Schedule of Events

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Sunday, April 21, 2013
Hyatt Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

11:00 a.m.  Registration Opens

1:00 p.m.  Opening Session (Regency Ballroom)
Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; Barbara Weinstein, Director, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism; Rachel Laser, Deputy Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

1:45 p.m.  Learning Sessions, Block One

- Great Social Action Programs for Your Congregation (Jefferson - 3rd floor)
  Fain Award Winning Congregations:
  Rabbi Jessica Oleon, Temple Sinai, Washington, D.C.
  Shelley Cohen, Temple Beth Am, Seattle, WA
  Geri Gregory, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio, TX

- LGBT Rights and Gun Violence Prevention: Congregational Engagement in Policy Campaigns (Roosevelt - 3rd floor)
  Rachel Laser, Deputy Director, Religious Action Center, Washington, D.C.
  Benny Witkovsky, Eisendrath Legislative Assistant, Religious Action Center, Washington, D.C.
  Mikey Pasek, Eisendrath Legislative Assistant, Religious Action Center, Washington, D.C.

- The Web as a Social Justice Tool (Kennedy - 3rd floor)
  Sean Thibault, Communications Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

3:15 p.m.  Learning Sessions, Block Two

- Great Social Action Programs for Your Congregation (Jefferson - 3rd floor)
  Fain Award Winning Congregations:
  Jamie Berger, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, IN
  Richard Rosen, Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rochester, NY
  Cindy Schneider, Temple Beth-Or, Raleigh, NC

- Beit Midrash: Torah, Text and Tikkun Olam (Roosevelt - 3rd floor)
  Rabbi Ron Symons, Temple Sinai, Pittsburgh, PA
  Rabbi Debra Kassoff, Temple Or Chadash, Jackson, MS
  Rabbi Elana Perry, Temple Sinai, Atlanta, GA
  Rabbi Fred Dobb, Adat Shalom, Washington, D.C.

- Leveraging Digital Media to Organize Communities For Change (Kennedy - 3rd floor)
  Sean Thibault, Communications Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Commission on Social Action Schedule

Sunday, April 21

1:45 p.m.  CSA Plenary I - Introductions and Reports
            Arlington Room – 3rd Floor
            Welcome
            Barbara Weinstein, Director, CSA
            Chair’s Report
            Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, Chair, CSA
            D’var Torah
            Benny Witkovsky, Eisendrath Legislative Assistant
            RAC Report
            Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, RAC

2:40 p.m.  Plenary II: Pre-K Education

3:45 p.m.  Task Forces

| Economic Justice, Women and Families | • Paid Sick Leave - Resolution Discussion |
| Arlington Room - 3rd Floor         |                                             |
| Domestic Policy and Equal Rights   | • Immigration: The “Strangers” Among Us      |
| Prince William Room - 3rd Floor    | • Expanding LGBT Rights: The Courts and Legisla- |
|                                    | tive Strategy                                |
| Israel and World Affairs           | • Israel, Palestine and the Future of the Two-State |
| Fairfax Room - 3rd Floor           | Solution                                    |

5:00 p.m.  Rabbi Balfour Brickner Rabbinic Seminar (Washington B)

5:30 p.m.  Buses depart for Washington Hebrew Congregation every 15 minutes. Please note: the last bus will depart at 6:45 p.m. sharp. Please arrive early!

Opening Session
Washington Hebrew Congregation - Kaufmann Sanctuary
3935 Macomb Street NW
Washington, DC 20016-3741

7:30 p.m.  Keynote Program

Welcome to the Consultation on Conscience
Rabbi Susan Shankman, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.
Rachel Laser, Deputy Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Barbara Weinstein, Director, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Special Tribute to Judge David Davidson
Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, Congregation B’nai Israel, Sacramento, CA; Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
Evely Laser Shlensky, Congregation B’nai B’rith, Santa Barbara, CA; former Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
Jane Wishner, Congregation Albert, Albuquerque, NM; former Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
Dr. Cheryl Gutmann, Temple Sholom of Chicago, IL; former Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism

