

Commitment to Jewish Values - 1979

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods looks with pride at the extraordinary service to synagogue, the institutions of Reform Judaism, the Jewish people and the community at large made possible by its members' devotion and commitment to Jewish values. Our tradition says that one who is ignorant cannot truly participate in living according to those values, and it is the duty of all who can do so to perform the mitzvot of study and teaching.

Therefore, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods Resolves that:

1. We encourage all women to continue the lifetime process of Jewish education, for their own well-being and to serve more effectively as members of a Jewish family and as partners in the synagogue community. We urge all Sisterhoods to participate in Bat Kol: Voice of Learning: as a significant part of Jewish study.
2. We respond with joy to the in gathering to Judaism, the synagogue and particularly to Reform Judaism:
 1. those who are new to Judaism through Jews-by-choice;
 2. those who are new to our communities, especially Soviet Jews, who have been denied opportunities to live Jewish lives;
 3. those, particularly among the young, who in their search for meaning may have strayed from their Jewish heritage and now return;
 4. those not satisfied with the increasingly secular, materialistic and dehumanized society who seek a life with spiritual purpose and historic identity within their heritage.

We urge Sisterhoods to establish programs of Jewish study adapted to the particular needs of these people, for a warm and generous welcome will serve to draw them and us closer together in a mutually strengthening relationship.