

WELCOME



RABBI MARLA J. FELDMAN
SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

**WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT
AWARDS**

Shoshana R. Dweck, mazel
tov and yasher koach!! You
make the world such a better
place through all you do and
how you empower others to
join you. Proud of you, friend.

Debbie L. Berman



INNOVATOR

Congratulations! Mazel tov! WRJ Pacific District celebrates all 12 recipients of the 2025 Women's Empowerment Awards!

And a special shout out to two recipients from our district, Daryl Messinger and Sarah Rumbaugh. Thank you, ladies, for your unyielding dedication to promoting progressive values and diverse Jewish identity.



"Blessed are those who pursue justice and act righteously." (Ps. 106:3)

Congratulations to the 2025 WRJ Women's Empowerment Award honorees. You exemplify the best of Jewish values through your efforts to empower others and pursue justice. We are all strengthened and uplifted by the work that you do.

**Rabbi Marla J. Feldman,
WRJ Executive Director Emerita**

Mazel tov Abby and Shoshana. You inspire, lead and sharing your talents with the WRJ Northeast District and beyond. Proud to have you as a friend.

**Love,
Marsha Moller
WRJ Northeast District 1st Vice President**



Mazel Tov, Sherry! Your dedicated service to the Houston Jewish community inspires us all. From your family and friends at Congregation Beth Israel, thank you for making our city a safer, more inclusive place.

**Congregation Beth Israel –
Houston, TX**



**Julie,
We are so proud of your philanthropic endeavors.**

This is such a well-deserved award!

**Love,
Brenda, Scott, and family**

Mazel tov to Anne Landman,
with admiration and love from
your devoted friends. You inspire
us with all you do and many acts
of loving kindness.

From,
Marcia Beck, Marcia Bellows,
Sheryl Buchholtz, Susan Chadick,
Lisa Dince, Rhonda Epstein,
Karen Gordon, Linda Harvey,
Miriam Katowitz, Susan Rifkin,
Lauren Young, Carolyn Ziegler,
and Barbara Zimmerman



Julie,

We are so proud of all have accomplished. Your kind determination to help and empower others is inspirational.

You are a true Woman of Valor!

Love,

Leslie & David

Niki & Cole

Ali & Adam

Oren & Megan

Gavi & Zach



INNOVATOR

Mazel tov Shoshana on this well-deserved recognition of all you've accomplished at WRJ. Thank you also for being a great leader at ADL. May you go from strength to strength!

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Each of you has been created-uniquely in G-d's image- b'tzelem Elohim; each of you has a unique story to tell, and each of you has decided to make a difference. The paths that you chose impact all of us and makes our world better. Mazel tov.

Lillian Silver

Abby!

Thank you for your friendship and leadership.

- Rabbi Joseph Meszler and the RAC-MA Team

Sherry,

Through your leadership, advocacy, and tireless efforts, you have broken barriers, uplifted women, and paved the way for a more just and equitable world. Your impact is immeasurable and a beacon of hope. Congratulations.

Susan and Bill McKinney

וַתִּירֹאנָה הַמִּיּוֹלָדֹת אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים וְלֹא עָשׂוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהֵן מֶלֶךְ וַתַּחֲיֶינָה אֶת־הַיְלָדִים:

“The midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded; they let the boys live.” (Exodus 1:17)

In the courageous spirit of Shifra and Puah, we celebrate WRJ and the inspiring leadership of Shoshana Dweck, Abby Fisher, and Daryl Messinger. Through their dedication to the URJ, the RAC, and the CSA, they forge a just and righteous path forward for our Movement, our People, and all of God’s family.



Celebrating Daryl
Messinger's lifetime
commitment to justice,
Jewish identity, and
empowering voices for
change, inspiring countless
lives through her
leadership and dedication.

Love,
The Messinger Family



Congratulations to Samie Winick, a remarkable woman, living a legacy of investing her time and energy for positive change in our communities.

Schwebel Baking Company



INNOVATOR

The WRJ Northeast District is proud to honor the Women's Empowerment Award winners from our district: Shoshana Dweck, Abby Fisher, Ally Gall, and Anne Landman. Yasher koach and mazel tov on all you do for us! Thank you!



