This is the official CALL TO CONVENTION for the SIXTH NORTHEAST DISTRICT BIENNIAL CONVENTION to be held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, in Framingham, MA. The theme for the convention is “Ten Years Together – Growing Our Community.”

It has been ten years since District 1 and District 3 merged into the Northeast District. Come celebrate our decade together. Guests and highlights include:

- Jane Taves, WRJ Vice President of Advocacy and Marketing & Communications
- Friday night services at Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, MA
- Featured speakers from Jewish Women’s Archive
- The Brass Sisters, the “Food Flirts” of PBS
- Lisa Berman, Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh & Education Center
- Rabbi Allison Berry, Temple Shalom, Newton, MA
- Cantorial Soloist Lisa Marcus Jones, Temple B’nai Shalom, Westborough, MA
- Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz, Temple B’nai Shalom, Westborough, MA
- Concert with Sue Horowitz and friends

The convention will begin on Thursday evening, October 25, continue through the weekend, and conclude after lunch on Sunday, October 28.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for convention will be done online. You will be able to pay by credit card during the registration process. If you prefer to pay by check (payable to WRJ Northeast District), please send it to Marsha Moller, 160 Dawson Drive, Needham, MA 02492. Registrations are not considered complete until payment is received.

Please read all the instructions carefully before registering and make your food and workshop choices when you register. Please choose your workshops carefully. Descriptions of workshops can be found on our website at http://bit.ly/WRJ-NE-2018-Workshops. The schedule is subject to change.
If you have questions about registration, please contact our registrar, Marsha Moller, at wrjne2018convention@gmail.com.

**CONVENTION FEE:**
Convention fees include a registration fee (for all programming and materials) and the cost of meals.

Early bird convention fees are available until September 16 and include a $125 registration fee. Regular convention fees are available from September 17 until October 3, and include a $145 registration fee.

**The last day to register is October 3, 2016. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Prices below include early or regular registration fees.

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Guests for Saturday night dinner: $60 per person.

All rates and funds are in U.S. dollars.

**Hotel costs are not included in the convention fee.**

The following meals are included:
- Thursday: Dinner
- Friday: Brunch and dinner
- Saturday: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Sunday: Breakfast and lunch

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**BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!**

You will be on your own Friday morning. There will be a brunch Friday at 10:30 a.m.
**HOTEL:**

You will need to make your hotel reservations separately. Rooms may be reserved for US$129 (plus taxes) per room, using the code “WRJ 2018,” until September 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., after which we cannot guarantee the group rate. You can choose a room with either a king bed or two double beds.

To reserve rooms, call 508-879-7200 and ask for code WRJ 2018 or CLICK HERE to reserve online.

Check-in time for the hotel is 3:00 p.m. Bags will be stored for earlier arrivals.

**CHOIR:**

Once again, we will have our WRJ Northeast District Choir, which will meet during the second workshop block on Friday afternoon and will run one and a half hours. This is longer than the rest of the workshops. **Pre-registration is required. NO walk-ins allowed.**

**CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Your sisterhood may be eligible for a scholarship. Check out the list of eligible sisterhoods as well as the description and application that are attached below. Please read it carefully to see if you are eligible to apply.

**INCENTIVES FOR FIRST-TIMERS:**

New this year! The Northeast District will provide individual convention incentives of US$125 per person for first timers who attend the entire convention (Thursday, October 25–Sunday, October 28). The individual must stay at the convention hotel and absorb all other convention costs.

**Only one incentive** will be awarded per sisterhood/women’s group for up to 10 incentives awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, based on early bird registration. Individual District members are eligible for this incentive with the same conditions. Recipients will be determined by the order in which the registrations are completed.

**SPONSORSHIPS:**

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Please consider giving a gift of sponsorship, to allow our endeavors to flourish! Donors will be acknowledged in our programs and literature distributed before, during and after the convention. See the attached form for further information.

**TZEDAKAH PROJECT:**
Our tzedakah project for this convention will benefit Circle of Hope. This organization, located in the Boston area, provides homeless children, women, and men with clothing and necessities in order to preserve and enhance overall health and personal dignity. We will be collecting white crew socks for men and women, baby clothing in sizes preemie through 6 months, shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar or liquid), toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body and hand lotion and lip balm (e.g., ChapStick). All toiletries must be new and unopened. Travel-sized and full-sized are accepted.

Please contact Carmen Holzman at cpholzman@comcast.net if you have any questions about the tzedakah project.

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Robin Krieger & Betty Weiner
Convention Committee Co-Chairs
Date: June 2018
To: WRJ Northeast District Sisterhood Presidents/Women’s Group Leaders
Re: Your sisterhood/women’s group may be eligible to apply for a scholarship to the WRJ Northeast District Convention in Framingham, MA, October 25-28, 2018.

WRJ Northeast District’s upcoming Sixth Biennial Convention, “Ten Years Together – Growing Our Community,” offers an opportunity for members from your sisterhood/women’s group to create a special bond with women from throughout the Northeast District who share the same interests, concerns, and love of Reform Judaism. Women who attend the convention will enhance their leadership skills, expand their Jewish knowledge, and be able to interact with and learn from our WRJ guest Jane Taves, vice president of Women of Reform Judaism, as well as several additional WRJ and WRJ Northeast District leaders.

