



Dear Jocelyn:

We are writing to tell you about an exciting leadership development program being offered in 2018, and to ask for your partnership in identifying a prospective candidate from your community or region.

The **Wilkenfeld International Women's Leadership Seminar** is sponsored jointly by Women of Reform Judaism and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. It will take place at Beit Shmuel in Jerusalem on May 29-31, 2018.

We are seeking Reform/Progressive/Liberal Jewish women from around the world who are ready to increase their leadership skills and their international network. The seminar goals include:

- Developing Successful Strategies for Making a Difference
- Learning the Power of "Why" and the Importance of "How"
- Taking on Leadership Roles in Their Home Communities
- Meeting Reform/Progressive Jewish Women from Near and Far

Prior to the seminar, each participant will propose a project for her home community. During the seminar, each will develop strategies and a specific action plan for this project.

**What is your role?** Please look for a woman in your community or region who could benefit from this leadership development opportunity. We promise we will send her back to you energized and prepared to move forward with her specific project.

Each candidate will complete an application and we will ask you or another leader in your community to write a letter of recommendation for her. If your candidate is accepted to the seminar, we will ask you and/or others in your community's leadership to work with her to propose a project that is meaningful to her and valuable to your community. Each attendee will need a local mentor, identified before the seminar, who will support her in completing her action plan after the seminar ends.

**Application details:** The application deadline is September 15, 2017.

The cost for the seminar is US \$650, but WRJ has scholarship funds available to help with both the registration cost and travel expenses. The website includes a link to the on-line application: <http://wrj.org/wilkenfeld2018>

This seminar ends the day before the IMPJ regional biennial begins, and we hope that some of our participants will be able to join us in representing the international Reform community at the conference of our Israeli counterparts. Please help us recruit representatives of your community to benefit from this extraordinary opportunity. Feel free to share this invitation with rabbis and other congregational leaders.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Daniel H. Frelander

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