



WRJ Pacific District Pacific Southwest Area Event
October 28-30, 2022



Beginning Again ... Engage, Educate, Empower

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Kol Ami Synagogue
225 N Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ 85716

Registration: \$48

Mark your calendar and plan to join us in **Tucson** as the **Women of Kol Ami** host their first Area Day for those in **Arizona, New Mexico**, a portion of **Texas**, and **Nevada**, as well as guests from **California**, the weekend of **October 28th - 30th!** It will be a fantastic weekend of sisterhood, learning, and camaraderie

"**Beginning Again ... Engage, Educate, Empower**" is our theme. Workshop topics will include:

- Six Hats of Thinking
- Creating with Canva: Flyers, Newsletters, and more!
- Renewal of Spirit musical experience with **Cantor Janece Cohen**
- Growing Your Membership
- Social Action
- and more!

Our Area Day will commence at 11:00 on Saturday. The action-packed day will include a keynote speaker, two workshop sessions, a **YES Fund** program, *Havdalah*, and dinner.

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Other options include coming to Tucson on Friday evening and sharing in **Chardonnay Shabbat**, evening services, and catered buffet dinner. On Saturday, start the morning with (optional) **Shabbat Services** and **Torah Study** from **The Torah: A Women's Commentary** with **Rabbi Malcolm Cohen**, all at Kol Ami.

On Sunday morning, you can tour the **Jewish History Museum and Holocaust History Center** (for a \$10 minimum donation), and the tour will be over before noon.

Registration opens on **August 15th** with a registration fee of \$48, including Saturday's lunch and dinner. In addition, there will be scholarships available.

Overnight accommodations include both hotel and home hospitality. For questions about Home Hospitality, contact Laurie Kassman at lauriekassman0729x@gmail.com.

All attendees must be vaccinated and boosted and must fill out the WRJ Covid-19 Covenant of Care 24 hours before the event. An email requesting you to fill out the Covenant of Care will be sent to all registrants shortly prior to the event along with any updates to the Covid Policy.

Please promote this to your sisterhood members! We can't wait to begin again with you!

Pay by credit card or check at online registration:
<https://www.wrjpacific.org/pacific-southwest-area-events.html>

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE
Kol Ami Synagogue, Tucson

5:30 pm	CHARDONNAY SHABBAT WINE AND CHEESE
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	SHABBAT SERVICES
7:45 pm	POST-SHABBAT DINNER (Optional catered buffet dinner - extra charge +\$15)

SATURDAY SCHEDULE
Kol Ami Synagogue, Tucson

10:00 am	TORAH STUDY - THE TORAH: A WOMEN'S COMMENTARY WITH RABBI MALCOLM COHEN (Optional)
11:00 am – 11:30 am	REGISTRATION
11:30 am - Noon	ICE BREAKER
Noon – 12:45 pm	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS STATE OF THE DISTRICT – Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President LUNCH
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	RESPECTING THE FREEDOM TO MARRY: RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL RECOGNITION AND RESPECT FOR SAME-SEX AND INTER-FAITH MARRIAGES - Keynote Speaker Amelia Cramer, Retired Chief Deputy Pima County Attorney
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	WORKSHOP BLOCK 1

- 1. What's all the Yammer About?** Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask - *Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President*
- 2. Growing Membership by Embracing the WACKY** - *Stacy Nagel, WRJ PD VP Membership*
- 3. Art Project: Tzedakah Box** - How to make a quick and easy Tzedakah box - *Mindy Dember*
- 4. WRJ Pacific District's Southwest Area Says STOP:** Building a Safe and Transparent Synagogue Community - *Karen Goldberg, WRJ PD VP Action & Advocacy*
- 5. Bubbie's Kitchen** - a demonstration directly from the new WRJ Pacific District Keepsake Favorite Recipes! Cookbook - *Dina Bedek*

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3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

DESSERT AND YES FUND PROGRAM

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

WORKSHOP BLOCK 2

1. **Learning To Investigate An Issue From A Variety Of Perspectives, In A Clear, Conflict-Free Way** - *Deawn Herrmann, WRJ PD Area VP*
2. **CANVA: How to Create Snazzy Flyers and Emails** - *Naomi Estrada, WRJ PD Chai Line Editor*
3. **The Street Was Never Meant To Be Home** - *Jean Fedigan, Director of Sister Jose's Women Shelter*
4. **Renewal of Spirit** - A hands-on musical experience culminating in a choral Havdalah - *Cantor Janece Cohen*
5. **Looking Forward, Looking Back: A Meditation on Noach, Promises, and Connections** - Jewish themed meditation - *Bonnie Golden and Louise Greenfield*

6:00 pm

HAVDALAH, YES FUND LIFELINE RECOGNITION, CLOSING CIRCLE,
AND DINNER

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Jewish History and Holocaust Museum Tour (Optional)

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HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 26th. DON'T MISS OUT ON GREAT PRICING!

Hampton Inn/Home2 Suites by Hilton - Tucson Downtown

141 South Stone Avenue - Tucson, Arizona 85701

Phone: 520-274-7400 - Fax: 520-372-2448 - HamptonInn.com - Home2Suites.com



Hotel must be booked by September 26th to receive the group rate.

There are two room options - both are at the same location: 141 South Stone Ave Tucson, AZ 85701.

ROOM OPTION 1 – TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

2 Queen Beds Studio Suite (sleeps 6 with sofa bed)

1 King Bed Studio Suite (sleeps 4 with sofa bed)

\$179 per night if you book a 2-night stay from October 28-30

Includes free hot breakfast, free wifi, and free parking. Amenities include sofa bed, full-sized refrigerator, microwave, sink, and dishwasher, outdoor pool, fitness center, and business center.

ROOM OPTION 2 – TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

2 Queen Room (sleeps 4)

1 King Room (sleeps 2)

\$170 per night if you book a 2-night stay from October 28-30

Includes free hot breakfast, free wifi, and free parking. Amenities include mini-fridge, microwave, Cuisinart coffeemaker, outdoor pool, fitness center, and business center.

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SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

Sister Jose Women's Center (SJWC) is located in Tucson, AZ. The center was founded in 2009 by Jean Fedigan while serving as the chief nursing officer at University of Arizona Physicians Healthcare Hospital and is dedicated to the cares of homeless and trafficked women living on the streets of Tucson.

More than just providing shelter from the desert sun or access to showers, laundry, meals, and clothing, SJWC has a deeper mission on behalf of these vulnerable women. It seeks to ensure that these women feel loved, respected, and assured of their human dignity.

On a typical day, 100 women will come to SJWC. Its gates open at 7:30 a.m. Jean and her volunteers cook breakfast for the women, offer them a fresh shower and assess needs. Health services, case managers and counselors are on-site to help the women.

Sister José Women's Center is the only shelter in town that allows the homeless to bring their pets.

We will be collecting items for SJWC. Please bring new underwear, socks (both ankle and long), bras and sports bras of all sizes. We will also be collecting gift cards that can be used to purchase animal food for the SJWC residents' pets.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We will be taking and sharing photos of convention and will also create an event sharing directory so attendees can get in touch with each other after convention. Please indicate on your registration form that you consent to being photographed by WRJ PD during convention and to having WRJ PD and/or WRJ use your photo in their materials and that you consent to including your contact information in an event sharing directory to be shared with other 2023 convention attendees.