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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to salute you on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. From its inception, the Women's League has been synonymous with leadership, vision, compassion, and excellence. And our entire Conservative/Masorti Movement has been the beneficiary of your stamina, faith, and wisdom.

The Talmud wisely reminds us that the "daughters of Israel should not be regarded as insignificant (*Kiddushin* 12a)." Little chance of that happening in Conservative Judaism! For well over a century, our finest institutions have been guided by the care and devotion of brilliant women, molded by the piety and love of caring women, built in no small measure with the money raised by countless Women's League members. That heritage of love, learning, and generosity remains a beacon to this day.

One of the crown achievements of Women's League is its esteemed Torah Fund. On behalf of the ordained Ziegler rabbis now serving throughout North America, Israel, and Africa, and the rabbinical students learning at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies – students who come from all over North America, from Europe, and from Israel – I want to thank you for your partnership in raising up a new generation of Conservative rabbis. These men and women already know their great debt to the women of Women's League, and we look forward to continuing a beautiful partnership with you on behalf of God, Torah, and Israel.

But Women's League is far more than just its generous leadership in training tomorrow's rabbis. WLJC has trained women to take their rightful place as leaders for over a century. Countless are the visionaries who learned how to mold and elevate communities through their trail-blazing work in Women's League. We are all the beneficiaries.

May God continue to bless you in your sacred work!

בברכת שלום,

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