

We Honor
Rabbi Marla J. Feldman
Upon Her Retirement

APRIL 20, 2023



Thank you Marla,

for being such an amazing teacher, leader,
personal shopper, but most of all, friend.
Enjoy your next chapter!

*XO,
Susan Bass*



Marla,

You have done so much to inspire and support us at WRJ. You have always guided us to reach our goals and have been our anchor in tough times.

Personally, you have been the voice that grounds me and the rock that safeguards our organization.

I wish you great success and fulfillment on the next leg of your journey, and I thank you for being my rock!

*In gratitude,
Janet Buckstein*



Marla,



Your tenure as WRJ's Executive Director has been marked by innumerable accomplishments. You have guided our beloved WRJ through the 2013 Centennial year of events, the establishment of the Reform Pay Equity Initiative with the Women's Rabbinic Network, and the navigation of two online Fried Women's Conferences, and much, much more.

You remain an inspiring leader, devoted champion of all things sisterhood, spirituality, and social justice, and a true friend.

Enjoy all the accolades coming your way—you are so deserving!

*Fondly,
Sara Charney*



*“Don’t let anyone
speak for you, and
don’t rely on others
to fight for you.”*

–MICHELLE OBAMA

Marla,

Thank you for the path you blazed and
the change you made, your leadership,
and your learning.

May you go from strength to strength.

Shoshana Dweck





“Whatever you choose to do, leave tracks... You will want to leave the world a little better for your having lived.”

— JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG, z”l

Marla,

We are all so proud of everything you have accomplished. The world is a better place because of you!

Love from the Feldman Family



To Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

In recognition of your untiring service, leadership, and guidance.

Thank you for your dedication to the ideals of
Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism.

Linda Ferguson



Congratulations on your retirement,

Marla

Your energy and enthusiasm for WRJ and its mission are contagious. May your retirement be fruitful, enjoyable, and filled with all good things!

Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab





Marla!

You, and WRJ, and the Lazars, have been a blessedly wonderful match! Working, traveling, shopping, dining, or zooming — we are blessed to call you Rabbi, mentor, and friend. Dale and I wish you much joy in this next chapter. We look forward to many more years of adventures!

Lynn and Dale Lazar



Marla,

Thank you for your 11 years of service to WRJ.
Mazal Tov on your retirement and good luck
with all your future endeavors.

Carol S. LeBovidge



Marla,

It's been a pleasure and privilege getting to know you,
working with you, and traveling with you.

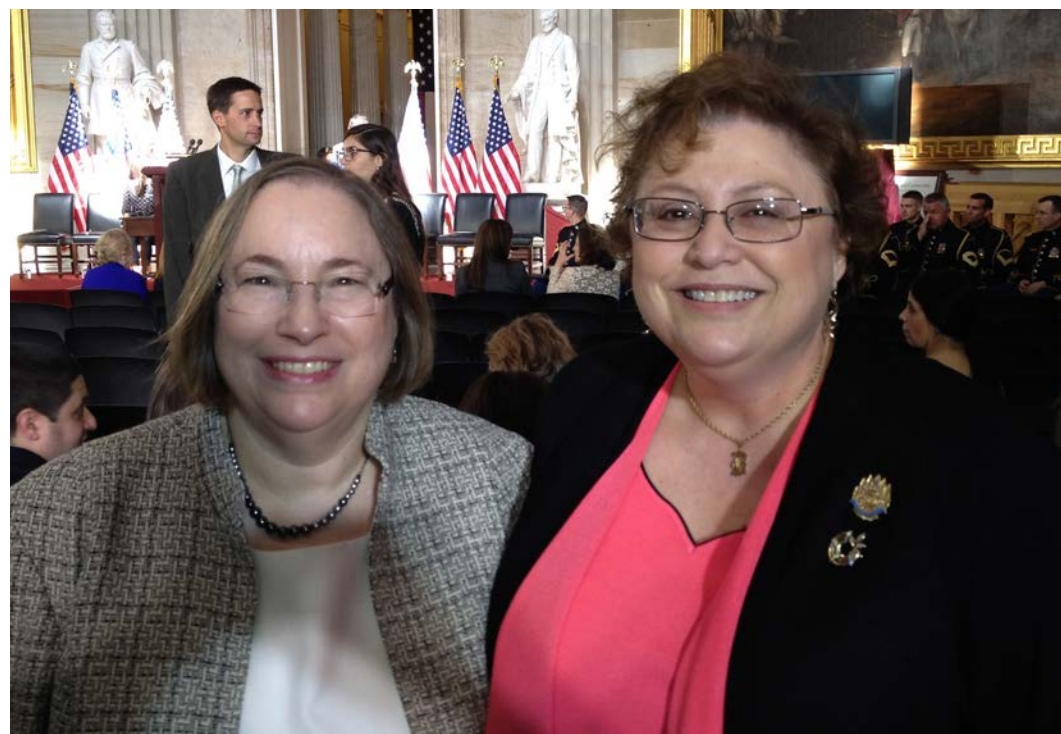
Thank you for encouraging me to join the WRJ Board.

