

## **Rabbi S. Joan Glazer Farber to Receive Doctor of Divinity at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in New York**

**Rabbi S. Joan Glazer Farber**, Director of Adult Learning at the **Union for Reform Judaism**, will receive a Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, from the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**. The degree will be granted at HUC-JIR's New York Graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York.

**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.

Rabbi Ellenson said, "As Director of Adult Learning for the URJ, Rabbi Farber implemented the 10 Minutes of Torah, a daily study session which reaches thousands of individuals. She has brought the meaning and message of Judaism to our youth through religious school and in camp settings and to adult Jewish learners through Kallot and adult study retreats."

Rabbi Farber was ordained at HUC-JIR in 1984. The same year, Rabbi Farber received her Master of Arts in Education from New York University. She has served as a pulpit rabbi and an educator in congregations on the east coast. Rabbi Farber joined the Union for Reform Judaism staff in the fall of 2003 as the coordinator of 10 Minutes of Torah. In 2004, she became the Director of Adult Learning for the Union. Joan is married to Andy and they have three children, Miriam, Adam and Yael.

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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