



## **WRJ Northeast District is Going LIVE!!! June 17-19, 2022**

All Northeast District WRJ members are invited to reunite for an extended Shabbat. See old friends and make new ones. Our live, in person, Shabbaton is Friday afternoon June 17 through Sunday, June 19 at the Marriott Hotel in Albany, NY. The program will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday (1 p.m. if you sign up for choir or would like to participate in informal “schmooze sessions”) and will conclude in time for everyone to hit the road by noon on Sunday. There is an option to come up on Thursday and get a head start on seeing everyone and joining in an optional “pay your own way” dinner at a local restaurant.

Renowned musician, Elana Arian, will be our Artist-in-Residence. She will be involved in all the musical aspects of the weekend and will be leading a special workshop during the afternoon of Shabbat. We will celebrate Shabbat together with creative service experiences. Other programming will include Judaic Art and Jewelry, Grassroots Social Action and Advocacy, Torah Study through Mussar Traits, and more. Our Keynote Presenter is Renee Rosenberg, an internationally renowned motivational speaker, who will speak with us on Resilience and Forging a New Positive Normal as we Get Back Out into the World. On Sunday morning we will wake up and start moving to the rhythms of Israeli music and a lesson with a professional belly dancing instructor – who also writes mystery novels about an Israeli belly dancing instructor!!! We will have an opportunity to De-Stress with the YES Fund (raising some much-needed funds for YES Fund projects) and a chance to relax with our favorite games (bring your cards, mah jongg sets, etc. Trivia will remind us of having fun on Cruise Ships, in a multiple-choice format). Meals will feature wonderful food and brief talks about the many things WRJ does and our involvement in other areas. Of course, there will be opportunities to share joys and oys, successes and challenges, some best practices and to just schmooze. A Social Action collection will benefit an Albany area organization and we are asking participants to bring a variety of items for the collection (the list is in formation and will be sent to registrants in advance of the weekend).

The Registration Fee for the entire weekend including meals (Friday dinner through Sunday brunch) is \$500 (hotel costs are additional). The Northeast District will subsidize \$150 of this cost for all women registering for the entire weekend, bringing the Registration Fee to \$350. Special arrangements will be handled on an individual basis by emailing [neconventionms@gmail.com](mailto:neconventionms@gmail.com). We have been able to arrange for a block of rooms at the hotel that will be available for reservation at a special rate until May 26, 2022. Rooms will be \$129 per night whether single or double occupancy. They will be available beginning on Thursday night for early arrivals. The link for hotel reservations will come up as soon as you submit your registration.

Please check the Northeast District Yammer Page for continuing updates and see the linked flyer to register. Registrations are due by May 22. For questions, email [neconventionms@gmail.com](mailto:neconventionms@gmail.com). See you in Albany!!!!!!