Congratulations to the WRJ Women's Empowerment Award winners. Thank you for all you do to make a better world, and for your leadership and service to the Jewish people and broader community. Mazel Tov to WRJ for shining a light on those who embody the spirit of tikkun olam.

Dale and Lynn Magid Lazar



Shoshana - Kol hakavod, my extraordinary friend! Your thoughtful, compassionate, inclusive, visionary leadership inspires us all. You truly embody what it means to empower others.

Karen Goldberg



Mazel tov, Sherry, for your extraordinary generosity and inspired leadership in the Jewish community.

Tom Kahn

Mazel Tov to my fellow WRJ Women's Empowerment Award recipients.

Abby Fisher, Ally Gall, Jan Guttman, Julie Kantor, Rachel Kashy, Anne Landman, Sherry Matusoff Merfish, Daryl Messinger, Sarah Rumbaugh, Jillian Segal AO, and Samie Winick.

I am honored to stand with you, learn from you, and be inspired by you.

Shoshana Dweck



INNOVATOR

Sherry,

**You are a true Woman of Valor and
you inspire us. We are so proud of you.
Mazel tov!**

**Rabbi Hayon, Cantor Simmons, Rabbi
Silk, and Rabbi Fixler**



Congregation Emanu El

Shoshana and Abby,

**You've done so much for WRJ and the
Reform Movement. I'm proud to have
served on the EC with you and watched
you in action.**

**Congratulations,
Andrea Gingold, VP Leadership**

**WRJ Southwest District salutes
the trailblazers, innovators, and
advocates honored tonight.**



**Mazel Tov to all the
Empowerment Award recipients!
Your passion and dedication is an
inspiration! We are proud of you!**

Sabrina & David Miller

Mazel tov to all the phenomenal women honored this weekend by Women of Reform Judaism! May we all work together to gather God's shards of light to repair our world.

Go forth and make good trouble!

**With much joy and delight,
Rosanne and David Selfon**



**Congratulations
Julie Kantor – our
Hometown Hero.
You inspire us
and we are proud
to call you our
friend!**

**From,
Your Cincinnati
girlfriends**

**Mazel tov to WRJ's own
Shoshana Dweck and Abby
Fisher. You are so deserving of
this honor and I am so proud
and grateful to be able to call
you both my friend.**

Deb Lelchuk



Shoshana, we find it difficult to fully express the depth of our love and respect for you. Please continue to carry forward the dreams and yearnings of our hearts and souls as you form them into a magnificent gift for future Jewish generations. We recognize the burdens you take upon yourself, and know they are not too great for you.

THE SHORES

ADVOCATE

Julie,

To an amazing spouse, mother, daughter, mother-in-law and grandmother, you have made the world a better place and you have made us better people.

We are truly fortunate to have you in our lives and to continue to learn so much from you.

Much love,

Rick, Ryan, Hallie, Lauren, Casey,
Kendall, and Chase





Daryl:

We stand in awe of your leadership and dedication to the Reform Movement and the Jewish people. We are so proud of all that you do and grateful for our friendship!

**Mazel tov on this honor,
Amy & Ira Kaplan**



**WRJ Atlantic District
wishes to congratulate all
of the 2025 Women's
Empowerment Awardees.
Mazel tov!**

**Julie, your congregational family take
great pride and rejoices with you in your
achievements, your impact on so many
people, and in your character. You
exemplify our highest values. Mazel tov!**

