

Resources for and from Jewish Congregations



Welcome!

The goal of this project is to develop a report on resources for and from Jewish sources that will serve three purposes:

- It will supplement and complement the present Congregational Resource Guide (CRG).
- It will assist the Indianapolis Center for Congregations and the Alban Institute in eliciting further comments and suggestions for development, including comments on material in the CRG.
- It will serve as a focus for planning possible future work in this area.

If you have any questions or suggestions for improvement, please contact us at crg@alban.org. Thank you for joining us!

This special guide is available as a Web site. Visit us at this address:

www.congregationalresources.org/JRG/JRG.asp

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Background

In April of 1998, the Alban Institute—in partnership with the Indianapolis Center for Congregations and the support of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.—began to develop a guide to the best resources to help congregations address the most pressing and critical issues they face. This guide began as a simple listing of what congregations have found to be the most useful resources (books, Web sites, videos, consultants, and other congregations) on the dozen issues we found that congregations ask about most often. Since 1998 this guide has grown to include over 800 resources in more than 100 topic areas, shared with the public through an interactive web site (www.congregationalresources.org). Yet, in spite of this growth, the Congregational Resource Guide has retained its original purpose: to recommend to congregations the best resources—from whatever source—on those issues congregations tell us are most pressing to them and to help guide congregations in the use of those resources.

We have been pleased at the great diversity of people who have come to us for recommendations about resources. However, this diversity has also been a challenge. It has reminded us both of the need to expand the guide to serve a greater range of congregations and that all these diverse groups not only need specific resources but also have resources to share with other congregations. As part of this work to broaden the Congregational Resource Guide, in the summer of 2001 we commissioned two special reports: this report, concerning resources for and from Jewish Congregations, and a second concerning resources for and from African American congregations. For each report a partner worked with us to collect what we already knew about such resources and to consult with many others regarding both the most pressing issues and the best resources to address them.

We have been pleased indeed by the resources uncovered in areas both expected and unexpected. And yet these reports are only a beginning. Indeed, the primary purpose of this first public version of these documents is to let colleagues see what we know so that they can tell us what we have missed. Like the Congregational Resource Guide as a whole, we expect these reports to be living, growing documents. So, please let us know whether you have found this report useful. Let us know what we have omitted. And let us know how we might further develop this work to better serve the congregations you serve.

We would also like to thank all those who have worked on these reports. For this Report on Resources for and from Jewish Congregations we would like to thank especially the author of the initial draft, Rabbi Sue Stone. Her enthusiasm, energy, and creativity made this project a joy. We thank the staff of both the Alban Institute and the Indianapolis Center for Congregations who helped guide the projects and who contributed their knowledge about resources. We thank the Alban STAR (Synagogue Transformation and Renewal) consultants: Robert Leventhal, Jerry Garfield, and Suzanne Stier. We thank the many people across North America with whom we conferred in the process of this work. And finally, and most especially, we thank Lilly Endowment Inc. whose generous support made the development of this free resource for congregations possible.

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Philosophy

A philosophy undergirds this document. Making it explicit at the outset may answer many later questions—questions of why a category is or is not included in the report and why a topic is or is not discussed. The philosophy is this: these additions to the CRG are based on the theory that Jewish congregations are both different from and similar to Christian ones. There is no need, however, to provide a "translation grammar" —a set of resources to explain Judaism or Jewish congregational culture to Christians. Any of the newer books examining the structure and intent of Jewish prayer would, for example, be useful in helping a Christian religious education class prepare for a trip to a synagogue. Nevertheless, to find and evaluate such resources is not the purpose of this project. We will address discrete sets of concerns as well as some overlapping ones. Different vocabularies will be employed to describe or address various problems and programs. The intention is that these resources be taken on their own merit, without being distorted by comparisons. It is hoped, of course, that all resources offered will prove useful to a wide spectrum of congregations.

This work presupposes the fundamental importance of congregations and the work they do. Resources have therefore been included because of their usefulness in helping congregations engage their greatest challenges. Resources that are not focused either directly or indirectly on congregations—books about Jewish day schools, for example—have been omitted.

There is much useful material in general publications as well. Such resources as Robert Bellah's *Habits of the Heart* and the work of Cornel West on religion in the public square come to mind. While they may prove of great value to congregations (Jewish or otherwise), this report focuses on those resources that are specifically available by and for Jewish congregations. Some of these resources are accessible through other parts of the CRG, and we urge you to look for them there. We are working toward the day when they will be better categorized and more readily accessible.

-- Rabbi Sue Stone

Methodology

The methodology employed in gathering this information is quite simple. I read new material and drew on the literature I have been reading for years to keep current in my profession. I also did extensive Web searches. But most of all, I talked to people. In the Jewish community, finding information is often a case of knowing whom to ask. One person leads to another and then another and then another, until, usually, you end up talking to a relative or the relative of a congregant! One caveat: size matters here. The larger the congregation, the more likely it is to be able to access general resources. This is true because larger congregations have professional staffs who, if not more information aware, are at least paid to find information. Volunteer time is limited, and volunteer access to information often depends on individual motivation and expertise. This question of variable information access goes beyond the effort involved in researching an on-line guide—it runs to congregational structures and personalities.

The filtering and evaluation of the information gathered here has been subjective. My own familiarity is with the Reform Movement specifically and the liberal movements in general. Access to the Orthodox community was not difficult—it was a matter of asking the right people. But this information is harder for me to evaluate because these are not organizations with which I have ongoing working relationships.

An interesting and outstanding question is, Will Jews use information across movements? I was fascinated to learn of the many publishing houses that specialize in material for the Orthodox community, and I know of the intense involvement that community has with Web-based resources. To elucidate this point, one need only enter the keyword *daf yomi* (Hebrew for "daily page," referring to the custom/obligation in Orthodox communities for men to study at least one page of Talmud daily) to find 760 links in a basic AOL search. I do not know how many Reform temple board members, for example, would find such information accessible—either linguistically (lots of untranslated Hebrew and Yiddish terms are included) or philosophically. At the other end of the continuum, most Orthodox synagogues would not allow a woman, a gay or lesbian, or someone married to a Christian to be president of the board. Not only are these not impediments in the Reform Movement, but that movement is philosophically committed to the inclusion of just such people. (Conservative congregations, in between these two extremes, would probably allow a woman to be board president.) Such differences may impede use of resources provided by one movement by congregations in another movement.

