

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT 2016



Message from President Carol Simon

On this Women's League Shabbat, we are celebrating women of accomplishment. The *eishet chayil* from the book of Proverbs is a model for us all to revere. She is accomplished. She is resourceful. She is industrious. She thinks about the future. Who better to emulate?

Our members have been celebrating the anniversary of the founding of Women's League for almost as many years as Women's League has been in existence. Look at what the women in our organization have accomplished in that time. A half a century ago in their synagogues, the kitchen was the principle domain for our members. Synagogue membership was offered only to its male members and until the mid 1980s our members were identified still by their husband's name.

Today our members can do it all. We read Torah and lead services. We are the synagogue presidents, the Hebrew school principals, the cantors and the rabbis. We are also school administrators, attorneys, architects and business owners. And yes, we still bake, serve and work in the kitchen because each of us finds her way to Women's League through a variety of portals.

It's a new world, one where we can come together, regardless of our interests and skills, to form a network of committed Conservative Jewish women.

Shabbat shalom to each of you.