



Dear Friend of Torah Fund,

This year, women across our continent will be wearing a specially designed pin in honor of the 100th year of Women's League depicting the theme, *Mah Tov*, (as described on the back cover).

At this time in history, when every day is a challenge, it is important that devoted women of Women's League show their support of the Conservative Movement's future and continue to be involved in and committed to the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Through the years, your Torah Fund monies have enhanced the lives of the students in every way: financially, educationally, socially and spiritually. We are not asking you to **DO** anything, what we are doing is offering you the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of *tzedukah*.

A Torah Fund pledge envelope is enclosed for your convenience. We hope you will consider making a pledge at any level (patron, guardian, benefactor or supporter), and join the women around the world wearing this year's pin.

If you have already participated in this year's Campaign, we thank you. Remember, a gift in any amount is greatly appreciated. You can also help us meet our Women's Network goal by using our beautiful Torah Fund cards.

Thank you for taking on this important Women's League project.

Todah Rabah,

Temple Beth Tzedek Torah Fund Committee

Elaine, Sheila, Linda, Carolyn, Marcia, Gloria, Edna

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Mah Tov

Mah tov, which means "how good!", is a phrase that originates in the Torah, in Numbers 24:5. Quoted in our prayer book, it forms the basis of the opening prayer that is sung when we enter the synagogue.

The full phrase is *Mah tov ohalecha Yaakov, mishk'notecha Yisrael*, "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!" It is a spontaneous exclamation of joy and appreciation, said when gazing at the nation of Israel, dwelling in peace and mutual respect. As we celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the end of the 75th year of the Torah Fund Campaign, we count our many blessings as individuals within the community of Israel. We are blessed in our synagogues with depth of learning, prayer, and acts of kindness that bind us together; with communal leaders who are thoughtful and learned; with children and grandchildren who make us smile; and with the love of family and friends—especially our Women's League sisters—who are such a strong support to us. **How good are all these blessings in our lives!**

The pin, featuring the number 100 in raised letters and encased in a silver frame, is a treasured keepsake of the Women's League centennial celebration to wear with pride!



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