



Women's League Shabbat

January 21, 2012/26 Tevet 5772

Theme: *Hiddur Mitzvah*

Parashat: *Va-era*

COMMITTEE: Women who are responsible for the following:

- chairs/co-chairs
- publicity (Jewish newspaper, synagogue bulletin)
- flyers/Shabbat morning handout
- coordination of synagogue service
- food – kitchen crew
- centerpieces

The committee should determine how involved sisterhood members will be in the service. Some sisterhoods choose to do everything and others, less. In consultation with your rabbi, decide on the extent of your sisterhood's participation. Included here are guidelines for your sisterhood's involvement for the entire service.

SUGGESTED TIME LINE

1. Committee should be formed and initially meet 2 months in advance to discuss:
 - a. the participatory range of your sisterhood in the service
 - b. the range of food involvement of your sisterhood for the *kiddush* and if you will be making your own centerpieces
 - c. publicity/flyers/Shabbat morning handout
2. Determine (in consultation with your rabbi) what will be your sisterhood's role in:
 - a. reading the Torah and haftarah
 - b. introducing the Torah reading and haftarah
 - c. *devar Torah* (on the *parashah*)
 - d. English readings
3. Torah and haftarah readings should be assigned immediately. These take much longer prep time than English readings.
4. English readings can be handed out closer to the event.
5. Confirmation emails/postcards should be sent immediately to participants.
6. Send a flyer to congregation one month in advance.
7. Shabbat handout should be printed 1-2 weeks prior to the service. **Be sure to have several people proofread!**
8. Reminder postcards/emails should be sent to participants 1-2 weeks prior to the service.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

- Shabbat morning handout should include information about Women's League
- Artwork for flyers and centerpieces can be taken from the Women's League Calendar Diary or wlcj.org.
- Several *Divrei Torah* will be provided by Women's League (one appropriate to the *parashah* and one to the theme). You can use or adapt these OR someone in your sisterhood may choose to write one.

The following are suggestions for the non-liturgical aspects of your Shabbat service. You can decide how many, if any, you want to include. You can use or adapt these, or write your own.

- Greetings from Women's League President Rita Wertlieb (will be provided)
- Sisterhood president's welcome ("Meet Your Sisterhood")
- What is Women's League? (included)
- Sisterhood president's closing remarks: thank you to committee members; sisterhood members, etc. (example included)

Soon to follow:

- Greetings from Women's League President Rita Wertlieb
- 2 *divrei Torah*
- English readings on *Hiddur Mitzvah*

Torah Readings: Va-era: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

Full Torah reading

1. 6:2-13
 2. 6:14-28
 3. 6:29 -7:7
 4. 7:8 - 8:6
 5. 8:7-18
 6. 8:19 – 9:16
 7. 9:17-35
- maftir: 9:33-35

Triennial Cycle (Year II, 2012)

1. 7:8-13
 2. 7:14-18
 3. 7:19-25
 4. 7:26-29
 5. 8:1-6
 6. 8:7-11
 7. 8:12-15
- maftir: 8:12-15