



# Advocacy Update

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## **Hold the Date for Israel**

Plan to hold April 27-28, 2012 for the Reform Movement Israel Shabbat. Speak to your clergy and congregational leaders about doing so, as well. Join with other sisterhoods and congregations across North America to celebrate Israel and the accomplishments of the Israel Reform Movement. The voices of Israeli women will be featured and special liturgical materials are being prepared.

## **Or Ami Award Winning Projects, Continued**

The Or Ami award winning projects on which we are focusing this week exemplify the diversity and social consciousness inherent in the work of our sisterhoods.

### **Sisterhood Creative Service: The Story of the Children's Opera "Brundibar"**

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The sisterhood's creative service presented the history and story of the Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia through an original cantata. It was based on the children's opera "Brundibar," which was originally performed at Terezin in 1944. Co-written by two members of the sisterhood, the cantata was prepared and performed to honor the children, whose courage in performing "Brundibar" gave them the hope and strength to endure life at the camp. The service enabled sisterhood members, the cantor, the children's choir, and the youth group to forge new bonds.

### **WRJ Pacific District 2010 Convention: Sew Green**

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The sisterhoods in the district were invited to sew convention bags for the November 2010 WRJPD convention, using environmentally sound, recycled, re-purposed, and left-over materials. Instructions and images were provided on the internet and sample bags were made available during their Area Days. The district's goals included: generating excitement about the convention, involving district women in something creative and tangible, saving the costs of purchasing convention bags, putting the "recycle, reuse, re-purpose" mantra into action, and building community by working on a joint project. The district received more than enough bags for convention delegates, many of which were exceptionally creative and were auctioned off during the convention.

**Look for upcoming exciting and important projects which your sisterhood can replicate or adapt.**