

## Special Edition

# WRJ Midwest District Convention 2016

Thursday, October 27, 2016 to Sunday, October 30, 2016

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Downers Grove, IL



Creating Our WRJ Community  
One Woman at a Time

### Dynamic Workshops

Warm Hospitality & Networking

Wine & Cheese Reception on Thursday

Thursday Evening entertainment:

Zafirah Belly Dancing

YES Fund Brunch

Shabbat dinner

Erev Shabbat Services

Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage  
County

Torah Study and Shabbat Morning Services

Kavod Luncheon:

Rhoda Hauptman Sisterhood Awards

Women of Valor Awards

Installation of District Board

Saturday Evening Entertainment

Ben Seidman

**Take a look at the following pages for details**

## WRJ Midwest Convention 2016



We are so thrilled that our special guest will be none other than Sara Charney, WRJ Vice President. She is from Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

While pursuing and after completing her doctorate in Italian Renaissance literature at the University of Toronto, Sara Charney taught Italian language and literature in the Department of Italian Studies at the University of Toronto. She took leave from her position to raise her three children and, as time allowed, began to engage in a variety of volunteer activities.



Charney, a member of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, has been president of that temple's sisterhood (600 members). While sisterhood president in 2003, she brought forward the Torat Chayim Project to the temple which was a community building initiative to write a new Torah scroll in honor of Holy Blossom Temple's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

She has served on both the board and executive committee of Holy Blossom as a department chair and recently coordinated a new leadership development initiative. In that capacity, she developed a membership 101 program for new and current members.

Charney joined Women of Reform Judaism's board of directors in 2005 and then the Executive Committee in 2007. She completed a two-year tenure as local arrangements co-chair for WRJ's 2009 Assembly in Toronto, at which time she was installed as a vice president of WRJ. Sara served as WRJ vice president of Marketing and Communications from 2009-2011. At the December 2011 WRJ assembly in Washington, Sara was re-installed as a vice-president, assuming the portfolio of Service to Sisterhoods and Districts. In March, 2013, Sara co-chaired WRJ's 10-day Centennial Mission to Israel and Berlin. At the December 2013 WRJ assembly in San Diego, Sara was installed as vice-president of a new WRJ portfolio, Programs and Education.



The theme of the convention is ***B'reishit... a New Beginning. Creating our WRJ Community One Woman at a Time.*** We are hoping that this event will kick-off a time of building and fostering a WRJ-wide family where every member has an opportunity to learn, grow and feel part of a nurturing community of Reform Jewish women.

Our workshops will center on three themes:

**BUILDERS:** Laying the foundation for stronger Sisterhoods and Communities...the "how to", nuts and bolts workshops;

**GOOD NEIGHBORS:** Contributing to our Community through acts of Gemilut Hasadim (loving kindness) and Tzedakah (justice, righteousness and good will);

**L'DOR VADOR:** Honoring our past, designing our future. New ideas for building our Sisterhoods and more.

# בראשית B'reishit...

*A New Beginning*



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## To Do List



Join the first ever **Installation Choir**. We will sing up to 3 songs, including the WRJ "Limdu Heiteiv" from the 100th anniversary celebration. Sheet music and recordings of the songs that we will rehearse at the convention prior to the installation will be sent to you before Convention. Contact Karen Dillon [kyellendillon@gmail.com](mailto:kyellendillon@gmail.com), if you would like to sing in the choir.



**Volunteer to make this the best convention ever.**  
Contact Joanne Merritt at [joannemA@wicresoft.com](mailto:joannemA@wicresoft.com) for the following opportunities on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

- Registration
- Hospitality
- Meal greeter
- Workshop greeter, introduce speaker
- Service Greeter
- Plenary Greeter
- Bus Captain for Friday night



It is a Midwest tradition to congratulate new officers and board members and to thank people with a **Uniongram**. You will have more time to schmooze and play games if you write them ahead of time before Conventions or you can purchase them in the Judaica shop at Convention.

**Bring wardrobe accessories for the Social Action project.**

**Women Helping Women  
Become Self-sufficient &  
Professional  
in the Workplace**



Visit the Convention **Judaica Shop** for District pin, Uniongrams, Women of the Wall Tallit, and a wide selection of Judaica.