One other possible impediment worth mentioning is the fact that congregations, especially smaller ones with limited financial resources, are not accustomed to looking in unusual places for help. These are congregations that often thrive on the great creativity born of necessity. Congregations with larger, professional staffs will be more familiar with Alban and other organizations designed to help congregations flourish. Synagogue Transformation and Renewal and Synagogue 2000 come to mind. Part of the job in front of us is finding the right milieu so that all congregations can access the information and help they need. This is not only Alban's job. Even local Jewish Community Federations and family foundations need to be approached in ways that are new to many congregations. Empowerment and visioning will be issues here.

-- Rabbi Sue Stone

Resources

This resource section contains names of books, publications, organizations, and people. It is intended, as much as possible, to accord with the resource categories and subcategories on the Congregational Resource Guide Web site.

Here are the resource categories and subcategories---

Administration:	General Resources Communication Congregational Finance Information Technology Rabbinic Search Software Staffing Stewardship
Building Issues:	General Resources Building Maintenance
Leadership:	Board Development Organizational Learning Systems Theory Work and Faith
Public Issues:	Domestic Violence Social Action
Religion in America:	Judaism Interfaith Resources
Special Programs:	Adult Education Health Marriage Youth
Spirituality:	General Resources Theology
Vitality:	Board Development Diversity Growth Organizational Learning Small Membership Systems Theory Work and Faith
Worship:	General Resources Music Sermons and Preaching

Resources—Administration

• GENERAL RESOURCES

BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards)

This organization publishes lots of materials on all facets of board and congregational leadership needs. It comes highly recommended by synagogue administrators and executive directors who appreciate the depth and breadth of experience highlighted.

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North American Association of Synagogue Executives

Founded in 1948, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives convenes and supports Jewish Executive Directors of the Conservative Movement by developing and enhancing the profession and by enabling administrators to serve their congregations effectively.

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National Association of Temple Administrators

The association's management manual and its supplements are considered the one book to own for those looking for a most comprehensive resource on running the administrative side of a congregation. NATA offers consulting services as well. "Templechat," on the NATA Web site, is open by registration to all Reform Temple Board members.

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Oakland, CA 94611
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Please check additional professional groups for individual movements as well as materials from A.R.E. Publishing and others cited for help in this area.

- **COMMUNICATION**

URJ Department of Marketing and Communications

In addition to providing inserts and press releases for temple bulletins, the URJ Department of Marketing and Communications keeps congregational leaders and members informed about the URJ and its programs and resources. Online discussion groups for temple leaders are also available.

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- **CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**

EHL Consulting Group

EHL specializes in helping congregations of all sizes to assess the viability of capital campaigns and to conduct them. The company works nationally and will take a congregation from the earliest planning stages through the victory party.

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Willow Grove, PA 19090
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(215) 830-0351 (fax)
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Howe, Fisher. *The Board Member's Guide to Fund Raising*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1991.

This author has written other introductory books for new and returning board members, covering areas of responsibility and function.

URJ Department of Synagogue Management

In addition to consultative services in all areas of congregational finance, the URJ Department of Synagogue Management has a special concentration in services to small congregations (fewer than 250 member units). Synagogue Management also offers referrals for synagogue architects and crafts people and maintains a slide library of their works. The Communicate! database, available at the Synagogue Management Web site, is a computerized encyclopedia of ideas, program expertise, contacts, and resources designed for the URJ and its member congregations.

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- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Darim Online (formerly Panim Online)

Darim Online is a nonprofit organization working to develop Internet strategies for synagogues and their communities. It offers consulting, a nontechnical administration site, and content.

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FaithandValues.com

Faith and Values is an interfaith Web site making an effort to get into the synagogue market. Its mission is to promote the vitality of spiritual experiences and faith in everyday life using the Internet and other electronic media. Its Internet services feature WebMedley, an easy-to-use Web design and publishing tool.

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- **RABBINIC SEARCH**

Herring, Basil, ed. *The Rabbinate as Calling and Vocation: Models of Rabbinic Leadership*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1991.

This is a collection of essays, written by the leading lights of contemporary Orthodoxy. In this time of reflection over the proper role of clergy in congregational life, this book can be helpful for congregations seeking to understand and support the scope of a rabbi's life and responsibilities. It is appropriate, too, for those contemplating the rabbinate or evaluating a rabbi.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) has a group of papers, including "A Map for Selecting A Rabbi," "Typical Roles of Rabbi/Assistant Rabbi," and "Rabbinic Committee Selection," a worksheet. They are available through USCJ and are not movement specific.

- **SOFTWARE**

Many companies providing congregation management software advertise in Reform Judaism and elsewhere. The URJ Department of Synagogue Management maintains a spreadsheet comparing the capabilities and shortcomings of the various packages.

- **STAFFING**

The Reconstructionist Commission on the Role of the Rabbi. *The Rabbi-Congregation Relationship: A Vision for the 21st Century*. Elkins Park, PA: Reconstructionist Press, 2001.

This report is recommended for synagogue boards, rabbi liaison and/or evaluation committees, rabbinic search committees, and all who seek to understand the rabbi-congregation relationship. Topics include rethinking the role of the rabbi, lay leaders and other professionals in the synagogue community; a participatory approach to decision-making; support for transitions; and practical information on how to negotiate a mutually beneficial contract, make the most of a liaison committee, and integrate the rabbi into the life of the congregation.

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and Academy for Jewish Religion

The mission of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah is to inspire and train men and women to enter professionally into Jewish religious leadership, so as to shape the spiritual and intellectual character of the Jewish community in consonance with modern, open Orthodox values and commitments.

