



The MetroNorth Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism wishes you and your family and friends a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving



MetroNorth Region WLCJ

Candle Lighting 4:18 Parasha Toldot



Dear Lisa,

On November 1st, I attended the 100th Anniversary of the Women's League celebration at Sutton Place Synagogue. The women were warm and welcoming and the evening was filled with good food, lively entertainment and interesting conversation. Many beautiful raffle gifts were distributed throughout the evening. Speeches were given in support of Women's League and Torah Fund and their value to the Sutton Place women/synagogue. In addition, we learned about future programming for the congregation and the community. Yasher koach to all the women who worked so tirelessly to make this event special. I wish to thank Susan Goodman, President; and Karyn Kramer and Gabrielle Levy, Co-Chair V.P.s for including me in their celebration.

Robert Louis Stevenson said, " The man who has forgotten to be thankful has fallen asleep in the midst of life." Sally Abby, an active Women's League Board member, wrote: " Life affords us many opportunities to express our thanks: for the air we breathe, the food we eat, the world around us, the beauty of nature, the health and joy of our families, the existence of Israel, the peace of the moment, the freedom to be."

I want to thank the MetroNorth Region Board members for their ongoing support and commitment to Women's League and to our Sisterhoods. Each group of women voluntarily shares their dedication to providing Jewish values and education; social action; community service; support of Israel and so much more to their synagogues and communities.

Leona Eligberg, from Shaare Zedek Sisterhood wrote the following 16 years ago: "As we are grateful for the gifts of family and friends, so too, must we be generous in mind and spirit and deeds. We must practice *Tikkun Olam* by assuaging the needs of the sick, the elderly, the poor and the homeless where we live-in our own neighborhoods and towns and cities. As well as adherence to the Judaic precept of

Tz'dakah, a true gift of love is volunteering-the gift which enriches the giver as well as the recipient, for it is within the means of all of us to give."

We wish you a joyous, healthy and peaceful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends.

Shabbat Shalom,

Gaye

Good and Welfare

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Upcoming Events:

November 28th- Giving Tuesday

March 13- Women's Seder co-hosted by Sutton Place Synagogue, Or Olam, and Habonim

April 30- Hudson Valley Torah Fund Dinner, Nanuet Hebrew Center

May 10- Manhattan Torah Fund Dinner, Sutton Place

Mazel Tov to:

Audrey & Burt Citak on the marriage of their granddaughter Carly Citak

Heidi Lewis and Andres Rabinovich on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Evan

Get Well to:

Laurie Newitz

Arnold Gussin

Condolences to:

Claire Gondelman (past president MetroNorth Region) and Joel Gondelman on the death of his mother Zelda Gondelman

The family of Marsha Levitus

Arlene Flohr on the loss of her mother Blossom Flohr

We don't know what your good and welfare is unless you tell us.

Torah Fund Pin 5778



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Let us know what your sisterhoods are doing!

[Send us an e-mail!](#)

We received this from Sutton Place Synagogue



Dear Fellow Congregants,

Tomorrow marks the departure of Minna Schneider after 10 years of service as the Executive Director at Sutton Place Synagogue. We would like to take this moment to thank her for the service that she gave to our synagogue during her tenure. Minna provided administrative leadership, using her legal and financial background, to all of us. She was a voice of reason and a sounding board to many volunteers, and she was a warm and welcoming presence in the office to our congregants. She was instrumental in the implementation of our budgeting process, many of our building projects, including the renovation of our ballroom, she worked on transforming our governance system during the strategic planning period, and she was the point person for day to day events at our synagogue from security issues, to building issues to financial issues and more.

We wish her happiness and health in the next stage of her life and ask you to join us in thanking her for all the work she has done for our synagogue.

Sincerely,

Roger Cohen, SPS President 2007-2011

Rick Kaminer, SPS President 2011-2016

Shari Pochapin, SPS President 2016-Present



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***Networking to engage,
enrich and empower
Conservative Jewish women***

#GIVINGTUESDAY



An essential element of the mission of Women's League is to reinforce bonds with Israel and Jews worldwide by nurturing a real sense of *ahavat Zion* (love of Israel) among its members. As part of this initiative, Conservative/Masorti women throughout Israel are

cordially invited to participate in four Women's League **Days of Study**. Women's League participants report that their experiences with Days of Study helped enrich their own communities and Sisterhoods, providing an expanded base of Jewish knowledge

On November 28, **Giving Tuesday** celebrates generosity and making a difference in our world. We hope that you will join **Women's League** today and make a difference by donating [here](#) to support pluralistic Days of Study for women in Israel. Share your stories, tag Women's League on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and use the hashtag **#GivingTuesday** to let your followers know about the exciting programs we have planned for 2018!



