

# WRJ Midwest District



# The Messenger

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SHERRI FEUER, PRESIDENT PENNY SHNAY, EDITOR

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Sherri Feuer

## Dear Friends,

Since the last *Messenger*, many of us had the opportunity to be together in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Approximately 50 Midwest women participated in WRJ's 47<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Each of you should be very proud of your sisterhood and, frankly, our Midwest District is "some district!" Check out the Assembly highlights below, peppered with the achievements of our Midwest District women and awards given to your own sisterhoods. If this seems a bit long, I am sorry, but it is hard not to feel like a proud parent!

- At the Assembly, we learned from others at a variety of different workshops, some led by Midwest District women, including Marla Goldberg, Diane Kaplan, and Susan Pittelman. We socialized with our Midwest District "sisters" at our District lunch. Thanks to Judy Lohr, Penny Shnay, Diane Kaplan, Susan Pittelman and the WRJ Midwest District Singers for their assistance. We listened to renowned speakers, such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a physician from Gaza, who spoke eloquently of his hope for peace between Palestinians and Israelis and Judy Feld Carr, who described her incredible twenty–five year efforts which resulted in the freedom of 3,200 Jews from Syria.
- We discussed and adopted three important WRJ resolutions dealing with immigration, elder abuse and food
  production and distribution. The WRJ Resolutions Committee was chaired this year by our Midwest District Vice
  President of Programming & Advocacy, Sally Frank of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Des Moines, IA.
- In a moving ceremony, we witnessed the transfer of two Torahs to Israel-- transfers that occurred because of WRJ's involvement. We all attended a remarkable YES Fund Luncheon this year, chaired by Diane Kaplan, WRJ YES Fund Chair. At that luncheon, I was *kvelling* as I was privileged to receive the Midwest District Gold Lifeline on behalf of all of you and then able to pass on our Midwest silver lifeline pin as one of the first WRJ Legacy Pins to First Vice President Marla Goldberg. There is no one more appropriate to carry our district into the future and I am thrilled to be passing this Midwest District Legacy Pin to her. In other very touching moments, Marcy Frost presented a Legacy Lifeline Pin received from WRJ Past President Helene Waranch's mother to Marcy's own mother, Marlen Frost, and incoming WRJ President Lynn Magid Lazar presented her own Legacy Lifeline Pin to her daughter, Lindsey.



I gave the pin to Marla.

Speaking of incredible accomplishments, B'nai Jeshoshua Beth Elohim, Deerfield, IL, received the Ma'agal Award at the Assembly, recognizing this sisterhood as the *one* (out of over 500 sisterhoods!) with the highest percentage of new circle of service members during the two-year period prior to Assembly. (I hope the Ma'agal Award Certificate will be prominently featured somewhere in the new BJBE building in Deerfield!)

And, of course, the WRJ Installation, where Lynn Magid Lazar was installed as the new WRJ President, was lovely. It was so beautiful to witness our own Susan Pittelman installed as Secretary on the WRJ Executive Board, new Board members Marlen Frost and Karen Dillon being installed and Sally Frank granted a two-year extension, joining board members, Marcy Frost, Helen Gold, Marla Goldberg, Diane Kaplan, Sue Stein and Lynne Turry and myself. Our outgoing WRJ Board Members Terri Argentar, Gayle Hachen, Sandi Firsel and Bettine Lipman were also honored.

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#### President's Message (con't from page 1)



Twenty-six of our Midwest District sisterhoods were represented in Toronto. Seventeen women attended an Assembly for the first time. One of our sisterhoods, Temple Beth-El in Northbrook, received a first-time grant, covering the registration costs. Marcey Barichello, Temple Beth-El's president, and Julie Newman, the immediate past president, chose to split this gift so that both were able to attend Assembly. At the Opening Plenary, Temple Beth El of South Bend, IN was honored as a sisterhood celebrating its centennial year and Agudas Achim of Iowa City was recognized as one of five sisterhoods having membership increases of over 50%. Temple Sholom, Chicago, Temple Chai, in Long Grove, and Congregation Or Shalom in Vernon Hills were recognized for membership increases exceeding 10%.

