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Mid-Atlantic Region
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Mid-Atlantic Happenings

FALL/WINTER 2010
President - Debbie Goldich

The Mid-Atlantic Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism



Open Board of Directors Meeting

Germantown Jewish Centre
400 W. Ellet Street
Philadelphia, PA

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

7:30 PM

Please join the Mid-Atlantic Region as we light the first candle on the menorah for Chanukah.

Enjoy some latkes and applesauce as you discover the latest programs and projects happening in our Region.

Everyone is welcome!

RSVP by **November 24th** to Donna Finkelstein, Area Vice President
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**Mid-Atlantic Region of
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Invites you to our Annual Celebration
of our Founder, Mathilde Schechter,
our Jewish Heritage, and Torah Fund.**

Founder's Day

**Sunday, November 14th, 9:30 am to 12:30pm
Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County
2909 Bristol Road, Bensalem, PA 19020**

Full Day Registration (includes Brunch) \$36

Half Day Registration (Speaker Only) \$25

Eligible Sisterhoods will receive their 2009-10 Torah Fund Awards.



Guest Speaker: Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky,

Assistant Professor of Bible, The Jewish Theological Seminary



Kehillah Kedoshah: Celebrating Community Woman to Woman: The 5771 Torah Fund Pin commemorates the energizing power of women's community. Kehillah kedoshah was the common term for Jewish community in Eastern Europe, but it also implies a community bound together by similar values and beliefs. The images contained within this stylized hamsa pin reflect

women in celebration, dancing and praising. The pin's golden flame, representing the Women's League logo, alludes to our members who are committed to a common purpose and the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

In keeping with this theme, Dr. Kalmanofsky will speak about Tamar. In her lecture, "You are More Righteous Than Me: How Tamar Redeems Judah and Saves his House", we will explore Genesis 38 and consider how Tamar redeems a maligned Judah and ensures the continuation of his household and the house of Israel.

Deeply committed to the ongoing interpretation of the Bible, Dr. Kalmanofsky applies gender theory to the Bible. Combining her love of the Bible and horror movies, Dr. Kalmanofsky's research applies horror theory to biblical texts and examines the ways the Bible is designed to terrify its audience. She received her BA from Wesleyan University. She also received an MHL and rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1995 and a PhD from JTS in 2005.

Barbara Bess-Pashak & Susan Handis, Founder's Day Co-Chairs

Reservation Forms available through your local Sisterhood.

The mission of The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) is to teach Torah to and educate leaders for the Conservative Movement, the Jewish people, and America.

Women's League supports JTS through the Torah Fund Campaign.

Deborah Napoleon, Torah Fund Vice President

Debra Goldich, President

President's Message

Debbi Goldich

Shalom Sisters,

It has been an exciting and busy first part of the year for the Mid-Atlantic Region of Women's League. Our 41 Sisterhoods have been busy with paid up Membership brunches, lunches and dinners. Opening programs and new member programs have taken place. Our Torah Fund celebrations in our Sisterhoods have honored individual women and entire Sisterhoods. We are a proud group of almost 6000 women in the Mid-Atlantic area who are being enriched in our Judaism by participating in Women's League. All Sisterhood presidents and Region Board members should be receiving a Shabbat Message on Friday morning that outlines the programming for the weeks to come and provides necessary information. If you do not receive the message or would like to receive it even if you are not in those categories, please email me at DKGRNMSN@aol.com and we will add you to the list.

Communication is very important in our organization. We depend on the Sisterhood Presidents to share all of the information that you receive via email. You are the Gatekeeper of a tremendous amount of information. The Region recognizes that it can sometimes be overwhelming to read each email or snail mail. Please use your executive committee and board to help you spread the information to the members. Please remember to share this email version of the Happenings with your members. Forward it via email and print it out for members who do not have computer capability. December 1 is our general open Region Board meeting. This meeting will take place at Germantown Jewish Center, 400 West Ellet St. Philadelphia, PA. at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Come meet the Region Board and Executive Committee and hear about what's new and our plans for Convention '10 and Spring Conference '11.

