



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT  
GREETINGS FROM WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT  
RITA WERTLIEB**

To all of you, members of our Women's League Family,

I am so privileged to send you greetings -- even if over a long distance -- from Women's League for Conservative Judaism on this, our 2012/5772 anniversary Shabbat. The focus of this year's program is *Hiddur Mitzvah*, enhancing or adorning mitzvot, a concept that lends itself so beautifully to our mission of perpetuating Conservative Judaism in the home, synagogue and community. The comprehensive Hiddur Mitzvah Guide, unveiled earlier this year, offers an accessible and modern approach to programming and holiday celebrations in sisterhoods and the home, throughout the calendar year.

The concept of hiddur mitzvah is taken from a midrash on the passage from the Song of the Sea in Exodus in which Moses and the children of Israel sing: "This is my God and I will glorify Him."

In this midrash Rabbi Yishmael asks "How can human beings of flesh and blood glorify God?" An answer is through hiddur mitzvah. When we enhance or adorn our mitzvot, we glorify God.

Here, today (tonight), in our celebration of Women's League Shabbat, whether through helping in its organization or logistical planning, or participating in the service, each of you brings further beauty to our Shabbat observance, and through that, greater glory to our Creator.

May this Shabbat be joyous and may all of your mitzvot be enhanced!

Shabbat shalom,  
Rita Wertlieb