewish calendar at each session. We will come together as a community to celebrate happy occasions, and to hold space for one another in times of challenge or healing.

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

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 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 janerteach@aol.com.

Save the Date: Antisemitism, Antizionism, and How We Meet This Moment

Three Lectures with Rabbi Blake, in person (and live-streamed/recorded) Thursdays, December 3, 10, and 17, 10:15 – 11:45 AM (at WRT)

The world's oldest hatred keeps learning new languages. Across three sessions, Rabbi Blake traces antisemitism from ancient scripture through medieval blood libels, Nazi pseudoscience, and today's anti-Zionism — asking when criticism of Israel crosses a line, why this hatred persists, and what this moment demands of us. Come for the history. Leave equipped to meet it.



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>.

Save the Date!

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Service and Celebration

Saturday, May 1, 2027, 10:00 AM

"Do not say, 'When I have leisure I will study,' for perhaps you will never have leisure." (Pirkei Avot 2:5)

Pirkei Avot reminds us that there is no perfect moment to begin. The demands of life never disappear, but Torah invites us to make room for learning anyway, trusting that the time we dedicate to it will in fact enrich our lives.

Over the past year, ten members of our community have done exactly that, committing themselves to study in preparation for becoming B'nei Mitzvah with Rabbi Alissa Platcow. They have devoted countless hours to learning Hebrew, exploring Jewish tradition, deepening their prayer practice, and engaging with Torah. **Join us on Shabbat morning, May 1**, as we celebrate this remarkable milestone. Together we will rejoice as they ascend to the Torah, lead us in prayer, read from our sacred text, and share their own words of Torah with the congregation. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



President's Message

Steven Masket

I was very moved to learn that the theme for this year is **Hineni ("Here I Am")**: **Answering the Call**. It is a personal response confirming commitment to family and community and guides our work at WRT.

So much of what we do at WRT is focused on creating engaging and meaningful experiences to deepen connections among us.

This year we will be continuing to experiment with creating a Shabbat morning service for the entire congregation that combines music, prayer, torah and learning in a beautiful and meaningful way. *Shabbat B'Yachad* is planned for seven Shabbat mornings throughout the year, starting the month after the High Holidays. Please mark your calendars for October 31, December 5, January 23, March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5 and join us.

I am excited to note that after a Covid-related hiatus of a few years, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial is back and will be held on December 10th to 13th in Philadelphia. I first went to a URJ Biennial in 2017 and then again in 2019. Both were wonderful and energizing experiences, filled with music, learning, and connecting with



Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, Steven Masket, Shelley Niceley Groff and Rabbi Rick Jacobs at the Scheidt Seminar in Denver back in April this year.

Reform Jews from all over the country. At previous Biennials WRT had a cohort of congregants who participated and we will plan for that again this year. Please consider joining this beautiful, meaningful and moving gathering.

WRT prides itself on being an inclusive community, where every congregant is valued. While our commitment to these values is steadfast, it has been almost 11 years since our last Temple-wide

inclusion audit. In that decade, the landscape of inclusion has evolved

significantly. To ensure our practices remain current and match our intentions and aspirations, with funding from the Jacobs-Freedman Fund, we are engaging with Matan and their Inclusion Community Assessment, Planning & Strategy (Inclusion CAPS) program. Matan is a wonderful non-profit focused on providing tailored resources, training, guidance and support to reshape accessibility to Jewish life.

The CAPS process provides a thorough, objective, structured evaluation of congregational life, including worship, education, programming, communications, and facilities. The assessment will also offer valuable data to help WRT understand its limitations, enabling us to more thoughtfully guide members while being transparent about what we can and cannot provide. Beyond assessment, the CAPS program will provide clear, prioritized recommendations and an implementation plan to enable WRT to move from aspiration to action, with measurable steps.

As the New Year approaches, may we each lean into the strength of community at WRT and respond to the call, *Hineni*.

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J SHOP

MODERN JEWISH LIVING.



Introducing the New J Shop
Helping bring more Jewish moments into everyday life.

**Thursday, September 10,
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
Grand Opening

Introducing J Shop, WRT's beautifully reimagined Judaica and gift boutique. Thoughtfully curated for today's Jewish family, J Shop offers Judaica, home décor, jewelry, baby and holiday gifts, and unique finds that celebrate Jewish life with warmth and style.

Whether you're welcoming Shabbat, celebrating a simcha, or adding a touch of Jewish joy to your home, J Shop makes Jewish living meaningful and accessible.

