

*Are you ready to join the journey?*



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**WLCJ 2020**

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

***Sisters Journeying Together***

**July 12-15, 2020**

**Hyatt Regency  
Schaumburg, IL**

Registration Opens February 3, 2020  
at [www.wlcj.org/convention](http://www.wlcj.org/convention)

For information, call 212-870-1263.

# Leadership Institute at Convention

We are thrilled to announce an exciting innovative program for Convention 2020.

We are offering an intense "Taste of Leadership Institute." Sisterhoods may nominate a member who meets the criteria to their Region President. In turn, each Region may submit two "up and coming" leaders who must also be first time delegates. Each participant must be a fulltime delegate at convention.

The first three-hour session will begin on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Noon. The participants must stay through Wednesday, in order to attend the three-hour final session on Wednesday morning from 9:00 am – Noon.

Each participant who completes the entire program will receive a \$200 scholarship reimbursed after convention. If a Sisterhood would like to recommend a potential participant, please contact your Region President as soon as possible.

For questions contact Margie Miller at [mmiller@wlcj.org](mailto:mmiller@wlcj.org).

## What?

Four incredible summer days filled with learning, sisterhood skills, social justice focus, music, networking, davening, fun, shopping and more.

## When?

July 12-15, 2020

## Where?

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg  
Schaumburg, IL

## Why?

- Enrich your personal life
- Develop leadership skills
- Energize your sisterhood with new ideas
- Bond with your sisters

## How?

Register at:  
[www.wlcj.org/convention](http://www.wlcj.org/convention)

## Convention Package Options

### Full Convention (Hotel not included)

Early Bird Full Convention with Continuing the Journey (May 1 deadline)	US \$918
After May 1	US \$988
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Early Bird Full Convention (May 1 deadline)	US \$699
After May 1	US \$769
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### Partial Nights (Hotel not included)

<b>One night:</b>	
Sunday or Monday night – 3 meals	US \$385
<b>Day Trippers:</b>	
Sunday- dinner only	US \$250
Monday or Tuesday - lunch only	US \$235
Installation dinner and dessert reception	US \$105
Tuesday dinner and entertainment	US \$125
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<b>Shabbaton:</b> Four meals	US \$139
<b>Continue the Journey!</b> Tuesday to Wednesday	US \$219
<b>Meal Prices for guests and package add-ons</b>	
Breakfast	US \$45
Lunch	US \$75
Dinner	US \$105
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Keep checking [www.wlcj.org/convention](http://www.wlcj.org/convention) for more information on how to register.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Register directly with the hotel at: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRW/G-JUDA> to receive the Women's League special room rate, double occupancy, of \$139 per room per night plus tax. (The total cost per person, if you are sharing a room for the 3 nights, including tax is \$240. If you are not sharing a room, the rate for 3 nights, including tax, is \$480).

If you are not staying for 3 nights, the rate is \$139 plus tax, per room, per night.

# Convention

# at a glance\*

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

10:00am Registration/Judaica Fair/Bid N Buy Open

### SUNDAY LEADERSHIP

Noon-3:00pm Leadership Institute

1:00-3:00pm Sisterhood Presidents (New/Ongoing)  
Region Presidents, Region Torah Fund Vice Presidents  
Region Membership Chairs, Region Financial positions  
Your Journey Begins: Orientation for first time delegates

### THE JOURNEY BEGINS...

3:30-5:15pm Opening Plenum- State of League/Elections/Minchah

5:45-7:30pm Dinner celebrating Region Presidents

8:00-9:30pm WHY ADVOCACY? TORAH, DNA OR BOTH?  
Moderated by Rabbi Cheryl Peretz

9:30pm STAND STRONG - A Concert featuring Hazzan  
Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Hazzan Raquel Gershon and  
Laurie Akers, Cantorial Soloist

## MONDAY, JULY 13

6:00-6:30am Morning Journey - Walk with Cory  
7:00-8:30am Shehechyanu Moment; Tefillot; Study with Rabbi  
Bradley Shavit Artson - featuring the WL Choir  
(*Makhelet Masa*) under direction of Cantor Leon Sher

8:30-9:30am Breakfast - Journey through literature - WL  
Reads/Canadian Caucus

9:40-10:55am HOW DO WE CREATE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES?  
Featuring Rabbi Lizzie Heydemann, Hazzan Alisa  
Pomerantz-Boro and her daughter, Rebecca  
11:05-Noon Choose your own journey #1: Workshops on  
inclusion, anti-semitism, personal enrichment,  
and more.

12:10-2:00pm TORAH FUND LUNCHEON  
2:10-3:00pm Choose your own journey #2: Workshops  
on Sisterhoods, Jewish music, building trust, journaling,  
and more.

