

## **Rabbi Constance A. Golden to Receive Doctor of Divinity at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in New York**

**Rabbi Constance A. Golden**, a member of the board of the National Association of Retired Rabbis, 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 a second-career rabbi, Rabbi Golden found joy and fulfillment in her role as congregational leader in the communities she has served. She has the distinction of transcribing the first Braille edition of *Gates of Prayer for Shabbat and Weekdays* for a challenged congregant."

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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