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Rabbi Richard Jacobs Has Been Tapped as Next URJ President

The Union for Reform Judaism's Presidential Search Committee has nominated Rabbi Richard Jacobs to succeed Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie as the URJ's next president.

Rabbi Yoffie announced that he will retire in 2012, after serving 16 years as president of the synagogue arm of the Reform Jewish Movement. The URJ provides a wide range of support and services to more than 900 affiliated congregations in North America and their members, including expert consultations, a camping system, the Religious Action Center in Washington, the URJ Biennial, this quarterly magazine, and much more.



Rabbi Jacobs, 55, has served as senior rabbi of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York since 1991, where he oversaw transformations in worship, education, governance, and green architecture. He is also known for his national leadership on

synagogue transformation, social justice, and Israel.

Rabbi Jacobs' nomination requires official confirmation by the Union for Reform Judaism Board at its June 2011 meeting. He would take office in 2012, becoming the fourth URJ president in 68 years.

To learn more about Rabbi Jacobs, including reading the four articles he has written for *Reform Judaism* magazine, visit urj.org/rabbijacobs.