On Thursday, the Or Ami: Light of My People awards were presented to honor high quality and innovative programs of social justice, community service and education done by sisterhoods. At this ceremony, Temple Emanuel of Davenport, Iowa, received a commendation award for their Gesher-Jisir program. Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, IL and Temple Israel, Minneapolis, MN, received Special Appreciation Or Ami Awards for strategic planning programs. It was an honor to represent a district like ours with so much innovative programming and so many forward thinking women!



If you have been to any Assembly, you know what an incredible experience it is to be able to study and pray with so many other Reform Jews. For those of you who have yet to experience an Assembly, I urge to consider budgeting for the next Assembly, December 14-18, 2011, in Washington DC.

In other Midwest District matters, we recently held an area day for the Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota women at Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul, MN. Thanks so much to Area Director Peggy Kipp and her helpers for planning this event. I also spent a lovely weekend last month greeting Chicago area Midwest District Board members and sisterhood presidents at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie, IL, while participating in their T'Fillot Nashim Service. Watch for Area Days planned for June in Metropolitan Chicago and South Suburban Chicago/Northwest Indiana.

I hope that you all have our next Midwest District Kallah, scheduled for April 16-18 at OSRUI, on your calendar. Also, please save the date of our Midwest District Convention October 14-17, 2010, in Minneapolis, MN. Lynn Magid Lazar, WRJ President, will be joining us as our WRJ Representative. Sheila Schuman and Liz Mack, District Convention Co-Chairs, have already started planning—but they need YOUR ideas and help. You'll want to attend with your sisterhood leadership, so please remember the Midwest District Convention at budget time!!

Keep in touch and let me know what is happening with your sisterhoods. You are one incredible bunch of women—I am proud to represent you as president of the Midwest District!

Sherri



Midwest District members of WRJ Board Lynne Turry and Karen Dillon



Carole Fefferman



48th WRJ Assembly in Toronto

WRJ Secretary Susan Pittelman





Midwest District member of WRJ Board Marlen Frost

Midwest District Lunch

Diane Kaplan speaking her piece



What's so funny Rosanne?



Now she made us laugh

# Midwest District Leadership Conference/Interim Candids























## NSCI Sisterhood Joins WRJ Twinning Program

North Shore Congregation Israel is very excited to participate in WRJ's new twinning program, which arranges partnerships between American and Israeli Sisterhoods. One of the highlights of our biennial experience in Toronto was meeting the rabbi from our twin congregation, Rabbi Ayala Miron, our new friend from Rosh HaAyin, Israel.

Rabbi Miron founded Bavat Ayin, a Progressive congregation in a small town outside of Tel Aviv, a few years ago, and they now have a membership of 40 families. In a city with a population of 30,000, there are 235 synagogues where a Jewish boy can celebrate a Bar



Mitzvah. If you are a girl who wants to have a Bat Mitzvah, or if you are a mother who wants to stand next to her son on the Bimah during his Bar Mitzvah, Bavat Ayin is the only place where these things are possible.

NSCI Presentation of Torah to Rabbi Miron at WRJ Assembly in Toronto

Rabbi Miron is struggling to bring Reform Judaism to a place where it is largely unknown, and she is not alone. There are 15 new WRJ sisterhoods this year that are based in Israeli

Progressive congregations, and they are teaching their communities what Reform Judaism is all about. We are proud to be Bavat Ayin's partner in the twinning program, and we look forward to finding ways to help them to develop

and grow their Sisterhood.

We are planning some new ways to bond and share ideas, from scrapbook exchanges to individual email pen pals and even visits. We also want to recognize each girl who celebrates a Bat Mitzvah, to let them know how proud we are of their accomplishment in a community where these ceremonies are still quite unusual. We are also hoping to make use of Skype to get to know one another at simultaneous meetings.

The WRJ motto is "Stronger Together" – this applies not only to women across the world, but to the role that American Jews must play to help establish a Reform Jewish Community in Israel. We hope many Midwest District Sisterhoods will join us in making meaningful connections with Women of Reform Judaism in Israel in the years to come.

