

## September Newsletter 2019 - Elul 5779



### Sign up and Spread the Word!

WRN is excited for the Biennial. As wonderful as it is to be connected throughout the year by technology, it is incredible to gather to learn and together and support one another in person. Here are lots of opportunities!

**If you are attending the Biennial**, do not forget to sign-up for the **Gender and Justice in the Jewish Community Symposium**. An extension choice for the Biennial, it is taking place **Sunday, December 15, 9am-1pm**. We will gather for brave conversation, challenging learning and meaningful training to explore issues of gender bias, sexual misconduct, creating safe, respectful space for all, and pay equity. Participants will learn about achievable interventions and resources to bring home to our congregations, Jewish institutions, and even secular workplaces. Specific areas for in-depth learning and training will include: interview and negotiation skills; organizational culture to create safe and respectful spaces through policy, standards, and trainings; and ally conversations for people of all genders. Bring your lay leaders, too! National experts Fran Sepler <http://sepler.com/> and Andrea Schneider <https://law.marquette.edu/faculty-and-staff-directory/detail/2004356> will be presenting, among others.

This symposium is co-sponsored by WRN, WRJ and the CCAR. It is open to everyone regardless of gender. If you have already registered for the Biennial, you can ask to add it to your program. \$70, including lunch. WRN members are

eligible for scholarship for this program, if financial assistance is needed. Contact Mary. Register now.

**If you or professional/lay leaders are not attending the Biennial**, but are in the greater Chicago area, this symposium is open to the public, meaning you do not need to be attending the Biennial to register and attend this symposium. Please let colleagues, family and friends, from the Reform Movement AND beyond, that registration for outside participants will be open in October for this unique opportunity.

**Also at the Biennial, WRN is involved in these opportunities:**

**Workshop, Thursday, Dec. 12, 9-10:15 am, Achieving Pay Equity: Closing the Pay Gap in Reform Congregations**

Description: The gender pay gap is a pervasive human rights issue that impacts women and families within the Reform Movement in the same way that it operates in society at large. This is a problem we can solve within our own congregations if we commit to implementing achievable interventions. During this learning session, participants will consider steps that every congregation can take to address the existing pay gap and explore the resources available through the Reform Pay Equity Initiative. This session is cosponsored by Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) and Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN.) Our own Rabbi Mary Zamore will be presenting.

**Tefilla, Friday, Dec. 13, 7:45-8:30 am, Dorot Nashim B'yachad: Generations of Women Working Together**

Description: This morning service will feature the varied and unique voices of women from across generations. All are welcome to join us as we highlight the many contributions that women have made, building on the shoulders of one another and looking towards the future. Come together in song and worship as we strengthen the bonds that tie generation to generation. Our own Rabbi Kelly Levy will be representing WRN in this service.

**WRN Dinner**, save Thursday dinner, 6:15pm-8:15pm, to enjoy dinner out with WRN members at a near-by restaurant. Registration, which is not part of the Biennial sign-up, will be open soon.

**WRN Information Table**, at URJ Central. Swing by to say hello. Bring your leadership to learn more about WRN!

Hope to see you there!

[Rabbi Kelly Levy](#)

[Rabbi Leah Berkowitz](#)

[Rabbi Mary Zamore](#)



## FACEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to share with you that in response to your requests and our need to expand beyond what our Instagram account can offer us, we are introducing a public

### "WOMEN'S RABBINIC NETWORK" Facebook page!

This page will allow us to share our photos, press releases, letters, and more with those who are interested in the WRN. Importantly, a public FB page will allow our content to be shared from a branded WRN account. Along with this new page, the WRN will continue maintaining our FB group which has been renamed "**WRN:Private Group**" to make it distinct from our public page.

More details about both the public page and private group are available below.

Once you're done reading, click [HERE](#) to find and like our public page!

If you have questions about the new FB page or our private FB group, email Rachel Bearman at [communications@womensrabbinicnetwork.org](mailto:communications@womensrabbinicnetwork.org).

**NEW:**

**STILL GOING STRONG:  
WRN: PRIVATE GROUP**

## WOMEN'S RABBINIC NETWORK PUBLIC PAGE!



This is our public page where we will be sharing branded, WRN content, press releases, letters from our writing circle, and more.