May your retirement be everything you hope for.

All the best,

Deb Lelchuk





Find yourself a rabbi,
acquire for yourself a friend

עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רֵב, וְקַנֵּה לְךָ חֵבֵר

Marla,

My friend...congratulations!

Wishing you the best life has to offer!

Blair Marks



Marla,

These words easily describe how you live your life and inspire others to walk with you.

Mazal Tov on your retirement and years of success with WRJ! Enjoy this next stage.

*With love and admiration,
Rosanne and David Selfon*



“Appoint a teacher for yourself; and acquire a friend for yourself; and judge everyone favorably.”

–PIRKEI AVOT 1:6



Marla,

Thank you for always leading us on new paths, to learn, be inspired, and address injustice.

May you find both renewal and exciting challenges as you begin this new adventure.

May you be inspired by all the possibilities life has to offer.

Lillian Silver



Marla,

A truly great leader and mentor is hard to find,
difficult to part with, and impossible to forget.

Thank you for being part of my life's journey. I wish you
much joy and success in the next phase of yours.

*With affection,
Andrea Stillman*





Mazal Tov, Marla, on your retirement!

You have led WRJ so compassionately, strategically, and effectively for all these years. You leave us a better organization for your having been part of it.

I wish you a wonderful retirement, and I cannot wait to see what you do next!

*Fondly,
Jane Taves*



Marla,

Thank you for your talent, dedication, and care in serving as a leader, mentor, and friend to so many of us as you skillfully guided WRJ.

Your ability and vision helped shape WRJ of today.

Thank you for your support and guidance in my WRJ journey.

Wishing all the best to you, always. Please keep us close in your heart, mind, and soul.

Karen Sim

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Marla,

Congratulations on all that you've accomplished
at WRJ and throughout your career.

Thank you for being a leader, a mentor, and a friend. I'm looking
forward to watching you soar in your next "chapter."

Love,

Andrea Gingold

BRONZE SPONSOR



Marla,

Thank you for blessing WRJ with your leadership and wisdom. You have led WRJ through an innovative and inspirational journey, and have been a wonderful teacher and mentor to so many, including me.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and meaningful retirement!

*With gratitude and love,
Karen Goldberg*



Marla,

Thank you for all your hard work!

I hope that you enjoy retirement as much as I do.

Trish Joseph and Women of Wise



For Marla,

Learned rabbi, social justice warrior, gifted leader who has guided WRJ with wisdom, sensitivity, a smile, and passion. Your contributions will endure. Take pride in your achievements.

May new adventures bring joy and fulfillment always.

Jane Karlin

BRONZE SPONSOR

Marla,

Wishing you a retirement full of health,
happiness, and friendship.

Becky Markowitz



Thank you, Marla,

for inspiring us, leading us, and making our world better.

With gratitude, admiration, and friendship,

Shelley Niceley Groff

BRONZE SPONSOR



Mazal Tov, Marla,

on all that you have and will accomplish.
May your retirement be chocolate-filled
days to enjoy.

Lauren Shapiro-Milana

BRONZE SPONSOR



Marla,

With heartfelt appreciation for all you've done to strengthen the Reform Movement and WRJ.

We are stronger because of your commitment and dedication.

It has been an honor to work and learn with you.

Wishing you health and happiness in your well-deserved retirement!

*In gratitude,
Susan Singer*

BRONZE SPONSOR

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Thank you for your brilliant leadership of Women of Reform Judaism!

We are so grateful for the tireless energy, amazing devotion, and incredible intellect that you brought to us.

Wishing you much enjoyment and happiness in your retirement!

