



WRJ Midwest District



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reflecting on the Past, Considering the Future...

February

Shalom. As I look out my condo window, I cannot help thinking that despite the weather being much like spring, the trees remain bare and I am certainly grateful for the sunshine of a brand new day. As I consider the upcoming Midwest District events with excitement and enthusiasm, I must take a moment to reflect upon our recent dynamic, empowering, and memorable Assembly. How lucky we were to have shared this historic event during some of our most unsettling (here in the US and abroad) times—please note that many highlights from this event are highlighted on the WRJ website—www.wrj.org.



Marla Goldberg

At the WRJ Assembly, we were delighted to be housed and meet with URJ for so many shared sessions. The Gaylord National facility was quite accommodating and our speakers were top notch. We celebrated our own successes with plenaries and resolutions passed focusing on social action and Israel. Hearing Cecile Richards (daughter of past Texas governor Ann Richards), the President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, was incredible. I was sincerely moved when hearing briefly from Naama Kelman, the first woman Rabbi ordained in Israel, who currently serves as Dean of HUC-JIR's (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion) Jerusalem School. We heard from our Jane Evans award winner, Marcia D. Greenberger, Co-president and Founder of the National Women's Law Center) as well.

To quote another friend/district president, "As I'm sure that many of you are aware, there was a discussion on a dues increase and after much discussion both pro and con, the increase passed. We, as a district, are committed to helping our sisterhoods develop creative ways of doing funding to offset the increase. I also want to remind sisterhoods who are not able to fund the dues increase that WRJ has a program in place for sisterhoods to ask for/negotiate a dues adjustment. If you are having or predict difficulties, please feel free to contact myself, your Area Director, and at WRJ, Rachel Jurisz (rjurisz@wrj.org).

As a larger convention, along with URJ, there were other speaker highlights including Dr. Wendy Mogel, the author of *The Blessing of the Skinned Knee* and *The Blessing of the B-*, who conveyed the positive impact of combining both Jewish values and parenting skills—she was funny and “on the money” as well as Ambassador Nancy Brinker, founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure—we should all be proud she is from one of our own congregations (previously with an affiliated sisterhood) in Peoria, IL—just ask Gloria!



And, finally we enjoyed the privilege of hearing President Barak Obama—live and in person—addressing us as our “friend of the Jewish people” and stating what an honor it was to address this meeting. He shared his winning smile (more than once), some powerful messages and concluded by wishing us all a Shabbat Shalom. Needless to say, the energy throughout the convention center, from awaking until services was palpable.

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For Shabbat, we had a spiritual 5000 person service (with music that was uplifting and joyous) and dinner two floors below. Given the logistics, we may have made the Guinness World Book of



4000 for Shabbat dinner

Records on that effort. The song session following is always a personal favorite. There was a tribute to Rabbi Eric Yoffe, who was concluding a 14 year term of office, serving as the Union's President and he spoke personally (unusual) and wonderfully (most often). We welcomed new President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs—who attended our WRJ Board Installation (and the Lifeline Endower Reception as well) who seemingly embraces the



Shabbat song session
with Josh Nelson

women of our movement. With him, a new initiative involving called the Campaign for Youth Engagement—WRJ donating a large sum to help making this dream come true. See Naomi Shapiro's article further in this edition.

We had WRJ Or Ami awards distributed and a great YES Fund brunch. As a district, we celebrate our winners and helped to create (by work of our hands and donations) two dozen blankets donated to the organization the Wounded Warrior Project (see www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

So, now, as we moved into the Jewish calendar full of Spring holidays, we encountered the story of Purim—where our heroine Esther—grapples with and comes full circle to proclaim her Jewish identity—loud and proud. We, as a district, will also have that opportunity—by attending our Kallah, the spring event that we claim is “a gift we give ourselves.” I am hoping to see most of you at camp, to celebrate what sounds like a delightful theme of Shirei Nafshi—songs of our Soul. We have lovely (personality and voice) Cantor Kim Harris to lead us and an Executive Committee meeting preceding this event—see attached flyer.