Join Lauren Birnbaum, Fran Frydman, Robyn Levitt, Cynthia Samwick, and Rachel Schmerin for our Grand Opening on Thursday, September 10 at 11 AM, with pop-up vendors, new merchandise, and festive surprises. Every purchase supports Women of Reform Judaism at WRT, strengthening our community while bringing more beauty and tradition into Jewish homes.

For more information please contact: Cynthia Samwick at cynthia.samwick@gmail.com and follow us on instagram @ [thejshop.wrt](https://www.instagram.com/thejshop.wrt)

Sukkot "Ushpizot" Harvest Celebration

Thursday, October 1, 10:30 AM

WRJ Meeting, Study, Service in the Sukkah led by Cantor Amanda Kleinman followed by lunch at Noon. Join us for this update of the ancient custom of bringing harvest offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Volunteer to make a dish including autumnal vegetables, fruits or grains.

Book Talk with Barbara Josselsohn

Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 PM



Barbara will discuss her book, *The Secret Orphanage*. In 1943, Protestant pastor André Trocmé faced a crisis of conscience: opposed to the Nazis but committed to nonviolence, he couldn't join the Resistance. Learn how he crafted a nonviolent scheme that saved over 3,000 Jews, mostly children, during the French occupation—and how fiction can reveal truth about the past and present. An \$18 fee will



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include a copy of *The Secret Orphanage* plus wine, cheese and fruit (stay tuned for RSVP link).

Shop WRT!

Friday, November 13

Holiday Boutique
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

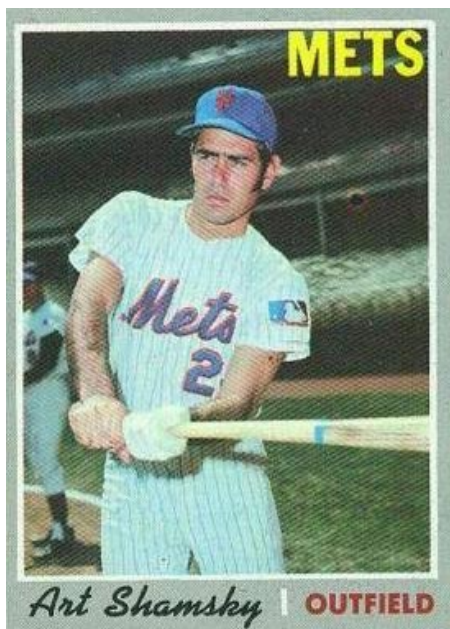
ECC Bookfair
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Get ready for Chanukah with a day of festive shopping! Browse unique gifts, judaica, and treasures at our Annual Holiday Boutique, then stock up on great reads at the ECC Book Fair. Find something special for everyone on your list while supporting our community. Bring friends, bring family—come make it a great day!

For more information on WRJ events, or how to join, please contact Sarah Kagan at sgkagan@gmail.com



Men of Reform Judaism

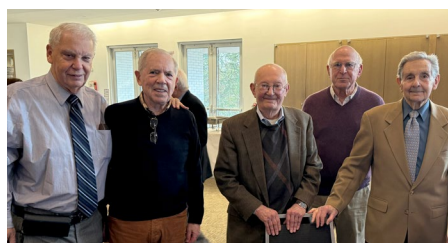


Art Shamsky

An Afternoon with Art Shamsky

**Sunday, October 11,
12:00 – 1:30 PM**

Art Shamsky was a member of the 1969 World Champion NY Mets and one of the most beloved Jewish baseball heroes. He is also a New York Times best-selling author and has launched his 3rd book, entitled "Met Stories I Only Tell My Friends". During this wonderful event, he will relate some of these stories and answer your questions.



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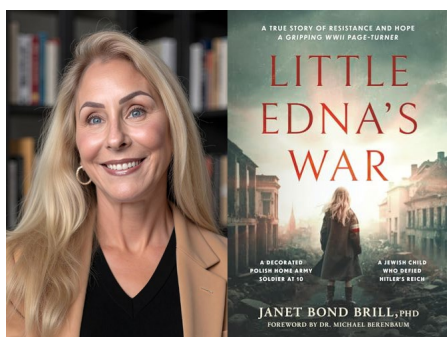
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**For more information on MRJ events,
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Simberkoff at msimberkoff@aol.com**

FreeBirds



**Janet Bond Brill, Author of
*Little Edna's War: a True Story of
Resistance, Hope, and Survival of
the Holocaust***

October 22, 7:00 PM

At just seven, Edna Szurek smuggled food through holes in the Warsaw Ghetto wall. By 10, she was the youngest decorated member of the

Polish resistance. Drawn from her USC Shoah Foundation testimony, this memoir by Janet Bond Brill, PhD, traces Edna's journey from a shattered birthday to a POW camp. Presented by FreeBirds, open to all.