Women of Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, MD



The URJ, RAC, and CSA celebrate

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

for her years of dedicated service and social justice advocacy. We know that after she leaves WRJ, she will continue to embody the highest ideals of our tradition.

Mazal Tov, Marla. We are honored to have you as a colleague, mentor, and friend.



BRONZE SPONSOR

Dear Marla,

Thank you for all you have done to lead WRJ.
You are amazing, and it has been an honor to
work with and alongside you.

Julia Wackenheim





Mazal Tov to our friend and partner,

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

We are grateful for your tireless efforts advancing the many causes we all hold dear. While we know you are retiring from the “job,” you will never retire from the work!

American Conference of Cantors

Cantor Seth Warner, President

Rachel Roth, COO and WRJ Board Member



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Sacred music. Spiritual leadership. Jewish life.

“The only way for a woman, as for a man, to find herself, to know herself as a person, is by creative work of her own.”

— BETTY FRIEDAN

Marla,

You have found yourself, know yourself, and through your creativity led others to the same. Thank you for your leadership!

Jadwiga Brown

The Central Conference of American Rabbis
celebrates the career and legacy of our friend, member, and partner,

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Mazal Tov, and thank you!

*With appreciation and admiration,
Rabbi Hara Person and Rabbi Erica Asch,
on behalf of the CCAR board and membership*

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

We wish our congregant a happy and peaceful retirement. She will be known for her brilliant leadership, tenacious advocacy, and unwavering devotion and support to our community. Mazal Tov!

Your Central Synagogue Family



To Rabbi Marla J. Feldman:

A brilliant leader, a cherished colleague,
and a stalwart champion for justice.

Mazal Tov on your retirement!

Wishing you wonderful adventures ahead.

With love and admiration from the current and former chairs of the Commission on Social Action:

*Liz Dunst
Cheryl Gutmann
Bob Heller
Susan Friedberg Kalson*

*Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman
Evely Laser Shlensky
Jane Wishner*

In tribute to our distinguished alum

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman '85

Dedicated advocate empowering women's communal leadership and activism,

Gifted writer advancing women's voices as interpreters of Biblical text,

Devoted supporter of HUC-JIR's students to ensure a vibrant Jewish future.



Andrew Rehfeld, Ph.D., President

David B. Edelson, Chair, Board of Governors



Thank You, Marla

For your inspiring organizational leadership and commitment to social justice, your dedication to WRJ and to sisterhood, and for your friendship.

We all stand taller and stronger for your scholarship on women's issues. We look forward to your continued contributions as a leader and thinker in this space.

Mazal Tov on the next chapter!

*In friendship,
Gail Spivack*

Temple Emanuel of South Hills expresses its gratitude for the exemplary moral, organizational, and thoughtful leadership of

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

who has and continues to provide for the Reform Jewish community.

THANK YOU for being our teacher, our leader, and our friend.



Marla,

Thank you for your years of inspiring leadership to WRJ!

Mazal Tov!

*All our best,
Temple Sinai (DC) WRJ*



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,

a leader among leaders!

Thank you for your partnership, vision, and passion for social change.

You inspire all of us!

The Women's Rabbinic Network



Thank you, Marla!



You have made such an impact on each and every one of us. We thank you for your guidance, inspiration, and paving a path for the next generation of strong Jewish leaders.

*Sincerely,
WRJ staff (past & present)*



Marla,

Thank you for your inspiring leadership of our organization. Mazal Tov on your retirement. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!



WRJ
ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Mazal Tov to

*Rabbi Marla J. Feldman
on your retirement*

With gratitude for your extraordinary commitment, creativity, and leadership throughout over twenty years of service to Women of Reform Judaism and the Reform Movement. We have been blessed to be in your company.



Mazal Tov, Marla, on your retirement!

Your years of service to WRJ and its Districts, sisterhoods, and members, have been an inspiration. You have motivated us to always reach higher, and your legacy will continue to guide us in the future.

We thank you for all you have done for us, and we look forward to staying in touch. May you continue to go from strength to strength!



Marla,

Thank you for your dedication and service to WRJ.

Best wishes for a wonderful retirement!



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,

As a super social justice warrior, you inspire us.
Thank you for all the good you have done.

WRJ Education to Action Committee:

*Shoshana Dweck, Trish Joseph, Beth Levin, Sharon Miller,
Trina Novak, Micaela Sheinhait, and Dana Spiel*

Marla,

Mazal Tov on your retirement and the next chapter!