I think there will be a few Area Days scheduled in the Spring (Chicagoland has announced their date of June 23)—which always promise great turnouts, and here is hoping to see many of you in attendance—sharing your wisdom, asking your Area Directors to address topics you want to learn about, etc. There are a couple of Circle of Service events scheduled honoring some of our wonderful sisters as well.

So, although there are just a few buds on the branches of trees or shrubs, as you contemplate changes in leadership for your sisterhoods, please be encouraged by the sisters of Midwest District who surround you. We are there for one another and can offer you resources (contact Sue Schneider regarding Speaker's Bureau requests) as well as support. Keep in mind also, that we are looking for those of you who are willing to share some leadership at the district level—Sherri Feuer will be chairing our district nominating committee.

Lastly, our district convention is just nine months or so away and we are thrilled at the confirmation of Sharon Benoff as our WRJ Speaker, who will join us so capably. See article also in this edition. Thanks to Penny for working hard to make this Messenger edition special—always an outstanding effort.

Most of all, thanks to all of you sisters—making this road and position of President a worthy one.

In the spirit of magic, sisterhood, and feeling stronger together,

Marla Goldberg

WRJ Midwest District President

Temple Beth Israel; Skokie, IL



Marla dancing in the aisles
with Lene Mirkin



Shirei Nafshi—Songs of My Soul

WRJ Midwest 2012 Kallah

Led by Cantor Kim Harris of Temple Beth-El, Northbrook

From Erev Shabbat until Saturday afternoon, we will be exploring the songs of our tradition and the songs in our souls, how we can stay whole and healthy, and what music does to sustain us. We will be moved (and yes we will move) to laughter and maybe tears but the music will bring us joy.

Be prepared to tap your feet as we let our voices be heard.

April 27-29 at OSRUJ

4:00 p.m. Friday 'til 4:00 p.m. Saturday

But wait———don't go home yet, stay for Saturday night
for lots of schmoozing, bonding, playing, laughing!

Give yourself a gift of women's spiritual experience.

Connect with old friends and bond with new ones.

Schedule Arrival: Friday anytime after 3:00 p.m., Activities begin at 5:00

Closing: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Bonus: Saturday overnight is free; depart Sunday by noon

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

**Any ques-
tions**

Contact Kallah Co-Chairs

Marilyn Weisberg mweisberg0@gmail.com, 612-669-8055

Marlen Frost minyfrost@aol.com, 402-330-3186



Reservations are due by **Wednesday, April 18, 2012** Sorry no refunds after this date.

Make check payable to WRJ Midwest District and send with your reservation form to:

Marcia Koester, 5601 Bernard Place, Edina., MN 55436

Kallah is open to all women belonging to Midwest District Reform congregations.



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sisterhood or Congregation _____

E-mail (**PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

Phone number _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Roommate Request _____

Preferred Location (Lodge, Bayit, Soref) _____

We will do our best to accommodate your location request

Special Accommodations _____

(i.e., cannot walk stairs, need a handicap accessible room)

Once registered, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail with additional information.

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 _____

If you have any questions please contact Kallah Co-Chairs
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Women of Reform Judaism
48th Assembly
December 14 – 18, 2011

Gaylord National Hotel & Convention
Center Washington DC area hotel

Assembly Revisited

The WRJ assembly was an extraordinary gathering full of learning, bonding, worship, and fun. We connected with your peers who shared our interests, concerns, love of Judaism, and the special bonds of sisterhood.

WRJ members came from all corners of the Reform Jewish world with their own **Dreams**, aspirations, and circumstances, yet we all came together to coalesce our **Vision** of sisterhood.

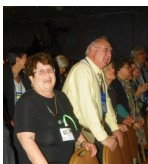


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Or Ami Light of My People Awards For Excellence in Sisterhood Programming

Silver

Grandparent-Tot Tea Party

B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim (BJBE) Sisterhood, Deerfield, IL •

Barbara Offenberg (johnandbarbie@sbcglobal.net)

The Grandparent-Tot Tea Party is a multi-generational bonding experience that enables the youngest congregants to enjoy activities with their grandparents in a Jewish setting. Activities include: a craft decorating boxes, large group grandchild/grandparent song and game activities, fancy tea settings in a room lined with books, and time with questions provided to spark conversation between the children and their grandparents. The sisterhood notes that such parties help familiarize the youngsters with temple life while recruiting new sisterhood members among the grandmothers in attendance.