Membership Matters

Anna Tractenberg

To be a successful Sisterhood you must grow. That means every member of your Sisterhood... Officers, Committee chairs, and individual members must be committed to a year-round membership campaign. You might be thinking how in the world is this possible. We have so much to do: executive meetings, board meetings, activities, cultural events and programs to plan. There are Shabbat dinners for the community, Kiddush lunches that require volunteers, Judaica/gift shops that need staffing. Women Seders and Sisterhood Shabbats alike, require planning and publicity. Furthermore, the Sisterhood is usually involved in fundraising for the synagogue community.

However, the more I thought about it I realized that every sisterhood event, program and activity must be oriented to attract new members. They must be exciting so that the Women of your congregation will want to belong to this group of strong Women. Present the message clearly in your community. I recently shared with many of you a wonderful flyer from GHC Sisterhood that read: "There is nothing quite like the force that is the Jewish women. From warrior mom to mover & shaker to feisty bubbe, we are smart, social, generous and opinionated. We want to engage in fun, social events and develop lifelong friendships. We want to learn in a warm & easy going atmosphere. We want to discuss issues relevant at home and around the world. We want to proudly provide funds to our synagogue, our religious & nursery schools and other worthy organizations."

To boost your membership numbers, consider setting up a membership committee. The women on the membership committee should reflect the demographics you are looking to attract. Think about using social media; Twitter, YouTube, Facebook etc. Also, personal contact to get your invitation out there.

Membership Matters, continued

For additional information and ideas, visit WLCJ.org, ask your Sisterhood presidents to start a discussion on the President's listserv. An idea exchange is sure to generate excitement and interest for those participating. For our affiliated Sisterhoods, there is a wealth of information available.

Contact membership V.P. Anna Tractenberg via cell phone which is (484)433-3619. Or by e-mail at AnnaTract@aol.com

Torah Fund

Debie Napoleon

The Torah Fund mission is to give every person an opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through active giving to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano. The campaign was first launched in 1942 as a scholarship fund. Using Gematria, the first giving category solicited was 611, the numerical equivalent of Torah. The campaign continued as a source of scholarship funding for JTS students.

Reflecting the commitment to a residence hall for undergraduate students, Mathilde Schechter Hall was completed in 1976, and in 1978 housing for married and graduate students was dedicated. Women's League dedicated the sculpture garden at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem; the institute is where the Conservative rabbinical and cantorial students study during their year in Israel. The Torah Fund Campaign has provided bookshelves for The Library of JTS. The University of Judaism Residence Halls project was dedicated in 1989, the same year that the JTS quadrangle was landscaped and furnished.

In 1992, Women's League's campaign was renamed Torah Fund, because the projects expanded beyond residence halls. The Women's League Seminary Synagogue, dedicated on October 24, 1995, converted the former Schiff Library Reading Room into a permanent synagogue. Torah Fund participated in the construction of Kripke Tower. The Women's League Education Pavilion on the fourth floor features an electronically up-to-date lecture hall and educational and meeting facilities enhanced by original artwork on women in Jewish history.

Because Women's League is dedicated to the continuity of Conservative Judaism, the Torah Fund Special Project is dedicated to that purpose—\$2,000,000 in scholarship funding over the next four years to benefit our students. Each of us has the privilege of personally making it possible for a student to become a leader and to foster the continuity of Conservative Judaism by becoming a partner in this project. Each of us will be creating the vision that will sustain the Jewish community for decades to come.

Please consider a Plus Giving pledge this year towards the student scholarships.

Education

Linda Goldberg

What's New in Education?

If you haven't checked out the new Divrei Hokhmah that Women's League provides, now is the time. It's a great way to open each Sisterhood meeting. Just go to the website and click on Programs, or, if you don't have access to the Internet, call Lisa Kogen, 212-870-1260 Ext. 7160.

The theme this year is Pirkei Imahot, the Sayings of the Mothers! They are short quotes from well-know Jewish woman and they are great discussion starters for your events. You can print them and make copies for each of your members who will be attending your meetings. It works so well for each woman to have a copy of the quote for herself and many choose to keep the quote for future use. Let me know how you enjoy them.



On Sunday October 24, 2010, I co-chaired a Keruv (Outreach to Interfaith couples/families) event at Temple Beth Sholom, Cherry Hill, NJ. The sponsors were The Middle Atlantic Region Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs, Mid-Atlantic Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism, United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism and Temple Beth Sholom, Cherry Hill, N.J. Sisterhood and Men's Club.