Another of a growing number of rabbinic schools is the multi-movement Academy for Jewish Religion. While these schools differ one from another in philosophy and approach, they highlight a trend toward movement away from central authority. In a similar vein, the avenue of private ordination has been revived, spearheaded mainly by the Renewal Movement.

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www.ajrsem.org

- **STEWARDSHIP**

The workbook "A Torah of Money" was developed to accompany the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation workshop of the same name (see Reconstructionist Judaism). The workbook contains an annotated bibliography and additional

resources. It is especially helpful in suggesting innovative ways to engage either established or newer congregations in a discussion of money. Building campaigns as well as dues issues are addressed. Contact Rabbi Shawn Zevit at JRF at (215) 782-8500 or SZevit@jrf.org for more information.

Resources—Building Issues

- **GENERAL RESOURCES**

Reconstructionism Today, Vol. 7, No. 4; summer 2000. "**Building the Building**," by Ron Goldwyn.

In keeping with Reconstructionist approaches, this issue explores the larger philosophical issues of fund-raising and congregational participation and offers insight into an equitable process of inclusion.

The **URJ Department of Synagogue Management** is a good place to contact with questions in this area.

- **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

National Association of Church Business Administrators

This organization provides everything from certification to vendor linkages. While explicitly Christian in its mission and outlook, its publications are highly recommended by synagogue administrators.

The National Association of Church Business Administrators
100 North Central Expressway, Suite 914
Richardson, TX 75080-5326
(800) 898-8085
(972) 699-7555
(972) 699-7617 (fax)
info@nacba.net
www.nacba.net

Resources—Leadership

- **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Schechter, Daniel S. *Synagogue Boards: A Sacred Trust*. New York: Union for Reform Judaism, 2000.

This book is a must for all congregational board members. It serves as an introduction to their duties and responsibilities, and it also serves to move boards in fruitful directions.

Bubis, Gerald. *The Director Resigned and the President Had a Heart Attack*. Philadelphia: Center for Jewish Community Studies, 1999.

This collection of essays ranges over the many challenges faced by nonprofit boards. Although it offers no prescriptions, the book presents lots of differing insights into the healthy interaction of board and staff.

- **ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING**

Aron, Isa. ***Becoming a Congregation of Learners: Learning as a Key to Revitalizing Congregational Life***. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2000.

Isa Aron, professor of Jewish education at Hebrew Union College, asserts that in many communities, synagogues are transforming themselves into houses of learning where adults as well as children can pursue a deeper understanding of their faith. Delving more deeply into Torah and other texts, they have embarked upon intergenerational learning as part of, or instead of, the traditional religious school.

Becoming a Congregation of Learners

instructs readers in how to go about transforming a synagogue into a congregation of learners. Beginning with an assessment of who should be involved in the process, Aron creates a clear vision of what the congregation may wish to accomplish. She proceeds through each step required to implement this vision. Case studies, sample meeting agendas, recommended study resources, and reproducible handouts make this book a complete resource for leaders of learning congregations or leaders wishing to include more learning in congregational life.

A Sacred Trust: A Values-Based Approach to Jewish Communal Leadership and Congregational Governance. Elkins Park, PA: Reconstructionist Press, 2001.

The Sacred Trust workshop was developed to help Reconstructionist communities balance their institutional and spiritual needs. This seminar workbook contains workshop outlines and sample documents that can be adapted for individual congregations to use, followed by a Web and text bibliography. It is available to Jewish Reconstructionist Federation affiliates only. To order, call Rabbi Shawn Zevit at (215) 782-8500, ext.24, or send an e-mail to SZevit@jrf.org.

- **SYSTEMS THEORY**

Friedman, Edwin H. ***Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue***. New York: Guilford Publications, 1985.

Edwin Friedman, for twenty-five years a congregational rabbi, family therapist, and counselor to clergy of numerous faiths, applies the prism of family systems theory to three "families": the clergy's own family, the congregational family, and families in a congregation. With any family system, Friedman centers on behavior rather than on labeled individuals and on process rather than an "identified problem." This book, packed with theory and example, will repay reading and rereading over the years.

The Reconstructionist Commission on the Role of the Rabbi. ***The Rabbi-Congregation Relationship: A Vision for the 21st Century***. Elkins Park, PA: Reconstructionist Press, 2001.

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decision-making; support for transitions; and practical information on how to negotiate a mutually beneficial contract, make the most of a liaison committee, and integrate the rabbi into the life of the congregation.

- **WORK AND FAITH**

Salkin, Jeffrey. *Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 1997.

This is a very accessible book and may be helpful for congregational discussion groups and adult education.

Resources—Public Issues

- **SOCIAL ACTION**

PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values

PANIM's mission is threefold: first, to promote Jewish values and their application in the larger community; second, to build and support civic leaders and civic engagement; and third, to strengthen peace and social justice by forging links between the Jewish community and American public policy. Supporting this mission are the Center for Jewish Youth Leadership (focusing on fostering leadership skills for high school and college students), the Center for Jewish Service and Learning (focusing on providing tools that enable us to "live Torah" by reaching out to those in need), and the Center for Jewish Communal Renewal (focusing on developing new institutional paradigms in synagogues, schools, and communal organizations). Exciting programs have arisen from these centers, including the Jewish Civics Initiative and the Synagogue Transformation Project. Visitors to PANIM's Web site will find detailed information about these and other programs, as well as information on upcoming events.

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"**Jews and Judaism in the Public Square.**" *The Reconstructionist*. Vol. 65, No. 1, fall 2000.

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Spitzer, Julia Ringgold. *When Love is Not Enough: Spousal Abuse in Rabbinic and Contemporary Judaism*. New York: Women of Reform Judaism, 1985.

Rabbi Julie R. Spitzer's landmark study provides approaches to and information about programs and resources addressing domestic abuse. It includes social science perspectives and extensive Jewish materials.

Twerski, Abraham J. *The Shame Borne in Silence: Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community*. Pittsburgh: Mirkov, 1996.

The author (a rabbi and psychiatrist) reveals, with candor, firmness, and compassion, what may have been closely kept dark secrets in many Jewish families. The book offers urgently needed advice and direction.