We Meet at Last — Connecting with Rabbi Ayala Miron of our Twin Sisterhood in Israel

North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL •

Amy Duque (fourduques@gmail.com) and Pamela Faulkner
(pfaulkner@gmail.com)

NSCI Sisterhood invited and hosted Rabbi Ayala Miron from its twin congregation in Israel to a weekend Shabbat retreat. In addition to helping lead worship services, Rabbi Miron attended their late-night pajama party, participated in their spirituality exercises, and told them about her journey towards becoming a Progressive woman rabbi in Israel and the struggles of her congregation. The highlight of the retreat was the presentation of a Torah cover made by one of their members to Rabbi Miron for her congregation's use. The twinned sisterhoods also made plans to hold a virtual Share-a-Shabbat dinner.

Bronze

Tikkun Olam: One House at a Time Temple Emanuel, Davenport, IA

Linda Golden (goldenlinda@sbcglobal.net)

Believing that "repairing the world" begins with one family and one neighborhood, the sisterhood partnered with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a working family with limited resources three blocks from the temple. The sisterhood was one of the major funders for the home and members and their families provided hours of labor. They educated the congregation about housing issues and added poverty issues to the religious school curriculum.

Celebrating the YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) at Assembly



"We are able to contribute to the future of our movement in a way that an individual woman, family, or sisterhood cannot do alone," explained WRJ First Vice President, Blair Marks about the YES Fund. "The millions of dollars that we have together raised over the years have made a profound, lasting, and continuing difference to the Reform and Progressive movements. And that is cause for celebration." Just moments earlier, Susan Bass, vice president of the Department for Development & Special Projects, and Wendy Adamson, chair of the YES Fund, opened the first-ever YES Fund brunch by announcing that \$5,600 had been raised before the start of the event.

Throughout the brunch, a diverse group of speakers addressed those assembled. NFTY President, Forrest Yesnes, talked about the role of NFTY in changing the lives of Reform Jewish kids. "I have NFTY to thank for everything," he said. "It is no secret that WRJ's focus is on the youth and that NFTY has so much to thank you for. Let's enjoy together and continue this partnership." Union for Reform Judaism President, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, was the event's honoree. He recounted hearing about the "demise of sisterhoods" when he first took office in 1996. "My gut told me they were really wrong... They were missing the simple reality that whatever the changes in our culture, Jewish women are still going to want to come together as women." He spoke of his great respect for WRJ and the work of Jane Evans. "When Jane took over in 1933, she and her leaders decided more was needed, much more. They made a commitment to social justice and to Zionism."

Rabbi Nahmah Kelman, the first woman ordained in the state of Israel twenty-five years ago and the dean of HUC-JIR/Jerusalem, spoke of the founding of the first progressive pre-school on the campus of the college. Now, twenty-five years later, one of their first students is now entering the rabbinic school as one of eighty Israeli students. "Many of them you support. Many of them you guide. We couldn't have done this without Women of Reform Judaism."

Lifeline pins were given to attendees who completed their contributions. "Women were thrilled to receive their magnificent lifeline pins and clearly understood the mission of the YES Fund," reported Immediate Past President Rosanne M. Selfon.

MIDWEST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS **Sisterhoods with at least 10% Gains in Membership since 2009**

Agudas Achim Congregation Sisterhood – Iowa City, IA
Temple Sholom Sisterhood – Chicago, IL
B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom Sisterhood – Homewood, IL
Congregation Beth Am Sisterhood – Buffalo Grove, IL

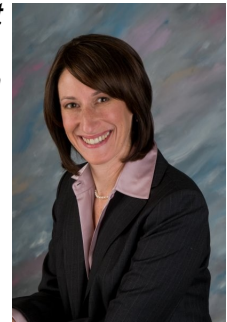
WRJ MIDWEST CONVENTION: Can you NAME THIS WRJ Speaker???