There were approximately 70 people in attendance including several rabbis, a representative of USCJ, Facilitators and lay people from Middle Atlantic Region, Men's Club, the President and members of the Executive Board of Mid-Atlantic Region Women's League, the President and members of Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood and Men's Club, other Sisterhood and Men's Club Presidents and guests.

The morning started with a delicious brunch, prepared by the MAR Men's Club and TBS Men's Club members. The program began with introductions by Ann Sundstrom, Sisterhood President at Temple Beth Sholom, Barbara Rosenau of USCJ, Alan Budman, Men's Club Regional President, and then a short general question and answer period. Alan then explained how the morning would progress. He also introduced the facilitators who would run the break-out sessions: Bruce Fagan, Jeff Miller, Barbara Rosenau, and Alan Budman.

The facilitators introduced their topics for the sessions and we broke out into four small groups. Attendees then aired their concerns. The topics discussed were: non-Jewish in-laws; children dating/marrying non-Jewish partners; keeping Judaism alive in inter-faith relationships; synagogue leaders making policies for their congregants that make it comfortable for non-Jewish partners and their other family members; handling life cycle events; how to encourage young people to be involved with Judaism; dealing with grandchildren whose parents are of two different religions.

TO SUM IT UP: the morning event was very successful, there was a large turnout, there were a variety of issues that were touched on, those in attendance had a chance to voice their frustrations, fears and successes. In other words everyone thought the day went very well. At the end, people still stood around discussing their issues.

THE ICING ON THE CAKE: How wonderful to see how well the arms of Judaism worked together to bring this event to fruition. Kudos to Middle Atlantic Region Jewish Men's Club, Mid-Atlantic Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism, United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood and Men's Club for doing a fantastic job and allowing their Temple to be the meeting place, and to their Sisterhood President, Ann, for working together with Alan and me.

Let's look for more joint ventures that will encourage the Jewish community to work together to keep our Judaism alive and healthy and strong.

Charlotte Stein

Mid-Atlantic Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Vice-president Community.
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*Looking for the perfect Hanukkah gift?
Think about creating one yourself.*

EASY TIERED SERVING PLATES

Materials:

1 Dinner plate

1 Salad plate

1 Wine glass

Small items to put under wine glass, whatever theme you choose
(Chanukah, Birthday etc..)

1 tea cup, little bowl, or egg cup for toothpicks

Ruler

Epoxy glue

- ❖ Mark the center of the dinner plate and glue the small items onto the center of the dinner plate. Make sure they all fit under the bowl of the wine glass. Let dry.
- ❖ Glue wine glass upside down over the small items onto the Dinner plate.
Seal around the edges of the glass. Let dry.
- ❖ Glue the bottom of the wine glass to the center of the wrong side of the salad plate. Let dry.
- ❖ Turn dinner plate over so salad plate is at the top and glue a small bowl, tea cup or egg cup onto the center or off to the side of the salad plate. Let dry.



Be creative: To make a sewing dish stuff the top bowl with cotton bating, glue cover material (felt or fabric) in bowl and you have a pin cushion. The dish could hold your glasses, scissors, and other sewing needs. To make a footed cake plate put a saucer upside down on the bottom, then the wine glass, then the dinner plate. Whatever you do...have fun!!

Gloria Spitz

Judaic Arts Chair

Mid-Atlantic Region WLCJ



Women's League Convention 2010

When: December 12-15, 2010
Where: The Marriott Waterfront Baltimore

***Kehillah Kedoshah:
Celebrating Community Woman to Woman***

**This year's convention, on the beautiful Baltimore harbor,
promises to be better than ever!**

There will be several opportunities to address the theme of ***Kehillah Kedoshah Celebrating Community Woman to Woman***, including an incomparable Vashti's Banquet unlike any party you've ever seen; hands-on interactive drop-ins to experience Women's League programs in action, and innovative workshops designed for both personal fulfillment and to help make our sisterhoods grow and prosper.

Women's League has gone green! There is an Online Ad Journal!

In keeping with our commitment to tikkun olam (repairing the world), this year Women's League is producing a **virtual online journal** rather than a traditional paper one. What better way to celebrate an environmentally sustainable community than by supporting a virtual journal! Help Women's League continue to create exciting, innovative, and educational communities worldwide.

The journal will be screened many times during convention and copies will be distributed to the delegates. Check it out online at www.wlci.org. You can also place an ad. Look for the ads in honor of our Region, its Sisterhoods, and our women who will be installed as officers, chairmen, and members of the Board.

