

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

WEXNER FIELD FELLOWSHIP &
WEXNER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP/
DAVIDSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM
ALUMNI INSTITUTE 2023

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FEBRUARY 12 - 15, 2023 ~ 21 - 24 SH'VAT 5783

Ft. Myers, FL

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration and Refreshments	Caloosa Foyer
3:00 – 5:30 PM	WexCoComm Meeting	Orchid
4:00 – 5:00 PM	(RE) CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES <i>(optional)</i> Let's Schmooze: Connecting with Old and New Friends <i>Host: Ruthie Warshenbrot, WGF/DS 23</i> Let's Move: Gentle Yoga <i>Host: Paula Mack Drill, WGF/DS 11</i> Let's Create: Collaborative Art <i>Host: Ann Luban, WGF/DS 4</i> Let's Laugh: Minute to Win It <i>Host: Elliot Goldberg, WGF/DS 4</i> Let's Help Out: Assembling Donations for Hurricane Relief <i>Host: Rachel Levy, WGF/DS 13</i>	Poolside Banyan Jasmine Caloosa Cypress
5:30 PM	Mincha	See back of program
5:45 PM	Dinner <i>(Choose Your Own Room)</i> — Super Bowl Party — Alumni Institute First-Timers — General Dining Room	Everglades C Orchid Everglades A, B and Veranda
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Kickoff Program: Getting to Know You <i>Facilitators: WexCoComm</i>	Caloosa
9:15 PM	Ma'ariv	See back of program
9:30 – 10:00 PM	Wexner Field Fellowship Alumni Gathering	Jasmine

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM **Shacharit** See back of program
Embodied Jewish Meditation Circle
Deborah Eisenbach Budner, WGF/DS 4 Jasmine

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast** Everglades A, B and Veranda

8:40 AM **Welcome Remarks and Announcements** Everglades A, B
Institute Co-Chairs:
Meredith Lewis, WFF 1 and Daniel Olson, WGF/DS 27
Ruthie Warshenbrot, Director, Wexner Field Fellowship
Stefanie Zelkind, Director, Wexner Graduate Fellowship/
Davidson Scholars Program

9:15 – 10:00 AM **Rebuild & Renew: Beit Midrash Study Hall** Palms Ballroom
Facilitator: Leah Sarna, WGF/DS 27 Royal/Sabal

10:15 – 11:15 AM **BEIT MIDRASH SHIURIM (CLASSES)**

What Does Rebuilding Look Like? Island
Facilitator: Tali Adler, WGF/DS 28

**From Samuel the Prophet to Herzl the Visionary:
The Roots of Modern Zionism** Caloosa
Facilitator: Matthew Berkowitz, WGF/DS 6

**Top Chef: Wilderness Edition
(or: You Can't Go Home Again)** Cypress
Facilitator: Sari Laufer, WGF/DS 14

Integration of the Past as a Roadmap for the Future Everglades C
Facilitator: Leon Morris, WGF/DS 4

ReCreation Every Day Banyan
Facilitator: Scott Perlo, WFF 2

 **Did My Ancestors Pray Better?
Past, Future, and Prayer** Jasmine
Facilitator: Shani Rosenbaum, WGF/DS 31

**Remember That Time...A Ruminati on Our
Relationship with the Past and the Future** Hibiscus
Facilitator: Aki Yonekawa, WGF/DS 26

11:15 – 11:45 AM **Coffee Break** Everglades Foyer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (cont'd)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Class Meetings	Start in Everglades C
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	Everglades A, B and Veranda
1:10 PM	D'var Torah and Announcements <i>D'var Torah: Dan Levin, WGF/DS 4</i>	Everglades A, B
1:30 PM	Mincha	See back of program
1:30 – 3:30 PM	Free Time <i>Snacks available at 3:00 pm</i>	Everglades Foyer
2:45 PM	Friends of Bill W.	Hibiscus
3:30 – 4:45 PM	ALUMNI-LED ELECTIVES I	
	An Introduction to Jewish Mindfulness <i>Facilitator: Michal Fox Smart, WGF/DS 6</i>	Cypress
	Can Reckoning with Palestinian Culture Help Resolve Israel's Jewish and Democratic Identity Crisis? <i>Facilitator: Raquel Ukeles, WGF/DS 9</i>	Hibiscus
	Proposing a Path Forward for Queerkeit <i>Facilitator: Shua Brick, WGF/DS 30</i>	Orchid
	Separation of Fields: A Generative Spiritual Writing Workshop <i>Facilitator: Hannah Kapnik Ashar, WGF/DS 32</i>	Jasmine
	 Small Congregations in a Post (Crisis Time) COVID World <i>Facilitator: Robin Nafshi, WGF/DS 13</i>	Banyan
	Talking with Children about Antisemitism <i>Facilitator: Stephanie Tankel, WFF 1</i>	Everglades C
	Unreasonable Hospitality: What (Fancy Restaurant) Eleven Madison Park Can Teach Jewish Engagement <i>Facilitator: Beth Cousens, WGF/DS 14</i>	Caloosa
	When Leaders Steer the Community Wrong: Lessons from Talmud Tractate <i>Horayot</i> <i>Facilitator: David Rosenn, WGF/DS 5</i>	Island
5:15 – 6:30 PM	Shared Connections	Palms Ballroom Royal/Sabal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 *(cont'd)*