My first sisterhood experience....Age 29.

*One baby and two toddlers at home. It was time for adult stimulation even if it was only going to be once or twice a month! My mom, a past sisterhood president, recommended that it was time--time to leave the house for a few hours a month. I contacted our sisterhood president and asked when the next event was going to be. I left the house as the kids started to cry for their mommy and reluctantly went to the sisterhood book review, *Sense and Sensibility*. AND, immediately, I was whisked to the welcoming table of the president, vice presidents and past presidents.*

Strangely, I felt so comfortable among these friendly, hospitable and fun women. And the funniest thing happened – while I missed the kids, I was out enjoying myself and I survived! The book review was fabulous and I went home a new woman. The next morning I contacted the sisterhood president to inform her I was ready to join -- where should I send the membership check? She said, "GREAT" and asked when could I start working in the gift shop? The gift shop needed someone to oversee purchases, scheduling, merchandising, computerization and organization. The next day, together with my 10-week old, 2 and 4 year olds I started my volunteer career at the Shir Ami Judaic Shop!"

Sharon K. Benoff
WRJ Vice President



So, here I am, Andi Blain, one of two WRJ

Midwest Convention publicity co-chairs, (Leah Miska is my co-chair), a volunteer, being asked to write my first *Messenger* article—wow! On behalf of Convention co-chairs: Laura Cooper and Lynne Turry, I am delighted to report that they are hard at work, having enlisted chairs and encouraging us to “jump in,” as you can see.

According to Laura and Lynne, a convention price should be announced by our Kallah and most recently our request for Sharon was confirmed by WRJ. We are most delighted and proud, as Sharon was also our district convention WRJ guest in 2008, when we met (along with URJ) in Milwaukee, WI. She has so much energy and knowledge to share—we are so lucky. She is a dynamic, empathetic, and fun Jewish woman—just like us! It is confirmed that she, too, is so happy to be joining us.

In the meantime, we have a sneak preview that details are being set in motion for the WRJ Midwest Convention (Nov. 1-4, 2012 in Itasca, IL)—a welcoming program (for those who are able to come early) on Thursday evening with fun “excursions” preceding this during the afternoon; plenary topics; entertainment for Saturday night; and of course, the menu choices—you will not be disappointed, promise (from the co-chairs)! More details to follow, but wanted to entice you a bit and make sure you **SAVE THE DATE**—flyer below. Needless to say, I am looking forward to seeing and meeting more of you between now and November—so when you see me perhaps at, let’s say, Chicagoland Area Day, please come up and introduce yourselves.

In the meantime, Laura and Lynne asked me to convey that if you have any questions, feel free to contact them at: Laura Cooper (cooper4449@gmail.com) or Lynne Turry (lturry@comcast.net). Also, the Liaisons co-chairs (Marlen Frost and Susan Pittelman) may be in touch and don’t be surprised if the Program co-chairs (Marsha Cooper and Kathy Madura) reach out and survey you for your input.... Stay tuned ladies, our convention sure sounds promising and exciting to me!

Andi Blain; WRJ Midwest Convention 2012 Publicity Co-Chair; Temple Beth Israel; Skokie, IL

SAVE THE DATE



WRJ Midwest District Convention

November 1-4, 2012



The Legacy of Our Stories... Through Laughter & Tears

The Westin Chicago Northwest

400 Park Boulevard • Itasca, IL 60143

WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR UPDATES

For more information please contact:
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Laura Cooper, cooper4449@gmail.com



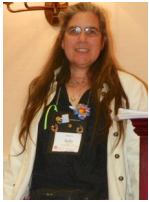
Wisconsin Sisterhood Presidents' Gathering, November, 2011. All five sisterhoods represented!



WRJ President Lynn Magid Lazar presenting *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* to President Obama at Assembly.

(Photo courtesy of Michael Fox Photography)

Resolutions



Sally Frank

*Is not this the fast that I have chosen:
to unlock the shackles of injustice...to let the oppressed go free...?
Surely it is to share your bread with the hungry,
and to bring the homeless poor into your house.
- Isaiah (58:6-7)*

Women of Reform Judaism's mandate for social justice advocacy is built upon three foundations: the WRJ constitution; its resolutions; and the values expressed in the texts of our tradition.