Thank you for leading WRJ into the future through your dedication, inspiration, and innovation. It has been an honor to work together and learn from you.

WRJ Executive Committee (2021-2024)



In honor of

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

In appreciation of and admiration for your leadership, partnership, friendship, and advocacy,
and all you have done to strengthen progressive Jewish life around the world.

Rabbi, we thank you for your many accomplishments, and wish you much peace,
contentment, and fulfillment as you begin this next chapter.

With much respect and admiration,

Rabbi Sergio Bergman, President

Carole Sterling, Chair

and all your friends at WUPJ

*To Marla,
a true woman of valor,*

May the years ahead be fulfilling,
impactful, and rewarding as were the
years of your leadership of WRJ.

Yasher koach,

Steve, Gail, & Amanda Feldman

Mark Pelavin and Hambleton Cove Consulting
are pleased to join in honoring

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

From the RAC to the CSA to WRJ, I have
always been proud to call you my teacher,
partner, and friend.





In honor of

*Rabbi
Marla J. Feldman's*

exemplary career, vital
contributions, and meaningful
leadership in advancing
Women of Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

We honor our friend

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

for her devoted leadership
of the Jewish community and
Women of Reform Judaism

מזל טוב!

*Rabbi Deborah Prinz,
Rabbi Mark Hurvitz, and Family*

Marla,

To my Africa sister,

What a joy it has been to have our paths cross and watch your talents and passion blossom with WRJ.

*To your next chapter,
Nancy Solomon*



TEMPLE ISRAEL
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK



Thank you Marla,

for all you've done for women and social justice.

Wishing you a wonderful next adventure!

*Your sisterhood and clergy
at Temple Israel*

Temple Israel Sisterhood of West Bloomfield, MI
would like to thank

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

for her contributions to WRJ over the
last decade. We wish you only the best in
your future endeavors.



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Thank you for all you have done
and will continue to do to bring
strength to the Jewish people.

From your congregational family





The WRJ Heartland District celebrates

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

for a wonderful tenure as our Executive Director.

Your contributions have made an impact on
our lives and so many around the world!



*“If you want something said, ask a man:
if you want something done, ask a woman.”*

–MARGARET THATCHER

Chazak U’varuch

With appreciation and admiration



Best wishes, Marla!

כל הכבוד



Marla,

I will miss you! Thank you for your friendship and your service to WRJ.

May you go from strength to strength as you enjoy the world of possibilities ahead of you!

Julia Weinstein

Honoring

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

בְּיוֹם טוֹבוֹתָיו שֶׁל חֵבְרֵךְ שְׂמַח עִמּוֹ



“On the day that something wonderful happens to your friend – rejoice together!”
(Kohellet Rabbah 7:14).

*With respect and admiration,
Dr. Gary P. Zola & The Administration and Staff of
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF WRJ*

Dear Marla,

You have been a blessing to WRJ.
May you be blessed with happiness
and good health, always.

Linda and Richard Zoll



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Mazal Tov and Kol Hakavod Marla for all you have done to lead the way and strengthen our beloved Women of Reform Judaism for generations to come! May your “next chapter” be filled with abundant blessings!

*With love and gratitude,
Sandy Adland*

Yasher Koach,

Marla,

May you continue to go from strength to strength in your well-deserved retirement.

It's been a pleasure working with you.

*Mazal Tov,
Dana Adler*

Marla,

To our teacher and friend, may you go from strength to strength. With our deepest thanks.

*Rabbi Marc E. Berkson; Women of Emanu-El;
and Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun*



We honor

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

With deep admiration for her life's work pursuing justice.

*Rabbi Barry H. Block and Congregation B'nai Israel,
Little Rock, Arkansas*



To the Marla J. Feldman Social Justice Fund,
in honor of

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

for her unwavering inspiration & leadership.

Sisterhood of Central Synagogue - Beth Emeth

Marla,

Thank you for your leadership in advocating for Jewish women and social justice. Wishing you the retirement so well deserved!

*Mazal Tov with love,
Susan and Rick, Sharon and Dusty, Shelley and David*

Marla,

Mazal Tov on your well-deserved retirement.

You have made a tremendous impact on WRJ and strengthened the voice of Women of Reform Judaism.