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## Attention First Timers: Convention Discount

If this is your first Midwest District Convention and you are a member of a WRJ affiliated women's group/sisterhood, you are entitled to a \$100 discount if you register by September 30, 2016. Click [HERE](#) to apply for the discount.

Click [HERE](#) for online **Convention registration**

**Full Convention Registration** (daily rates available)

- \$295 until September 30, 2016
- \$325 after September 30, 2016
- \$195 special discount rate for first time attendees to a Midwest Distract Convention who register by September 30, 2016

Click [HERE](#) for online **Hotel registration**

**Hotel Room Reservations** - All rooms are 2 room suites with either 2 queen sized or king size and a pull-out king sofa bed. Rates include a full breakfast buffet.

Per night rate (guaranteed until 10/06/2016)

- \$99.00 (single/double)
- \$109 (triple)
- \$119 (quadruple)

One of the ways we want to publicize convention, especially on social media, is using #WRJMD2016. We want our convention to be trending all over Facebook and Twitter. This hashtag was created at the WRJ Assembly in Orlando at our district meeting. It came to me as a way to promote convention on social media. We encourage anyone who is on Facebook and Twitter to use this hashtag when talking about convention, especially when you register!! If you haven't already done so, please register for the 2016 WRJ Midwest District Convention and promote it on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WrjMidwest/> and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/WRJMDW>. Let's start trending all over social media!

The following link, <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Registration-is-Open-for-the-2016-MD-Convention-.html?oid=1119485838436&aid=LL72zJmSXk0> can be opened on the web and shared on both Facebook and Twitter to help promote convention. When people register in Eventbrite, there is a button to click on when you register to post and share that you have registered on Facebook. The Midwest District Convention is for everyone and we want everyone in the district to come to Downers Grove and have a wonderful experience of being around their peers. We want you to learn, network and have some fun in the process.

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**\*CONVENTION SCHEDULE OVERVIEW (Page 1).** Click [HERE](#) for schedule details.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016**

12:00pm Noon – 9:00pm

**Registration** DoubleTree Ballroom Lobby

Noon – 5:00pm (Hotel will provide free shuttles)

[Morton Arboretum](#)

[Oakbrook Center Shopping Mall](#)

5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Dinner meeting for Midwest District Outgoing and Incoming Executive Committee**

5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Optional Dinner for Early Attendees**, Carlucci's Restaurant next door to the DoubleTree

8:30pm – 10:00pm

**Welcome Wine and Cheese Reception**

Entertainment by Zafirah Belly Dancing Troupe

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016**

7:30am – 4:00pm **Registration:** DoubleTree Ballroom Lobby

6:00am – 9:00am **Buffet Breakfast**

7:30am – 9:00am **Sisterhood President Networking Breakfast**

7:30am – 9:00am **First Timers Breakfast and Orientation**

7:30am – 9:00am **Area Director Training**

9:00am – 10:15am **WORKSHOP BLOCK ALEF**

**Are You Experiencing Motion Sickness:** Presenter: Marcy Frost

**Working with Volunteers: The Good, Bad, and the Ugly.** Presenters: Kathy Madura & Gaye Weil

**How to Raise a Mensch. Leaving a Legacy for the Next Generation.** Presenter: Sharon Morton

10:30am – 1:00pm **YES Fund Brunch**

1:15pm – 2:30pm **WORKSHOP BLOCK BET**

**"WRJ: Aleph-Tav",** Presenter Sara Charney

**Engaging Young Members. Programming to Attract the Younger Generation of Sisterhood,**

Presenters Ashley Burbul, Jennifer Schneider

**Maturing with Wisdom. Living Life with Intention & Purpose,** Presenter: Julie Webb

2:45pm – 4:15pm **General Plenary Session**

5:00pm – 7:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**

7:30pm – 8:00pm **Buses depart the DoubleTree for Congregation Etz Chaim**, of DuPage County, Lombard, Illinois

8:15PM – 10:00PM **Shabbat Services** at Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County, Lombard, Illinois