The WRJ Constitution, adopted in 1915 when sisterhood women were playing a significant role in the suffragist movement, requires that WRJ "serve Jewish and humanitarian causes...." and "continue to develop special relationships, concerns, and interests on behalf of ... national and international issues". It also states that WRJ "shall cooperate with the Union for Reform Judaism's various programs and projects ... to strengthen ... social advocacy, interreligious activities, and concern for Israel." To these ends, the delegates to each biennial assembly, as well as the board of directors and the executive committee, adopt resolutions and statements grounded in Torah and Jewish values. These have been published in the volume *In Pursuit of Justice: Resolutions and Policy Statements*.

At the 48th WRJ Assembly delegates approved several resolutions. WRJ Midwest's own Sally Frank presented the resolutions as well as leading a workshop on resolutions. The resolutions discussed and approved by the assembly were as follows:

Employee Rights

Judaism recognizes the importance of treating workers with respect and dignity. Our tradition insists on fair and prompt wages for workers. We, members of Women of Reform Judaism, have recognized the importance of treating workers well and of supporting the civil liberties of all residents of the United States and Canada. We have recognized the importance of these civil liberties not only for ourselves but for the entire world in the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Therefore, Women of Reform Judaism calls on all of our affiliates to:

1. Educate their members and congregation members on the issues at stake in the right to form unions and to engage in collective bargaining;
2. Oppose legislation aimed at barring workers from forming unions or restricting the rights of unions to bargain over the terms or conditions or benefits of employment or retirement; and
3. Join with other organizations to support the right of workers to organize unions and the right of those unions to petition the government, to bargain collectively, and to support their members.

Sustainable Consumption and Production: Learning to Live Together

Resolution

Women of Reform Judaism calls on decision makers, as members of the global community, to take responsibility and action to create and support a culture and economic system based on sustainable policies and practices for consumption and production of goods and services. Moreover, Women of Reform Judaism calls upon its affiliates to:

1. Mobilize their members and congregational members to improve knowledge and understanding of the environmental and social impacts of our consumption and production choices, practices and policies, and to make them more sustainable and socially responsible.
2. Encourage religious and public schools to include information about sustainable and responsible living in their established curricula.
3. Form partnerships with other like-minded organizations to identify and develop coordinated actions and grassroots initiatives to build public support for government and business policies and practices that protect and promote human and environmental health and well-being, encourage sustainable livelihoods and lifestyles, and reduce the ecological footprint.
4. Support changes in government and business policies at all levels that move us toward a more sustainable economy.
5. Encourage individuals and organizations in the fields of science, research, and education to define, develop, and disseminate the innovative solutions needed to transition to sustainable economies.
6. Continue to support the UN's Millennium Development Goals and the upcoming UN review of the Earth Summit during the Rio+ 20 meeting with an emphasis on promoting and ensuring environmental sustainability.

December 11-15 in San Diego, CA



Centennial Co-chairs Roseanne M. Selfon (left), and Diane Kaplan (right) with storyteller Irene Doniger kicking off the Centennial celebration. Photo courtesy of Michael Fox Photography.



Campaign for Youth Engagement: Committing to the Jewish Future

WRJ Midwest District Support Youth

Do you want to do more to support the youth of your congregation? Are you interested in what other Midwest District Sisterhoods have done? Did you do a program with or for youth? And, what is the URJ Campaign for Youth Involvement? If any of these questions pique your interest, then you have come to the right place.

From Naomi Shapiro

As Youth Chair, I would like to become the clearinghouse for ways we can support our youth and help support the Reform Movement. In the not-so-distant past, the Youth co-chairs did a survey of our members to learn more about how we support the youth in our congregations and I would like to share the results. While we didn't get information for all the Midwest District Sisterhoods, the results were unanimous, that we do assist our youth in a variety of ways. Many of the respondents provide gifts or cards for the B'nei Mitzvah and Confirmation students, make donations to the Religious School, Preschool, and Youth Group or provide scholarships for - camp or - Youth Group events. A number of sisterhoods give gifts or cards in honor of new babies or send treat baskets to college students.