**\*\*All comments made on this page will be PUBLIC and entirely visible to anyone who visits our page.\*\***



The WRN group that so many of us use to share personal stories, ask questions, and find support amongst our colleagues is still going strong is still **PRIVATE**.

This group has been renamed so that it can be easily distinguished from the new, public page. The new name ("WRN:Private Group") should not affect any of your Facebook settings or shortcuts.

### A Note From the Treasurer

Shana Tovah from the financial side of the WRN. I want to thank all of you who paid your dues in response to the bills that were sent in July.

**More women had paid their dues by the end of the month of July than ever before!**

The volume kept me busy during the hot summer- a good thing.

In order to do the work we do, we need to know what our financial picture is. If dues are paid early in the fiscal year, it helps to put us on a solid financial footing.

So thank you all again!

If you haven't paid your dues, now is a great time to do it before we are overwhelmed with the work of preparing for the High Holy Days. And please, especially if you are in a large congregation, ensure that your name is somewhere on the check.

It can cost me an inordinate amount of time to track down who a check belongs to if the name is not there.

If you have any questions about renewing your membership or your dues payment, please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@womensrabbinicnetwork.org](mailto:treasurer@womensrabbinicnetwork.org) or our Executive Director, Mary Zamore at [maryzamore@womensrabbinicnetwork.org](mailto:maryzamore@womensrabbinicnetwork.org).

# Oys Joys

### **OYS**

Condolences to Heather Ellen Miller on the death of her stepfather Lane Liroff, Leibeleh ben Sydney v'Selma.

Condolences to Samantha Natov on the death of her father-in-law Irwin Natov.

Condolences to Elyse Frishman and our colleague Danny Frelander on the death of her daughter Devra Frelander.

Condolences to Shira Gluck and her father, our colleague Arnie Gluck, on the death of her grandmother Aileen Gluck.

Condolences to Leah Lewis on the death of her father-in-law Ronald Lewis.  
 Condolences to Rachel Sabath Beit Halchmi on the death of her father professor Leon Sabath, MD.

Condolences to Amy Coben Weiss on the death of her mother Nancy Coben.  
 Condolences to Rachel Rembrandt on the death of her father Michael A. Oppenheimer.  
 Condolences to Jennifer Clayman and her husband, our colleague John Fishman, on the death of John's stepfather Sheldon Keyser.

### JOYS

Mazal tov to Sissy Coran and Matthew Kraus on the wedding of their son Jacob Kraus to Kimberly Preminger.

Mazal tov to Leana Moritt on her marriage to Steven Kushner.

Mazal tov to Simone Schicker on her marriage to Keith Eiser.

Mazal tov to Rachel Ackerman on her marriage to Jake Singer-Beilin.

Mazal tov to Karen Kedar on the birth of her grandchild Leo Noah.

Mazal tov to Rachel Schmelkin and her husband Geoff on the birth of Eitan Daniel.

Mazal tov to Bess Wohlner and Jeremy Simons on the birth of Ruth "Ruthie" Simons Wohler.

Mazal tov to Lisa Grushcow and her wife Shelly as they welcome Joseph Daniel Grushcow to their family.

Mazal tov to Elka Abrahamson and Misha Zinkow on the birth of their second grandchild Aviv Meir Zinkow.

Mazal tov to Lisa Hochberg-Miller and Seth on the marriage of their daughter Elisheva and Danna Harris.

Mazal tov to Allie Klein and her husband Adam Seidman on the birth of their twin daughters Eleanor Miriam Seidman (Nora) and Grace Liora Seidman (Gracie).

Mazal tov to Jaimee Brooke Shalhevet and Helayne Shalhevet on the birth of Benjamin Ezra Shalhevet.

Mazal tov to Esther Hugenholtz and her husband Dave Middleton on the birth of their daughter Shifra Emunah Middleton-Hugenholtz.

Mazal tov to Stephanie Crawley on her marriage to Jesse Paikin.

Mazal tov to Molly Gabriella Kane on her marriage to Michelle Citrin.

Mazal tov to Karen Perolman on her engagement to Liz Glazer.



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