Resources—Religion

• JUDAISM

The Association of Jewish Libraries. The AJL is dedicated to the support, production, collection, organization, and dissemination of Judaic resources.

The Association of Jewish Libraries
15 E. 26th St., Room 1034
New York, NY 10010
(212) 725-5359
ajl@jewishbooks.org
www.jewishlibraries.org

De Lange, Nicholas. *An Introduction to Judaism*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

In a crowded field, this one volume work is notably accessible and well presented.

Kushner, Harold. *To Life!: A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking*. New York: Warner Books, 1994.

This presentation of the underlying inspirations to holiday and life cycle events is two steps above the usual introductory book.

Zerin, Edward. *How to Explain Judaism to Your Non-Jewish Neighbor*. Woodland Hills, CA: Isaac Nathan Publishing, 1997.

A short, easy read presented in a most usable fashion, this book is good for all interested in Judaism. One Jewish congregation used it as a textbook for a class training congregants to make presentations on Judaism to churches and civic organizations.

• INTERFAITH RESOURCES

Kushner, Lawrence. *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2001.

Introducing readers to Talmud, midrash, and mystical and biblical stories, Kushner offers readers an understanding of the essential differences and similarities between Jewish and Christian approaches to spiritual life and belief.

Magida, Arthur J., ed. *How to Be a Perfect Stranger* (revised). Woodstock, VT: Skylight Paths Publishing, 1999.

This is the book for which we have all been searching. Religion by religion, the reader is led through explanations and taken on an etiquette tour. The book is indispensable, especially in this day of multi-faith families.

Resources—Special Programs

• ADULT EDUCATION

Aron, Isa. *Becoming a Congregation of Learners: Learning as a Key to Revitalizing Congregational Life*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2000. (See description under Leadership: Organizational Learning.)

Aron, Isa, Sara Lee, and Seymour Rossel, eds. *A Congregation of Learners: Transforming the Synagogue into a Learning Community*. New York: Union for Reform Judaism Press, 1998.

This book and the one below clearly detail the process of congregational transformation through education in the synagogue. The emphasis on rounding out a congregation's vision beyond the traditional religious school is considered today's best practice.

Campbell, Dennis G. *Congregations as Learning Communities: Tools for Shaping Your Future*. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 2000.

Dennis Campbell describes congregations that are open to continuous learning and willing to respond to external and internal change. These, he says, will be the ones to achieve new vitality and health. The author provides four tools to help a congregation shape its community. Systems thinking, congregational culture, appreciative inquiry, and scenario planning are explained and illustrated, and readers will be shown how to apply these principles to their own settings.

Torahfax began as a fax service in 1992 to help busy professionals and business people learn Torah in their available time. It has since expanded to the Internet and is now available by email.

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Montreal, Quebec H3X 3T6
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URJ Study Guides

Book group guides and weekly Torah portion guides are published by the Reform Movement (see Reform Judaism, Union for Reform Judaism) and, as part of the Perek Yomi program, by the Conservative Movement as well (see Conservative Judaism, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism). The guides are aimed at providing accessible materials for adult groups within congregations.

birthright israel

Birthright Israel is a five-year project that aims at sending 100,000 young adult Jews from all over the world to Israel as a gift. Its goals are to lessen the division between Israel and Jewish communities, to strengthen the sense of solidarity between Israeli youth and Jewish communities, to increase the number of return visits to Israel, and to promote the role of Israel as a powerful resource in Jewish learning.

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(888) 99-ISRAEL
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Burial Societies (Hevra Kadisha)

Rabbi Mel Glazer has written a Ph.D. dissertation on Jewish burial societies and has begun Hevra Kadisha in Florida and Texas. He is available as a consultant. Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch's congregation created and maintains its own Hevra Kadisha. The B'nai Torah Funeral Plan operates with respect for Jewish law and custom, providing a dignified service while protecting the congregation's families from the financial and social pressures that can arise when services are provided by for-profit enterprises.

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The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

An international, transdenominational network of community-based schools, the Florence Melton Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem provides a sequential two-year curriculum specifically for adults. The four courses of this curriculum were designed by experts at the Hebrew University's Melton Center for Jewish Education. Courses (each of which consist of 30 lessons) include "The Purposes of Jewish Living" (theological concepts from sacred texts), "The Rituals of Jewish Living" (ideas that inform rituals and observances), "The Dramas of Jewish Living Throughout the Ages" (developments in Jewish history), and "The Ethics of Jewish Living" (explorations of key ethical ideas).

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Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Though not technically a congregational resource, Hillel is the premier student-serving organization in North America and across the Jewish world. Its Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps is an increasingly popular way for students both to be involved in Jewish campus life and to give back to others. Interface between congregations and Hillels is more than welcome—it is considered beneficial to all.

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Reform Havurot are active on some 50 campuses, often in cooperation with the local Hillel Foundation (see above). These campus groups hold regular Reform worship services for Shabbat and holidays and plan programs involving Jewish study, tikkun olam, and social gatherings.

Koach College Outreach

KOACH, a project of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is dedicated to outreach to students on campus. The organization offers an on-line listserve, an e-newsletter, and grants to further student initiatives on campus. It sponsors events across the country and an annual International Kallah (conference).

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The Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies has an extensive distance-learning program open to adults in Milwaukee, Atlanta, and elsewhere. Other institutions offering communal and congregational programs include **Gratz College**, the **Center for Advanced Judaic Studies**, and **Baltimore Hebrew University**.

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Kesher: The Union for Reform Judaism College Education Department, a part of the URJ's Youth Division, in conjunction with the National College Committee, establishes avenues through which college age youth can establish and maintain their Jewish identity within the Reform Movement. College Education helps prepare high school graduates for campus life by providing college kits and URJ access cards that encourage students to connect with local URJ congregations. Etone, an e-zine, is published by the movement.

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- **HEALTH**

The **Bay Area Jewish Healing Center** is dedicated to providing Jewish spiritual care to those living with illness, their caretakers, and the bereaved through direct service, education and training, and information and referral. Rabbis Aliza Berk, Natan Fenner, and Eric Weiss focus on the use of Jewish resources to promote spiritual healing and wholeness.