When we asked about programs that have been done with, for, or about Youth, we got the following in response:

- Annual Penny Harvest - the kids donate change they collect throughout the year, which is then matched by adults in attendance x1, x2, or sometimes even x3. This is combined with chili and soup for a festive event.
- Breaking Passover with the Youth – Including music, pizza, and fun
- Annual Sisterhood BBQ includes entertainment for the children like an inflatable bouncer
- Food - Provide snacks and refreshments to religious school students for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, Sukkot and consecration, taffy apples at Simcha Torah, candles, dreidels and donuts at Chanukah, and Hamentashen at Purim
- Parenting Programs

If you attended the WRJ 48th Assembly in Washington, DC in December, you may have attended the kick-off event for the URJ Campaign for Youth Engagement: Committing to the Jewish Future. The impetus behind this campaign is the noted decline in youth participation after the B'nei Mitzvah years. If the trends that have been observed continue in our congregations, approximately 80% of the children who become B'nei Mitzvah will have no connection of any kind to their Jewish community by the time they reach 12th grade. URJ is hoping through this campaign to change this dismal statistic. As Youth Chair, I have reached out to the Campaign to get ideas as to how sisterhoods can get involved. There is also a lot of information on the URJ website at <http://urj.org/teen/>.

Does your sisterhood have a programming idea that you would like to share? Please send them to me, Naomi Shapiro (naomishapiro16@gmail.com) so that I can share them with the rest of the district. We also plan to have information regarding - programming ideas and the URJ campaign as it unfolds added to our [WRJ Midwest Region](#) website.

By Naomi Shapiro – WRJ Midwest District Youth Chair
Bet Shalom Congregation; Minnetonka, MN

If you have any joys or sorrows to share with WRJ Midwest District, please send the information to Mae Schwab (maewash@aol.com). Thank you.

PSST---WANT TO KNOW A SECRET??

You may not be aware of the fact that each sisterhood within our district is allowed one speaker per year from the Midwest District Speakers Bureau. The speakers would be capable of doing a Board Orientation, Installation of Officers, a program on the YES fund, or participate in a Sisterhood Shabbat. Some of our speakers could do a d'var Torah or speak about the importance of sisterhood within a temple community. They are very creative and do speak on other subjects as well. Please help me ensure that this is no longer a secret.

If you are planning the Installation of Officers and you do not have your own script for the event, there are some scripts available at the following website: www.wrj.org. You will find the scripts under leadership training in the password protected area. Your sisterhood president will have the password and is able to download the script for you if necessary. I also have some scripts and speeches available.

I do want to continue to keep busy as the speakers bureau chair, so please let me know when I could schedule a speaker at your event. You can reach me at susanjschneider@comcast.net or call 847-983-8625 to start the process. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

L'Shalom,

Sue Schneider



Editor's Note:

WANTED: *The Messenger* is looking for YOUR input and contributions.

Penny Shnay plshnay@sbcglobal.net



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Check us out at www.wrjmidwest.org. There you will find out up-to-date information, calendar, ideas for your sisterhood, useful links to other sites, photos, messages from our president and WRJ, and much more.



The Nominating Committee has applications available for WRJ Midwest District board and executive positions. Contact Sherri Feuer (feuerslf@aol.com) for information or forms.



DATES TO REMEMBER



April 27-29, 2012

**WRJ Midwest District Kallah—OSRUI
Executive Committee Meeting—OSRUI, April 27**

June 23, 2012

**Metropolitan Chicago Area Day
North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, IL
(Watch for notice of other Area Days)**

November 1-4, 2012

**WRJ Midwest District Convention—Itasca, IL
Executive Committee Meeting, November 1**

January 25-27, 2013

WRJ Leadership Conference — Cincinnati, Ohio

April 12-14, 2013

**WRJ Midwest District Kallah—OSRUI
Executive Committee Meeting, April 12**

September 20-23, 2013

**WRJ Midwest District Leadership Retreat and Interim Board Meeting—OSRUI
Executive Committee Meeting, September 20**