Books for Baltimore: Building a Community of Readers One Child At a Time will present personal reading books into the hands of every third grader in the Baltimore City Public Schools!

Sisterhoods will receive the new ***Jewels in the Crown Award*** for their commitment, excellence and creativity in programming.

The next president and officers of Women's League will be installed; important resolutions will be voted on; and there will be great shopping with over 50 vendors, delicious food and great camaraderie.

Women's League Distance Workshops - 2010/2011 Schedule



Get New Ideas, Gain Insights, and How-To's

To register, call 212.870.1263. Stay at home and participate in a conference call.

January 13, 2011

Creative Judaic Arts as a programming essential

February 9, 2011

Ways to the Means: Fundraising in the new economy

March 15, 2011

Programming Planning: Crafting a year of programs, campaigns, classes, and events

April 7, 2011

Z'havah: Bring Younger Women In

May 18, 2011

Israel: Programs, Advocacy, Education

June 14, 2011

Membership: Grow Your Sisterhood

IMAGE PLUS

Public Relations Handbook

Entirely redone, this new sisterhood guide from Women's League focuses on all aspects of public relations that sisterhoods can use today, from how to create a sisterhood brochure to using public service announcements. Brand new is a chapter on social networking: how to market sisterhood through new technologies such as Facebook and Twitter.

Every sisterhood president will receive a copy at spring conferences. Members of Women's League can download the handbook from the Women's League website, www.wlci.org.

LISTSERVE JUST FOR JUDAICA SHOPS

Women's League has just inaugurated an on-line discussion group for Judaica shop chairs. Moderated by Chair Jacki Stevens and Lois Silverman, internet services coordinator, this is an opportunity to share questions, concerns, and achievements with other gift shop chairs across the continent. Post your questions to: wljudaicashop@googlegroups.com

Did you know....

Every month the World Affairs department of Women's League produces **Ba'Olam**, a world affairs newsletter that is available on-line at no cost to members. It includes analysis of events that impact the Jewish community in the United States, Canada, Israel, and worldwide. Archives of back issues of Ba'Olam are available to members of WLCJ.



Mid-Atlantic women to be Installed at Women's League Convention

Come show your support for our Mid-Atlantic Sisters Sandy Berenbaum and Janet Kirschner, who will be installed as officers on the International Executive Committee, appointed Executive Committee members Anna Tractenberg and Faye Laveson, International Chairs Sandy Blumenthal, Susan Lodish, Illene Rubin, Phyllis Haas, Mimi Pollack and our International Board members Linda Goldberg, Deborah Napoleon, Gert Solkov, Charlotte Stein, Meryl Stern, Debbi Goldich, and Donna Finkelstein. A hearty mazal tov to all!

Girls Night Out

On Thursday, October 27, 2010, eighteen women from the Mid-Atlantic Region visited the Mikveh at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, PA. We were taught by Rabbi Neil Cooper and by the Director of the Mikveh, Lori Cooper. We learned about the history of the mikveh, its uses, preparation to visit a mikveh, and what makes a mikveh "kosher." Lori told us intriguing and moving stories of women who have come to the mikveh and their experiences. After our lesson and tour, fifteen of us had dinner together at Shalom Catering on Merion Avenue in Merion Station. It was an evening to bring together women from all corners of the Mid-Atlantic Region, and by all accounts, it was successful! I thank everyone who joined us and I look forward to planning another event this year.

Linda Goldberg

Education Vice President





Our Jewels in the Crown

Congratulations to Mid-Atlantic Region Sisterhoods who have been designated as Jewels in the Crown

Women's League for Conservative Judaism Jewels in the Crown Award will honor sisterhoods demonstrating achievement in:

- Education/Program
- Community Service/World Affairs
- Women's League Activities/Initiatives

The presentation of the Jewels in the Crown awards will take place at a celebratory luncheon on Monday afternoon, December 13, 2010.

Categories

Ruby

Sisterhoods must participate in or sponsor: 3 Education/Program activities + 2 Community Service/World Affairs activities + 3 Women's League activities

Beth Israel of Chester County
Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County

Emerald

Sisterhoods must participate in or sponsor: 4 Education/Program activities + 4 Community Service/World Affairs activities + 4 Women's League activities

Congregation Beth El of Voorhees
Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley
Ohev Shalom of Bucks County
Congregation Beth Tikvah, Marlton

Sisterhood Happenings Around the Region

Sisterhood B'nai Jacob

November 5, 2010

Jewish Environmentalism Today

Why is Judaism inherently a 'green' religion?