6:45 – 8:15 PM	Dinner	Everglades A, B and Veranda
7:45 PM	President's Remarks and Announcements "Absorbing the Loss / Anticipating the Gains" <i>Rabbi Elka Abrahamson, President</i>	Everglades A, B
8:15 PM	<i>Ma'ariv</i>	See back of program
8:45 – 10:00 PM	Keeping it Real: The Craziest, Zaniest, Wackiest & Most Unbelievable Happenings Over the Past Few Years <i>Sharing Stories and Dessert Reception</i> <i>Host: Rachel Levy, WGF/DS 13</i>	Caloosa

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 AM *Shacharit* See back of program

8:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast Everglades A, B and Veranda

8:40 AM **D’var Torah and Announcements**
D’var Torah: Mimi Kravetz, WFF 1 Everglades A, B

9:15 – 10:45 AM Shared Connections See handout


10:45 – 11:15 AM Coffee Break Everglades Foyer

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM **ALUMNI-LED ELECTIVES II**

Creating a Caring Community: Mental Health Outreach in Our Shuls and Institutions Jasmine
Facilitator: Sandy Cohen, WGF/DS 3

Exodus 1947: Did My Father Turn the Ship Back? Hibiscus
Facilitator: Roderick Young, WGF/DS 7

Flooding Israel with Love: Priestly Theology Through the Torah Banyan
Facilitator: Daniel Kirzane, WGF/DS 21

 **Jewish Languages Today: Endangered, Surviving, and Thriving** Caloosa
Facilitator: Sarah Bunin Benor, WGF/DS 11

No Stone Left Unturned: Tackling the Jewish Educator Crisis in Supplemental Jewish Education Island
Facilitator: Elana Erdstein Perry, WGF/DS 15

Resilience and Uncertainty: Lessons from COVID Orchid
Facilitator: Fred Klein, WGF/DS 6

Seeing Kabbalah Through Its Trees: The New Perspectives of The Kabbalistic Tree Cypress
Facilitator: Yossi Chajes, WGF/DS 4

 **Wexner Chorale** Everglades C
Facilitator: Daniel Olson, WGF/DS 27

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch Everglades A, B and Veranda

1:10 PM **D’var Torah and Announcements**
D’var Torah: Avi Strausberg, WGF/DS 24 Everglades A, B

1:30 PM *Mincha* See back of program

1:30 – 3:30 PM Free Time Everglades Foyer
Snacks available at 3:00 pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (cont'd)

2:45 PM	Friends of Bill W.	Hibiscus
3:30 – 4:45 PM	ALUMNI-LED ELECTIVES III	
	A Modest Proposal: “Jerusalem Ramallah International Airport and Community” <i>Facilitator: Asher Lopatin, WGF/DS 5</i>	Banyan
	Creating a Stress-Informed Mental Health Environment <i>Facilitator: Rose Savage Levenson, WGF/DS 30</i>	Everglades C
	Journaling as a Spiritual Path <i>Facilitator: Paula Mack Drill, WGF/DS 11</i>	Jasmine
	Major Gifts Fundraising: Anyone Can Do It — Solicitation Training & Role Plays <i>Facilitator: Graham Hoffman, WFF 1</i>	Hibiscus
	Qigong: Cultivating Embodied Leadership <i>Facilitator: Malkah Binah Klein, WGF/DS 12</i>	Meet in lobby
	Responding to Institutional Abuse in Jewish Institutions: Crisis Statements <i>Facilitator: Shira Berkovits, WFF 1</i>	Caloosa
	The Courage to Set Limits: How Effective Discipline Helps Kids Become Mensches <i>Facilitator: Yoni Schwab, WFF 2</i>	Cypress
	The Perception and Impact of Rabbis on Jews 18-44 <i>Facilitator: Shira Koch Epstein, WFF 1</i>	Island
	Wrestling, Struggling, Grappling...to Become More Able: Yisrael <i>Facilitator: Jonathan Rudnick, WGF/DS 4</i>	Orchid
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Open Networking <i>Wexner Revue and Beit Café Performance Rehearsals</i>	
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Celebratory Dinner <i>Honoring Shaul Kelner, Outgoing Chair of WGF/DS Program</i>	Everglades A, B
7:45 PM	Ma'ariv	See back of program
8:00 – 10:00 PM	The Wexner Revue and Beit Café <i>Hosts: Shira Koch Epstein, WFF 1 and Daniel Olson, WGF/DS 27</i>	Caloosa

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 AM	To-Go Breakfast Available	Caloosa Foyer
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast <i>(optional)</i>	Everglades A, B and Veranda