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The National Center for Jewish Healing

In addition to publishing material and offering consultation services, the center sponsors biannual clergy conferences and serves as the central office for the Jewish Healing Network. (There are healing centers in over a dozen cities across North America.) Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub is Rabbinic director.

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• MARRIAGE

Cowan, Paul, and Rachel Cowan. ***Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage***. New York: Penguin, 1988.

Recently reissued, this classic on the topic of interfaith marriage interweaves the authors' life stories with a balanced look at the issue of interfaith marriage. Their emphasis on understanding differences as a result of culture and not religion is greatly helpful.

Crohn, Joel, Howard J. Markman, Susan L. Blumberg, and Janice R. Levine. ***Beyond the Chuppah: A Jewish Guide to Happy Marriages***. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2001.

This hands-on guide shows couples how to recognize the special issues unique to Jewish and interfaith relationships and helps them learn the skills they need to create a successful marriage.

Crohn, Joel. ***Mixed Matches: How to Create Successful Interracial, Interethnic, and Interfaith Relationships***. New York: Fawcett Books, 1995.

One of the great strengths of this book for Jewish readers is that it contextualizes inter-religious marriage as one of many kinds of intermarriage and thus approaches the topic in a way other writers do not.

Epstein, David and Sheila. ***The Art of Engagement : How to Build a Strong Foundation of Communication for Marriage***. Woodland Hills, CA: Isaac Nathan Publishing, 1983.

Reuben, Steven Carr. ***Making Interfaith Marriage Work***. Roseville, CA: Prima Publishing, 1994.

Out of print, but worth tracking down, this book takes a calm approach to intermarriage and concentrates on strategies for strengthening such marriages.

- **YOUTH**

See the various movements and contact their youth departments.

Jewish Nature Center

The Jewish Nature Center promotes Jewish environmental nature education in formal and informal educational settings. The center works with congregations and youth groups to design and facilitate programs.

Jewish Nature Center
www.jewishnaturecenter.org

Jewish Programs

Created by the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, Jewish Programs maintains a clearinghouse of Jewish educational programs for congregational use.

Jewish Programs
www.jewishprograms.org

Scouting

Both the **National Jewish Girl Scout Committee** and the **National Jewish Committee on Scouting** interface with their national and Israeli counterparts. They provide social outlets for Jewish scouts and stand ready with resource materials to help congregations encourage their scouts to earn their religious badges. The materials are quite thorough and the experience is always a positive one for the congregation as well as their students.

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Resources: Spirituality

• GENERAL RESOURCES

One of the most visible trends in the North American Jewish Community is the search for spirituality. The word, in fact, is a haven to some and a red flag to others—the question of whether spirituality should be regarded as a specifically Christian province remains controversial. The acceptable outlines of this newly emerging topic, therefore, remain unclear. A large and rapidly growing literature proposes to explain spirituality as well as to guide readers on their personal journeys.

Lawrence Kushner, having published in the field of Jewish spirituality for over twenty years, is a pioneer. His writing, for adults as well as children, is prolific. **Perle Besserman** writes on the intersection of Judaism and Eastern religions and what Jewish spirituality might gain from such insights. **David Cooper** writes on meditation practice that is informed with Sufist and Buddhist ideas as well as Jewish ones, and **Avram Davis** looks into Jewish meditation and mysticism. **Shoni Labowitz** writes on spirituality and sexuality. **Kerry Olitzky's** work has often overlapped with Jewish resources for those in twelve-step programs. **Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's** well-received latest work deals with spiritual aging, and **Rami Shapiro's** translation of *Pirke Avot* is a classic for study and inspiration. Other notable authors in the field include **Sylvia Boorstin**, **Wayne Dosick**, **Nan Fink Gefen**, **Reuven Hammer**, and **Gershon Winkler**. **Jewish Lights** and **Jossey-Bass**, among others, are important publishers of this material. Some noteworthy books are described below.

Eisen, Arnold. *Taking Hold of Torah: Jewish Commitment and Community in America*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997.

Using the five books of Torah as his chapter headings, Eisen lays out his vision of how to transform Jewish life in America at a time when religious identification and commitment seem optional.

Matlins, Stuart, ed. *The Jewish Lights Spirituality Handbook*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2001.

The 50 contributors to this anthology explore every aspect of Jewish spirituality—God, community, prayer, liturgy, healing, meditation, mysticism, study, Jewish traditions, rituals, blessings, life passages, special days, the everyday, repairing the world, and more—offering the reader everything needed to discover all the directions in which Jewish spirituality can go. This book is the ideal companion for those who are searching for greater personal meaning, actively seeking ideas, information, practices and inspiration, or just curious.

Schwarz, Sidney. *Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000.

Combining organizational analysis and stories of spiritual journeys, Sidney Schwarz explains and supports his theory of synagogue-community as the future of the American Jewish synagogue. Schwarz provides a historical overview of the American synagogue and Jewish community, including sociological research and practical examples to shed light on how the needs of the current American Jewish community can best be addressed. Organizational culture, mission, values, and leadership style in four synagogues, each from a different movement, are analyzed. The author's

analysis explains how each synagogue deals with specific community needs and the overall needs of the American Jewish community. Schwarz includes an epilogue of ten steps toward congregational transformation and a small discussion guide to use with groups.

The role of the congregation in spirituality is still seen as idiosyncratic; few accepted “best practices” exist. There is also the question of whether books alone can provide a sufficient resource in this area. For some, it is dangerous to believe that religious growth can be achieved with only a book. Jewishly, we are advised to get ourselves a teacher.

Three institutions, **Metivta**, **Elat Chayyim** (see Renewal Judaism), and **Chochmat HaLev** are leading the way in teaching Jewish meditation practice. **Rabbi Zalman Schachter** is also a noted teacher. Based in Boulder, he teaches at Naropa University.