FreeBirds New Member Happy Hour

Friday, October 30, 5:00 PM

Join FreeBirds for a New Member Happy Hour — an oneg before Shabbat services made just for you. Come meet fellow members, connect over drinks and good company, and kick off Scholar-in-Residence weekend with visual artist Rick Black. All new members welcome!

**For more information on FreeBird events,
or how to join, please contact Lori
Gertzog at lori.gertzog@gmail.com**

Save the Date

Winter Film Series

January 10 & 31, 2027, 2:00 PM

Cantor's Happy Hour

January 24, 2027, 5:00 PM

"Jews Who Rock" with Jeff Salkin

March 18 & 25, 2027

Trip to Charleston

April 2-5, 2027

Game Night

May 20, 2027, 7:00 PM

New Leaders, Shared Spirit



Cantor Leslie Niren

Cantor Leslie Niren **Cantor-in-Residence**

A native of Pittsburgh, Cantor Niren earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Vocal Performance and Music Education from Carnegie Mellon University. Her calling to the cantorate began at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, where she discovered the joy of congregational life.

She received cantorial ordination and a Master's in Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, completing a chaplain internship at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center along the way. Her thesis on Israeli Fusion reflects her ongoing passion for blending Israeli music with American Reform Judaism.

Through music, teaching, and genuine connection, Cantor Niren brings joyful energy to her cantorate and creates meaningful spaces for prayer and community.

In her free time, she enjoys biking, traveling, Broadway shows, and hosting dinner parties inspired by her latest kitchen experiments. Follow her culinary adventures on Instagram @CantorInTheKitchen.

Cantor Niren is looking forward to getting to know the WRT community. If you'd like to meet one-on-one over coffee or simply spend some time getting acquainted, she'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out to schedule a time, cantor.niren@wrtemple.org

Barbara Nitzberg **Membership & Program** **Engagement Director**

Barbara Nitzberg joined WRT as Membership & Program Engagement Director in July 2026. She has over three decades of corporate and nonprofit experience in youth development, healthcare and higher education.

Barbara has raised her employers' international profile and led two award-winning campaigns: End-of-Life Care in the Jewish Community and a restoration effort for a Memorial Scrolls Trust scroll (No. 515) that raised double the fundraising goal.

Barbara serves on the board of directors for Roula's Kids, which provides free bereavement support for children and families. She also volunteers for Calvary Hospital and New Rochelle Girl Scouts.

A graduate of Cornell University, Barbara served three terms on the Cornell University Count and is the former president of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association.

Barbara, her husband Andrew and their two children live in New Rochelle. To contact her, please email Barbara. Nitzberg@wrtemple.org.



Barbara Nitzberg

Community

Meditation Lab

Fridays, 11:00 – 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, 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.

Evening Book Group **Tuesdays, 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 Marcia Goldfinger at marcia.goldfinger@gmail.com

Caring Community

Caring Up, Down, and In: A Three-Part Series for Caregivers

Sundays, October 18, 25, and November 1, 2026, 12:30 - 2:00 PM

Join us for one, two, or all three sessions.

WRT's Caring Community, FreeBirds, WRJ, and MRJ invite you to join us for this three-part series designed for those who are currently caregiving, anticipating caregiving responsibilities, or supporting someone who is. We may find ourselves caring "up" for aging parents, spouses, or older loved ones, caring "down" for children, grandchildren, or younger family members, and caring "in" as we try to tend to our own emotional, spiritual, and practical needs. Through these conversations, we hope to offer connection, perspective, and reassurance: caregivers do not have to navigate this journey alone.



Memory Care: Supporting Loved Ones Facing Cognitive Change

**Sunday, October 18,
12:30 - 2:00 PM**

*A Panel Discussion Moderated by
Gillian Rittmaster, LCSW*

Caring for someone experiencing memory loss, dementia, or cognitive decline brings unique questions, challenges, and emotions. This session will offer perspective, guidance, and support for those navigating the practical and emotional realities of memory care.

Spiritual Resources for Caregivers

**Sunday, October 25,
12:30 - 2:00 PM**

Led by WRT's Senior Cantor Amanda Kleinman

Caregiving can call upon our deepest reserves, leaving us stretched, depleted, and in need of spiritual sustenance. In this session, we will draw on Jewish wisdom, prayer, music, ritual, and spiritual practice as sources of strength and grounding, supporting caregivers in the sacred work of caring for others while creating space to care for themselves.

