

## **Programs/Membership Events**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place – WNSCI/Shabbat Retreat – Karen Dillon**

8th Annual Women's Shabbat Retreat with the theme Are We What We Wear? relating to the week's Torah portion Tetzaveh, which describes the intricately fashioned garments of the biblical priests. The theme of clothing was woven into the weekend in many ways

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – WNSCI/ Leading the Way – Jewish Women's Voices in Politics – Karen Dillon**

Panel discussion with five local Jewish women politicians discussing their journeys in political life, their advice to aspiring female politicians, and their views on the value of a Jewish lens in politics. Collaborated with other local Jewish Woman's organizations

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place - CEEW/ Sisterhood Shabbaton at OSRUI Camp – Gail Jones**

Participants to spend a full day at OSRUI celebrating the beauty of Shabbat... was inspired by the Midwest District Kallah

## **Social Action**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place – WNSCI/Supporting Women in Need – Karen Dillon**

We connected with the Nicasa Behavioral Health Services in North Chicago for numerous programs during the year as part of the 100 Year Centennial WRJ Celebration. Included collecting clothes, a shopping party, attending Vashti's Banquet together, and a Mother's Day workshop. This partnership will continue in the upcoming year

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – BJBE/Costumes for Israel – Lynne Kleiman**

Collected gently used Halloween costumes to send to their twin congregation in Israel so that their children would have costumes for Purim

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Temple Beth Israel/Wings Shower – Linn Ullenbrauck**

Shower to benefit Women In Need of Growing Stronger (WINGS). WINGS is an organization that is committed to helping women and children who are homeless or suffering the effects of domestic violence. They collected over 100 items.

## **Fund Raising**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place – BJBE/Games Galore - Gloria Kaiz**

Women came for dinner and then played their favorite games including mahjong, bridge, scrabble, rummy cube, etc. The event included a raffle for fund raising. One hundred people attended, raising \$5407.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Temple Israel/Hamentashen Baking Fundraiser – Beth Birke**

Created a pop-up bake shop for making Hamentashen and sold cookies locally as well as shipping 33+ dozen around the US

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place - CEEW/Rosh Hashanah Sisterhood New Year Card – 5774 – Gail Jones**

Sisterhood sent a greeting card for the High Holidays to every member of the congregation and collected donations from member families to be listed on the card

## **WRJ Projects**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lakeside Congregation Sisterhood/ Basket of Hope Project – Janet Buckstein**

Collected layette items to be donated to the Baskets of Hope program supporting new mothers in the Women's HIV Program at the Infectious Disease Center and Northwestern Hospital.

Donated over 100 items

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Temple Chai/ The Centennial Year at Temple Chai – Mae Schwab**

To honor the 100th year of WRJ, Sisterhood engaged the entire congregation for various events including collecting children's books, mittens and hats, cosmetics and toiletries, and held a Centennial Tea as their culminating event.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place – CEEW/Chanukah Boxes for College Students – Gail Jones**

Sent Chanukah boxes to children of congregants who are away from home to let them know they are being thought of at holiday time and to keep them connected to Judaism

## **Honorable Mention**

### **BJBE**

#### **BJBE Judaica & Gift Shop - Lynne Kleiman - Fundraising**

Created a gift shop Manager position and gained an increase in sales allowing for more revenue for the Sisterhood and a better place for members and guests to purchase ritual and gift items

#### **Board Game Bonanza - Marci Cohen - Program/Membership Event & Fund-raising**

Board Game night offered families an inexpensive evening of family fun and community bonding and included a raffle that supported the Congregational OSRUI Camp Fund

## **B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom**

### **High Holiday Cards September 2013 - Gayle Weil - Fundraising**

Sisterhood purchased YES Fund Cards to be used by their Congregation to send to all members for the High Holidays. Saved the congregation the cost of purchasing cards and made the congregation aware of YES Fund Cards

## **Bet Shalom**

### **Mitzvah Day Project - Birthday Bags - Beth Ettinger - Social Action**

Participated in Congregational Mitzvah Event by decorating and filling 75 bags with items for birthdays to be donated to local food shelf. Participants were of various ages.

## **Temple Beth Israel**

### **History of Sisterhood - Linn Ullenbrauck - Programs/Membership Event**

Sisterhood and Temple Beth Israel will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. To commemorate this event, the Sisterhood updated their timeline, delved into the history of all the past presidents, accurately recorded years of service and documented those Sisterhood members who served on the WRJ North American or WRJ Midwest District Boards

### **Sarah's Circle Team Program - Linn Ullenbrauck - Social Action**

A Tea supporting Sarah's Circle, "a non-profit agency with a mission of serving women who are homeless or in need of a safe space, with attendees bringing 100 of an item as a donation. We received many hundreds of each item

## **Temple Israel**

### **Spring 2014 New Member Brunch - Beth Birke - Programs/Membership Event**

New Member Sunday brunch chaired by a new member and used photos on the tables in introductions

### **Dinner for Residents of Jeremiah House - Beth Birke - Social Action**

Four times during the year Sisterhood members prepared food and served a home cooked dinner to residents of Jeremiah House

## **WNSCI**

### **Non-Event Fundraiser - Karen Dillon - Fund Raising**

Sisterhood sends invitations for a non-event and requests donations. The "invite" was very colorful and explained all that they do to support our synagogue and our community



## **Sisters in the Sukkah - Karen Dillon - Programs/Membership Event**

Sisterhood women celebrated Sukkot in the Sukkah by decorating, sharing lunch, and listening to a D'var Torah about the meaning of the holiday

## **Vashti's Banquet - Karen Dillon - Programs/Membership Event**

Persian inspired Purim dinner including antique Persian cloaks, jackets and an antique brass samovar owned by one Sisterhood member. Costumes were encouraged and most of the guests dressed up. Culminated with a belly dancing demo in which many attendees joined in

**The Awards have been separated into 4 different categories.**

**Programming/Membership**

**Social Action**

**Fund Raising**

**WRJ Projects**

**Honorable Mention is listed after the Award winners.**

**For additional information on each project you can contact the person listed with each project or event.**

**Mazel Tov to all our winners!**