Amy Duque NSCI Sisterhood Co-President Glencoe, IL

WRJ has offered to provide all of the resource material to develop an ongoing twinning program for your sisterhood. If you are interested in starting a twinning program at your sisterhood, please contact Milta Turner (milta115@aol.com) or Ann Weisberg (aweisberg@nssed.org) Midwest District Social Action/Critical Issues Co-Chairs for assistance and information. A brochure explaining the program is available on the WRJ website (www.wrj.org)

## **News from OSRUI**

#### **Sefer Torah and Mantel**

Have you ever wondered how the WRJ Midwest District Board decides what to give to Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute ("OSRUI") in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin? The process is really very simple. Each spring, our Camp Co-

Chairs ask Jerry Kaye, the Director, to provide a "wish list" of things that OSRUI needs. The Midwest District Executive Committee then discusses the items and makes recommendations to the Midwest District Board for a camp gift. After a vote, a check is issued for the items to be presented to the camp.

Last spring, when our Camp Co-Chairs asked Jerry Kaye what we could provide OSRUI and the campers, he had a different type of request. Since OSRUI has grown over the last number of years, the camp is in need of an additional Sefer Torah. Our district is always up for a challenge. Consequently, at the Interim Board meeting in September of 2009, the WRJ Midwest District Board voted to provide the camp with a new Sefer Torah. What an incredible and exciting opportunity for us to send the message that we believe so strongly in the study and reading of Torah!



The Midwest District has decided to defer our 2009 gift and to combine the funds we raise in 2009 and 2010 in order to reach the estimated \$12,000 needed to purchase and dress the Torah. The funds raised will also enable us to design and implement a mantle for the Sefer Torah. Such a gift will provide a lasting legacy of our commitment to Jewish camping and learning to be cherished by many for years to come.

Currently, the Midwest District has approximately \$5,500, as a result of your sisterhoods' contributions thus far. In order to accomplish our goal, we are asking all our Midwest sisterhoods to consider generous contributions to this project. (Please remember that donations to camp cannot be made until sisterhoods have made their

required annual dues payments to WRJ and the Midwest District and a \$5 per member contribution to the YES Fund.) We are also asking sisterhoods to send in their contributions by March 31, 2010, so we can see exactly where we stand for this special project.

Please mail your OSRUI contributions to Michelle Scheinkopf at 2312 Ash Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062, by March 31, 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible. Our Camp Co-Chairs, Michelle Scheinkopf and Peggy Rubenstein are so excited to spearhead this incredibly worthy and wonderful program to make the Sefer Torah a reality for Midwest campers for the summer of 2010.



Sunrise at OSRUI

It is our hope that at our District Convention, in October of 2010, we will officially present this gift to OSRUI as a sign of the Midwest District women's continuing support. Please help us by talking to your sisterhoods now to enable our Midwest District accomplish this goal!





#### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Ilene Lanin-Kettering (Membership Secretary.) on the death of her mother-in-law
- Gene Lev and family on the death of Rivka Chayka-Lev (past WRJ Midwest District Board member)
- Mel Cohen and family on the death of Deenie Cohen, past Sisterhood president of Congregation Shalom of Milwaukee, WI

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Adina Sutlin (Chicago South Suburban/NW Indiana Area Director) on the birth of her first grandson, Simon Lev Sutlin.
- Laura Cooper (Chicago Metropolitan Area Director) on her recent marriage to Bruce Crane
- Raline Paper (Alumni) on the marriage of her son, Howie, to Emily Engman
- Bettine Lipman (WRJ Board Member and WRJ Midwest Past President) on the marriage of her daughter, Sarah, to Adam Sherman
- Susan Pittelman (WRJ Executive Committee Member and Midwest District Past President) on her nomination for 2009-2011 to the WRJ Executive Committee in the position of Secretary
- Marcy Frost (WRJ Board Member and Midwest District VP of Service to Sisterhoods) on being named the 2009 Paul Van Valkenburg award winner (given annually in recognition of outstanding volunteer efforts in the community)
- **Bettine Lipman** (WRJ Board Member and WRJ Midwest Past President) and husband, Dan Lipman on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Carol Berger (Midwest District VP of Development & WRJ Projects), on the marriage of her son, Cantor David Berger, to D'ror Chankin-Gold
- · Sandi Firsel (WRJ Board and District Board) on her very special birthday
- Lynne Turry, Area Director (Metropolitan Chicago), on the marriage of her daughter Rachel