The Sandwich Generation: Balancing Care for Others and Yourself

**Sunday, November 1,
12:30 - 2:00 PM**

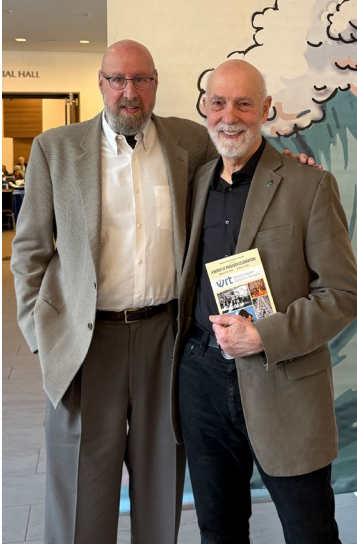
A Panel Discussion Moderated by Jane Slevin, LMFT

Many adults find themselves caring for aging parents or older loved ones while supporting children, grandchildren, spouses, partners, or other family members. This session will explore the experience of being pulled in multiple directions, and help us balance competing needs, set realistic expectations, and recognize that support is available.

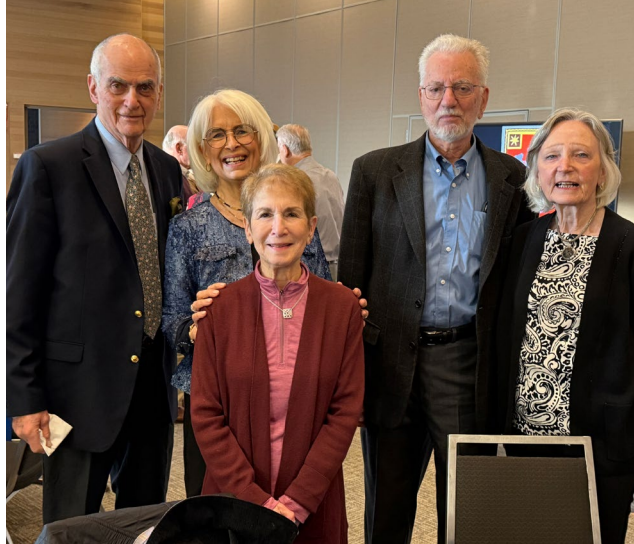
To RSVP, please contact receptionist@wrtemple.org and indicate which session or sessions you would like to attend.



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Purim



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Early Childhood Center (ECC)

Navigating the Sacred Space of Separation: Building the Bridge Between Home and School

As we prepare to open our doors for a beautiful new school year at Westchester Reform Temple, our hearts and minds are deeply focused on one of the most sacred, critical milestones of early childhood: the separation process. Learning to separate from a parent or caregiver and transition into the classroom is not just a routine hurdle—it is one of the most foundational components of a child's entire preschool experience.

Because we hold this moment with the utmost care, we want to share the intentionality, love, and thought that goes into crafting a gentle, successful transition for our ECC families.

Every Child's Path is Unique

First and foremost, we recognize that every child and family handles this transition differently. There is no right or wrong way for a child to react. Some children jump right into the sandbox, while others simply need more time, a longer hug, or a few extra days of adjustment.

Even for our returning children, the first days of school bring new experiences, new faces, and new expectations. We work deliberately to make this adjustment period as comfortable and reassuring as possible for each individual child. These early days lay the vital groundwork not just for a happy year ahead, but for successful separations and transitions throughout their future schooling.

Partners in Building the Bridge

To help ease this process, parents and teachers work hand-in-hand to create a physical and emotional bridge between home and school. At the ECC, building a strong, trusting relationship between families and teachers is at the absolute heart of a positive school experience.

We design our "phase-in" period with immense intentionality to nurture these relationships:

- **Classroom Visits:** During initial school visits, we ask parents and caregivers to accompany their child into the

classroom, allowing each child to explore their new environment while anchored by a loved one's reassuring presence.

- **Half-Groups:** At the start of the school year, our youngest children attend in smaller, half-groups. This deliberate pacing ensures our teachers can provide each child with abundant individual attention, warmth, and focused care.

The Power of a Warm Goodbye

When the time comes to officially step away, the way we leave matters deeply. We ask that all parents and caregivers say a clear, warm goodbye to their child, explicitly letting them know that they will be back to pick them up after school. Establishing a routine of warm goodbyes minimizes anxiety about an unexpected departure and helps children with future separations.

Honor the Tears, Trust the Process

During the first days of a new school year, tears and some resistance are a natural part of the process. However, the moment a parent or caregiver steps away, our children are warmly comforted, held, and supported by our dedicated teachers. With time, consistency, and our partnership with our families, they will adjust beautifully—discovering a newfound sense of confidence, independence, and joy.

