

**Installation Ceremony**  
***Kehillah Kedoshah***

**Celebrating Community**

*(From the 2010 biennial convention installation)*

**Presider:** Welcomes delegates. Calls to order

Please join me as we welcome the outgoing and incoming officers.

**Speaker #1:** [Tonight] we are gathered here together to celebrate *kehillah kedoshah*, our community — Women’s League for Conservative Judaism -- in this installation of our president and executive officers for (name) Sisterhood. Women’s League for Conservative Judaism is a wholly unique community – unlike any other in the world. The uniqueness of our community is, in fact, reflected in our name.

**Speaker #2:** First, we are a community of **women**. From the beginning of human history, women have sought out the company of other women – each recognizing in the other a kindred spirit. Women then -- and now -- have looked to one another for camaraderie, for support, inspiration and comfort. Whether it was grinding wheat, assisting in childbirth or marching for fair labor practices, women’s community is not bound by time or society.

**Speaker #3:** We are a community of **Jewish** women. From the beginning of our history, Jewish women have sought out the company of other Jewish women – each recognizing in the other an unbroken link between past and future. Jewish women then – and now – have looked to one another for wisdom, practical knowledge and spiritual guidance. Whether it was in daily meetings at the well, in synagogue embroidery societies or rosh chodesh study groups Jewish women’s community is timeless.

**Speaker #4:** We are a community of **Conservative** Jewish women. From the beginning of our movement's history, our women have sought out the company of other like-minded women – each recognizing in the other an appreciation of the mission of our founders. Conservative Jewish women then – and now-- have looked to one another for support and guidance about how to maintain that delicate balance between tradition and change. Whether it was Mathilde Schechter's vision of education and learning for Jewish women, or Anne Lapidus Lerner's pioneering work in Jewish women's studies, Conservative Jewish women have been in the forefront of religious progress and change.

**Discharging Officer:** We now come to the discharge of our outgoing officers for \_\_\_\_\_.

As officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood for the past two years you sustained our community through a tumultuous period of social and economic uncertainty. But always, thankfully, your dedicated leadership contained equal doses of pragmatism, optimism and humor. As I call your name, will you please rise.

Vice Presidents:

Treasurer:

Recording Secretary:

Financial Secretary:

Our Women's League community thanks you for your dedication and service. I discharge you from your office.

**Discharge of President:** It is now my privilege to discharge \_\_\_\_\_ president of \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood.

**Discharging officer's remarks to outgoing president.**

**Outgoing president makes brief remarks.**

**Installing Officer:** It is my great pleasure to install the new executive board of \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood

On behalf of our community, I thank you for your acceptance of this honor and daunting responsibility. As I call your name, will you please stand:

Vice Presidents:

Treasurer:

Recording Secretary:

Financial Secretary:

**Installing Officer:** You are hereby installed as the officers for the years \_\_\_\_\_ . We wish you strength, wisdom and luck as you lead our organization forward into the second decade of the twenty-first century.

**Installing Officer for president:** It is my honor to introduce and install \_\_\_\_\_ as our new president.

**Brief comments about president:**

You are hereby installed as the president for \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood for the years \_\_\_\_\_. Congratulations and may you go from strength to strength.

**New president gives installation speech**

**Speaker #1:** As we conclude this installation of our new officers – we also celebrate ourselves, our very special and unique *kehillah kedoshah*. We are a single community of Conservative Jewish women, but we are also a collective of diverse communities.

**Speaker #2:** We are communities of stitchers and bakers, activists and advocates, survivors and care-givers, book readers and Torah readers. We are mothers and daughters, grandmothers and neighbors. But mostly, today, we are sisters and friends. Mazal tov to all.