Sybil Sanchez

(Director of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life)

talked about mobilizing the Jewish community to be more energy aware and green in everyday life.



Har Zion Temple Sisterhood, Penn Valley, Pa.

We did sell some Books for Baltimore. We have a fabulous craft show - The Talk of The Town- every spring. We have crafters from all over the country who look forward to our very successful show. Once a month we have a Rosh Chodesh discussion led by our members in our homes. Most of the topics have a Jewish theme and are very thought provoking. It is a sacred place and the women open up and often say very personal things, because we have formed such a special bond with each other.

We are going to receive the Emerald Award for the Jewel in the Crown and we made our Torah Fund goal for last year and are working on a fabulous Torah Fund event this year. We are looking forward to an amazing convention.

Karen Cooke and Sheila Schafer
Co- Presidents, Har Zion Temple Sisterhood



Sisterhood's opening event was held on September 12th. Our guest speaker that day was Linda Kirwan who spoke to us about the tradition of Shluggen Kaporot. It was quite an event to see Linda swing a "chicken" over her head and explain about this tradition associated with Yom Kippur. It was also interesting to see 60 women (and Joel Mosko) swinging canned goods over their heads before depositing them in baskets to be given to charity. Joel was in attendance as a representative of CBT Social Action committee, who will handle the collected goods and deliver them to the JCFS.

As always, Linda's presentation was very informative and delivered with a lot of humor.

CBT Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch was held on October 10th. A lovely brunch was served. We were joined at this meeting by our Mid-Atlantic Region Torah Fund Vice President, Debi Napoleon who greeted us on behalf of the Region.

Our guest speaker for the day was a senior at List College, Arielle Feit. Arielle gave a very moving talk about life as a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia College where she is pursuing a double major in Urban Studies at Columbia, and in Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS.

Arielle told us of her involvement with the schools, how she has been inspired by the students and teachers, and she shared with us her goal to become a hospital chaplain. She also thanked us for our generous support of JTS through Torah Fund donations and how she and all the students recognize Women's League commitment to continue support for our future Conservative rabbis, cantors and Jewish educators.

Meeting Areille is an affirmation of our funds being wisely used for the education of our young people.

Our Sisterhood Torah Fund Chairman, Rochelle Hirt, has advised me that our efforts on behalf of Torah Fund have been very fruitful.

To date we have 15 Benefactors from CBT and we have made our Torah Fund goal of \$2,700 for the 2010/2011 year. We are on target to surpass our goal this year.

The "Books for Baltimore" campaign on behalf of the Women's League Convention to be held in Baltimore on December 13 – 15, has raised \$300. This was done by contributions made at our "sundaes under the Sukkah" event held Tuesday evening, September 28th and from donations made during and after the Torah Fund brunch.

Sisterhood wishes to thank Elise Dinetz and Elissa Geron for their "Books for Baltimore" poster and for spearheading this fundraiser.

CBT Sisterhood is looking forward to the Women's League Convention in December. Our Sisterhood will have two full time attendees, two two day attendees and two one day attendees. We are all looking forward to receiving the Emerald Jewel in the Crown award, and all the wonderful programs convention has to offer.

Gretchen Kotkin

President

Cong. Beth Tikvah Sisterhood

CBT-BI Sisterhood of Sewell, NJ

We will host our Paid Up Membership Dinner on November 16th, 2010. Debbi Goldich, President of Mid-Atlantic Region will install our Board Members. This will be the first sisterhood meeting since the merger of the Sisterhoods of Beth Israel of Woodbury N.J. and B'Nai Tikvah of Turnersville, N.J. We are now B'Nai Tikvah - Beth Israel Sisterhood of Sewell N.J.

Our Book Club meets every other month and will be reviewing "All Other Nights" by Dara Norn. It is an adventure story about the Jews of the North and South during the Civil War.

Betty London, Pres., BT-BI Sisterhood

Sisterhood of Tifereth Israel

Our sisterhood had its opening meeting October 6th. We had a speaker from Abington Hospital Stroke Center speak about women's health, heart attacks and strokes. Following the speaker, we did Zumba and had someone selling make up. We had a lovely turn out and everyone had a great, fun and informative evening.

