



# Say "YES" to the YES Fund!

The Youth, Education and Special Projects (YES) Fund of Women of Reform Judaism is supported by the collective generosity of individual donors and affiliated women's groups to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure its future. YES Fund grants provide our institutions and individuals throughout the world with the tools necessary for religious, social, and educational growth, and enhance Jewish life by supporting clergy, cultivating women's leadership, advocating for social justice, providing programming, and offering support.

Throughout the WRJ Northeast District Convention there will be several opportunities to contribute to these valuable endeavors. Please consider how you might say "YES!"

### **Our YES Fund Brunch**

Everyone attending the Convention is invited to the YES Fund Brunch on Friday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Lisa Berman, Mikveh and Education Director of Mayyim Hayyim, a mikveh "rooted in ancient tradition reinvented to serve the Jewish community of today" in Newton, Massachusetts. Pledges and contributions to the YES Fund will be accepted during the event, and those starting or completing Lifeline pledges will be publicly acknowledged. For more information on the Lifeline program, please visit: wrj.org/yes-fund-lifeline.

#### AcYESorize!

Our **YES Fund** Committee will create gift baskets filled with fashion accessories, to be raffled off during the Convention. We hope that everyone will bring a contribution for the baskets: new or gently used jewelry, scarves, gloves, hats, purses, wallets, belts, or small accessories for home or work!



## The Tribute Tree

A new metal sculpture of a tree will grace our registration area at the Convention, reminding us how strong we have grown together as the Northeast District over the past ten years. Sixty percent of the proceeds from The Tribute Tree will be contributed to the YES Fund; forty percent will directly support programs and scholarships within our District. Please consider pre-ordering your leaves as a tribute to those who have served the Northeast District, continue to serve, or have accepted new responsibilities. All of our attendees, representing sisterhoods, women's groups, and individuals within WRJ deserve this honor!

Donors may honor attendees in the following categories:

**Sugar Maple Leaf:** \$360. Each incoming, ongoing, and outgoing District Board Member, including sisterhood/women's group presidents/group leaders will be acknowledged with a leaf in her honor, and you as the donor.

**American Elm Leaf:** \$180. Each incoming, ongoing, and outgoing Executive Committee Member will be acknowledged with a leaf in her honor, and you as the donor.

Charter Oak Leaf: \$36. You may purchase individual leaves as a tribute at \$36 each.

White Pine: \$18. You may purchase individual leaves as a tribute at \$18 each.

**Red Maple Leaf:** \$10. You may purchase individual leaves as a tribute at \$10 each.

Please fill out the pre-order form on the next page.

### TRIBUTE TREE ORDER FORM

YES! I would like to honor our members by purchasing leaves for the Tribute Tree.
Your name
Email address
Name and location of affiliated sisterhood/women's group
Are you an Individual member (Not affiliated with a sisterhood/women's group) of the Northeast District?
I would like to donate to the Tribute Tree:
\$360, honoring each incoming, ongoing, and outgoing District Board Member, including sisterhood/women's group presidents/group leaders.
\$180, honoring each incoming, ongoing, and outgoing District Executive Committee Member.
Leaves at \$36 each, in honor of the following people:
Leaves at \$18 each, in honor of the following people:
Leaves at \$10 each, in honor of the following people:
\$ DONATION TOTAL

Please send your pre-order and checks (made out to WRJNE) to:

Sharon Sobel 8 Old Farm Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897-2902

Leaves may also be purchased onsite at the Convention.

Questions? Please email ssobel@norwalk.edu