



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

PACIFIC DISTRICT



Area Event 2021 Schedule

“Our Super Powers: Faith, Kindness and Community”

AREA SPECIFIC PRE-EVENTS All times are PDT

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| Thursday, July 22, 6:30 pm | Northern California: Meet and Greet |
| Saturday, July 24, 7:00 pm | Pacific Northwest: Savor the Senses of Havdalah |
| Monday, July 26, 5:00 pm | Southern California: The God Gap with Eliana Light |
| Wednesday, July 28, 6:30 pm | Pacific Southwest: Getting to Know You |
| Thursday, July 29, 7:00 pm | Southern California: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun |
| Thursday, July 29, 7:00 pm | Pacific Northwest: Getting-To-Know Each Other Mixer |
| Friday, July 30, 7:00 pm | Northern California: Welcome in Shabbat |

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Saturday July 31st

2:00 - 4:00 pm Leadership Development - “Building Communities of Kindness”

- 2:00-2:40 “Hearing Your Sisters: How to Conduct A Listening Campaign - Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President & Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President
- 2:40-3:00 Practice Makes Better/Q&A Workshop Team Facilitators in Breakout Rooms
- 3:00-3:40 “When Your Sisters Aren’t Listening: Showing Compassion When Communication Falters” – Alison Auerbach, WRJ Central District Past President and Fredi Bleeker Franks, WRJ Board Member
- 3:40-4:00 Practice Makes Better/Q&A Workshop Team Facilitators in Breakout Rooms

4:00 - 5:00 pm Affinity Chat Rooms (select one)

- Individual Members - Stacy Nagel, WRJ PD VP of Membership
- Schmooze about All Things WRJ and WRJ PD - Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President
- Cocktails and Chat - Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President
- Nashim Society - Margie Meadow, Nashim Society Co-Chair
- Sisterhood Presidents - Dana Adler, WRJ PD Immediate Past President

5:00 pm Havdalah led by Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Tempe, AZ

5:30 pm Songfest with Cantor Janece Cohen, Congregation Or Chadash, Tucson, AZ

6:00 pm Dinner Break

7:30 pm Saturday Night Lilith Salon - Gail Spivack, WRJ Board Member

*Note: We will discuss **My Secretly Jewish Italian Grandmother**, by Carolyn Ariella Sofia. (Lilith, Winter 2020-21, 25-27). [Click here](#) to read this short story about one young woman’s journey to find meaning in her life and finding her Judaism. Everyone welcome: curious daughters, mothers in denial, grandmothers who knit - even if you don’t read it beforehand, please join us.*

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Sunday August 1st

8:30 - 9:00 am Guided Meditation - Cantor Paul Buch, Temple Beth Israel, Pomona, CA

9:15 - 10:15 am Welcome - Bring your breakfast/coffee

Welcome - WRJ PD Area VPs Tracey Poirier, Shari Carruthers and Deawn Herrmann

President's Welcome - Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President

WRJ Guest - Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President

Rabbinical Welcome - Rabbi Deborah Marcus, Temple Emanu-El, San Diego, CA

10:30 - 11:45 am Workshop Session #1

- New Presidents Workshop - Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President
- Creating Comfort with Uncomfortable Prayers - Dr. Madelyn Katz, WRJ Executive Committee
- In Pursuit of Justice: Engaging in Action & Advocacy - Karen Goldberg, WRJ PD VP Action & Advocacy and WRJ Secretary, and the PD Action & Advocacy team
- Best of Sisterhood Programs of 2020 - Wendy Black, WRJ PD Programming Chair & Shari Shelton, WRJ PD Area Director
- Marketing Your Sisterhood through Social Media - Julia Wackenheim, WRJ PD Speakers Bureau Chair and WRJ Executive Committee
- How to "Succeed" in Sisterhood: A Guide to Succession Planning - Annette Kozicki, Co-President & Mary Kleiner, Immediate Past President, Sisterhood of Temple Sholom, Vancouver, BC

12:00 -1:00 pm Yes Fund Lunch - Dana Spiel, WRJ PD YES Fund Chair & WRJ Guest Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President

1:15 - 2:30 pm Workshop Session #2

- Passing the Torch: The Role of Past Presidents - WRJ Guest-Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President *Note: This workshop is for both Past and Current Sisterhood Presidents - how past Presidents can mentor, empower, and support current President and Board.*
- Chessed: Using Art to Connect with our Spiritual Inner Strength - Rabbi Keara Stein, Dir. of Congregational Learning, Temple Beth Hillel, Valley Village, CA *Note: Materials to purchase prior to attending workshop: White paper, markers or colored pens and optional water color.*
- "How To Fundraise without Losing Members in a Post-Covid World" - Stacy Nagel, WRJ PD VP of Membership
- How to Create a Budget - Jackie Zev, WRJ PD Treasurer
- Creating Effective PowerPoint Presentations - Shari Shelton, WRJ PD Area Director
- Post Vaccine Transitions: Reconnecting with Yourself and Others - Lisa Schwartz, PhD, WRJ Board Member

2:45 - 3:30 pm WRJ PD Stronger Together: Closing Gathering

- Acknowledgements - WRJ PD Area VPs Tracey Poirier, Shari Carruthers & Deawn Herrmann
- Social Action Project Presentation - Tracey Poirier, WRJ PD Area VP
- Top Five Takeaways - WRJ Guest-Susan Bass, WRJ Immediate Past President
- Singing with Annette Kozicki, Co-President, Sisterhood of Temple Sholom, Vancouver, B.C.
- Final Remarks - Cher Krichmar, WRJ PD President