



**Anniversary Shabbat 2009
Greetings from the President
Women's League for Conservative Judaism**

Shabbat Shalom!

Welcome to this opportunity for the women of Women's League to celebrate Shabbat and study together.

Each day we recite the Shema and within it “*V’ahavta et Adonai elohekha b’khol le-vav’khah uve-khol nafshekha*” [that we should love God with all our heart and soul]. This phrase twice uses “all” emphasizing and charging us to use our **whole** minds and bodies for the observance of mitzvot. How difficult it is to do anything one hundred percent, yet that is the mandate.

Mitzvah Yomit, performing an additional mitzvah each day, is a Women's League initiative introduced at Convention 2008. One hundred percent commitment is difficult; one more mitzvah a day is achievable.

Women's League encourages the mitzvah of study for study's sake. In preparation for this Shabbat, many of you may have learned new skills, refreshed and perfected previously acquired skills, researched and prepared a d'var Torah or study session. All of you have chosen to study and celebrate together. All of you are accomplishing part of the core mission of sisterhood and Women's League – education.

I wish you joy in the performance of this mitzvah. I encourage you to heighten your awareness and increase your *mitzvah yomit* – your daily mitzvah.

May this Shabbat be filled with peace, and meaning and fulfillment for each of you.

Shabbat shalom,

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