We cannot wait to welcome our children and families into the warmth of our ECC community. Together, we are building a foundation of resilience and love that will last a lifetime.

Warmly,
Rebecca Roseman and Jen Brauntuch



Rebecca Roseman
ECC Director

Jennifer Brauntuch
ECC Associate Director



Upcoming ECC Events

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

Sunday, September 13

Rosh Hashanah songs and storytelling followed by a snack and apple picking. This program is led by WRT clergy.

Sukkot Block Party

**Sunday, September 27,
11:30 am – 1:30 PM**

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

Tot Shabbats

**Fridays: October 9, November 13,
January 8, February 26, April 2,
May 14, 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 Enrollment for the 2027-2028 school year begins

Current ECC Families:

October 26 – October 28;

Temple Members:

October 29 – October 30

Registration opens to the public on November 2 and will be ongoing.

ECC Book Fair

Friday, November 13

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

Chanukah Celebration – Milk and Cookies with the Cantors

**Tuesday, December 8,
4:00 – 4:45 PM**

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

ECC Cocktail Party

Thursday, March 11

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 18, 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.

Purim Palooza

Sunday, March 21, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Come in costume and enjoy carnival games and noshes!

Virtual Trip to Israel

Wednesday, May 12

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.

Truck Day

Wednesday, May 19

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!

New Family Welcome

Thursday, May 20, 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.

For more information about our ECC program, please call us at 914-723-5493.





Jewish Learning Lab (JLL)

Rabbi Leah Citrin

Associate Rabbi & Jewish Learning Lab Director

New Beginnings at the Jewish Learning Lab

As we welcome 5787 and the promise of a fresh start, JLL is embracing the High Holiday spirit of renewal with some wonderful changes of our own. Our teen program is undergoing a structural change to offer our teens a more dynamic, identity-driven journey toward 12th Grade Confirmation. The "Confirmation Pathway" meets teens where they are and helps them navigate the world Jewishly as they step into greater ownership of their Jewish lives, earning "credits" that determine eligibility for a Confirmation ritual in the spring of their senior year.

Behind the scenes, our teaching team is investing in our own growth too. Beginning with the Full Time Team over the summer and continuing with the entire teaching staff in the fall, we are grateful to the Jacobs Freedman Fund that has enabled us to engage consultant Dr. Tim Verduin from NYU Langone to strengthen our approach to behavior management across every classroom. Just as we ask our students to grow and try again, our educators are committed to doing the same — building an even stronger foundation for the warm, engaging classrooms our families know and love.

And speaking of building things — literally! We're delighted to welcome guest ceramics artist Yael Frankel Jaffe, who will lead our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade students in creating their own beautiful, handmade Judaica. Even better, we're opening our classroom doors and inviting parents to join their children for these special events, because some of our most meaningful Jewish moments happen when generations create side by side.

Just as the shofar calls us to begin again each fall, we hope this season finds our JLL community rolling up our sleeves, getting our hands in the clay, and building something new together.

-Rabbi Leah Citrin

Calendar Dates: Special Back to School Programs

September 16 JLL K-5 Back to School Night (K-5 parents)

September 23 6th/7th Grade Ice Cream Party (students + parents)

September 23
Teen Kickoff Event

First Days of JLL

September 27 (K-5 Sundays)

September 29 (3rd/4th midweek, K-2 midweek, 5th grade midweek)

September 30 (3rd/4th midweek, 6th/7th midweek, 8th-12th)

Chevruta sessions will begin the week of September 28

Lab Shabbat

Fridays, October 2, November 20, December 11, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Welcome Shabbat together with a family-friendly service, followed by a delicious dinner that's always something new. 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 2 with Simchat Torah Celebration and Kindergarten Consecration

November 20 with 1st Grade Participation

December 11 with Chanukah Celebration and 3rd Grade Participation

January 29 (2nd Grade Participation)

March 5 (4th Grade Participation)

April 9 (5th Grade Participation)

May 21 (Kindergarten Participation)

Other Dates:

September

September 13 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking

September 27 Family T'filah (9 - 9:30 AM)

September 27 Sukkot Block Party (11:30 AM - 1 PM)

October

October 2 Lab Shabbat

October 18 2029 B'nei Mitzvah Parents' Meeting

October 18 AKLA Day in NYC (teens)

October 23-25 Teen Retreat @ Eisner Camp

November

November 1 Family T'filah

November 10
NO JLL onsite classes (teacher training)

November 11
NO JLL (Veteran's Day; building closed)

November 20 Lab Shabbat

November 24-29
NO JLL (Thanksgiving Break)

For more information about our JLL program, please contact Rabbi Leah Citrin at rabbi.citrin@wrtemple.org.

