

**Dr. Andrea Weiss Promoted to Associate Professor of Bible at
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion**



Dr. Andrea Weiss has been promoted to Associate Professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), as of July 1, 2009.

In announcing this promotion, Rabbi David Ellenson, HUC-JIR President, said, “Dr. Weiss has made a landmark contribution to biblical studies and worship as co-editor of *The Torah: A Women’s Commentary*, and to the College-Institute as an initiator of the first cross-campus Bible course utilizing eLearning classrooms this past year. As a scholar, teacher, mentor, and rabbinical alumna, she is ensuring the next generation of learned leaders for Reform Judaism and *klal Yisrael*.”

Dr. Weiss has taught at HUC-JIR since her appointment in July 2000 as Instructor of Bible, and later as Assistant Professor of Bible. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania (2004) in Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East, her M.A. in Hebrew Letters (1991) and Rabbinical Ordination (1993) at HUC-JIR, and her B.A. with honors in English from the University of California at Berkeley (1987).

Her books include *The Torah: A Women’s Commentary* (2008) (co-edited with Dr. Tamara Cohn Eskenazi), which won the Jewish Book Council 2008 Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of

the Year Award. She also wrote *Figurative Language in Biblical Prose Narrative: Metaphor in the Book of Samuel* (2006). Her articles on biblical poetry, teaching Bible, and other topics have appeared in *Mishneh Todah: Studies in Deuteronomy and Its Cultural Environment in Honor of Jeffrey H. Tigay* (ed. Nili Fox, David Glatt-Gilad, and Michael Williams), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion, and Culture*, *The Jewish Bible: A JPS Guide*, *Encyclopedia Judaica 2nd edition*, *Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy in Jewish Studies* (co-authored with Lisa Grant), *Hills of Spices: Poetry from the Bible* (ed. Rena Potok), *Homiletix e-Forum*, *Religious Education*, *Jewish Spiritual Journeys* (ed. Lawrence Hoffman), *CCAR Journal*, *Shalom: Salaam: A Resource for Jewish-Muslim Dialogue*, and *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. She has presented papers and lectures at the Society for Biblical Literature, European Association of Biblical Studies, Association for Jewish Studies, Brandeis University, Haverford College, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, General Theological Seminary, University of Pennsylvania Hillel, and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Dr. Weiss's service to the Reform Jewish community encompasses membership on the Joint Commission on Worship, Music, and Religious Living, serving as Member-at-Large on the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, teaching as a scholar-in-residence at the Union for Reform Judaism, Women of Reform Judaism, and CCAR conventions, and speaking at synagogues throughout North America.