We are delighted to inform you that the WRJ Northeast District Executive Committee has approved scholarships for the WRJ Northeast District Convention in Framingham, MA. Sisterhoods/women’s groups that receive a scholarship will be awarded the $125 early bird registration fee, which covers programming and materials. The scholarships are being funded by Our Founding Mother’s Fund.

The primary motivation behind creating these scholarships is to help sisterhoods/women’s groups that haven’t been able to send a representative to a convention in the recent past. Up to ten Northeast District sisterhoods/women’s groups will be able to receive these scholarships. Each eligible sisterhood/women’s group may apply for only one scholarship. However, sisterhoods/women’s groups receiving a scholarship have the option of dividing the money among two or more registrants.

Any sisterhood/women’s group that did not attend the convention in 2016 and is in good standing with WRJ and the Northeast District is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Additionally, scholarship recipients must attend at least two days of the convention. Reimbursement for the registration fee will be sent to the sisterhood/women’s group shortly after the convention.

The scholarship application is attached. Sisterhood presidents/women’s group leaders should complete the application on behalf of their sisterhood/women’s group and return it via email to Jane Sanders and Barbara Prins (jrs0991@gmail.com and bep439@optonline.net) no later than Sunday, September 9, 2018. Receipt of the application will be acknowledged by email. Notification of scholarship awards will be sent via email by Friday, September 14, 2108. Early Bird Registration closes Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Sisterhoods/women’s groups that receive a scholarship must notify Jane Sanders and Barbara Prins, by Wednesday, September 26, 2018, with the name of the woman or women who will be using the scholarship. Scholarship recipients cannot be members of the Northeast District Board. However, women who are board members by virtue of being sisterhood presidents/women’s group leaders are exempted from this restriction, and are eligible to apply. Sisterhoods/women’s groups will receive the reimbursement for the registration fee shortly after the convention.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to ensure that YOUR sisterhood/women’s group is represented at the WRJ Northeast District Convention. If you have any questions about your sisterhood’s/women’s group’s eligibility or the scholarship application process, please contact Jane Sanders at jrs0991@gmail.com or Barbara Prins at bep439@optonline.net.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sobel, Vice President of Development
Jane Sanders and Barbara Prins, Scholarship Committee
Scholarship Award Application Form for WRJ Northeast District Sixth Biennial Convention

Date submitted _____________________  Date received _____________________

Sisterhood/Women’s group ______________________________________________________

Congregation _________________________________________________________________

Street address __________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________  St/Prov _______  Zip/Postal code __________

Sisterhood president(s)/Women’s group leader(s):

Name __________________________________________________________

Email ___________________________________________  Phone ________________

Name __________________________________________________________

Email ___________________________________________  Phone ________________

Person completing the application (if other than above) ______________________________

Position ______________________________________________________________________

E-mail ___________________________________________  Phone ________________

1. How will your sisterhood/women’s group benefit from having a representative at WRJ Northeast District’s Convention?

2. How will the remaining expenses for your representative be financed?
   The scholarship covers the early bird registration fee, but the recipient or her sisterhood/women’s group must pay the remainder of the convention fee as well as hotel and transportation costs.

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Levels of Sponsorship

**Mayflower**: $1800
Supports the Installation Service, Havdalah, and Installation Dinner

**Mountain Laurel**: $720
Underwrites the Saturday Night Concert, featuring Sue Horowitz and Friends

**Rose**: $540
Sponsors featured speakers, representing the Jewish Women’s Archive, The Brass Sisters, and Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh and Education Center

**Violet**: $360
Supports the technology and requirements of our many workshops. Provides for buses to transport attendees to services at a local synagogue

**White Trillium**: $180
Underwrites the costs of the Convention bags and badge holders, Shabbat dinner wine, and our Convention’s social action project.

**Forget-Me-Not**: $72
Provides table centerpieces, convention giveaways, and snacks for late night activities.
WRJ Northeast District Convention  
October 25 – 28, 2018  
Ten Years Together – Growing Our Community

PLEASE SPONSOR A PORTION OF OUR CONVENTION

This is a great way to show your support for outgoing and incoming WRJ Northeast District Board members and/or promote your sisterhood!

Sponsorship Opportunities & Rates – Please check one or more.  
*All sponsors will be acknowledged in the Convention Guide.  
There is no limit to the number of sponsors for each category.

___ Forget-Me-Not ($72)  
___ Violet ($360)  
___ Mountain Laurel ($720)  
* All prices are in US dollars

___ White Trillium ($180)  
___ Rose ($540)  
___ Mayflower ($1,800)

Name/Company/Sisterhood: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City, State/Province: _________________________________________________________________

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Telephone: ______________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Please make check payable to WRJ Northeast District and send with this form no later than September 28, 2018 to Sharon Sobel, 8 Old Farm Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Questions may be emailed to ssobel@norwalk.edu. Sponsorships are a tax-deductible contribution as allowed by law.

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