



Midwest District M'Keshet

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CONVENTION! CONVENTION! CONVENTION!
October 27-30th

In case you may have missed it, we can now say the Midwest District convention is next month. I know Janet, the four co-chairs and their committees haven't forgotten! We are all busy planning the schedule, checking out the hotel, tasting the food for meals, working with the temple for services. There are the speeches and plenaries to plan, as well as scheduling the speakers and workshops with all the numerous volunteers who have been helping to create the most spectacular weekend ever!

If you have been busy too, which I realize we all are, take a moment and register to join us. I can guarantee that you will enjoy yourself more than you can even imagine. A weekend with your WRJ "sisters" is the best gift you can give yourself.

Remember, if you know of a sisterhood member who might benefit from a scholarship, there is still time. Please have her contact [me](#) to make a request for financial assistance. The money won't be sent until after the convention, but we do have the Gloria Miller Memorial

Scholarship Fund which can be used towards the cost of registration.

Our goals for registration are high and we hope you will help us reach them. I am looking forward to seeing you in October.



I hope I have "Enticed and Excited" you. I look forward to "Engaging and Embracing" you next month.

L'Shalom,

Lynne Turry
WRJ Midwest District President

REGISTER HERE FOR CONVENTION!

*If you have not yet registered for convention, don't wait for the last minute! We hope you will be able to join us. If you have never attended a Midwest District Convention, you are eligible for a \$100 discount if you register prior to **September 30, 2016***

[Click here](#) to receive the discount. If you have attended,

[Click here](#)

to register.

**Honor Your Sisterhood Women Today With an Ad, Sponsor an Event
or Provide Sample Size Products for the Registration Bags!**

We can't wait for the Midwest District Convention that will be **October 27-30, 2016** in Downers Grove, IL. The deadline to place an ad has been extended to

Friday, **September 16, 2016**. If you placed an ad or became a convention sponsor, we thank you so much for your generosity.

It's not too late to honor women with an ad, sponsor one of our events or provide sample size products for the registration bags! We encourage you to reach out to your clergy, brotherhood or men's groups, religious schools and temple board members. **Do you have or know of a business you may want to promote?** Please let them know about this wonderful opportunity!

There are three opportunities for your friends and sisterhood to be recognized:

- **Place an ad in our printed program book.** For only **\$18**, you may have your name listed on a page as a **Friend of WRJ Midwest!** Honor your Woman of Valor or congratulate women for their service! Have prominent placement with the outside back cover of the book. [Click here](#) to download the Ad Book Form.
- **Would you like to sponsor one of our signature events?** Your sisterhood or congregation may choose to sponsor the Kavod Awards Luncheon, Thursday or Saturday Evening Entertainment, or the Hospitality Suite. You may choose to be a **convention sponsor for \$100!** [Click here](#) to download the Sponsorship Opportunity Form.
- Provide sample size product to include in our Registration Bags. [Click here](#) to download the In-Kind Donation Form.

We hope you will consider supporting WRJ Midwest District. Again, the deadline to send the **completed form, your ad and payment** has been extended to Friday, **September 16, 2016**. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Women Helping Women Become Self-Sufficient & Professional in the Workplace

**Please Bring to Convention
New or Gently Used Accessories To Complete
Professional Outfits From The Ark**



The ARK is a not-for-profit, community-funded health and human services agency with facilities on Chicago's North Side and in Northbrook. The Ark addresses issues when hard times happen, life happens, and sometimes it feels as if there isn't a safety net.

Is your term ending on the Midwest District Board but you want to stay

connected with all that is happening in the district? Become a member of our **Alumnae Association!** [Click here](#) download the brochure and mail it, along with your payment to Sue Center at 1830 Breezy Trail, Verona, WI 53593. Contact [Sue](#) directly with any questions.



WRJ Fried Leadership Conference (FLC) 2017
will take place in Charleston, South Carolina
at the Charleston Marriott Hotel,
which will host both programming and nightly accommodations.

For more information regarding the
2017 Fried Leadership Conference
Please visit their website at <http://www.wrj.org/flc2017>
#WRJFLC17

WRJ IS GOING TO ISRAEL!

[Join WRJ on the trip of a lifetime to Israel in May, 2017!](#) Explore the country with 8 nights' accommodation and 7 days of touring in a luxury bus with a licensed, English-speaking tour educator.

[Download the flyer for the trip.](#)

Get ready to explore the old and the new of Israel: ancient Jerusalem and modern Tel Aviv; mystical Tsfat and bustling Jaffa; Masada and Independence Hall; archaeological sites and Yad VaShem. Through our journey we will visit Reform Movement leaders and WRJ [YES Fund grantees](#). Options will be available for both first-time visitors and returnees. From the Mediterranean Sea to the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea and back - we will have an amazing journey. This trip is scheduled to coincide with [World Union for Progressive Judaism's \(WUPJ\) Connections 2017](#) conference happening May 17-20 in Jerusalem. Attendees can look

forward to enriching their trip experience further by first attending the conference to further develop their leadership skills before joining WRJ on this wonderful tour experience. The tentative schedule can be [seen here](#).

[Register today!](#)

GOOD & WELFARE

Condolences to:

WRJ Board Member, [Diane Kaplan](#), on the passing of her mother. Messages of condolences may be sent to her at 6308 Limerick Lane, Edina, MN 55439.

WRJ Midwest District President, [Lynne Turry](#) on the passing of her brother-in-law, Dr. Norton Agron, DDS. Messages of condolences may be sent to her at 5 Dartmouth Ct., Lincolnshire, IL 60069.

VP, Marketing & Communications, [Linn Ullenbrauck](#) on the recent passing of her aunt, Doris Brownstein. Messages of condolences may be sent to her at 7421 N. Kostner Ave., Skokie, IL 60076.

R'fuah Sh'leimah to:

Programming Chair [Sue Schneider](#), of Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, IL on her recent surgery. Get well wishes may be sent to her at 9200 East Prairie Rd. Unit #201, Evanston, IL 60203.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:



September			October		
Sarah	Acker	09/02	Edith	Pang	10/01
Carole	Fefferman	09/07	Marjorie	Tobias	10/03
Sara	Coleman	09/08	Nikki	Levin	10/11
Debbie	Brenner	09/12	Raline	Paper	10/11
Karen	Dillon	09/02	Jennifer	Gordon	10/16
Bette	Solomon	09/16	Gail	Gendler	10/18
Ruth	Treisman	09/16	Zabe	Williams	10/18

Barbara	Offenberg	09/23	Lynne	Turley	10/19
Ilona	Rouda	09/24	Audry	Zabrudsky	10/21
Kathy	Madura	09/25	Jane	Taves	10/26
			Sheila	Gluck	10/28
			Terri	Argentar	10/31

MIDWEST DISTRICT CALENDAR



WRJ Midwest District Convention

Executive Committee Meeting
Board Meeting
Downers Grove, IL

October 27-30, 2016

October 27, 2016

October 30, 2016

Mah Jongg & Canasta Weekend
OSRUI, Oconomowoc, WI

March 31-April 2, 2017

WRJ Midwest District Kallah
Executive Committee Meeting
OSRUI, Oconomowoc, WI

April 28-30, 2017

April 28, 2017

Leadership Training & Interim
Board Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
District Board Meeting
OSRUI, Oconomowoc, WI

October 27-29, 2017

October 27, 2017

October 29, 2017

SISTERHOOD EVENTS*

Annual Bake Sale & Cookie Walk

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel
Skokie, IL

September 11, 2016

*Share your Sisterhood programs with us. Email lturley@comcast.net to update the calendar.