Isaac M. Wise Temple / K.K. B'nai Yeshurun

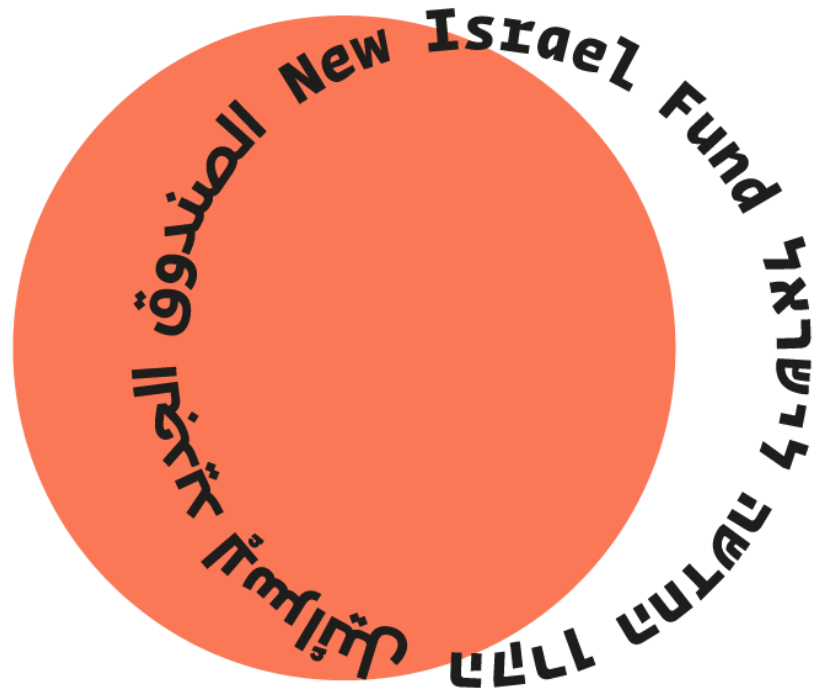
Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

Rabbi Neil Hirsch

Rabbi Zachary Goodman

Jeff Stern, Executive Director

Gayle Warm, President



The New Israel Fund is proud to congratulate Abby Fisher on receiving the WRJ's Women's Empowerment Award! A member of NIF's Boston Regional Council, Abby has always spoken truth to power, standing up for the most vulnerable Israelis with hope, passion, and a tireless spirit. Mazel tov, Abby!

ADVOCATE

I've watched Samie work not only passionately, but successfully for others throughout her entire life, never caring about who got the credit. Mazel Tov on this award that recognizes all you do for others. Mom would be proud! I am blessed to have such an amazing sister.

Love,

Aly Winick



Mazel tov to our friend Daryl Messinger and all the honorees of WRJ's 2025 Women's Empowerment Awards. Thank you for your deep commitment to the Jewish people and to empowering women and girls. We are grateful for your leadership and thrilled to celebrate your achievements!

Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies



The Executive Cousins celebrate Sherry Matusoff Merfish for her trailblazing efforts and passionate commitment to advancing women's issues.

Elizabeth Cohen, Shirley Lavine, Bali Miller, Janet Snider, and Cheryl Weiner

Mazel Tov to all of the Women's Empowerment Awards honorees! Each of you is the shining light that guides us.

Jane Taves

**Mazel tov to all of our Women's
Empowerment awardees! Thank you for
your leadership in social justice work and
advocacy, as you help create a more just
world.**

**With much appreciation,
Judy Wexler**

Congratulations, Anne Landman!

Brooklyn Heights Synagogue proudly celebrates Anne Landman, recipient of the 2025 WRJ International Women's Empowerment Award. Through your leadership and dedication to Tikkun Olam—repairing the world, you empower others, advocate for justice, and inspire a more compassionate, inclusive community. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to social justice!



Shoshana and Daryl, Warmest wishes upon receiving these auspicious WRJ awards. You are remarkable leaders and visionaries, with true love of Israel and we are proud to be your representatives on the KKL-JNF board.



Congratulations to all the winners of the Women's Empowerment Award. We have all benefited from your important work and your contributions to tikkun olam.

Sally Frank

**Dear Abby,
Congratulations!
With love, Your Sisters
WRJ@BETC**



Mazel tov to all the honorees for their dedication to building a more just, inclusive, and compassionate world.

Julia Weinstein



BETH EL TEMPLE CENTER

**Mazel Tov to Abby Fisher
from BETC! Your
commitment to living your
values is beautiful to see
and inspiring by example.
We love you, Abby!**

Beth El Temple Center

**Warmest congratulations
Anne. Thank you for your
many years of devoted and
valuable service to our
community and for
mentoring generations of
young women. It has been an
honor to know and work with
you.**

Joyce Raskin

**Celebrating the 2025 Women's Empowerment
Award winners, women who exemplify WRJ's
core values of social justice, sisterhood, and
spirituality.**

Congratulations, בן טובים, Mazel tov.

