

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM NORTHEAST DISTRICT SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 25–28, 2018



TEN YEARS TOGETHER – GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

July 2018

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.

Convention Option	Early Bird Convention Fee (until 9/16)	Regular Convention Fee (9/17–10/3)
Thursday, October 25 – Sunday, October 28 - includes eight meals	\$410	\$430
Friday, October 26 2:00 p.m. – Sunday, October 28 - includes six meals	\$331	\$351
Friday, October 26 - includes two meals	\$212	\$232
Saturday, October 27 - includes three meals	\$228	\$248

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

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 not 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.

Robin Krieger & Betty Weiner
Convention Committee Co-Chairs



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
Northeast District

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, 2018**. 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



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Northeast District

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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Sisterhoods/Women's Groups Eligible for Scholarships

(Listed by city within state/province)

Congregation Kol Haverim	Glastonbury	CT
Congregation Shir Shalom	Ridgefield	CT
Temple B'nai Israel	Southbury	CT
Temple Sinai	Stamford	CT
Temple Emanu-el	Waterford	CT
Temple Emanuel	Andover	MA
Temple Etz Chaim	Franklin	MA
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom	Hingham	MA
Cape Cod Synagogue	Hyannis	MA
Temple Beth Avodah	Newton	MA
Temple Tiferet Shalom of the North Shore	Peabody	MA
Riverdale Temple	Bronx	NY
Union Temple of Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NY
Temple Beth David	Commack	NY
Temple Israel of Northern Westchester	Croton-on-Hudson	NY
Temple Beth Shalom Hebrew Community Center	Florida	NY
Free Synagogue of Flushing	Flushing	NY
Temple Beth Shalom	Flushing	NY
Garden City Jewish Center	Garden City	NY
Temple Beth El of Huntington	Huntington	NY
Temple Judea	Manhasset	NY
Monroe Temple Beth El	Monroe	NY
Temple Tikvah	New Hyde Park	NY
Temple Israel of New Rochelle	New Rochelle	NY
Congregation Emanu-el of the City of New York	New York	NY
Congregation Rodeph Shalom	New York	NY
Hebrew Tabernacle	New York	NY
B'nai Israel Reform Temple	Oakdale	NY
Temple Avodah	Oceanside	NY
Temple Beth Israel	Plattsburgh	NY
Vassar Temple	Poughkeepsie	NY
Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth	Rockville Centre	NY
Community Synagogue	Rye	NY
Westchester Reform Temple	Scarsdale	NY
Temple Israel	Staten Island	NY
Temple Isaiah	Stony Brook	NY
North Shore Synagogue	Syosset	NY
Temple Beth Am	Yorktown Heights	NY
Temple Anshe Shalom	Hamilton	ON
Temple Har Zion	Thornhill	ON

Plant a Seed in Our Garden of Giving!



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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

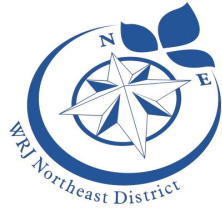
White Trillium: \$180

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)

___ White Trillium (\$180)

___ Violet (\$360)

___ Rose (\$540)

___ Mountain Laurel (\$720)

___ Mayflower (\$1,800)

* All prices are in US dollars

Name/Company/Sisterhood: _____

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____

Country: _____ Zip Code/Postal Code: _____

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.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate and promote progressive Jewish values.