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

- Diane Kaplan ((WRJ Board and District Board), who is recovering from treatment for breast cancer
- **Dolly DeCaro**, YES Fund/Circle of Service Chair
- Judy Lohr, Midwest District VP of Marketing and Communications

#### THANK YOU TO:

• **Jason Kipp** (son of **Peggy Kipp**, Area Director for MN, ND, SD) picking up the new directories in Rochester and delivering them to his mother to take to OSRUI

If you have any joys or sorrows to share with WRJ Midwest District, please send the information to Janet Olson (mnt2be@charter.net) or call (507) 271-9641. Thank you.





# WRJ Midwest Kallah April 16 – 18, 2010 Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Oconomowoc, WI

## From Oy to Joy: Finding Your Way Back to Peace



Mendy Hart, life empowerment coach, joins us for reflection and study. Hart is a dynamic speaker and coach with a passion for personal growth issues. Through her private practice, she has enabled her clients to achieve a wide range of success in their lives. Check out her Web site: www.MendyHart.com

Soul Food - Making Chocolate with Linn Ullenbrauck Sisterhood Co-president, Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, IL Linn made chocolates for son Shawn's bar mitzvah in 2005 and was hooked. Since then, she's shared her talent at son Danny's bar mitzvah and other special occasions.

## Delight your soul and tickle your palate!

Kallah is open to **all** women belonging to Midwest District Reform congregations. Reservations accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Contact Kallah Co-Chairs to learn more: Harriette Krasnoff 763/420-7976 hrkras@comcast.net

Sue Stein 651/690-2587 sstein@steinmoore.com

## Schedule

**Arrival**: Friday 4:30 p.m. **Closing:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Bonus: Saturday overnight is free; depart Sunday by noon

# **Kallah Registration Form**

Cost

\$100.00 per person (2 people per room)  * Includes Friday dinner, Saturday - 3 meals, Sunday breakfast
\$25.00 extra fee for non-Sisterhood members
\$50.00 surcharge for a single room if available
Reservations due by Monday, March 30, 2010.
Sorry, we cannot accept cancellations after this date.
Make check payable to WRJ Midwest District and send to:
Peggy Kipp, 2273 Wagon Wheel Ct. Mendota Hts., MN 55120
Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Sisterhood or Congregation
E-mail (PRINT CLEARLY)
Phone number
Dietary Restrictions
Roommate Request
Location (Lodge, Bayit, Soref)
Special Accommodations
(i.e., cannot walk stairs or need a handicapped room)
Once registered, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail with additional
information.
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I agree that my name, address, phone number and e-mail can be on the registration list and pictures of me may be used in The Messenger (District newsletter) or by WRJ

## **Midwest District Leadership Conference**

## Marla Goldberg wrote after Leadership Conference...

Dear Sisters:

What a weekend we did have! Our Leadership Conference/Interim Board Meeting held this past September was simply, in a word, wonderful. The weather was fabulous and the exchanges we had were memorable.

We are so very lucky to be under the leadership of our capable and kind President, Sherri Feuer—she is kind and caring, and always available to guide us steadily and patiently to achieve our aims. She, along with all of you, helped to make this weekend a success—at least that is what was indicated on the evaluations. Thank you for the feedback.

Since we did not have a "closing" ceremony or ritual, I wanted to share some thoughts shared at our board meeting as a formal thank you to all participants:

"What a weekend! For all who have asked—thank you—I feel pretty good (actually relieved and delighted) to be with all of you—us, the WRJ Midwest women. Where else can we come together to reinforce the ideals we hold in our hearts and the actions we take?

Here, we focused on the topic of leadership—having the privilege of our WRJ President Rosanne Selfon so capably guide us with her wisdom, sensibility, and delightful sense of humor and humanity.



