

## 2011 MIDWEST DISTRICT OR AMI AWARD WINNERS

### Silver Or Ami Award Winners

#### Grandparent-Tot Tea Party

***BJBE Sisterhood***, Deerfield, IL •

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The Grandparent-Tot Tea Party is a multi-generational bonding experience that enables the youngest congregants to enjoy activities with their grandparents in a Jewish setting. Activities include: a craft decorating boxes, large group grandchild/grandparent song and game activities, fancy tea settings in a room lined with books, and time with questions provided to spark conversation between the children and their grandparents. The sisterhood notes that such parties help familiarize the youngsters with temple life while recruiting new sisterhood members among the grandmothers in attendance.

#### We Meet at Last — Connecting with Rabbi Ayala Miron of our Twin Sisterhood in Israel

***North Shore Congregation Israel***, Glencoe, IL •

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NSCI Sisterhood invited and hosted Rabbi Ayala Miron from its twin congregation in Israel to a weekend Shabbat retreat. In addition to helping lead worship services, Rabbi Miron attended their late-night pajama party, participated in their spirituality exercises, and told them about her journey towards becoming a Progressive woman rabbi in Israel and the struggles of her congregation. The highlight of the retreat was the presentation of a Torah cover made by one of their members to Rabbi Miron for her congregation's use. The twinned sisterhoods also made plans to hold a virtual Share-a-Shabbat dinner.

### Honorable Mentions

#### Sisterhood Shabbat and New Officer Installation

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The nine past presidents of the sisterhood were honored at an outdoor Shabbat service and installation of their new board. In which sisterhood partnered in leadership and planning with the men's club, senior youth group, and the temple's clergy to host an evening for 300 attendees, raise funds for construction of a new, on-site religious school, and collect food for the homeless.

### **Supplies to Our Soldiers in Afghanistan**

**Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim Sisterhood**, Deerfield, IL •

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Sisterhood members collected and sent 100 boxes of items needed by US soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, e.g., toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, lip balm, and socks, and sent them to a battallion stationed in a remote

### **Womens' Wellness Series**

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An ongoing program focusing on the health, safety, and well-being of their congregants. Programs are led by temple members and community professionals.