Todah Rabah!

Sherri Feuer and Susan Pittelman

Mazal Tov,

Marla

Your Dallas area WRJ Board Members honor you.

*Laurel Fisher, Jacquie Schwitzer,
and Rachelle Weiss Crane*



Mazal Tov to

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

our teacher, our leader, and our dear friend.
From strength to strength, blessing to blessing.

*Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman
Rabbi Stephen Wise Goodman*

Marla,

Todah Rabah for your outstanding leadership!

You have inspired many women!
So from strength to more strength!

*Hugs,
Cherie Half*

Marla,

Mazal Tov on your retirement.
May you go from strength to strength.

*Love,
Rabbi Larry, Ari, and Roz Halpern and
Susan Halpern Cosden, RJE*

Mazal Tov,

Marla!

And may the journey ahead bring
blessings, meaning - and fun!

*With deep respect and love,
Rachel and Rex*

The rich shared communal history between
JBI and WRJ gives us particular pleasure to congratulate

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,

a friend and trusted colleague, on this occasion.

The Jewish Braille Institute



Congratulations

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Celebrating your work and accomplishments
in the name of justice

מזל טוב!

The Landis Family: Judy, Marc, Rachel, and Barak

Marla,

Thank you so much for the wonderful ideas and
opportunities you brought to WRJ. Please enjoy tons of
non-work travel, visiting old friends, and just having fun!

Robin Krieger

Congratulations to

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

on her upcoming retirement!

Mazal Tov!

*Leslie and Steve Latterman,
Marilyn Latterman*

Marla,

Thank you for sharing your leadership and wisdom with us. You have made your mark on WRJ and all of us. Mazal Tov and Todah Rabah!

*Love,
Denise Levine*

Thank you

Marla,

for all the years of communal work, friendship, and support. Let's share another coffee in Israel!

*Shari Robins, Israeli Tour Guide
tiyulwithshari@yahoo.com*



Mazal Tov, Marla!

You inspire us with your leadership and dedication to Women of Reform Judaism!

Sabrina Miller

Marla,

Mazal Tov on your retirement, and Todah Rabah for your partnership and support!

*L'shalom,
Your friends at NATA*



Thank you

Marla,

for your incredible dedication and leadership and taking WRJ to new heights. Many blessings as you turn the page to a new chapter. Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah!

Katie and Ken Roeper

Marla,

Mazal Tov on your retirement, and thank you for your compassion and activism.



Stephen Wise Free Synagogue
Women's Organization

Marla,

Thank you for your inspiration, your guidance, and your service. Good luck as you go forth to the next chapter in your exciting life.

*Women of Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont & Emanu-El
Beth Quinn and Marilyn Shebshaievitz, Co-Presidents*

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel and
Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, Illinois
honors

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

on her retirement from WRJ.
It's been a pleasure!

Happy, healthy retirement,

Marla!

Mazal Tov!

Women of Temple Beth Emeth, Ann Arbor

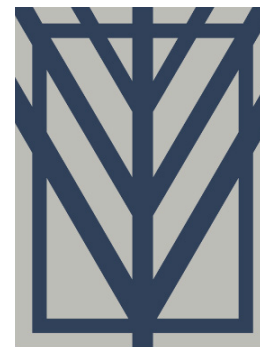
Marla,

Women of Temple Israel, Columbus, OH, wish you Mazal Tov on your retirement. Your work has left a legacy, and we look forward to being part of your future.

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,

Thank you for all of your service to WRJ.

TEMPLE ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD



Marla,

We thank you for promoting WRJ's social justice initiatives, and proudly support the Rabbi Marla J. Feldman Social Justice Fund.

The Sisterhood of Temple Shalom of Newton, MA

Temple Kol Ami Sisterhood,
West Bloomfield, MI, congratulates

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

on her retirement. Wishing you happy and
fulfilling new adventures! Mazal Tov!

Marla,

Thank you for your leadership, inspiration, and
guidance as WRJ continues to grow. I am very excited
to see what the future holds for you.

*Always,
Ellen Wagner*

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,

always an inspiration! We are so proud to know you!!

Wendy, Michael, Hannah, Jake, and Brian



Kol Hakavod,

Marla,

You have brought the highest values of Judaism
to WRJ and the entire Movement.

*Mazal Tov and best wishes,
Linda Wimmer*



*Thank you,
Marla!*