Thank you, Rosanne

We stretched our minds, we worshipped together—as a community: Shabbat—a spiritually and sweet one with soulful service leaders—Carole, Kathy, Marsha—and Torah reader—Adina, with a dual parasha to make us contemplate—choosing life and transferring leadership.

We were blessed with our own Sister, Kristin leading us in song as well as having the opportunity to observe Selichot, soulfully and with intention—led by Kristin and Adina.

We also raised over \$1000.00 for the YES fund with our very own WRJ YES Fund Chair, Diane Kaplan, heading up our gift auction—working with Dolly, Helen and Carol. We again are so blessed.

AND, we were led with devotion, commitment, and creativity by our trusted and admired leader—Sherri. She has led both District Executive Committee as well as Board meetings—to do the work that binds us, the women of Reform Judaism—and knowing this, we remain Stronger, Together!

Please allow me to express some public thank yous at this time—

Susan, Terri, Sherri—oy, what shoes I will have to fill—thanks for you support, guidance, patience and mentoring.

Peggy and Marsha: registration, etc. Penny and Judy: goodie bags

Diane: graphics "queen"

Terri: evaluations

Susan P and WRJ singers

And to all who helped—offering or being volunteered—including partnering District Exec officers and Area Directors.

Marla Goldberg, Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel; Skokie, IL

Don't try this at home.



## YES Fund News



## From Dolly DeCaro

To all you wonderful women of Sisterhood I just want to say thank you for answering the call for help when the WRJ YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund needed all of us to pull together to help clear the deficit.

At the WRJ Midwest Kallah we raised over \$1000.00 in an auction that we held. Thanks to all of all of you who took part in that auction and especially Sherri Feuer & Diane Kaplan who came up with the idea. Also many thanks to Helen Gold who helped Diane and me with the auction. We not only raised a good amount of money, we had fun doing it. Any Sisterhood can do the same thing; it is a wonderful idea for a fundraiser.



Our difficult economic times are really playing havoc with us, as we are try to raise funds. Somehow all our Sisterhoods come together and meet the need. YES

Sold!

funds help pay for a multitude of needs throughout the world. Most of all we assist our student rabbis, cantors and educators. We know how much these young men and woman appreciate all that we do, as we heard it in their own words when we visited HUC-JIR in Cincinnati a few years ago. We help with financial support for all these wonderful students in North America, South America, Germany, England and Israel.

We also support the NIFTY Mitzvah Corps, nursery schools and summer camps in Israel, programs in the former Soviet Union and the list is endless. We help fulfill the needs of those who want to keep Reform Judaism in the forefront for the future. Together we are STRONGER, and together we will continue to help all those in need of our financial assistance, but we must ALL continue to do it together.

We wish to acknowledge those Sisterhoods who have achieved honor recognition for 2009 contributions. Thank you to all those who supported the YES Fund.

## SPECIAL MERIT - (\$10.00 per member)

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, Munster, IN

#### ROLL OF HONOR - (\$5.00 per member)

Beth Tikvah Congregation, Hoffman Estates, IL
B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, Glenview, IL
B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom, Homewood, IL
Congregation Am Echod, Lindenhurst, IL
Congregation Emanu-el B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, WI
Congregation Shalom Sisterhood, Milwaukee, WI
Emanuel Congregation, Chicago, IL
Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, MN

North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL Oak Park Temple, Oak Park, IL Sinai Temple, Michigan City, IN Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, South Bend, IN Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, IL Temple Chai, Long Grove, IL Temple Emanuel, Davenport, IA Temple Israel, Minneapolis, MN

<u>Ma'agal Award:</u> Given to the sisterhood with the highest percentage of new Circle of Service members (not including Lifeline) over the previous two fiscal year period. We are proud that **Congregation B'nai**Jehoshua Beth Elohim Sisterhood, Deerfield, IL is the honoree this year.



For those Sisterhoods who are not aware of the importance of this fund, or do not have a chairperson or committee for the YES Fund and need help, please feel free to contact me at <a href="dolnu18@wideopenwest.com">dolnu18@wideopenwest.com</a>

Every time you write a Uniongram or a YES Fund card you are contributing to the YES Fund. Uniongrams are a great way just to say hi, congratulations, or write a condolence card.