Mazal Tov!

Births

Abby and David Salzman

on the birth of their grandson Mateo Luis Miranda
and to the parents Julie Salzman and Jorge Miranda

Emily and Daniel Sirotkin

on the birth of their son Zachary Gabriel Sirotkin

Kim Reichig and Michael Ziegelbaum

on the birth of their grandson Tyler James Reichig Saxe
and to the parents Dylan Ziegelbaum and Ryan Saxe
and on the birth of their granddaughter Chloe James Margaret O'Neill
and to the parents Brooke Ziegelbaum and Conor O'Neill

Ira and Janice Starr

on the birth of their grandson Cosmo Julian Starr
and to the parents Hannah and Matthew Starr

Nina and Ivan Ross

on the birth of their grandson Zander William Ross
and to the parents Mallory and Ethan Ross

Danielle Sporkin and Jasen Kelly

on the birth of their daughter Sasha Parker Kelly

Iris and Fred Green

on the birth of their granddaughter Isabelle Jade Berk
and to the parents Victoria Green Berk and David Berk

Helene Getz and Michael Carlin

on the birth of their granddaughter Maya Isabella Carlin
and to the parents Rachel and David Carlin

Ariel and Daniel Rudofsky

on the birth of their daughter Emma Zoe Rudofsky

Beth and Uri Shabto

on the birth of their granddaughter Ellie Jay Heilpern
and to the parents Julie Shabto and Clay Heilpern

Sarah and James Kirch

on the birth of their son Asher Rowan Kirch

Debbie and Jeff Radov

on the birth of their granddaughter Elisha Beatrice Williams
and to the parents Sarah Radov and Matthew Williams

Marcy and John Harris

on the birth of their grandson Benjamin Nathan Harris
and to the parents Rachel Hudson and Andrew Harris

Dorie and Michael Tobias

on the birth of their daughter Eliana Rose Tobias

Linda and Joseph Simon

on the birth of their grandson Edward "Teddy" Owen Simon
and to the parents Emma and Peter Simon

Linda and Joseph Simon

Lori and Gary Gertzog

on the birth of their grandson Henry Simon Gertzog
and to the parents Caroline Simon and Bryan Gertzog

Melissa and Jeffrey Fastov

on the birth of their granddaughter Charlotte Sage Maccabee
and to the parents Emily and Dan Maccabee

Beth Ehrich Berkeley and Alan Berkeley

on the birth of their grandson Aaron Berkeley Santangelo
and to the parents Sara Berkeley and Dan Santangelo

Anne and Mark Ellman

on the birth of their granddaughter Lily Helaine Mintz
and to the parents Allie and Mikey Mintz

Robin and Scott Gottlieb

on the birth of their grandson Jay Harrison Gottlieb
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on the birth of their daughter Hailey Elizabeth Graulich

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on the birth of her grandson Roy Andersen Puchalsky
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on the birth of her grandson Miles William Yewdell
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Engagements

Jill Kotler and Josh Frankel

on the engagement of their daughter Madeline Frankel to Stephen Stark

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on the engagement of their daughter Emily Berk to Grayson Coker

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on the engagement of their daughter Laura Pollack to Jack Sheehy

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on the engagement of her daughter Isabelle Gordon to Jeffrey Kling

Alice Kornfield

on the engagement of her daughter Hannah Osinoff to Frank Landau

Zel Rubins

on the engagement of her grandson Jack Rubins to Tamar Talmor

Mazal Tov - Engagements (continued)

Donna and David Rabin

on the engagement of their daughter Katy Rabin to Vincent Chaglasyan

Shari and Ken Keats

on the engagement of their daughter Lauren Keats to Patrick Mallany

Perry Braun**Susan and Victor Shedlin**

on the engagement of his son Andrew Braun to their granddaughter Alexis Zachem

Bonni and David Bleustein

on the engagement of their son Noah Bleustein to Perri Cochin
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on the engagement of their son Daniel Baum to Sydney Berger

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on the engagement of their daughter Melissa Fisch to Ryan Upper

