



Yahadut Zmaneinu, Moreshet Ha'am

# YOZMA

AN ISRAELI JEWISH INITIATIVE IN MODI'IN



## YOZMA Women Join the Women of Reform Judaism

Earlier this month YOZMA participated in a special women's gathering of representatives from the all of the Reform congregations in Israel. There we met and spoke with **Lynn Magid Lazar** (National President, WRJ), **Shelley Lindauer** (Executive Director, WRJ), **Resa Davis** (Chairwoman of this event), **Rabbi Gilad Kariv** (Executive Director, Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism) and **Gusti Braverman-Yehoshua** (Associate Executive Director, IMPJ) as well as Rabbis from other Israeli congregations.

We were presented with our official WRJ Charter and traditional gavel. The room was abuzz with lots of exciting conversation about the possibilities and advantages of sisterhood twinning, women's programming and networking. Rabbi Kariv gave an exceptional speech about the power and the status of women in our movement, in our tradition and in Israel. It was inspirational, informative, dynamic and thought-provoking.

We are already in contact with three American congregations whose sisterhoods are enthusiastic about twinning with us (Temple Judea, University Synagogue, Temple Barnett). We are preparing introductory material to share, brainstorming joint programming options and exploring avenues for long-term cooperation.

We are very excited about these initiatives and look forward to weaving interesting, creative and productive relationships with our sisters overseas!

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