



# WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

*Women's League Shabbat 2014/5774*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the 2014 Women's League Shabbat, it is important to take just a moment to recognize and take pride in how much we have accomplished both as women and as members of our sisterhoods.

When Women's League for Conservative Judaism came into existence almost 100 years ago, no one dreamed that we would come so far. Today our women lead services, read Torah and haftarah, as well as participate fully in every aspect of our religious services. As Conservative Jewish women, we should take great pride in how we have progressed from being observers to active participants in public rituals.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism is always encouraging its sisterhoods to expand their horizons by exploring new topics of interest and relevance in today's world. I am particularly proud of how our members have embraced our theme for the year, **Mishpachah: The Modern Jewish Family**, a topic that focuses on diversity in our families, communities and synagogues.

Our members have once again proven that they are open-minded and welcoming to all the women in our communities, no matter their personal status or life situation. It is my hope that the wonderful materials available on the Women's League website will resonate with each of our members as we continue on this meaningful and important journey.

On this most special day, I wish you all a *Yasher Kochakben*, and a very heartfelt and sincere Shabbat Shalom.

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*International President*