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# CONVENTION

## JAN 7-10, 2024

### HILTON PALMS SPRING HOTEL

*The Place Where We Power Rabbinic Renewal*

**CONNECT** INTRODUCING AFFINITY GROUPS GATHERINGS  
Talk *tachlis* about your areas of interest.

**RENEW** OFFERING “CORE CONNECTIONS”  
Small group sharing with colleagues taking the daily insights deeper.

**INSPIRE** AWAKENING OUR JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP  
Study with Dr. Erin Leib Smokler, scholar of Hasidut: *Holy Doubt: On the Role of Uncertainty in Faith.*



**FEATURING**  
**Rabbi Dr. Erin Leib Smokler**

How challenging is it to be in the Faith Business at a time of growing secularism! How do we respond to the doubts of others - and our own doubts - as we struggle to live with faith? Hasidic teachers wrestled with this same question in their day.

**INCLUDING GUEST SPEAKERS: Consul General Israel Bachar**  
• Mary L. Zamore • Hara Person • Rick Jacobs •  
• Don Goor • Steve Windmueller • and more!

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

1:00-4:00 PM	Registration	<b>LOBBY</b>
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1:00PM	CCAR Goldmark Transition Seminar for 5th Year HUC Students <b>EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM</b>
3:00 PM	PARR Board Meeting ( <i>Open To All</i> ) <b>PALM CANYON A/B</b>
5:00 PM	Core Connections <b>PLAZA BALLROOM</b>
6:30 PM	Libations In The Lobby Welcoming Gathering <b>HORIZON FOYER</b>
7:15 PM	Opening Banquet <b>HORIZON BALLROOM</b>  Maariv and Azkarah  “Orthodox Women Rabbis Rising” WRN Executive Director Mary Zamore Interviews Erin Leib Smokler  CCAR Press Book Signing with Zoë Klein Author of Candle, Feather, Wooden Spoon: New Jewish Stories

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE *CONT'D*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00-4:00 PM	Registration	<b>LOBBY</b>
8:45 AM	Shacharit led By HUC-JIR Students	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
10:30 AM	Scholar Presentation #1 - "Holy Doubt: On The Role Of Uncertainty In Faith" Erin Leib Smokler, Scholar of Hasidut	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch With Colleagues	
	(12:15 PM) WRN Luncheon: "Colleagues In Solidarity: A WRN Dialogue With Erin Leib Smokler"	<b>PLAZA B</b>
1:45 PM	Israel Consul General Israel Bachar Moderated by Denise Eger	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
3:00 PM	Coming Together: Hara Person, CCAR Executive and Rick Jacobs, President of the URJ	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
4:00 PM	Core Connections	<b>HORIZON 1</b>
5:15 PM	Dinner Out with New and Old Friends	
7:30 PM	Maariv and Azkarah	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
8:00 PM	"Jewish, But Not Religious: Faith In An Age Of Secularism" with Laura Geller, Michele Lenke, Alison Wissot and Zach Zysman Moderated by Hara Person	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
9:30 PM	Gladly Glidah! Ice Cream Social <i>Sponsored by Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary</i>	<b>HORIZON FOYER</b>
10:00 PM	Kumsitz and Kavannah with Cantors and Rabbis	<b>HORIZON 2</b>

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM	Shacharit	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
8:30 AM	Breakfast with Dvora Weisberg, Josh Garroway and HUC Staff <i>Sponsored by HUC-JIR</i>	<b>PLAZA C/D</b>
10:30 AM	Scholar Presentation #2 - "Holy Doubt: Faith And Doubt In A Time Of Disconnect" Erin Leib Smokler	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
12:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting  Affinity Groups Contract Negotiations J Street URJ Camps	<b>PLAZA A PLAZA D PLAZA C</b>
1:15 PM	Lunch Out with New and Old Friends	
2:00 PM	Tahquitz Canyon Hike <i>Led by Nimrod Shafran, J2Adventures</i>	<b>MAIN LOBBY</b>
2:30 PM	Affinity Groups RPB Tech Sharing	<b>PLAZA C PLAZA B</b>
4:00 PM	Core Connections	<b>HORIZON 1</b>
5:15 PM	Dinner Out	
7:30 PM	PARR Board Nominations and Elections	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
7:35 PM	Maariv and Azkarah	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
8:00 PM	"The View From Israel, The View From Here" with Don Goor and Steve Windmueller	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
9:30 PM	Gladly Glidah! Ice Cream Social <i>Sponsored by J2Adventures</i>	<b>HORIZON FOYER</b>
10:00 PM	Camp Kumsitz	<b>HORIZON 2</b>

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM	Shacharit and Board Consecration	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
9:15 AM	"End of Life Choices: What Rabbis Need To Know" with Suzanne Singer and Judy Neall Epstein <i>Sponsored by Malinow and Silverman Mortuary</i>	<b>HORIZON 2</b>
10:30 AM	Brunch	<b>PLAZA C/D</b>
11:00 AM	Board Installation & Meeting <i>(Open To All)</i>	<b>PLAZA C/D</b>