

## **Avi M. Schulman to Receive Doctor of Divinity at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in Los Angeles**

**Rabbi Avi M. Schulman**, rabbi of **Temple Beth Torah**, Fremont, California, 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 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.

Rabbi Schulman is a native of Long Beach, California, and graduated with highest honors from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a degree in Modern Jewish History and Thought. Ordained at HUC-JIR in 1984, he has served congregations in Ohio, Colorado, and Texas. He is a Past President of the Houston Rabbinical Association, as well as the Rocky Mountain Rabbinical Council. Rabbi Schulman is the author of *Like A Raging Fire: A Biography of Maurice N. Eisendrath*.

Rabbi Ellenson said, "Rabbi Schulman's service as a rabbi has been one of dedication, his creative programs and innovative outreach have revitalized the congregations he has served, and his spiritual leadership has nourished the flame of Jewish loyalty and Jewish life everywhere."

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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