



Help start a WRJ Social Justice Fund IN MEMORY OF JANE MARCUS



"We've won awards for the program and published two documents for which we got grants..." — BAW Receiving WRJ's Gold Or Ami award for Mental Health Programming at the WRJ Biennial Convention. *From left:* Barb Windham, Cherie Half, WRJ Executive Director Marla Feldman, **Jane Marcus**, WRJ President Blair Marks, Debby Satten, Deb Radin, and WRJ Vice President Susan Bass, 2015.

When long-time Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) board member and activist Jane Marcus got an idea for something that would improve the world, there was no stopping her. After her sudden passing in November of 2017, many of her friends and colleagues have come together with the goal of creating a WRJ Social Justice Fund to continue her legacy. We are actively reaching out to those who knew Jane and her work, for donations to start a fund that will underwrite the WRJ Legislative Assistant position at the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C., and/or a WRJ restricted Social Justice Fund.

Jane championed such issues as making medical marijuana available, reforming drug policy and creating mental health support groups, ideas that served as the basis of three separate WRJ Or Ami (Light of my People) awards. She was a past president of Beth Am Women in Los Altos Hills, California, and during her six years on the WRJ Board, Jane served as co-chair of the Resolutions Committee. She worked with the Religious Action Center (*affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism) to accomplish her goals of *tikkun olam* and was a member of the Chai Society of Retired WRJ Board Members.

In the words of Deb Radin, past president of Beth Am Women and current WRJ board member, Jane "recognized ways to improve our world, knew each of us has the capacity to make changes, and doggedly pursued her beliefs and what she knew to be true, with

creativity, humor and clarity. She gave us direction to continue to do the vital work that must be done, and blessed us with the assurance that our strength, as individuals and collectively, is strong enough to make a difference. Jane taught us with her words but as significantly, with her actions."

Raising \$36,000 will fund the WRJ Legislative Assistant position at the Religious Action Center for a year. \$25,000 will enable us to create a WRJ named fund. If we are able to raise \$360,000, we can create an endowed fund that would permanently support the Legislative Assistant position.

To make a tax-deductible donation, please enclose a check made out to Women of Reform Judaism, **noting that it is for the Social Justice Fund in Memory of Jane Marcus** and mail to:

Women of Reform Judaism
Attention: Marla Feldman
633 Third Avenue
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Or, make a donation online at www.wrj.org and be sure to specify that it is for the Social Justice Fund in Memory of Jane Marcus.