Janet Korins and Joseph Kaufman

on the engagement of their son Joshua Kaufman to Shannon Sommers

Alison and Michael Greene

on the engagement of their daughter Dana Greene to Zachary Jayson

Marriages

Sarah and Stewart Kagan

on the marriage of their daughter Ruth to Andrew Wang

Maria and Jacques Brand

on the marriage of their son Jacob to Kristen Moss

Nancy Abraham

on the marriage of her son Eden to Uyen Nguyen

Barbara and Bennett Josselson

on the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Ben Pall

Harriet and Douglas Rachlin

on the marriage of their daughter Amanda to Ethan Fox

Nina and Ivan Ross

on the marriage of their son Tyler to Annabelle Brody

Kathy and Larry Roman

on the marriage of their daughter Jordanna to David Weinblatt

Vicki and Jay Elkins

on the marriage of their son Jordan to Marisa Kaplan

Nancy and David Michaels

on the marriage of their daughter Emily to Matthew Sandler

Lisa and Michael Simon

on the marriage of their daughter Charlotte to Jeremee Bornstein

Allison and Larry Fehrenbaker

on the marriage of their daughter Katie to Matt Galajda

Lauren and Richard Maybaum

on the marriage of their daughter Hayley to Kelsey Keefe

B'nei Mitzvah

Jessica and Justin Rosenberg

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Olivia

Lisa and David Shabsels

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Avery

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on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Chloe

Condolences

Larry Smith

on the death of his mother Marilyn Smith Layton

Robert Schildhouse

on the death of his stepfather Dennis Roth

Denise Rothberg

on the death of her mother Renee Lipton

Gail Berg

on the death of her husband Andrew Berg

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on the death of his mother Elfi Hendell

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on the death of his mother Lila Graubart Croen

Lauren Breslow

on the death of her father David Lloyd Hammer

Sharon Stiefel, Director of Social Impact and Community Engagement

on the death of her father Eugene Scher

Dayle Henshel, Patti Henshel, Diane Henshel, and Judy Henshel

on the death of their mother Joy Altman Henshel

Lisa Koenig

on the death of her aunt Ida Sobel

Debra Zeller and Laurie Martucci

on the death of their father, Arnold E. Ray, and their mother, Claire Ray

Laura Manzano Leibert

on the death of her father Jaime "Chick" Manzano

Allyson Simon

on the death of her mother Louise Claire Weisberg

Daniel Ornstein

on the death of his mother Barbara Ornstein

Sara Farnsworth, ECC Teacher

on the death of her husband James R. Farnsworth

Daniella Kamis-Brown, JLL Assistant Director

on the death of her uncle Richard Kamis

Barbara Josselsohn

on the death of her mother Harriet Solomon

Tony Radin and Marcy Klein

on the death of his mother/her stepmother Nancy Radin Tarnoff

Bree Candee, WRT's Special Events and Catering Manager

on the death of her mother Judith Chamblin

Leonard Vinnick, Debby Tesler and Lyn Kaller

on the death of his brother/their uncle Ivan Vinnick

Marc Carter

on the death of his mother Beverly Fradin Carter

Lenore Rosenbaum

on the death of her husband Robert Rosenbaum

Karin Shields

on the death of her cousin Temi Snyder

Andrea Markowitz

on the death of her mother Doris Judell

Susan Hodas Blumen and Lauren Hodas Cernea

on the death of their mother Barbara Hodas

Barbara E. Shiers and Matthew Sternman

on the death of her husband/his father Joel W. Sternman

Steven Markowitz

on the death of his mother Betty Markowitz

Jodi Barrow

on the death of her brother Todd Stillman

Gail Hoffman

on the death of her husband Richard Hoffman

Brian Rosenthal

on the death of his mother Judy Rosenthal



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.

Condolences (continued)

Lisa Rodman

on the death of her father Max Mendel III

Marjorie Meiman Robinowitz

on the death of her aunt Reba Salkoff

Constance Lewin

on the death of her sister Maureen Patron

Mark Menell and Gregg Menell

on the death of their mother Phyllis J. Menell

**Darlene and Warren Haber
Rachel, Abigail, and Naomi Haber**

on the death of their brother-in-law/their uncle
William "Bill" Bothelo

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on the death of her mother Goldie Gitlin

Richard Seiler

on the death of his mother Lila Seiler

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on the death of his mother Betty Wolfe

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on the death of his father Jerome B. White

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on the death of her mother Barbara Wolf
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The congregation of WRT mourns
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When you include WRT in your estate plans—through a bequest or other planned gift—you create a lasting legacy for your spiritual home. Your support ensures that our vibrant Jewish community will continue to pray, educate, celebrate, and comfort for generations to come. By informing us of your planned gift, you will become a member of the Legacy Circle—a community of devoted congregants who share a belief in WRT's long-term vision and vitality. If this opportunity resonates with you, we would be honored to speak with you (and your advisor, if helpful) to craft a legacy gift that reflects your values and strengthens WRT's future.

