

NEWS&VIEWS  OF REFORM JEWS**NOTEWORTHY****One-Stop Green Resource:**

The Union for Reform Judaism's new "Greening Reform Judaism" web portal ([www.urj.org/green](http://www.urj.org/green)) offers a one-stop resource for congregations and members seeking to live in a more sustainable way, with Jewish teachings on the environment, educational programming, social action ideas, and models of "green synagogues."

**Inaugural Reform-Catholic Seminary Partnership:**

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) and Xavier University, a Jesuit, Catholic university based in Cincinnati, co-created a Jewish and Interfaith Studies program that offers Xavier students access to HUC-JIR's Jewish Studies program, Klau Library, and American Jewish Archives; and gives HUC-JIR students the opportunity to take new courses on Catholic-Jewish dialogue, history of the Catholic church, and comparative theology.

**A Petition for Recognition:**

The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and the Israel Religious Action Center have collected thousands of email petitions from throughout the world calling on the State of Israel to "immediately recognize" Rabbi Miri Gold and "apply government funding to support [her] work... and [that of] her peers...and equally support all streams of Judaism." Once the petition (<http://irac.org>) garners 10,000 signatures, it will be submitted to President Shimon Peres.

Unlike the sixteen other local rabbis who serve the Gezer area and receive a state salary, Rabbi Miri Gold of Kehilat Birkat Shalom—and all other Reform rabbis—are denied this recognition and funding.

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read about the challenges inherent in temple tech innovations, see "Cyber Judaism," p. 34.)

For congregations seeking to enter social media, Lees recommends giving the responsibility to a professional staff member serving in a marketing, membership, communications, and/or technology capacity; surfing Facebook, MySpace, Flickr, Twitter, and YouTube often for ideas; calling upon temple members for technical and social media expertise; creating social media guidelines with mem-

ber input—and being proactive in educating the community about these policies. Also, he says, don't lose sight of one valuable and simple social technology: an email discussion list (listserv) that can foster meaningful synagogue communication among committee members, teachers, students, youth, and others.

Indeed, technology is changing how temples build and nurture rich, meaningful community.

—Jane E. Herman, writer and assistant to Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism

**HAPPENINGS** For Adults & Youth **For Youth**

**July–August 2009:** Join the NFTY Mitzvah Corps and engage in a 3–6 week *tikkun olam* program. [www.mitzvahcorps.org](http://www.mitzvahcorps.org)

 **For Adults**

**July 2–5, 9–12, 16–19:** Learn with rabbis and teachers while taking in sports, cultural trips, Shabbat at camp, and more at **Lehrhaus: Lifelong Fun and Learning for Adults**, URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, Oconomowoc, WI. [www.osrui.org](http://www.osrui.org)

**July 12–16:** Join in choral and ensemble singing, workshops, and performances at the 20th annual **North American Jewish Choral Festival**, Hudson Valley Resort and Spa, Kerhonksen, NY. [www.urj.org/worship/musictraining](http://www.urj.org/worship/musictraining)

**July 22–August 5:** Take a journey through Israel—the history, the people, the land—at the **EIE Adult Summer Institute**, Kibbutz Tzuba in the Judean Hills. <http://urj.org/educate/adultstudy/>

**July 26–30:** Network with synagogue musicians; and receive instruction in cantillation, *nusach*, and choral conducting with in-depth study of liturgy and repertoire for Shabbat at the **Mifgash Musicale Summer Institute for Synagogue Musicians**, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. [www.urj.org/worship/musictraining](http://www.urj.org/worship/musictraining)

**August 5–9:** Be trained to assist conversion candidates from their first steps through full integration into the synagogue community at the **Schindler Fellows Program for Conversion Certification**, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. <http://urj.org/outreach/classes/workshops/>

**August 8:** Participate in **Henry S. Jacobs Camp's 40th anniversary celebration** in Utica, MS. [www.jacobs.urjcamp.org/alumni/40years](http://www.jacobs.urjcamp.org/alumni/40years)

**August 28–30:** All alumni from 1970s, '80s, '90s are invited to the **URJ Camp Coleman / SEFTY Reunion Weekend**, Cleveland, Georgia. [www.coleman.urjcamp.org](http://www.coleman.urjcamp.org)



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 **And Save the Dates**

**November 4–9:** Join 5,000 Reform Jews in worship, learning, music, social action, community, and more at the **Union for Reform Judaism's 70th General Assembly** and the **Women of Reform Judaism's 47th Assembly**, Toronto, Canada. [www.urj.org/biennial/](http://www.urj.org/biennial/)