Metivta: A Center for Contemplative Judaism

Metivta is a transdenominational Jewish center for study and contemplative practice. Rooted in the mystical lineage of Kabbalah and Hasidism, it provides access to Jewish spiritual teachings and practices and helps students adapt them to everyday life. Metivta offers a variety of venues, from weekly classes to week-long meditation retreats, for both study and practice. In addition to local offerings in the Los Angeles area, its retreats and distance-learning programs reach people around the globe.

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Chochmat HaLev

Nondenominational Chochmat HaLev is the largest Jewish meditation center in the world. All meditation techniques used are derived from traditional Jewish practices. The center does not incorporate non-Jewish methodologies or Buddhist, Sufi, or Hindu forms modified for a Jewish audience. At its Berkeley headquarters, Chochmat HaLev offers weekly sitting groups, classes in Jewish meditation and spiritual practices and Jewish mystical texts, and Shabbat and Holy Day services. On the national level, programming includes the Jewish Meditation Teachers' Certification Program, the Network of Jewish Meditation Teachers, the Jewish Meditation Resource Center, intensives and distance learning programs and conferences, and a speakers bureau.

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Naropa University

Naropa University is grounded in the three Buddhist educational principles of meditation, discipline, and knowledge. Its educational programs employ intellectual, artistic, and meditative disciplines. The university is nonsectarian and open to all.

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The Aleph Kallah, sponsored by Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal (see Renewal Judaism) is a biennial (odd-numbered years) week-long international gathering bringing together Jewish renewal artists, leaders, performers, and teachers. Aleph also partners with renewal communities in local and regional events. Contact Cindy Gabriel.

Neve Shalom

Throughout the year, Rabbi James Stone Goodman runs retreats focusing on different subgroups of Jews at this intentional community.

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Torah Trek Spiritual Wilderness Adventures

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• THEOLOGY

Most of what is available on Jewish theology is academic in nature. Nevertheless, there is a place for more popular treatments, such as those below.

Green, Arthur. *These Are the Words: A Vocabulary of Jewish Spiritual Life*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2001.

In this book, Jews and non-Jews alike can learn more about the meaning, history, and origin of 149 core Hebrew words that are shared and understood throughout the Jewish world. From Adonai ("my Lord") to zekhut ("merit"), these words constitute the basic vocabulary of Jewish communal and religious identity.

Green, Arthur and Barry W. Holtz, eds. *Your Word is Fire: The Hasidic Masters on Contemplative Prayer*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1988.

The power of prayer for spiritual renewal and personal transformation is at the core of all religious traditions. From the teachings of the Hasidic Masters, the editors have gleaned "hints as to the various rungs of inner prayer and how they are attained." These parables and aphorisms of the Hasidic masters pierce to the heart of the modern reader's search for God.

Resources: Vitality

• DIVERSITY

Jewish Outreach Institute

This organization is devoted to helping congregations deal creatively and proactively with the challenges engendered by the increasing number of interfaith households seeking membership or interaction with synagogues. JOI offers a variety of programs, strategies, and interventions designed to fit the needs of individual congregations. Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, Ph.D., is executive director.

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• SMALL MEMBERSHIP CONGREGATIONS

URJ Small Congregations Department

The URJ Small Congregations Department provides services exclusively to Reform congregations with 250 membership units or fewer. It offers on-site counsel, an informal hotline (at the number below), and an on-line forum for small congregations. New projects include the Congregational Heritage Preservation Committee, which is of service to aging congregations in the process of disestablishment and congregations that are expanding. (For information, contact Eileen Kollins at (314) 997-7566.) The Mini University of Judaica provides small congregations with the services of well-known rabbis, cantors, and educators as scholars-in-residence for the cost of expenses only on a one-time-per-year basis. Congregations that have no Torah Scroll can secure a Torah on loan for a limited period of time. The department also provides "Family Education in Small Congregations," "Program Ideas for Small Congregations," and other mailings. Just

for You, the Small Congregations newsletter, includes programmatic ideas, columns on topics of shared concern, and materials culled from the bulletins of small congregations.

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- **GROWTH**

Wagner, Jordan Lee. *The Synagogue Survival Kit*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1997.

The Synagogue Survival Kit can help congregations evaluate their openness and accessibility to newcomers. Strategies for change are offered.

- **ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING**

Aron, Isa. *Becoming a Congregation of Learners: Learning as a Key to Revitalizing Congregational Life*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2000.

Isa Aron, professor of Jewish education at Hebrew Union College, asserts that in many communities, synagogues are transforming themselves into houses of learning where adults as well as children can pursue a deeper understanding of their faith. Delving more deeply into Torah and other texts, they have embarked upon intergenerational learning as part of, or instead of, the traditional religious school. *Becoming a Congregation of Learners* instructs readers in how to go about transforming a synagogue into a congregation of learners. Beginning with an assessment of who should be involved in the process, Aron creates a clear vision of what the congregation may wish to accomplish. She proceeds through each step required to implement this vision. Case studies, sample meeting agendas, recommended study resources, and reproducible handouts make this book a complete resource for leaders of learning congregations or leaders wishing to include more learning in congregational life.

PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values

PANIM's mission is threefold: first, to promote Jewish values and their application in the larger community; second, to build and support civic leaders and civic engagement; and third, to strengthen peace and social justice by forging links between the Jewish community and American public policy. Supporting this mission are the Center for Jewish Youth Leadership (focusing on fostering leadership skills for high school and college students), the Center for Jewish Service and Learning (focusing on providing tools that enable us to "live Torah" by reaching out to those in need), and the Center for Jewish Communal Renewal (focusing on developing new institutional paradigms in synagogues, schools, and communal organizations). Exciting programs have arisen from these centers, including the Jewish Civics Initiative and the Synagogue Transformation Project. Visitors to PANIM's Web site will find detailed information about these and other programs, as well as information on upcoming events.

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A Sacred Trust: A Values-Based Approach to Jewish Communal Leadership and Congregational Governance. Elkins Park, PA: Reconstructionist Press, 2001.

