“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
― [**Eleanor Roosevelt**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/44566.Eleanor_Roosevelt)

This uplifting quote is from an amazing woman, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt who knew how important it was to live her dream. Besides being a former First Lady, she was the first Chair of the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, a position created for her by President John F. Kennedy. Before that she was the first US Representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights, as well as its first chair. When the country was suffering from its worst Depression in history and then World War II, times during which nobody was seemingly affording themselves the luxury of dreaming, Eleanor Roosevelt knew just the right thing to say to the American people. She urged them to dream and to act upon their dreams.

Many times, today, we are asked about our dreams. Do we have dreams about a particular vacation? Are there special places we would like to visit? What about our future? How do we see ourselves inhabiting our future days? Do we want to make some changes and embark on some new paths?

What if our dreams are not monetary in nature? For example, do we dream of once again talking to our estranged mother/sister/brother/father/friend etc.?  What if all it took to make our dream come true was to make one phone call or write one letter? Can we make that dream come true?

 This year’s theme for our Torah Fund campaign is *Atid*, which means future, and our dreams are certainly wrapped up in the future. Eleanor Roosevelt knew the importance of building a strong future for women and all people as a goal or by-product of her dreams and those of others around her. She had the opportunity to make great strides in her dreams and she urged others to do the same thing. For her dreams and future were integrally tied together; one could not have dreams without a real respect for the future and one could not live fully in the future without having some dreams!

1. What are you doing to make your dreams a reality?
2. How difficult do you think it is to attain one’s dreams?
3. Are there particular kinds of dreams that are hard to attain?
4. If your dream involves creating a Jewish future for your children and grandchildren, how does one do that?
5. How might your sisterhood help to provide you with the tools to ensure a Jewish future?

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