Cheryl Barenberg

Hebrew Union College celebrates Daryl Messinger, whose visionary leadership and tireless dedication have advanced our mission immeasurably. With deep gratitude, we honor her work on behalf of the Jewish community, which inspires and uplifts us all. Thank you, Daryl!





We could not be more thrilled to celebrate WRJ honoring two remarkable, dedicated, and inspiring leaders! Daryl Messinger and Shoshana Dweck work tirelessly on behalf of our movement, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel. They inspire the next generation of women leaders (and all others as well), and have been trailblazers in creating tomorrow's Reform Zionism.

Mazel Tov, Daryl and Shoshana!



**With Love,
Rabbi Josh Weinberg and the ARZA team!**



B'er Chayim Congregation is pleased to congratulate Rachel Kashy on her recognition for WRJ's 2025 Women's Empowerment Awards. We're so happy you have joined us and so glad you are a part of our community.

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” – Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**She spoke and you listened.
Sherry, you are an inspiration.**

Love, Elayne and Bob

**Extraordinary times call for exceptional leadership!
Congratulations Daryl Messinger and Shoshana Dweck!
Your leadership and dedication inspire us. Proud of you
for representing our values at the Jewish Agency, WZO,
and National Institutions. Thank you for leading by
example.**

The Jewish Agency for Israel



Mazel Tov Julie! We are so proud
of all that you do for our
congregation and our community.
With lots of love and admiration,
The Isaac M. Wise Temple Board of
Trustees

Gayle, David, Howard, Phyllis,
Shelley, Jeff, David, James, Joel,
Jeff, Elisa, Ken, Chuck, Laura, Scott,
Amy, Lindi, Cindy, Jason, Karen,
and Jon.



**Sherry,
We are so proud of you.**

**Love,
The Segal Family & Broadway
Women**

**MAZEL TOV ANNE LANDMAN! What a
great honor! We are so proud of you for
all your great accomplishments.**

**With love,
Cheryl, Bruce, Sarah, Jeff, Lucy, and Nat
Goldhirsch**

**Congratulations Jan
Guttman on this
incredible honor.
You are so deserving.
Mazel tov!**



**Congratulations, Rachel Kashy. You practice
tikkun olam at the Women's Health Center
of Maryland in Cumberland, making
women's lives better every day.**

**Jean and Stanley Hankin
Joyce and Paul Levine**

**Congratulations to Shoshana Dweck, Jillian Segal
AO, and Daryl Messinger on your well-deserved
Women's Empowerment Awards! Your
dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have
inspired countless women to find their voice and
strength. Your impact will resonate for
generations to come.**

**Your Voice Shapes Our Future: Vote Reform in
the World Zionist Congress Elections!
zionistelections.org**

**Gusti Yehoshua-Braverman
Head of the Department-WZO**



**WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
THE DEPARTMENT OF IRGOON
AND ISRAELIS ABROAD**

**To this year's winners:
you change the world,
inspiring and
empowering us to do
the same. Todah
rabah! May you ever
be blessed in your
endeavors.**

Blair Marks

C O N G R E G A T I O N



Sha'aray Shalom

**Congregation Sha'aray
Shalom and the Sisterhood
of Congregation Sha'aray
Shalom pays tribute to our
Woman of Valor, **Allyson
Gall**, for all that she gives to
our community. Mazel Tov!**

Mazel tov to the winners of the 2025 Women's Empowerment Awards for your work strengthening our communities and for blazing trails for us to follow.

Rachel Roth and the Leadership of the American Conference of Cantors



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Mazel Tov, Julie!

We are proud of you, your many acts of goodness, your example you provide to others, and your values of tikkun olam. We are so proud to be your friends!