The Sacred Trust workshop was developed to help Reconstructionist communities balance their institutional and spiritual needs. This seminar workbook contains workshop outlines and sample documents that can be adapted for individual congregations to use, followed by a Web and text bibliography. It is available to Jewish Reconstructionist Federation affiliates only. To order, call Rabbi Shawn Zevit at (215) 782-8500, ext.24, or send an e-mail to SZevit@jrf.org

• **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Schechter, Daniel S. ***Synagogue Boards: A Sacred Trust.*** New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregation, 2000.

This book is a must for all congregational board members. It serves as an introduction to their duties and responsibilities, and it also serves to move boards in fruitful directions.

Bubis, Gerald. ***The Director Resigned and the President Had a Heart Attack.*** Philadelphia: Center for Jewish Community Studies, 1999.

This collection of essays ranges over the many challenges faced by nonprofit boards. Although it offers no prescriptions, the book presents lots of differing insights into the healthy interaction of board and staff.

• **SYSTEMS THEORY**

Friedman, Edwin H. ***Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue.*** New York: Guilford Publications, 1985.

Edwin Friedman, for twenty-five years a congregational rabbi, family therapist, and counselor to clergy of numerous faiths, applies the prism of family systems theory to three "families": the clergy's own family, the congregational family, and families in a congregation. With any family system, Friedman centers on behavior rather than on labeled individuals and on process rather than an "identified problem." This book, packed with theory and example, will repay reading and rereading over the years.

The Reconstructionist Commission on the Role of the Rabbi. ***The Rabbi-Congregation Relationship: A Vision for the 21st Century.*** Elkins Park, PA: Reconstructionist Press, 2001.

This report is recommended for synagogue boards, rabbi liaison and/or evaluation committees, rabbinic search committees, and all who seek to understand the rabbi-

congregation relationship. Topics include rethinking the role of the rabbi, lay leaders and other professionals in the synagogue community; a participatory approach to decision-making; support for transitions; and practical information on how to negotiate a mutually beneficial contract, make the most of a liaison committee, and integrate the rabbi into the life of the congregation.

- **WORK AND FAITH**

Salkin, Jeffrey. *Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 1997.

This is a very accessible book and may be helpful for congregational discussion groups and adult education.

Resources: Worship

- **GENERAL RESOURCES**

Donin, Hayim Halevy. *To Pray as a Jew*. New York: Basic Books, 1991.

The classic in the field, this book details Orthodox practice and understanding of Jewish prayer.

Donin, Hayim Halevy. *To Be a Jew: A Guide to Jewish Observance in Everyday Life*. New York: Basic Books, 1991.

This volume has long been acknowledged as the classic guide to traditional Jewish laws and customs as they apply to daily life.

Hammer, Reuven. *Entering Jewish Prayer*. New York: Schocken Books, 1995.

A commentary on the liturgy of the Siddur, the traditional Jewish prayer book, this resource deals with basic issues for the modern worshiper, the historical compilation of the Siddur, and much more.

Hoffman, Lawrence A. *The Way Into Jewish Prayer*. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000.

Using Jewish history and thought as a foundation, *The Way into Jewish Prayer* explains the why, how, where, what, and when of Jewish prayer. Hoffman introduces the reader to the power and subtlety of Jewish prayer by exploring its historical and philosophical contexts. Drawing on both modern philosophers and medieval thinkers, the author moves from concepts of God (why) to the Jewish prayer service (how) to the synagogue and communal prayer (where) to deeper meanings inside the main prayers (what) to the Jewish calendar and the yearly cycle (when). Throughout much of the book, Hoffman applies the spiritual concept of being a "prayerful person" and helps the reader put concepts like prayerfulness and spiritual spontaneity into a Jewish context. *The Way into Jewish Prayer* is a useful tool both for those unfamiliar with Jewish ideas and worship and for advanced students wishing to enrich their practice. The book could be used in introductory classes on Judaism, or individual chapters could be adapted for in-depth study of philosophy, history, spirituality, holidays, and ritual.

The Carlebach minyanim (prayer groups) in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and elsewhere are recommended as wonderful places to daven (pray) and experience some of the joy of this renewal. Find a worldwide list of locations at www.rebshlomo.org/connect/minyan.

- **MUSIC**

Summit, Jeffrey A. *The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Uniquely, this book takes both a scholarly and a congregation-friendly approach to reviewing and evaluating music in Jewish worship settings. It also contains a CD of the music referenced in the book.

Much contemporary Jewish music is coming from Israel as well as the rest of the Jewish world. This music is often associated with the growth of spirit-centered Judaism. Artists to look for include Bustan Avraham and Rabbi Shefa Gold, among many others.

The Guild of Temple Musicians is an educational and networking organization for synagogue musicians, affiliated with the American Conference of Cantors (see Reform Judaism). It publishes a newsletter and offers workshops for members, as well as an annual convention. The president for the 2002-2004 term (beginning 1 July 2002) is Ben Steinberg. He is the contact person at the address and phone below.

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- **SERMONS AND PREACHING**

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Rabbi James Bleiberg creates workshops that recruit and train the next generation of synagogue leaders. Drawing on his 11 years as a pulpit rabbi and his doctorate in clinical psychology, Rabbi Bleiberg collaborates with lay and rabbinic leaders to customize each workshop to fit the particular needs of a synagogue. Next Generation

Workshops include case studies spotlighting best practices, exploration of pertinent Jewish texts and follow-up “homework” through which participants apply their workshop experiences.

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Rabbi Jack H. Bloom has run Career Review and Planning for the Central Conference of American Rabbis for 25 years and worked widely across the Jewish communal spectrum. The model he offers is useful not only for clergy. It can also be used by a congregation interested in planning for its own future, to help it formulate what its goals are, what it expects from its rabbi, how it will know if its goals are achieved, and whether they are worth achieving. The career-planning workshop begins with a review of where participants are in their career, what their current abilities and past experiences are, and where they want to go. Its goal is to assist in the formulation of a personal working plan for the next five years. Rabbi Bloom has taught and led workshops on how congregations view their rabbi and what expectations of them are realistic. Additional topics include: dealing with new congregants, creating an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance, and team-building programs for congregational staff.

