

Rabbi Stacy K. Offner to Receive Doctor of Divinity at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in New York

Rabbi Stacy K. Offner, Vice President, **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 Offner is also founding rabbi of **Shir Tikvah Congregation**, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and serves as Rabbi Emerita there. Rabbi Offner received a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, in Religion from Kenyon College before being ordained at HUC-JIR in 1984.

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, "Rabbi Offner created an embracing atmosphere in her congregation and now, as Vice President of the URJ, continues to share her love of congregational life and its influence on American Judaism."

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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