

Steven A. Reitman to Receive Doctor of Jewish Communal Service at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in Los Angeles

Steven A. Reitman, Senior Associate Director of Development at **Childnet Youth and Family Services**, will receive a Doctor of Jewish Communal Service, *honoris causa*, from the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**. The degree will be granted at HUC-JIR's Los Angeles Graduation ceremony on Monday, May 18, 2009. HUC-JIR is the nation's oldest institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism.

Communal leaders, relatives, and friends will gather at the Los Angeles Campus, 3077 University Avenue, for the HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremonies of the 134th academic year.

Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D., announced HUC-JIR alumni recipients who will be awarded honorary Doctorates of Divinity, Music, Jewish Religious Education, and Jewish Communal Service, as well as the Founders' Medallion, in recognition of their 25 years of distinguished professional service.

Reitman holds an MSW from the University of Southern California and a BA in Psychology from San Francisco State University, in addition to his MA in Jewish Communal Service from HUC-JIR.

Rabbi Ellenson said, "Steven Reitman's twenty-four years of service to small and intermediate Jewish federations has been one of devotion and loyalty. His love of *Eretz Yisrael* has found expression in the many fund raising missions he has led, bringing singles, health care professionals and families to experience the land, people and history. He has helped communities and individuals in the west deepen relationships with Israel through Partnership 2000."

For more information on the HUC-JIR Graduation, Investiture, and Ordination ceremonies in New York, Los Angeles, and Cincinnati, please visit <http://www.huc.edu/newspubs/pressroom/article.php?pressroomid=271>.

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