Dolly DeCaro, YES Fund

WRJ Midwest Chair

## **Area News**

## WRJ Midwest Area Day MN/Report by Peggy Kipp

On a Saturday in November, 55 women from Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul, Temple Israel, Minneapolis, Bet Shalom, Minnetonka and B'nai Israel in Rochester, turned out to listen to fredi Bleeker Franks, WRJ Treasurer and Linda Mack Schloff, former director of the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest, and author of *And Prairie Dogs Weren't Kosher*.

Saturday morning Shabbat services were led by two members of the Temple Israel Sisterhood Board, Denise Fogel and Marilyn Weisberg. Judy Lohr, my cousin, Co-President of B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom Sisterhood in Homewood, Illinois, and WRJ Midwest VP of Marketing and Communication, delivered the parsha, *Toldot*, which is about how Rebecca and Jacob deceive Isaac in order to give the blessing of the firstborn to Jacob.



fredi Bleeker Franks, WRJ Treasurer, followed with an interactive and lively discussion of the parasha. She was charismatic, and her delivery and subsequent discussion was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Lunch was delivered by Cecil's Deli, a St. Paul institution (as befitting a day devoted to history). I ordered too much food, and the leftovers were donated to the Dorothy Day Center.

fredi Bleeker Franks

After lunch, Harriette Krasnoff (Sisterhood President of Bet Shalom, Minnetonka) led an ice-breaker, while we waited for the afternoon event to begin. The women

in attendance declined to participate in a second activity in favor of schmoozing, however.

One other highlight was the presentation of a birthday cake to Jennifer Eisen. She was the chairperson for Mount Zion Temple Sisterhood Shabbat and she did a great job. Her mother, Carol Berger, came from Illinois to help her celebrate.

Linda Mack Schloff finished the day with a discussion, complete with PowerPoint presentation about the history of Jewish women in the Midwest. The women in attendance were very engaged; some offering their own personal stories. One woman brought her grandmother's wedding dress.



Carol and Jen

I would like to say thank you to all the women who helped make this day happen. Your help and support were invaluable.



## WANTED! Area News

Share news and photos of events in your area. Send them to Penny at plshnay@sbcglobal.net

#### AREA DIRECTORS AND LIAISON SISTERHOODS

Laura Cooper

B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, Deerfield, IL Emanuel Congregation, Chicago, IL Oak Park Temple, Oak Park, IL Temple Beth-El, Northbrook, IL Temple Sholom, Chicago, IL

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Adina Sutlin

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Sue Center

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, WI
Congregation Shalom, Milwaukee, WI
Temple Beth El, Madison, WI

Marlen Frost and Rebecca Gottlieb Agudas Achim, Iowa City, IA Congregation Beth-El, Dubuque, IA Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Des Moines, IA Temple Emanuel, Davenport, IA Temple Israel, Omaha, NE Temple Judah, Cedar Rapids, IA

## SAVE THE DATE

WRJ Midwest District Convention – October 14 – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Minneapolis, MN Special guest, Lynn Magid Lazar, President of WRJ.

Why you should plan on attending: exciting workshops, wonderful services, seeing old friends and making new ones.



Lynn Magid Lazar

More details as the Convention gets closer.

We are looking for a liaison from each Sisterhood to be our contact person. She will spread the word within her Sisterhood, be the cheerleader for the Convention and get volunteers from her Sisterhood to help. Please send her name, phone number and e-mail address to Sheila Schuman at sschuman@frontiernet.net .





## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



April 16-18, 2010
WRJ Midwest District Kallah—OSRUI Oconomowoc, WI
Executive Committee Meeting—April 16th—OSRUI

May 15-17, 2010 WRJ Board Meeting—New York

October 14-17, 2010
Midwest District Convention—Minneapolis, MN
Executive Committee Meeting—October 14

January 21-23, 2011 WRJ Sisterhood Leadership Conference—San Francisco, CA

April 1-3, 2011
WRJ District Kallah—OSRUI

December 14-18, 2011 WRJ 48th Assembly—Washington, DC

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It's your source for everything WRJ!

Watch for WRJ Midwest website!