Keynote Conversation
U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice in conversation with Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

10:30 p.m. Young Professionals Reception in the Hyatt’s Chesapeake Room (Roof Level)
Drinks and snacks provided

Monday, April 22, 2013
Hyatt Hotel in Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

7:30 a.m. Breakfast (Independence Center - E level)
GreenFaith Congregations (Arlington - 3rd floor)
Rabbis Organizing Rabbis (Fairfax - 3rd floor)
Reform CA (Prince William - 3rd floor)

8:30 a.m. Morning T’filah (Regency Ballroom)
Services led by:
Rabbi Josh Whinston, Temple Beth David, Cheshire, CT; Brickner Fellow 2012-2013
Rabbi Liz Wood, The Reform Temple of Forest Hills, Forest Hills, NY; Brickner Fellow 2012-2013
Gabai: Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director, Religious Action Center

9:45 a.m. Plenary Session (Regency Ballroom)

Dr. Robert P. Jones, CEO & Founder, Public Religion Research Institute
On the State of American Public Opinion
Introduced by Rabbi Seth Limmer, Temple B’nai Israel, Armonk, NY; Chair, Peace and Justice Committee, Central Conference of American Rabbis

10:30 a.m. Introduction to Fain Awards 2013 for Outstanding Social Action Programming
Susan Friedberg Kalson; Chair, Irving J. Fain Awards Committee
Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, Congregation B’nai Israel, Sacramento, CA; Chair, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
Isaac Nuell, Manager, Congregational Social Action

10:30 a.m. Gene Sperling, Director, National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
On Making Cents of Change: Our National Economic Recovery  
Introduced by Rabbi Rick Block, The Temple-Tifereth Israel, Beachwood, OH; President, Central Conference of American Rabbis

11:30 a.m.  **Naomi Natale**, Founder and Director of One Million Bones  
*On the Power of Art to Confront Genocide*  
Introduced by: Lynn Magid Lazar, Temple Beth Israel, York, PA; President, Women of Reform Judaism

12:00 p.m.  Lunch

Social Justice Town Halls: Q & A with Religious Action Center Leadership & Staff  
*Featuring:*  
**Rabbi Lynne Landsberg**, Senior Advisor on Disability Issues, **Barbara Weinstein**, Director, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism and 2012-2013 Eisendrath Legislative Assistants (Washington B)  
**Rabbi David Sandmel**, Senior Advisor on Interreligious Affairs, **Rachel Laser**, Deputy Director and 2012-2013 Eisendrath Legislative Assistants (Independence Center)  
**Michael Horowitz**, Senior Advisor, **Rabbi David Saperstein**, Director and 2012-2013 Eisendrath Legislative Assistants (Washington A)

12:00 p.m.  Rabbinic Student Seminar Lunch (Potomac 4)

1:30 p.m.  **Plenary Session (Regency Ballroom)**

**Rabbi Sharon Brous**, Founding Rabbi, IKAR  
**Sister Simone Campbell**, Executive Director, NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
*On the Power of Faith in Social Change*  
Introduced by: Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

2:30 p.m.  Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation

3:00 p.m.  **Learning Sessions, Block Three**

- Great Social Action Programs for Your Congregation (Jefferson - 3rd floor)  
  *Fain Award Winning Congregations:*  
  Stanley Fagen, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, MD  
  Rabbi Ronald Stern, Stephen S. Wise Temple, Los Angeles, CA  
  Pam Gunther, Congregation B’nai Brith, Santa Barbara, CA  
  Rabbi Michelle Werner, B’nai Israel Synagogue, Rochester, MN

- Effective Models for Interreligious Dialogue (Lincoln - 3rd floor)  
  Rabbi David Sandmel, Senior Advisor for Interreligious Affairs, Religious Action Center  
  Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk, Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, Beachwood, OH

- Bringing It Home: State-Level Advocacy and Community Organizing (Prince William - 3rd floor)  
  Honey Heller, Co-Chair, Reform Jewish Voice of New York State  
  Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Temple Beth Jacob, Concord, NH

