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FROM THE EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT

As a child, I remember buying and wearing a red poppy on Veterans' Day, originally Armistice Day. I knew red poppies had something to do with World War I, but I was older when I learned about this war and how it ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

In honor of the day, I've included the poem many of us had to memorize about WWI, "The War to End All Wars." It is a commentary about the fallen of the all wars. May we have no more fallen to remember.

Lois Silverman
Region Education/Program VP

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



*Composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915
during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium*

FROM WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 17: *Cook with Mollie Katzen*

December 11: *Intergenerational WLReads program with Bethany Spector*

January 21: *Women's League Shabbat*

Personal Conversations

Our first **Personal Conversation** was a big hit! Thank you to Sharsheret for sharing information in a sensitive and straightforward way.

Personal Conversations are an opportunity to address everyday issues that really aren't so every-day in discussions about obstacles and opportunities, where we are today and where we want to be in the future.

The next scheduled conversation will be [**Aging is not for Sissies: Helping members of the sandwich generation help those they love as they age**](#)

Presented by Renee Glazier on January 24, 2017

Click [here](#) to register.

Barukh Dayan Emet

With sadness we announce the death of Mary Katzin Simon, wife of Rabbi Charles Simon, executive director of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Condolence notes may be sent to Rabbi Simon at 180 Riverside Drive, Apt. 9B, New York, NY 10024.



Join MERCAZ today!

MERCAZ is the Zionist membership organization of the Conservative Movement, the voice of Conservative Jewry within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement and the Jewish National Fund to support religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between

Israel and the Diaspora. [Click here to become a new member or renew an existing membership.](#)

[Click here](#) to see how MERCAZ represents our Conservative/Masorti Movement institutions in Israel and throughout the Diaspora.

Program Evaluation Survey

The Women's League **Program Activities Team** is evaluating all of the educational and programmatic materials that we have produced over the past several years. To ensure the most accurate assessment of what we produce, we need to hear from you as to how (or if) you have used these materials in your sisterhood or personal life.

Most of these materials are posted on our website at www.wlcj.org.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey. Please complete the survey by November 16.

As a thank you, we will enter your name into a raffle drawing for one of the books discussed in Women's League Reads.

Click [here](#) for the survey. Thank you for your time!

A BOLD NEW OUTLOOK



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR
CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
CONVENTION 2017**

Sisterhood stipends for convention!

Win a \$500 convention stipend for your sisterhood! Get the members of your sisterhood to provide their email and click on **I wish to receive periodic email updates from WLCJ** (or ask us to do it for them!).

Four sisterhoods with 75% of their members "clicked" will be eligible to win \$500 toward their convention expenses.

We want to expand our online network. To do that, members need to let us know, on their personal profiles, that they **wish to receive periodic email updates from WLCJ** to be active members of that network. They get more benefits from Women's League and your sisterhood could win \$500 so that it can benefit from participation in an exceptional Women's League convention. It's a win-win.

BookMarks

The next issue of Women's League BookMarks is available [online!](#) Leading into our centennial celebrations, it is focusing on celebrated books of the last century ... game changing books, memorable books ... with one or more chosen for each decade

What you'll find in the issue:

- What makes a book a game changer?
- The Women's League selections
- Q & A with authors Anita Diamant and Maggie Anton
- Response to *Lean-In* by Sheryl Sandberg, a year after losing her husband and becoming a single mother
- Program suggestions

Women's League Shabbat

January 21, 2017/23 Tevet 5777

Parashat Shemot

***P'ri Yadehah* - The Fruit of Her Hands**

We are pleased to provide a collection of new *divrei Torah* and readings for Women's League Shabbat 2017, this year focusing on the theme of the work of our hands. You can download the materials [here](#).



Women's League Reads

Something new and tasty!

For our next Women's League Reads selection, we have chosen a cookbook!

In honor of Women's League's upcoming centennial, our soon-to-be released issue of BookMarks will feature a game-changing book from each of the last ten decades.

For the 1970s, we selected *The*

Moosewood Cookbook by Mollie Katzen, listed by the New York Times as one of the top ten best-selling cookbooks of all time, and no wonder. With her sophisticated, easy-to-prepare vegetarian recipes, charming drawings, and hand lettering, Mollie introduced millions to a more healthful, natural way of cooking. A new 40th

Anniversary Edition is currently available.

Mollie Katzen herself will be joining us for a live interview and a Thanksgiving "cooking demonstration" on Thursday, November 17 at 8:30 pm EST. You can buy the ingredients and cook along with Mollie.

Next selection for intergenerational readers -----

When Life Gives You OJ

by Erica Perl

This is an affectionate and hilarious tale of the enduring bond between grandparents and grandchildren that is ideal for 8 to 12 year olds. Younger children might also enjoy reading it or having it read to them.

