



Answering the Call: Lech L'cha Join us as we celebrate our connection as women of WRJ Atlantic District at our Biennial Convention in Tenaflly, NJ. WRJ Atlantic District gatherings always include dynamic speakers, prayerful Shabbat Services, educational and inspirational workshops, and an assortment of projects, advocacy opportunities, WRJ business and entertainment.

**When: 3:00pm Thursday, October 18 to Sunday, October 21 at Noon**

- Biennial add-on: Speakers Development Workshop attendees are asked to arrive by 9:00 am Thursday. Rooms are available for Wednesday night.

- Registration opens at 2 pm on Thursday

**Where: The Clinton Inn, Tenaflly, NJ**

- The room rate for all nights of the convention is \$139 per night (+ tax), which includes up to double occupancy.

- You can book your reservation now by calling Phone: (201) 871-3200 with the group code WRJ Atlantic District.

- **Hotel registration cut-off is Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**Early Bird Registration Cost (through September 18, 2018): \$395 (with add-on)**

Full Registration Cost (Begins September 19, 2018): \$420 (Hotel registration cut-off September 25th) (with add-on)

District Scholarships are available for WRJ Atlantic District members.

[Click here for the scholarship form!](#)

[Click here to register!](#)

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### ***Featured WRJ Guest***



WRJ First Vice President, Sara Charney Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, Ontario

### ***Additional Biennial Convention Highlights:***

- Speaker Development Training (Biennial add-on) -- Thursday, October 18 at 9:00 am. This is a pre-conference workshop, to be facilitated by WRJ First Vice President Sara Charney. "Step Up to the Mic" is an opportunity for you to improve your public speaking and workshop delivery skills for your sisterhood, congregation, District or WRJ at large. Sign up for this special training session to help you

present with confidence & assurance. This seminar will include short presentations by participants (you will receive instructions beforehand). Breakfast will be served. Space is limited and reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

- Pink and Teal Dinner Put on your best pink and/or teal outfit and join us on Thursday for a Breast and Ovarian Cancer update from Sharsheret speaker Oshrat Bernstein.

- Private tour and Briefing of the United Nations in New York City on Friday morning. Tickets and transportation included in Convention registration. Breakfast and lunch is on your own.

- D'Var Torah and Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Andrea Weiss, Associate Editor of The Torah: A Women's Commentary.

- Music with musician, Sheldon Low, one of the brightest young stars in Jewish rock music today.

- **National Refugee Shabbat and speaker Saturday lunch.**

- Y.E.S. Fund Fun Fair – Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a fun Saturday evening dance party while we raise money for WRJ's Y.E.S. Fund! We will also honor our Tikkun Olam recipient.

- Woman of Valor Brunch-- Join us for a Brunch honoring all of our Women of Valor. Sisterhood Presidents will receive the nomination form electronically to send in the name of your Sisterhood/Women's Group's honoree. Or you can find the nomination form on our website: WRJ Atlantic District.

What is included in the price of my registration? With the exception of Friday morning breakfast and lunch, all meals and snacks are included - Thursday dinner through Sunday brunch. Your registration will also include exciting workshops, inspiring worship services, transportation and admission to the United Nations, Installation of the 2018-2020 WRJ Atlantic District Board and Fun Fair Saturday night.

How can I pay for registration? First, click the link above to register. Then, you will have the option to pay by credit card or by check.

What is the refund policy? Refund requests for full event registration or partial event registration, less a \$50 processing fee, will be honored if cancellation request is received at least 7 days prior to the event start date. There will be no refunds given for cancellation requests received after the cut-off date but registration may be transferred to another person who has not yet registered. Refunds will only be honored if received in writing (email is acceptable.) No refund request may be made by telephone. Request should be directed to the event registrar semirbach@gmail.com. Refunds will be sent approximately 10 days after the convention concludes.

What if I have special needs or dietary restrictions? When you register, there is a place to give that information. Please fill in that box in order to ensure a less-frustrating convention.

How can I support the WRJ Atlantic District Biennial Convention? The most important way you can support the Convention is by your attendance. We want to see YOU there! Other ways include:

## **1. Purchasing a Tribute Ad in our Digital Program Powerpoint**

Instructions on how to purchase your ad can be found at our website at WRJ Atlantic District. All tribute ads including artwork is due electronically by October 5, 2018. Payment must be received by October 5, 2018 made payable to “WRJ Atlantic District” and sent to Miriam Baumgartner. 2. Contributing at a Sponsorship Level for the Biennial Conference.

Instructions on how to become a sponsor can be found at our website at WRJ Atlantic District. Payment must be received by October 5, 2018 made payable to “WRJ Atlantic District” and sent to Becky Markowitz, 18 Colchester Place, Newtown, PA 18940.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact:

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