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016**

7:30am – 9:00am **Registration:** DoubleTree Ballroom Lobby

7:00am – 8:30am **Buffet Breakfast**

8:30am – 9:45am **Torah Study 1 Genesis: Environmental Responsibility,**

Presenter: Cantor Rayna Green

**Torah Study 2 Creation of the World: A Case Study for Change Management,**

Presenter: Rabbi Ilana Baden

**Torah Study 3 Chai Mitzvah: A Meaningful Journey, Shared with Friends,** Presenters: Sarah Charney and Susan Pittleman

10:00am – 11:45am **Shabbat Morning Services**

12:00pm – 2:00pm **KAVOD Luncheon,**

**Rhoda Hauptman Memorial Award for Excellence, Woman of Valor Awards**

2:15pm – 3:30pm **WORKSHOP BLOCK GIMMEL**

**To Go, or Not to Go. The 1936 Berlin Olympics** Presenters: Terri Argentar, Sandy Greenberg

**Rhoda Hauptman Award Winners,** Chair: Judy Lohr-Safcik

**Sisterhood Leadership: How to Mentor for the Future,** Presenter: Sandi Firsell

3:45pm – 4:45pm **"It's a New Day at WRJ",** Presenter: Sara Charney

4:45pm – 5:45pm **BREAK**

5:45pm – 6:30pm **Havdalah and WRJ Midwest District Installation**

6:45pm – 7:30pm **Cocktail Reception in Honor of the New Midwest District Board**

7:30pm – 8:45pm **Celebration Dinner**

9:00 pm - 10:45pm **Entertainment** by nationally renowned illusionist Ben Siedman

Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the Saturday evening dinner and show. Please register your guests for this option in Eventbrite!

10:45pm – 11:30 pm **Sweet Table**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016**

7:00am – 9:00am **Buffet Breakfast**

7:30am – 9:15am **Board Meeting/Training** (Includes Sisterhood/Women's Group Presidents)

Presenter: Janet Buckstein

9:30AM – 10:45AM **"How to be a Mensch" Community Outreach Panel Discussion**

Facilitator: Rozan Anderson

Panelists: Marilyn Glazer, Sherri Feuer, Rachel Rapaport, Dr. Marc Swatez

11:00am – 12:00pm **Closing Plenary General Session**

President Janet Buckstein Presiding

Final Remarks: Sara Charney

## Evening Entertainment

### Thursday Night: ZAFIRAH BELLY DANCING TROUPE



Get ready for some fun! We are pleased to present Chicago's own Zafirah the Belly Dancer! Zafirah is an international professional performer of RAQS SHARQI (Arabic for "Oriental Dance"), Danse du Ventre, or as it's more commonly known here in the west, BELLY DANCE. Trained in traditional Egyptian Oriental Dance (including Folkloric), Turkish, American Cabaret, and Pan-Arabic & World Fusion styles of Belly Dance, Zafirah has performed all over the U.S. and Canada. Zafirah teaches classes in Northern Lake County, at her studio in Zion, IL and for the Vernon Hills Park District. Versed in sagat/zils (finger cymbals), sword, cane/double canes, stick/double sticks, veil/double veil, wings of Isis and more! Zafirah and her group will perform for us and teach us a few moves! Join us for this enjoyable event!

### Saturday Night: BEN SEIDMAN



WRJ Midwest District is thrilled to present illusionist/comedian Ben Seidman. Ben is one of our own—a Jewish Midwesterner! Ben was raised in a suburb just outside of Milwaukee. Ben's immense talent quickly took him out of the Midwest to perform around the world. Ben performed many, many times on the Las Vegas strip at various casinos to enthusiastic audiences. Ben is the only magician ever to be named Resident Magician at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Ben is constantly working, performing on college campuses, for corporations, comedy clubs, and on cruises. Ben was named Performer of the Year on Princess Cruises® in 2014. Ben has performed at *Catch a Rising Star*, the *Comedy Café* and *ComedySportz*. Ben can also be seen on television, starring in *Magic Outlaws* on the Travel Channel®, as well as an appearance on *Penn & Teller Fool Us* on the CW channel. Other performers and television shows want Ben's talent as well. Ben was a Magic Consultant for *Criss Angel Mindfreak* on A&E and the *Masters of Illusion* on MyNetwork TV. Ben's performance will be a real treat—you will not want to miss it! Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the Saturday evening dinner and show. Please register your guests for this option in Eventbrite!

