

2015 MIDWEST DISTRICT OR AMI AWARD WINNERS

Gold

Supporting Women in Need: A WRJ Midwest District Initiative to Commemorate 100 Years of Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ Midwest District, IA, IL, Northwest IN, MN, ND, SD, and WI

WRJ Midwest District sisterhoods partnered with local charities benefiting women as a way of celebrating WRJ's Centennial. Our women raised awareness and strengthened their connections to their communities by gathering donations, raising funds, and donating hours, with a focus on the number 100, to benefit their partner organizations.

Bronze

Little Black Dress: Fashion Show Through the Ages

Women of Emanu-El, Milwaukee, WI

The sisterhood hosted a vintage fashion show of LBD's and a silent auction of donated jewelry, and served hors d'oeuvres. This community event kicked it up a notch by serving a signature cocktail and wine, and encouraging attendees to wear a LBD. The runway show was produced by Goodwill Industries of SE Wisconsin.

Temple Chai Sisterhood Opens Doors - Accessible Door Installation Project

Temple Chai Sisterhood, Long Grove, IL

Working with temple staff, the Inclusion Committee, and the Building Committee, Temple Chai Sisterhood funded the installation of handicapped accessible doors for the front entrance of our building and the handicapped bathroom. The doors were dedicated by our Senior Rabbi as part of the congregational sisterhood Shabbat.

Vashti's Banquet

Women of North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL

WNSCI celebrated Purim with a Persian feast, fun activities, and a Shushan Bazaar for women and their daughters in the synagogue. This first-ever event grew from the life experience of one of our members, an Iranian immigrant from Hamadan, the supposed resting place of Queen Esther.

Honorable Mentions

2015 TBI Sisterhood Women's Seder
Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood, Skokie, IL

CommUnity Building: Shalach Manot Project
Temple Chai Sisterhood, Long Grove, IL

In Our Own Voice
Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood, Skokie, IL

Linkin' Hearts in Lincoln's Heartland
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Making Meaningful Women's Tallitot for the Synagogue
Women of North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL

The History of Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel
Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood, Skokie, IL

Women Helping Women in Need
Women of North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL

WRJ Midwest District Kallah: The Art of Being Jewish
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