PRAYER SERVICES

Liberal **Cypress**
Lauren Goodlev, WGF/DS 24; Daniel Kirzane, WGF/DS 21; Andy Koren, WGF/DS 1

Traditional/Egalitarian **Banyan**
Michelle Fisher, WGF/DS 10; Yoni Schwab, WFF 2; Ahud Sela, WGF/DS 14

Traditional/Mechitzah **Hibiscus**
Josh Cypess, WGF/DS 9

We are grateful to Temple Beth El and Rabbi Nicole Luna for providing Sifrei Torah for our minyanim.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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Vice President

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Director, Curriculum and Research

**Thank You to Our
2023 Alumni Institute Co-Chairs:**

Meredith Lewis
WFF 1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

IN PERSON

Alumni Institute 2024

Princeton, NJ

February 4-7, 2024

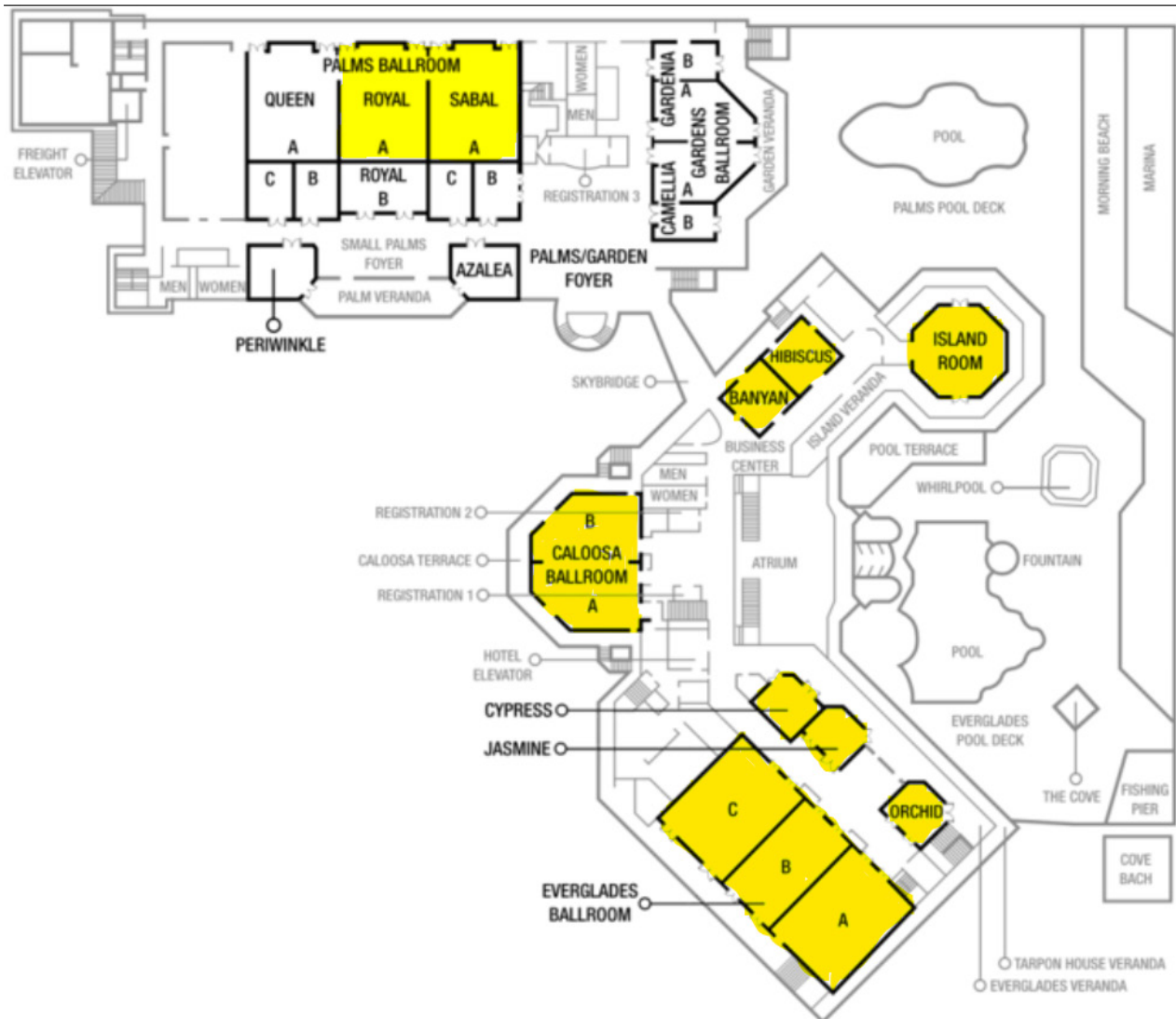
VIRTUAL

WAVE 3.0

(Wexner Alumni Virtual Event, planned by and for WFF & WGF/DS Alumni)

May 17-18, 2023

MEETING ROOMS



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