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Dear BQLI Region Friends

This week's *Parsha Balak* introduces us to the phrase *Mah Tovu* and *Balaam's* blessing of the Israelite tents. What a fitting convergence that this week we say thank you to our outgoing Region Officers and Board members and remind you that our Region "tent" remains open and we look forward to your continuing participation in our Region activities during the new term.

With the official beginning of a new Region term here, we offered training workshops, Tuesday, for 50 Sisterhood Presidents, Sisterhood Torah Fund Vice Presidents, and Region leaders. WLCJ trainer, Meryl Balaban, shared many valuable tools and tips with new and returning Sisterhood leaders. And, Region Torah Fund Vice President, Barbara Kaplan, guided participants in current Torah Fund office protocols and deadlines, along with details about the 5779 Torah Fund theme: *Atid* (Future). Thank you to our members who attended and Meryl and Barbara for leading these useful and practical workshops. And, thank you to Teri Fields, Midway Jewish Center Sisterhood President, for graciously hosting us.

Now is the time that BQLI Region and WLCJ ask all Sisterhoods to complete a Sisterhood Profile, an *essential* tool that will enable communication between the Region and WLCJ and our affiliated members. Thank you, in advance, to Sisterhood Presidents and/or Sisterhood Data Managers for taking the time to provide BQLI Region, WLCJ and the Torah Fund office with the names and contact information of Sisterhood officers and portfolio team leaders. If you need assistance completing this task, please let me know.

And, thank you for providing [Vicki Granek](#), our Region Communications Vice President, with current email addresses of your Sisterhood's members so that each may receive Region and WLCJ announcements and our newsletter, *Shabbat Greetings*.

I also want to take this moment to remind all our members that at the end of July, WLCJ will be offering a Women's League Leadership Institute in Portland, Oregon. With the guidance of superb WLCJ trainers, Leadership Institute (LI) engages members in Jewish learning, personal development and Sisterhood leadership skills. I encourage all our members to participate in at least one LI. If not this summer, perhaps during a future LI that takes place closer to home. Scholarships are available for first-time BQLI Region attendees. **For more information about this summer's Leadership Institute, [click here](#).**

Wishing all an enjoyable July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. ***Mah tovu!***

*B'shalom,*

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