

The UNION & YOU

IDEAS, PROGRAMS & SERVICES FROM THE UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

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Young People Unite

More than one thousand Reform Jewish teens will spend Presidents Day weekend—February 13–17, 2009—in the nation’s capital to learn, pray, sing, and make new friends. To join them at the **2009 NFTY Convention**, visit www.nfty.org. At the same venue, the **Youth Workers Conference** brings together the Reform Movement’s best informal youth programming minds for learning, training, and networking. For more info: www.rjyouthworker.urj.org.

The Reform Movement Blog: *RJ.org*

To continue the Movement-wide conversation initiated with the “RJ Guide to Reform Judaism: 30 Stories” in our Summer 2008 edition, the Union for Reform Judaism has created the blog ***RJ.org: News and Views of Reform Jews***. Log on at www.urj.org to download podcasts, debate, and dialogue about what it means to be a Reform Jew today.

Your Regional Biennial: Mark the Date

Don’t miss the **2008–2009 Regional Biennials and *Kallot***. You’ll hear from Union President Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Chairman Peter Weidhorn, and other Reform leaders; learn from scholars; and connect with lay leaders throughout your region. Log onto your region’s website at www.urj.org/offices.

Reform Judaism: 30 Stories Reprints

This Summer’s 44-page special section, “RJ Guide to Reform Judaism: 30 Stories,” all personal reflections on what it means to live as modern Jews today, was designed for congregations to engage in discussion with current members and distribute to new and prospective members. To purchase a self-contained reprint at cost, call 212-650-4210 or email HKorn@urj.org. Both the section and its companion Study/Discussion Guide, which frames the material and provides group discussion questions, are free on www.reformjudaismmag.org.

Shabbat Shalom: The Musical

Do you ever light the Shabbat candles and blank on the tune for the blessing? Are you lost when your children sing the *Birkat Hamazon* melody they’ve learned from camp? At the new **Shabbat Blessings** page (www.urj.org/shabbat/blessings) you can download MP3s and learn the Shabbat blessings and melodies.

Watch for the brand-new “Union & You”—renamed “News & Views of Reform Jews”—next issue!