Invite a young person who is important to you to join in reading this book. Together, read the book, discuss it, and cherish your time together. If distance is a problem, you can always try Skype or FaceTime.

Starting December 4, we will post questions for our regular Women's League Readers, including questions you can discuss with your special young person.

Then join with us on **Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2016** (time to be announced) for a live interview between the author and Women's League member and educator Bethany Spector. This discussion will be appropriate for your young readers.

You can register your young reader by contacting Lois Silverman at lsilverman@wlcj.org with their name and email. Please provide your sisterhood name and location. The young reader will receive a confirmation email welcoming her or him to Women's League Reads.

Board Obligations for 2016-2017

All Women's League board members need to update their Conflict of Interest form for 2016-2017 and make a contribution (\$75 minimum) to the **Kol Ishah Society Leadership Campaign**. The form can be downloaded on wlcj.org or by contacting [Razel Kessler](#).

Distance Workshops



For the complete 2016-2017 schedule of Distance Workshops, [click here](#).

You can read the scripts from each of the last workshops in the member document section of the website.

Jewels in the Crown Update



Convention 2017 will be here before you know it, and every sisterhood will want to be a recipient of a **2017 Jewels in the Crown Award** for outstanding programming and involvement.

There are a few changes for this year's awards, most importantly that the awards cover *three* years and that to be eligible, a sisterhood must be up-to-date with its per capita, participate in Torah Fund and attend region events. Information and the application are available on the [website](#). To help sisterhoods fulfill the various requirements, we have also prepared a tracking sheet to record programs and events as of Convention 2014. Remember, Jewels in the Crown Awards 2017 cover the period from July 2014 through June 2017 and will be presented at Convention 2017.

Please be sure to share this information with the sisterhoods in your region, and encourage everyone to participate.

FROM THE TORAH FUND VICE PRESIDENT MARILYN COHEN

TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN 2016-2017

CALLING ALL TORAH FUND SUPPORTERS!

Our 2016-2017 Torah Fund Campaign has begun. We are so excited about all the new developments this year.

1. The new theme this year is *Pri Yadehah* meaning the Fruit of her Hands. This phrase from the *Eishet Chayil* prayer celebrates women's achievements and creativity in the home, workplace, synagogue and community. The Wheat Branch featured on the new Torah Fund Pin (which you receive as a gift for donations over \$180) signifies the sustenance we wish for all our family and friends and the Olive Branch represents our prayers for peace.

YOUR ORDERS FOR YOUR PINS MUST BE SUBMITTED NOW! If you haven't already done so, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH KAREN ([212.678.8027](tel:212.678.8027)) at the TF office TO ORDER IMMEDIATELY.

2. Your Torah Fund donations support the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York),, the Ziegler School (Los Angeles), the Schechter Institutes (Jerusalem) and the Seminario Rabinico (Buenos Aires), and this year we've added a 5th seminary - **the Zacharias Frankel College of Potsdam, Germany**. All these institutions of higher learning are essential to the perpetuation of Conservative Judaism throughout the World. Not only do they educate Rabbis and Cantors, but also educators, administrators, social workers and lay leaders. Torah Fund provides scholarships to students at all five institutions.
3. **We now have 5 newly designed Torah Fund Cards to add to our collection.** Click on the link to see the new designs and to print out the order form for all your needs.
4. Please let me know when you will be having your Torah Fund Event or Study Day. If at all possible, I would love to join you. I'm available for any and all questions or concerns so don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all a *Hatslacha Raba* (great success) in your Torah Fund Campaign, this year.

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[Check out the New Torah Fund Guide and all the other materials to run a great campaign!
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4fcgm1vx528ze9x/AADNqaT_GXwnbZaISMo_m6Ona?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4fcgm1vx528ze9x/AADNqaT_GXwnbZaISMo_m6Ona?dl=0)

TORAH FUND STUDY DAY--SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20



Presents:

Torah Fund Study Day

Sunday November 20, 2016



Living Your Life With Meaning, Purpose And Joy

An interactive program including discussion, meditation and Jewish text study

led by

Elaine Cooper PhD

and introducing

Debbie Cohen Savage, Vice Principal, Associated Hebrew Schools, Toronto

Graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), Davidson School of Education, NY

JTS is fully supported by Torah Fund, the dedicated tzedakah of WLCJ

Sunday, November 20, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue
55 Yeomans Road, Toronto ON M3H 3J7

*RSVP to Bea Muroff by November 15

bmuroff@sympatico.ca or 416.633.2777

*Pre-registration \$7. At the door \$10
Refreshments

Sponsored jointly by the Torah Fund Committees of the Sisterhoods of
Beth David, Beth Tikvah & Beth Tzedec

NEED HELP?

HELP IS AVAILABLE ON THE WLCJ WEBSITE.

Programs, membership ideas, education material, and more available
at wlcj.org

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