3:10-4:30pm Mishnah Berakhot study and siyyum with  
Rabbi Cheryl Peretz

5:45pm JOURNEY TO THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION -  
DINNER AND INSTALLATION

## TUESDAY, JULY 14

6:00-6:30am Morning Journey - Walk with Cory  
7:30-8:30am Tefillot - Study (and Farewell) with Chancellor  
Arnold Eisen- featuring the WL Choir (*Makhelet*  
*Masa*) under direction of Cantor Leon Sher

8:30-9:30am Networking breakfast  
9:45-11:45am JOURNEY TO ISRAEL WITH OUR SISTERS  
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD VIA ZOOM  
FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL MASORTI  
STUDY DAY!

12:15-1:45pm JEWELS IN THE CROWN LUNCHEON

2:00-3:00pm Choose your own journey #3: Workshops  
include music, sisterhood advocacy and  
resolutions, authors panel, mussar and  
mindfulness

3:15-4:15pm Social Action Plenary - presentation to The ARK

### THE JOURNEY ENDS

4:15-5:00pm Plenary and minchah

### REGION PARTIES, CREATIVE JUDAIC ARTS, GAMES, MOVEMENT AND MORE!

### CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

6:30-7:30pm Dinner in the tent!

7:30-8:30pm Comedy Night (Chicago's Laugh Out Loud)  
and after party (lots of surprises including  
Leadership bonding)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:30am Services

8:30-9:30am Incoming Executive Committee breakfast

8:30-9:30am Breakfast for all others

8:30-Noon Leadership Institute

9:30-Noon Incoming Board Of Directors Meeting

\*Subject to change





Shalom friends,

Convention 2020 will feature many of the same things that you have come to know and appreciate over the past: inspiring speakers, educational workshops, leadership development opportunities and fun.

This journey will be a little different!

**New!** The length of Convention has been shortened to three days and two nights (Sunday through Tuesday) for all delegates and International executive committee and International board of Directors will remain for the last day (Wednesday).

**New!** All of the leadership sessions for **Region Presidents, Sisterhood Presidents and Region Torah Fund Vice Presidents** will take place before the start of Convention on early Sunday afternoon so that those women can participate fully in Convention and not sacrifice their own enrichment for the benefit of their Sisterhood or Region.

**All Sisterhood Presidents should plan their travel to arrive and be ready to start their session at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 12.**

**New!** Three "at home" distance learning sessions via **Zoom for Sisterhood Presidents** to start learning before Convention. The first session took place in early January but watch for the second in March and June.

**New!** And finally, look across the world to our Masorti sisters in Israel, Germany and Argentina who will join us virtually through Zoom for study and camaraderie!

Every journey is enriched through meaningful relationships with people, with God and with our Jewish tradition. Join Women's League President Margie Miller, Vice Chairs Illene Rubin, Marilyn Berkowitz, Renee Ravich and me at Convention 2020 to enrich your relationship with God, your tradition and most of all, with your Women's League sisters.

**Continue to look for further information on the WLCJ Convention website [www.wlcj.org/Convention](http://www.wlcj.org/Convention). For questions please email Debbi Kaner Goldich at [dgoldich@wlcj.org](mailto:dgoldich@wlcj.org).**

**See you in Schaumburg as we journey together!**

Debbi Kaner Goldich  
WLCJ Convention 2020 Chair

## OUR SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT THIS YEAR IS:



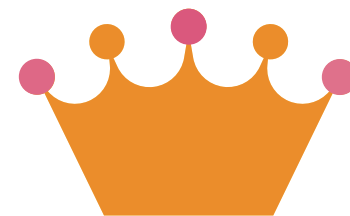
The mission of The ARK is to help Chicagoland Jews who are facing adversity navigate toward self-reliance. ARK professionals, volunteers and donors provide free, comprehensive services within a framework of Jewish values and laws.

In support of The ARK we will be making t-shirt shopping bags and fleece blankets. Items may be made ahead of time by you and your members and brought to Convention. Alternatively, you may bring materials and make the items with your fellow delegates.

Instruction videos are available at: <https://www.facebook.com/613602/videos/vb.613602/10104882657956117>

Looking for another way to help? Bring toiletries to donate.

Thank you for your participation!



## *Are you a Jewel in the Women's League Crown?*

A gala luncheon will honor sisterhood Jewels in the Crown award recipients. Share about your outstanding sisterhood, by submitting an application listing qualifying activities from July 2017 through June 2020. The application can be downloaded at: [wlcj.org/convention](http://wlcj.org/convention).

Questions?

Email: [jewelsinthecrown.wlcj@gmail.com](mailto:jewelsinthecrown.wlcj@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 2, 2020**



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