Together, we will build a legacy of Jewish life and learning for WRT! To learn more, please visit wrtemple.org/give/legacy-circle/ or call Laura Rosen Apostolou at 914-723-7727, ext. 8128.

Giving at WRT

Dear Friends,

In Jewish tradition, Hineini is the response to a sacred call — a declaration of presence, responsibility, and readiness to show up for one another. Through Inspired Giving, our community answers that call together.

Since its inception in 2020, the Inspired Giving Annual Fund has become an essential source of support for Westchester Reform Temple. Alongside our Spring Celebration, Inspired Giving helps sustain the programs, worship, learning, music, and acts of caring that define our temple community beyond membership dues and tuition alone.

Your participation will help close the gap in our operating budget and ensure that WRT remains a place of warmth, connection, meaning, and support — both within and beyond our temple walls. Every gift matters, and every act of generosity strengthens our community.

If you have not yet participated in this year's Inspired Giving campaign, we hope you will consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. Together, through collective generosity, we answer the call of Hineini.

If you have any questions about giving to WRT, would like to make a gift, or wish to become involved in our volunteer efforts on behalf of the temple, please contact Laura Rosen Apostolou, Philanthropy Director, at 914-723-7727 ext. 8128 or laura.apostolou@wrtemple.org.

We are deeply grateful for the support and generosity of our community.

Many Thanks,

WRT Philanthropy Committee Co-Chairs: Alex Crisses, Nicole Risener

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The 2026 Spring Celebration was a joyful reflection of the generosity, spirit, and connection that define our WRT community. Together, we raised vital funds and celebrated the release of WRT SINGS. Thank you for making the evening so meaningful; we can't wait to celebrate with you again on May 13, 2027.

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We have been WRT members and a JLL family since our kids were old enough to start a Hebrew school program. From the First Grade program through working one-on-one with teachers for Chevruta, from learning simple melodies to complex Hebrew prayers, JLL has managed to make their Jewish education feel important, inclusive, and fun. With deep gratitude to the JLL staff for their dedication and patience, including through the challenges of the COVID and post-COVID years, we knew that we wanted to take the opportunity to support JLL teachers and all that they do for WRT families. Rabbi Citrin and the rest of the team provided great insights into the types of contributions that could make a meaningful difference to the JLL teachers and program, and it has been an honor to support them.

Rachel and Scott Gerwin, JLL Parents

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Joanne Citrin
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Brewer

TIKKUM OLAM – REPAIRING THE WORLD

Food and Housing Insecurity Fund

Dona and Keith Schaitkin
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Schmerin

Blaine and Stephen Levenson
in memory of Lila Croen and Doris Judell

Carole Princer Levy
in honor of Evelyn Stock's birthday

Anne and Jeff Haber
in honor of Irv Rixon's birthday

Ann Spindel
in honor of Fran Schleffler-Siegel birthday

Karen and Bill Frommer
in memory of Dr. Alex Rappaport

Roy Appel
Liz and Randy Guggenheimer

Social Impact and Community Engagement Fund

Elaine Mandelbaum and Lewis Steinberg
in memory of Andy Berg, husband of Gail Berg

Lori and Gary Gertzog
Judy Grosz
in memory of Eugene Scher, father of Sharon Stiefel

Elizabeth Weisser
in honor of the marriage of Emily Michaels and Matt Sandler

Julie Thalen and Jeff Williams
in honor of Fran Scheffler-Siegel's birthday

CHAVURAH - COMMUNITY

Caring Community Fund

Cynthia and Marc Samwick
in memory of Rita Lustberg, mother of Michelle Friedman
and in memory of Lila Croen, mother of Ken Croen

The Kluback and Morse Families
Beth Schoenbrun and Bob Marion
in memory of Andy Berg, husband of Gail Berg

Linda Feldman
in appreciation of Cynthia Samwick and the Caring Community

Stephie Miller
in memory of Joy Henshel and
in honor of the birthday of Linda Ellis

Liz and Randy Guggenheimer
in memory of Ann R. Miller

Maritza and Tom Kozera
in memory of Robert Rosenbaum, husband of Lenore Rosenbaum

Nancy and Bruce Frank
in memory of Bob Frank

MRJ Fund

Michael Leibert
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Audrey and Richard Steuer

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in memory of Robert Rosenbaum, husband of Lenore Rosenbaum

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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
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- **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.
- **ECC-The Gan Fund** – This fund was established to help replace and add to our beautiful *Gan* playground
- **JLL Family Fund** – Supports gifts to families and staff in our community who experience a significant life cycle event. Your donation will also support scholarships for families in need.

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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SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 13, 2027

Our Annual Celebration

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.

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