### Every Night: Shmooz and Games

# Awards

## RHODA HAUPTMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

This award, named for the first president of WRJ Midwest's predecessor, Midwest Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is presented every two years, honors Sisterhoods for outstanding programs and/or projects. This year's awards will be presented at the WRJ Midwest District Convention in Downers Grove, Illinois October 27-30, 2016. This year we will be awarding Rhoda Hauptman Memorial Awards in multiple categories.

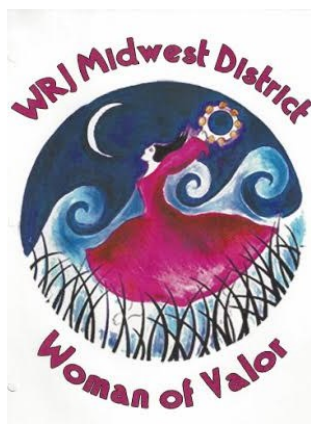
Sisterhoods may submit multiple entries in any of the categories, so please make additional copies of the application form if needed, and put only one entry on each form. Please note, that no Sisterhood can win more than two awards. Each Sisterhood is encouraged to submit programs/projects to be considered for this award. Please discuss this at your next board meeting and make arrangements for the application forms to be completed. Applications must be received by **August 1, 2016** to be eligible for this year's awards. If you have questions or need additional information or clarification, please contact either Judy Lohr Safcik at 708-363-9052 [jklohrsafcik@gmail.com](mailto:jklohrsafcik@gmail.com) or Carrie Morris at 708-862-8567 [CARRIE.MORRIS@sargentlundy.com](mailto:CARRIE.MORRIS@sargentlundy.com).

### Program Categories

- Membership/Engagement/Program
- Fundraising
- Social Action
- WRJ Projects

Click [HERE](#) for the application

## WOMAN OF VALOR AWARDS



Sisterhood presidents and boards are asked to select one special woman for recognition at our Kavod Awards Luncheon as your sisterhood's WOMAN OF VALOR. Our WOMAN OF VALOR award and it has become a wonderful tradition at our District conventions. The honorees will be highlighted in our luncheon program and receive a recognition certificate and a beautiful WOMAN OF VALOR pin which we hope they will wear proudly alongside their other WRJ and District pins.

How do you select your honoree? Every sisterhood has a story, and a woman who consistently takes a leading role in that story. She is always present for your community, bringing friendship, caring, leadership and love in all that she does. She may or may not be a member of your Board of Directors, but she must be a member

in good standing of your sisterhood. It is a recognition of a woman whose "value is far beyond pearls," for whom "strength and honor are her clothing", and who "smiles at the future."

We would like to announce the WOMEN OF VALOR in September so that the honorees will have the opportunity to invite their loved ones to attend the Shabbat morning service and the Award Luncheon on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Please submit the name of your WOMAN OF VALOR along with her photo, a one paragraph bio and three short words which best describe your honoree. We ask that you send this information to Penny Shnay at [plshnay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plshnay@sbcglobal.net) by **August 15, 2016**.

We look forward to receiving a nominee from each sisterhood and meeting these remarkable WOMEN OF VALOR at the convention in October.

Click [HERE](#) for Woman of Valor application



# WRJ Midwest District Convention

## Ad Book and Sponsorship Opportunities

Dear Friends of WRJ Midwest,

The Midwest District of Women of Reform Judaism Biennial Convention will be **October 27-30, 2016** in Downers Grove, IL.

Nearly **200 women** from **33 congregations** encompassing **8 Midwest states** will join together for three days of leadership development, motivation, recognition, networking, prayer, and the blessing of joining together as a sisterhood community of dedicated Jewish women.

### **There are three opportunities for you or your business to be recognized:**

- 1) Place an ad in our printed program book click [HERE](#) *for the Ad Book Form*
- 2) Sponsor one of our signature events such as: Saturday Evening Entertainment, our Awards Luncheon or the Hospitality Suite. click [HERE](#) for the Sponsorship Opportunity Form
- 3) Donate a sample size product to include in our Registration Bags click [HERE](#) for the Product Donation Letter

All of these opportunities will enable you to reach a targeted group of women informing them about your products and services.

We hope you will consider supporting WRJ Midwest District by purchasing an ad in our Convention Program book and/or sponsoring an integral piece of our convention.

The completed form and camera ready art work and your payment are due by **September 2, 2016**. Please contact us if you have any questions. Please forward this email to any people or companies you think might be interested in advertising or sponsorship.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this project.

