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N is for Network

While WRN has had several names and iterations in our four plus decades, Women's Rabbinic Network is our longstanding, current title. The longer I am involved with WRN, first as a member, co-president, and now as executive director, the more I appreciate the network part of our name. Everyday I witness you, our members, support, comfort, celebrate, and educate each other in generosity and love.

As many of you know and take advantage of, we have a thriving Facebook group, a closed, private, safe space for sharing and asking questions. We have recently added an outward facing Facebook page, which is public and used for sharing public statements. But in the private group, we share our life experiences, the successes and challenges; we seek advice and ask for resources. AND our members step up with support and answers from their personal experience and expertise.

We also help members connect to each other and needed resources and information through email and phone/video calls. As the public representatives of WRN, our co-presidents, board members and I, help members find the paths they need to move forward in their personal and professional lives. We help members network on a vast variety of gender-related issues, including work-life balance, pregnancy, breastfeeding, infertility, miscarriage, aging, pay equity, microaggressions, harassment, advancement of women in leadership, and recording women's history (herstory). Needless-to-say, the networking far exceeds this list, as it reflects the beautiful and vast variety of our lives and rabbinate. We also serve as experts, consulting with organizations from our greater Jewish community. With over forty years of experience, WRN has much to share.

Our webinars create another forum for the network. Every year we bring a combination of Torah study, scholarship, and professional skills through our video webinars. Using the meeting mode, these virtual gatherings are as participatory as possible in order to create community across our geographic distance. The webinars are always archived on our website, in the member protected area. Just log into the website and visit the webinar archives. There are many helpful presentations there. Feel free to suggest a topic.

Local gatherings are another way to be part of the network. We have funding available to help colleagues gather and pay for a special, WRN program. If you want to do a local WRN program and involve other rabbis or cantors from

beyond the WRN community, we encourage you to do it. We know in many of your communities, the other female identified Jewish clergy are your hevrah. Just connect me before the program to discuss the funding available.

Our national gatherings are inspiring! Dinners at the Biennial ([Thursday, December 12, 2019 at a local restaurant. Registration through WRN](#)) and CCAR (Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Registration through the CCAR), and our WRN Convention (Sunday, June 6-9, 2020) keep us connected! We continue to enjoy record numbers at these events, which lift us in fantastic ways. We catch up with old friends and make new friends, across the generations represented.

We hope you are taking advantage of the Network, because we are surely stronger together. Wishing you and yours a sweet new year!

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[Click here to register the WRN dinner.](#)



OYS

Condolences to Sharon Kleinbaum on the death of her mother Josephine Leve Kleinbaum.

Condolences to Rachel Grant Meyer and Sarah Strnad on the death of Rachel's father Michael David Meyer.

Condolences to Dvora Weisberg and our colleague Neil Scheindlin on the death of Dvora's father Raymond Weisberg.

Condolences to Ariel Friedlander on the death of her mother Evelyn Friedlander.

JOYS

Mazal tov to Yael Rooks-Rapport and her husband, David Moser, on the birth of their son James Matar Moser. Mazal tov also to our colleagues, James' grandparents, Gaylia Rooks and Joe Rapport.

Mazal tov to Amy Scheinerman on the birth of her granddaughter Raya Nechama Scheinerman.



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