Sandy Berenbaum, Co-President
Tifereth Israel Sisterhood
Bensalem, PA

All positions on the Region Board of Directors and Executive Committee are open for nominations for the coming term.

Please contact the Nominating Chairman directly.

Barbara Braunstein
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Kol Ishah Society

Fran Radel, Chairman

Join your voice with the thousands of international Women's League for Conservative Judaism who has become members of the Kol Ishah Society. The Kol Ishah Society will assure the continued high quality of its programs and materials. Some of these programs are Mitzvah Yomit – A Mitzvah a Day, publications, the new Distance Workshops, national and regional conferences and leadership training.

As a member of the Kol Ishah Society you will have the opportunity to study with other members, receive discount at Women's League events, recognition at the WLCJ website and listed in the CJ magazine.

There are three membership categories: Kol Ishah Member - \$54.00, Kol Ishah Plus - \$75 or Kol Ishah Platinum - \$150. If you join at the \$75 level, a copy of the book *With Strength and Splendor: Jewish Women as Agents of Change*, signed by author Lisa Kogen (a \$39.95 value) will be sent to you.

By joining this group of women and the society, our voices will be heard and help perpetuate Jewish tradition for our children and grandchildren, impact our families and communities, connect to the Jewish women internationally, support Jewish learning and tradition, and work to repair the world.

A copy of this year's flyer can be obtained at the www.wlcj.org website, your president or you can contact me and I will be happy to e-mail you a flyer.

Please send it in the form with your check. Mid Atlantic Region of Women's League needs your support.

Training Services

Mimi Pollack, Chairman (215-355-5069; mimi.midatlantic@comcast.net)

Got a problem? Need a program? Where can you find new leadership? Where have the members gone? Is your Sisterhood not on the same page as congregation? Money, money, money?

Help is available. Your affiliation with Women's League entitles you to Training Services just for the asking. A Women's League trainer can be available to you and your Sisterhood in just six weeks or less. Or, we can get you talking to the right people almost immediately. We can work with you one-on-one or with your leadership via conference call, and with email. Women's League Training Services will get you what you need when you need it.

Training Seminars are available to energize your Sisterhood by developing individual skills, motivating members and increasing participation. Each seminar is individually designed to meet the specific needs of your Sisterhood. You can choose from any of these topics: communications, goal setting, strategic planning, leadership development, membership, problem solving, organizational know how, and Sisterhood/Synagogue relations. These seminars are led by professionally trained experienced volunteers.

Mentoring is designed for Sisterhood Presidents to help them over hurdles. Sometimes a one-on-one telephone conversation between a trainer and your Sisterhood President can provide the support and ideas to help solve a problem within a short period of time. We can help you build a strong Sisterhood. Please contact us.

Women's League Leadership Institute July 2010

Lori Snow, Congregation B'Nai Jacob

Women's League, the parent organization of Sisterhood, offers many types of support, training, study, literature, programming ideas and wonderful experiences. I was fortunate to be accepted into the Leadership Training session held in NYC this July and will always treasure my experience with these wonderful women.

The group spent three days studying, praying, talking, laughing, and exchanging ideas. The caliber of the women I met as trainers and classmates gave me encouragement that Conservative Judaism will continue to survive and thrive in the 21st century. I made friends and contacts with whom I will continue to interact and treasure in the years to come.

We talked through the characteristics of a leader, goal setting, effective communication, making Sisterhood relevant and also self and group motivation. A major topic was the deep satisfaction all of us received from our working with our sisterhoods and synagogues.

The Institute combined thought provoking training sessions with interactive discussions and also great guest lecturers. Cory Schneider, Women's League International President, (who started the Leadership Institutes) spoke of her experiences which led to her tenure as President and also spoke of Women's League's influence in the Conservative Jewish movement and with political leaders around the world. I was fascinated to learn about the depth and breadth of Women's League's world-wide involvement.

I look forward to further sharing the knowledge I gained from this learning experience to further grow our Sisterhood.

Here are two themes from the Institute:

- ❖ We all have the power to make the changes we want to change.
- ❖ Not your grandmother's sisterhood!

The next Women's League Leadership Institute will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, January 23-25, 2011.