Karen Dillon

[kyellendillon@gmail.com](mailto:kyellendillon@gmail.com)

Convention Ad Solicitation Chair

# Proposed Slate

## 2016-2018 Midwest District Board of Directors



Janet Buckstein  
Incoming President



Lynne Turry  
Outgoing President

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### PRESIDENT

Janet Buckstein\* *Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism*

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Michelle Scheinkopf\* *North Shore Congregation Israel*

#### AREA VICE PRESIDENT

Laura Cooper *Temple Beth Israel*

#### VP MEMBER SERVICES & PROGRAMMING

Carol Berger\* *BJBE*

#### VP DEVELOPMENT & WRJ PROJECTS

Zabe Williams\*, *Temple Beth-El*

#### VP MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Linn Ullenbrauck\* *Temple Beth Israel*

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Marlen Frost\* *Temple Israel Omaha*

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Marcia Koester *Temple Israel Minneapolis*

#### RECORDING SECRETARY

Judy Wexler\* *North Shore Congregation Israel*

#### TREASURER

Marilyn Weisberg, *Temple Israel Minneapolis*

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Lynne Turry\*, *Temple Chai*

### AREA DIRECTORS

#### METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

Andrea Blain *Temple Beth Israel*, Marsha Cooper *Oak Park*, Cheryl Stern *Temple Chai*

#### GREATER ILLINOIS/NORTHWEST INDIANA

Carole Fefferman *BYBS*, Judy Lohr-Safcik *BYBS*

#### IOWA/NEBRASKA

Alese Goers *Beth Tikvah*, TBD (from within the Area)

#### MINNESOTA/DAKOTAS

Beth Ettinger *Bet Shalom*

#### WISCONSIN/WESTERN ILLINOIS

Norissa (Nikki) Levin *Congregation Emanu-el B'ne Jeshurun*

The following women sit as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee with voice and vote, by virtue of their serving on the WRJ Board of Directors:

Rozan Anderson, Sherri Feuer, Sandi Firsell, Marcy Frost, Marla Goldberg, Diane Kaplan, Susan Pittelman, Jane Taves

\* Members of the Executive Committee who also serve on the WRJ Board

## MIDWEST DISTRICT BOARD

**WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO:** Janet Buckstein *Lakeside Congregation fo Reform Judaism*, WRJ Midwest President

<b>BYLAWS REVISIONS</b>	Marcy Frost* <i>Temple Israel Minneapolis</i>
<b>NOMINATING</b>	Lynne Turry* <i>Temple Chai</i>
<b>WRJ AFFILIATES</b>	Gayle Weil <i>BYBS</i>

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT PORTFOLIO:** Michelle Scheinkopf *North Shore Congregation Israel*, First Vice President

<b>KALLAH</b>	Donnelle Macey <i>BYBS</i> , Karen Schwartz <i>Temple Chai</i>
<b>RELIGIOUS RITUALS/WORSHIP</b>	Denise Fogel <i>Temple Israel Minneapolis</i> , Gale Nudelman <i>Temple Beth Israel</i>
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	Marla Goldberg* <i>BIBE</i> , Audrey Zaprudsky <i>Temple Emanuel</i>

**AREA DIRECTORS:** :Laura Cooper *Temple Beth Israel*, Area Vice President

<b>METROPOLITAN CHICAGO</b>	Andrea Blain <i>Temple Beth Israel</i> , Marsha Cooper <i>Oak Park</i> , Cheryl Stern <i>Temple Chai</i>
<b>GREATER ILLINOIS/NORTHWEST INDIANA</b>	Carole Fefferman <i>BYBS</i> , Judy Lohr-Safcik <i>BYBS</i>
<b>IOWA/NEBRASKA</b>	Alese Goers, <i>Beth Tikvah</i> , TBD (from within the Area)
<b>MINNESOTA/DAKOTAS</b>	Beth Ettinger <i>Beth Shalom</i>
<b>WISCONSIN/WESTERN ILLINOIS</b>	Norissa (Nikki) Levin <i>Congregation Emanu-el B'ne Jeshurun</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE TO SISTERHOODS AND PROGRAMMING:** Carol Berger\* *BIBE*, Vice President