"I believe supporting **Giving Tuesday** is important so we can insure that our sisters in Israel are free to study as our sisters are able to here." - **Edna Shrank**, Sisterhood President, Central Great Lakes



Considering an Adult Bat Mitzvah?

Women's League, in collaboration with the **Melton Research Center for Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary**, presents ***Etz Chayim He***, an innovative two-year study curriculum for adult education. Also available as individual study guides, ***Etz Chayim He*** includes lessons on Jewish prayer, the *Mitzvot*, Jewish Holidays, and Making *Midrash*, among other subjects. Purchase ***Etz Chayim He*** from the Women's League website - the full course costs \$85, and individual study guides are \$17.50 each



The Masorti Women's Days of Study have been a stunning example of joint cooperation among Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the Schechter Institute, and the Masorti Women International. In 2000, Janet Tobin, then WLCJ

Each winter, over 300 women attended at least one of three study days around the country. Some traveled for hours to get to the closest session. Every June, hundreds of women travel to the Jerusalem campus of the Schechter Institute for a culminating event. Each year, the Days of Study revolve around a theme, an important issue, challenges in Israeli society where women can have an impact. Classes, presented in four languages (Hebrew, Spanish, Russian and English), are offered in social action, leadership, worship music, writing and drawing, yoga and meditation, Bible and Torah study, and more. Leaders include Rabbis, Cantors, and professional Jewish educators, many associated with the Schechter Institute.

All Women's League members have the opportunity to join the Days of Study while visiting in Israel or via [video links](#). Women's League participants report that their experiences helped enrich their own communities and Sisterhoods, providing an expanded base of Jewish knowledge.



Continue the Legacy

Convention 2017 kicked off the **Women's League Centennial** with a **video tribute** to our past presidents and an informative timeline of the last 100 years. The video is available online, and the timeline can be

borrowed by regions or by regions or sisterhoods. Now more than ever, Women's League brings together the Jewish history of the past and the rich future of the Conservative/Masorti women's movement, and we invite you to be an integral part of it. **Support** the next 100 years of Women's League by contributing to either **The 1918 Society** or the **\$100 for 100 Years Campaign**.

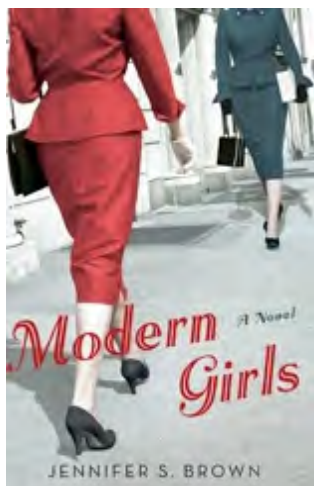
The Centennial "**Join the Celebrations**" campaign will also supply programming and activity suggestions for sisterhoods and regions in order to encourage our members to "join the celebration!" You can be a part of it by spreading the word to your sisterhood and participating in this great milestone.

Women League Reads

Modern Girls

by Jennifer S. Brown

has just been announced as the first **Women's League Reads** pick of the new year! "This historical-fiction novel is set in 1935 on New York City's Lower East Side. Rose, a traditional Jewish mother who scrimps and saves in hope of her children's success, also has political activist yearnings, and Dottie, her single daughter, is an americanized striver. Both are ambitious women



who strain against gender confines, yet find their lives upended by unwanted pregnancies. Their first-person narratives alternate. There is a glimpse, too, of the looming Holocaust in Europe, viewed through correspondence between Rose and her brother in Poland."

Modern Girls was a Jewish Book Council Staff Pick for July 2016.

[Women's League Reads](#) is a moderated online discussion group for WL members featuring books of interest to today's Jewish women. Read more about *Modern Girls* [here](#). To join Women's League Reads, click [here](#).

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