Renee and Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

**Mazel tov to all the Awardees!
You are an inspiration and so deserving of this honor.**

**Best,
Elizabeth Goertzel**

Sci-Tech is thrilled to honor Abby, the founding chair of our Camp Council and a great Jewish leader!

URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy



Mazel Tov to my fellow award recipients. I am deeply honored to be among this class of amazing women, dedicated to the goals of social justice. Together we can change the world!

Samie Winick

Sherry, your hard work and commitment to social justice and creating a more just world inspire us in our work. The JDCA Board and staff wish you "Mazel Tov" on this prestigious honor.



Thank you, Shoshana, for your extraordinary passion and professionalism for so many causes focused on bringing hope and justice to repair our world.

**All our love and gratitude,
Jeff Parness and Sandy
Hauser**

Julie Kantor-

A role model to many, a leader to all... Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Women of Reform Judaism. We're beyond proud of you. Congratulations!

With great admiration and love!

Marc and Becky Jaffe



INNOVATOR

Mazel tov, Shoshana! You more than deserve this honor. I love working with you!

Trish Joseph

To Ally, the best wife, mom, savta! Mazel tov!

Marty, Ari, Rachel & Jay, Yoni & Judy, Darwin, Ruby, Ezra, and Elly



Abby – it's been a privilege and an honor to be able to study Torah with you! We love your drashes! Yasher koach!
Saturday Morning Torah Study at BETC



Rachel - Mazel tov on your well-deserved recognition. Our communities in Cumberland and at B'er Chayim are much better for having you as a part of them.

Betsey Hurwitz-Schwab & Doug Schwab

Mazel Tov to Julie Kantor! True leadership isn't just about words—it's about action. Julie leads with heart and purpose, lifting up women, strengthening our community, and inspiring us all. We are grateful for the difference she makes every day.

Jewish Federation of Cincinnati





**Samie Winick- your passion for service,
Judaism, and Tikkun Olam shines in
everything you do.**

Mazel Tov on this prestigious recognition.

Ohev Beth Sholom



**In honor of 12 exemplary
Jewish women with special
mention to Shoshana Dweck
and Daryl Messinger, two
extraordinary women who
have shaped my journey
through their wisdom,
strength, and unwavering
commitment to Jewish
leadership and values.**

Alyse Kirschen



**Anne, Mom, Bubbie,
We are so proud of you and
your lifelong dedication to
helping others! You have
inspired us to be the people we
are today, and you make the
most delicious macaroni and
cheese.**

Love,

**Mark, Michael, Erin, Rachel,
Max, Rhys, Ethan, and Rowan**

**The Evelyn Rubenstein JCC of
Houston proudly honors
Sherry Matusoff Merfish for her
unwavering dedication to
championing women's issues
and her deep commitment to
the well-being of women and
their children.**



**EVELYN RUBENSTEIN JCC
HOUSTON**

**Mazel Tov to the women being
honored at the 2025 Women's
Empowerment Awards Dinner. You
all are amazing!**

Shari Carruthers

Mazel Tov to our sister, Samie Winick!

**"If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help
and deliverance will arrive [...] from someplace else; [...].
Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such
a time as this." (Esther 4:14, MSG).**

Congregation Ohev Beth Sholom Sisterhood

**CONGREGATION
OHEV BETH SHOLOM**

**Congratulations to all the WRJ
Women's Empowerment
awardees!**

**Love,
Sherri Feuer**

I am thrilled to send our heartiest “mazel tov” to all the worthy recipients of this year’s WRJ Women’s Empowerment Awards. Your outstanding achievements are a testament to your passion, dedication and commitment. Your achievements inspire us all. We celebrate with you, your WRJ family, and your global WUPJ family.



Phyllis Dorey OAM

Shoshana,

Mazel tov on this award that embodies so much of the extraordinary human being you are. We are honored to call you our friend and grateful for all you do for the world.

With love,

Jill, Ric, Jacob, Eliza, & Charlie Nadel

Sherry - you are such a beautiful person. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Love you so much.

- Wendy and Alan



Kol Hakavod to all our honorees. Your devotion lifts us all up. May you go from strength to strength, from blessing to blessing.

Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman

**Mazel tov to all the
Women's
Empowerment Award
recipients. May your
passion and dedication
continue to inspire us.**

**Karen S. Sim
WRJ President**

**Congratulations to the 2025 Women's
Empowerment Award Honorees. You
inspire us by example.**

**"Leadership at its highest transforms
those who exercise it and those who
are influenced by it. The great leaders
make people better, kinder, nobler
than they would otherwise be." -**

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Thank you for your leadership.

**Jane Karlin
WRJ at Riverdale Temple
Bronx, NY**

**The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ)
proudly celebrates the 2025 WRJ Women's
Empowerment Awards, honoring those who uplift
communities and create meaningful change. Their
dedication strengthens Jewish life, empowers
women, and fosters a more inclusive,
compassionate, and just world for future.**



**5 stars for character, plot, and story!
Congratulations, Daryl, from your Book
Club! You're our favorite heroine!**

**With love and gratitude for your service,
Ann, Donna, Ellen, Gloria, Julie, Kathy,
Kay, Sandy, and Teri**



**Mazel Tov to the 2025 Women's
Empowerment Award winners on
this wonderful honor!**

**Warm Regards,
The Members of WRJ Southeast
District**

**Honoring Shoshana, Abby,
Sherry, and Daryl, these hard-
working warriors, and
trumpeting their
commitment to social justice
helps lift us all, while
challenging us to focus our
own efforts to help bend the
arc of justice. You all are my
SHE-roes! Chazak, chazak, my
friends.**

- Susan Bass

The CCAR is honored to share the sacred responsibility of leading the Reform Movement—and lifting up the voices, stories, and expertise of Reform women—with our WRJ partners.

We congratulate all of the 2025 WRJ Women's Empowerment Honorees.



Shoshana Dweck, our board member, volunteer, and friend, shines brightly. Her Jewish passion, and her dedication to WRJ, ARZENU, and Shaaray Tefila strengthens Kol Yisrael. Thank you, Shoshana, for your global work with progressive Jewish women.

Temple Shaaray Tefila of Westchester



Temple Shaaray Tefila

Celebrate • Learn • Pray • Connect



**Todah rabah, Daryl, for your
decades of service to the Reform
Movement and to giving voice to all.
Mazel tov on receiving this well-
deserved award.**

From all your friends at RPB

**Congratulations to all
the nominees! Your
dedication to making
the world a better
place is an inspiration
to us all.**

Mazel Tov!

Julia Wackenheim



Mazel tov to the WRJ Women's Empowerment Award winners! Your unwavering dedication to justice, inclusion, and compassion inspires us all. Your leadership, resilience, and commitment to building a more just, inclusive, and compassionate world serve as a guiding light and powerful example for future generations of changemakers.

WRJ Heartland District



Adrienne Rich expands on Hillel's dictum: "If not with others, how?"

Join us in honoring Daryl's and Shoshana's contributions by voting "VOTE REFORM" in the World Zionist Congress elections. Let's celebrate together!

MAZEL TOV to Shoshana and Daryl!

- The Global Team of ARZENU





Congratulations Mom (Shoshana Dweck) on receiving the Women's Empowerment Award from WRJ. Ezekiel teaches:

**“What a lioness was your mother
Among the lions!
Crouching among the great beasts,
She reared her cubs.”**

**Anywhere where we go, among the
wolves and bears of snowy Montana
or the servals and actual lions of
Tanzania, you are always our lioness.**

**Love,
James, Joshua, and Gabriel**



Congratulations to Shoshana Dweck for her many years of commitment to so many deserving causes. Her dedication and strategic thinking have more than earned her the honor she is receiving from WRJ today.

ReSET Westchester Inc

Congratulations to Sherry and Daryl for their work each day to make the world a better place.

Susie Stern



Mazel tov to Daryl, Shoshana, and Jillian. With visionary leadership and unwavering dedication, they have driven meaningful change and championed justice. We are deeply grateful for their support and commitment to advancing Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel and beyond.

The Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism



WRJ recognizes the 2025 Women's Empowerment Award winners for their tremendous impact on the Reform Jewish community and beyond. Mazel tov!