<b>CRITICAL ISSUES/SOCIAL ACTION</b>	Marilyn Glazer <i>BIBE</i> , Sharon Green <i>Temple B'rith Shalom</i>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Sarah Acker <i>Congregation Shalom</i>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>	Sheri Frisque <i>Mt. Zion</i>
<b>SPEAKERS BUREAU</b>	Gloria Kaiz <i>BIBE</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND WRJ PROJECTS:** Zabe Williams *Temple Beth El*, Vice President

<b>ALUMNAE</b>	Mae Schwab <i>Temple Chai</i>
<b>CAMP</b>	Kathy Madura <i>Oak Park</i>
<b>WRJ PROJECTS</b>	Diane Kaplan* <i>Temple Israel Minneapolis</i>
<b>YES FUND</b>	Sandi Firsell* <i>Temple Chai</i>

**DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Linn Ullenbrauck\* *Temple Beth Israel*, Vice President

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Karen Dillon <i>North Shore Congregation Israel</i>
<b>DATA MANAGEMENT/DIRECTORY</b>	Peggy Kipp <i>Mt. Zion</i>
<b>THE MESSENGER</b>	Michelle Dloogoff <i>Congregation Emanu-el B'ne Jeshurun</i>
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	Jennifer Schneider <i>Mt. Zion</i>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	Marci Kops <i>Beth Am</i>

\* Member of the WRJ Board

# 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**



♦ Scarves

♦ Shoes

♦ Necklaces

♦ Earrings

♦ Watches

♦ Rings

♦ Bracelets

♦ Broaches

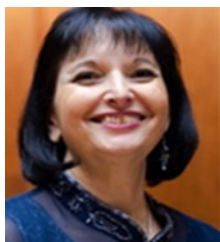
♦ Purses/Totes

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.



## Planning Your Convention

Planning an event like this takes a village. To lead that village are four women who won't take no for an answer: Carol Berger, Michelle Scheinkopf, Cheryl Stern and Linn Ullenbrauck. Each of us has different responsibilities to make the 2016 convention a success. We wanted to share with you a little tidbit of information of what each of us are responsible for to entice you into attending next year's convention. Not only do we want you to come, but we also want you to volunteer your time. After all, it's your convention! **THANK YOU CAROL, MICHELLE, CHERYL, LINN and all of your committee people and volunteers.**



Carol Berger  
([ponderer4552@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ponderer4552@sbcglobal.net)) is responsible for overseeing all the programming for the weekend from start to finish. While planning most of the workshops are still in the works, we are able to share a few of the activities.



Michelle Scheinkopf  
([scheinkopf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scheinkopf@sbcglobal.net)) is a Jack of All Trades or JOAT for short. She is responsible for keeping the list of volunteers for the other co-convention chairs and to help the Volunteer Co-Chairs to find the volunteers at large for the actual convention. This portfolio also includes the services that will take place during the course of the convention including Friday night services at [Etz Chaim Congregation](#), Shabbat morning, Havdallah and the Installation Service all of which are located at the Doubletree. Rhoda Hauptman, Women of Valor, and the YES Fund Brunch and Awards program fall under her watch as does the Social Action Project that all attendees will get to participate in.



Cheryl Stern  
([cbsternies@aol.com](mailto:cbsternies@aol.com)) is our venue and F&B lady. She helped find the location where we will hold our convention. Where is that you say? We will be staying away the [Doubletree Suites](#) by Hilton in Downers Grove, IL. It's about 15 miles southwest of O'Hare International Airport. Each room is a suite with a living room with a pull-out sofa. You can easily sleep 3 in a room. A breakfast buffet is included in the rate. The single and double rate is \$99 and triple is \$109 and quad is \$119.



Linn Ullenbrauck  
([linneupooh@att.net](mailto:linneupooh@att.net)) is your communications guru. She is responsible for overseeing all marketing and communications of the convention including promotional emails, the production of the program/ad book, proofreading and printing the Kavod/Woman of Valor booklet and all other printed materials, the convention bags & tags and signage at the convention site. Marketing and communicating the convention is up to all of us so we have a successful attendance from all of our sisterhoods!



This is our button for convention. Did you receive a button at a district event since Assembly? If so, be sure to bring it and wear it! Show your pride and that you will be at convention. If you didn't receive one, be sure to get it in October in Downers Grove!