- Save a Life: Nothing but Nets & Gift of Life (Kennedy - 3rd floor)  
  Evie Goldfine, Gift of Life
Nicholas Hudson, Special Projects Coordinator, Gift of Life
Carolyn Commons, Partnership Associate, U.N. Foundation (Nothing but Nets)
Azah Awasum, Intern, Nothing but Nets, U.N. Foundation (Nothing but Nets)
Brandon Ball, Global Health Advocacy Manager, U.N. Foundation (Nothing but Nets)

- Politics, Protest & Prophets: What Drives Jewish Activism (Roosevelt - 3rd floor)
  Rabbi Sid Schwarz, Clal: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership

- Rabbis Organizing Rabbis: Working Together for Immigration Reform (Arlington - 3rd floor)
  Rabbi Seth Limmer, CCAR Peace and Justice Committee Chair, Congregation B’nai Yisrael, Armonk, NY
  Rabbi Adam Spilker, Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, MN
  Rabbi Jessica Oleon, Temple Sinai, Washington, D.C.
  Rabbi Shoshana Conover, Temple Sholom, Chicago, IL

5:30 p.m.  Dinner on your own

5:30 p.m.  Brickner Fellows Dinner (Washington A)
Commission on Social Action Planning & Administration Dinner (Potomac 4)
Rabbinic Student Seminar Dinner (Washington B)

Commission on Social Action

7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Task Forces
Hyatt Regency Crystal City

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Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Cannon House Office Building (Rm. 345)
First Street & Independence Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20001

7:00 a.m.  Breakfast (Independence Center)

7:30 a.m.  Buses Depart for Cannon House Office Building, Rm. 345, Washington, D.C.
Last bus departs 7:45 a.m.
9:15 a.m.  **Plenary Session (Cannon Caucus Room)**

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers  
*On Educators, Principals & Labor Movement Principles*  
Introduced by: Joy Nemerson, NFTY Social Action Vice President

10:30 a.m.  **Irving J. Fain Award Presentations**

11:30 a.m.  **Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III,** Massachusetts  
*Reflections from a New Member of Congress*  
Introduced by: Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Vice President, Union for Reform Judaism

12:00 p.m.  **Rep. Chris Smith,** New Jersey  
*On International Human Rights*  
Introduced by Rabbi Bennet Miller, Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, New Brunswick, NJ;  
Chairman, Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)

12:30 p.m.  **Sen. Lindsey Graham,** South Carolina  
*On the Stranger Politics of Immigration Reform*  
Introduced by Rabbi Steven A. Fox, CEO, Central Conference of American Rabbis

1:00 p.m.  Lunch (provided)

2:00 p.m.  **Plenary Session (Cannon Caucus Room)**

**Discussion of the Challenges Hotel Workers Face: an Organized Labor Perspective**  
Introduced by: Barbara Weinstein, Director, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism

2:30 p.m.  **Rep. Henry Waxman,** California  
*On the Congressional Environment for Addressing Climate Change*  
Introduced by Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, Temple B’nai Israel, Sacramento, CA; Chair,  
Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism

3:00 p.m.  **Rep. Jerrold Nadler,** New York  
*On the U.S.-Israel Relationship*  
Introduced by Honey Heller, Central Synagogue, New York, NY; Commission on Social Action  
of Reform Judaism; Board of Trustees, Union for Reform Judaism

3:30 p.m.  **Sen. Mark Warner,** Virginia  
*On Principles, Priorities and the Federal Budget*  
Introduced by: Steve Sacks, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Union for Reform Judaism

4:00 p.m.  **Closing remarks**  
Religious Action Center leadership - Rabbi David Saperstein, Director; Rachel Laser, Deputy  
Director; Barbara Weinstein, Associate Director

4:15 p.m.  Buses depart for Commission on Social Action meeting & Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
*Please pay attention to signage, as some buses will travel to the Religious Action Center and some  
will return to the Hyatt Regency.*