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Editor's note: Pictures from Convention 2017 have been posted to INR's website. [Click here to visit our site.](#)

Our sympathy goes to the family of Annette Shapiro, Past President of the NY State Branch. May her memory be a blessing.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING CONFERENCE 2018

WHAT: INR SPRING CONFERENCE

WHEN: April 29 And 30, 2018

WHERE: Temple Beth El, Rochester New York

WHO: All Sisterhood Members from Inr

WHY: Time to Meet and Learn from Each Other

THIS NOTICE COMES TO YOU FROM YOUR LOYAL CO-CHAIRS:

Marcia Nabut And Ruth Shapiro

Questions?

After Sukkot, contact Marcia Nabut at either 585-271-4189 or mnabut@rochester.rr.com

**FROM THE WLCJ INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SHABBAT
/YOM TOV GREETINGS**

"Again, Again"

The Lessons of Simchat Torah are many.

You sit with a child on your lap, telling the longest story or perhaps every verse of their favorite song, and when you finish, they gleefully demand "Again, Again".

I am reminded of a movie from the 80's, "Finnegan Begin Again". What seemed then to be an older man, Robert Preston, with a senile wife, began to have feelings for a much younger woman played by Mary Tyler Moore. He emotionally attempted to close a chapter of his life and "begin again".

On Simchat Torah, we too, quite literally, finish the final chapter of the Torah and immediately begin again. There are so many lessons of this holiday that I love.

First, we acknowledge that Torah is never ending. There is something comforting to think that this tradition is a constant in an ever changing world. My grandfather and his before him, sat in shul, reading the Torah. I think about the continuity of family, generation after generation, century after century, having experienced this everlasting practice. The cycle continues.

Just as reading the Torah is continuous, learning is never over. The texts are repeated year after year, but as we grow, our frame of reference changes through time. Our perspective changes as well. So, although we know the stories of the Torah, each time we read a repeated text, we experience it differently than the last time. The Torah is old, yet it is new again.

Finally we learn from Simchat Torah, how to celebrate accomplishments. We totally immerse ourselves in the joy of this annual milestone. How meaningful it is to rejoice after the long year. We dance and sing with our synagogues, just as my grandfather did a century ago. My prayer of course is that my grandchildren's children will be doing the same.

During this celebration of Simchat Torah, please reflect on the ultimate lesson, that through our lives, we have many opportunities to begin again.

Shabbat Shalom

Chag Sameach
Margie Miller

FROM THE REGION EDUCATION VP, LOIS SILVERMAN

There are many people who have traits or opinions that we find annoying or irritating. Working with these people could seem impossible.

The interesting thing about working with people is that often the best ideas and products are created by groups composed of divergent personalities and opinions.

When members of any group see through the superficial differences and that which initially annoys or irritates, great things can happen.

This fable from the Internet says it all.

Fable of the Porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold.

The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

Shabbat Shalom
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FROM WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

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ACTION NEEDED: RESOLUTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A resolution on [Human Trafficking](#)

being presented in our new open resolutions system is available for review and discussion on the Women's League website, www.wlcj.org

Please take a look at the resolution and leave your comments. A webinar discussion of the resolution will take place on **Monday, October 16 at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time**. Instructions on how to join the conversation are below.

There are several more resolutions being worked on by the resolutions committee, on issues including Gun Control and Women's Right to Choose.

Click [here](#) to read and comment on the proposed resolution.

How to Join the Meeting

Date: Monday, October 16, 2017

Time: 8:30 p.m. (EST)

Please go online and follow these directions a few minutes before the meeting. (Take note of the meeting ID, which is **240-945-204**, before proceeding as you may need it to sign in.)

OPTION 1

Zoom works best if you have a camera and speaker on your computer. Join the meeting online by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/240945204> and then choose the JOIN AUDIO BY COMPUTER tab.

OPTION 2

If you are joining the meeting online and do not have a speaker on your computer, click here: <https://zoom.us/j/240945204> and choose the JOIN BY PHONE tab. You will receive a call-in number, the meeting ID, and your participant ID, which you will need when you call in.

OPTION 3

If you are joining the meeting by phone only, please call:

Dial in: 646-558-8656
Canada Dial in: 647-558-0588
Meeting ID: 240-945-204

If you have never used Zoom before, you will be directed to **zoom_launcher.exe**. Follow these directions:

- It will ask: **Would you like to save this file?**
- Click on **SAVE FILE**.
- We suggest that you save the file to your **DESKTOP**
- You will need to click on the **BLUE ARROW** on the upper right corner of your screen to download the program.
- A pop up will appear. Click on it, and then click **"RUN."**

If that doesn't take you directly to the meeting, return to this email and click on the meeting link provided above.



Save the Date! Distance Workshop

The next **free** Women's League Distance Workshop, **"I'm a Line Officer - What Should I Be Doing in this Leadership Position?"** is scheduled for

Wednesday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m., eastern time. Are you a Recording Secretary or a Corresponding Secretary? A Treasurer or Financial Secretary? A Vice President? This workshop is for you! An e-mail with the call-in number will be sent the week of the workshop. Register [here](#).



Next Leadership Institute

October 29-30, 2017

Merrick Jewish Centre, Merrick, NY

Cost: \$199 for the entire two-day institute, including meals and snacks. Plus hotel at \$70 per person, double occupancy.

Register [here](#). For further information, contact: Mimi Pollack, Leadership

Institute Chair, mimipollack@comcast.net, 215-355-5069, 215-837-6502

FROM THE TORAH FUND VICE PRESIDENT MARILYN COHEN



YOUR TORAH FUND DOLLARS AT WORK

Check out the following amazing statistics about the impact of just one of our Conservative seminaries to the Jewish community in North America?

Imagine how vast the impact is to our Jewish community when you include all five of our seminaries - Jewish Theological Seminary (New York) Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles), Schechter Institute (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico (Buenos Aires) and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam,

Germany).

THE IMPACT OF the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) ALUMNI:

✧53,000+ children develop Jewish neshamas at day schools led by 379 teachers and administrators who were educated. at JTS

✧477,000 Jews are inspired, learn and pray in synagogues that are led by JTS rabbis and cantors.

✧103,000+ students on college campuses can experience Jewish life at Hillels that are led by JTS alumni.

✧30,000+ campers discover the joys of Jewish living and learning from JTS trained educators.

✧43% of rabbis ordained since 2005 are women.

✧600+ educators who were trained at JTS captivate the next generation with a love of the Jewish people in their work in congregational schools, day schools and early childhood centers.

✧100+ professionals have graduated from JTS who are animating social service and social justice organizations that are trailblazing new ideas.

Todah Rabah to all our Women's League members who donated to TORAH FUND which supports the students at our seminaries.

Shanah Tovah Tikateivu V'Techateimu.

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Check out the New Torah Fund Guide and all the other materials to run a great campaign!

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