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Rabbi Larry Kushner is the leading resource for congregational spiritual growth in the United States. For a congregation willing to seriously study its spiritual life, he recommends a thorough process of involvement and review on every level and in every facet of congregational life. Only then would something like a year-long

intervention with consulting begin to effect sustained change. An organization like Synagogue 2000 (see National Organizations) can be of great help in such undertakings and, Kushner believes, should also be consulted.

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Movement Organizations

All the major branches of Judaism have similar organizational structures. There are congregation-serving bodies, clergy and professional organizations, and seminaries. All the congregation-serving organizations offer a full range of administrative, congregational, youth, women's, and men's services and programs. As Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox institutions are organized along similar lines, a congregation finding something attractive in, say, the administrators' group of another movement can first inquire within its own movement. Many programs and services are replicated from one movement to another.

The relationships between congregations and organizations and between organizations inter- or intra-movement are tempered by history and contemporary leadership styles. Different perceptions as to the efficacy of individual organizations exist. Nevertheless, this is the place to start for a movement-affiliated congregation seeking help. The four traditional movements also have publishing arms, communal outreach programs, and scholarly libraries. Renewal Judaism is growing in its organizational structure as well. Any one of the movement organizational Web sites can link users to others within the same movement.

This part of the guide is arranged by movement, with a section for Renewal Judaism at the end. Each movement's central organization is listed first, followed by other organizations in alphabetical order. Much additional information on each organization can be gained by visiting its Web site.

These organizations could also be listed under the Congregational Resource Guide categories of Administration, Building Issues, Congregational Vitality, Leadership, and Worship. The best of their specific programs or publications are noted by CRG category. Particularly new or useful services to congregations are highlighted by inclusion of a separate name or phone number.

Movement Organizations—Conservative

What follows is a list of Conservative Movement affiliate organizations. The Web site of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism serves as a portal for all the other listed groups. Do check out its *Perek Yomi* (daily Talmud study) page; it is regularly accessed by 10,000 people.

The Conservative Movement has recently launched an educational initiative aimed at significantly upgrading all facets of congregational and day school education. The movement's long-distance and Internet-learning capabilities will be especially valued by adults in communities that lack teachers and courses of interest. The movement's new program, *Sulam* (ladder) is headed by Rabbi Moshe Edelman and aims to train a generation of synagogue leaders in three-day workshops.

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Committed to strengthening Conservative congregations, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism aims to advance Judaism in America, maintain Jewish traditions (including the traditional liturgy, with Hebrew as the language of prayer), further observance of the Sabbath and dietary laws, assert loyalty to the Torah, preserve in the Service references to Israel, and foster Jewish religious schools using

Hebrew language and literature curricula. Many of the United Synagogue's services are explained on its Web site; the site also provides contact information on synagogues and schools, establishes school standards and publishes curricula, offers numerous youth programs, serves as a consultant to local congregations, produces and distributes publications, supplies program materials for the observance of various holidays, and produces *United Synagogue Review*, the primary communication vehicle for the Conservative Movement. A special section of the Web site is for synagogue leaders. Anyone seeking a Conservative synagogue or school, books or other publications, news, viewpoints, or leadership guidance will find the United Synagogue a valuable resource. KOACH provides college-age programming (see Special Programs: Adult Education).

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Cantors' Assembly

The Cantors' Assembly is the world's largest organization of professional Hazzanim. Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, it has offices at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

The federation's mission is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. With a membership of over 25,000 Jewish men, it sponsors fund-raising partnerships to benefit affiliated men's clubs, publishes a men's club Shabbat guide, and holds international conferences.

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Jewish Educators' Assembly

The Jewish Educators' Assembly is a national network of day schools affiliated with the Conservative Movement. The main emphasis of the movement at present is a deepening of the Jewish educational content in its supplemental and day schools. The assembly is spearheading the implementation of these changes. The contact person is Dr. Robert Abramson (abramson@uscj.org).

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Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Among other efforts, JTS is expanding its projects in distance learning. Other programs include the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies (undergraduate) and a Ph.D. program in cooperation with Columbia. For distance learning, contact Rabbi Josh Heller, (212) 678-8897.

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North American Association of Synagogue Executives

Founded in 1948, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives convenes and supports Jewish Executive Directors of the Conservative Movement by developing and enhancing the profession and by enabling administrators to serve their congregations effectively.

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The Rabbinical Assembly

The Rabbinical Assembly, founded in 1901, is the international association of Conservative rabbis. The assembly actively promotes the cause of Conservative Judaism and works to benefit Klal Yisrael (the community of Israel). It publishes learned texts, prayer books and works of Jewish interest and administers the work of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards for the Conservative Movement. The Rabbinical Assembly serves the professional and personal needs of its membership

through publications, conferences, and benefit programs, and administers the movement's Joint Placement Commission. Rabbis of the assembly serve throughout the world in congregations, on campuses, and as educators, hospital and military chaplains, teachers of Judaica, and officers of communal service organizations. The Executive Director is Rabbi Joel Myers.

The Rabbinical Assembly
3080 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
(212) 286-6000
rabassembly@jtsa.edu
www.rabbinicalassembly.org

United Synagogue Youth

In seeking to build Jewish leaders for the 21st century, USY provides its high-school-age members with opportunities for responsibility in several program areas, at international, regional, and chapter levels. Tikkun Olam, USY's charity wing, donates money to organizations all over the world, as well as providing scholarships for members traveling on USY programs. USY is also known for especially good summer camps. (Ramah camps are located across North America.)

United Synagogue Youth
Rapaport House
155 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10010-6802
(212) 533-7800
(212) 353-9439 (fax)
youth@uscj.org
www.usy.org

University of Judaism

Located in Los Angeles, UJ is both a graduate and an undergraduate institution, offering training in Jewish and general studies. Its Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, though technically an independent institution, trains Conservative rabbis.

University of Judaism
15600 Mulholland Dr.
Bel Air, California 90077
(888) 853-6763
(310) 476-9777
www.uj.edu

Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Dedicated to strengthening synagogue women's groups, this organization supports 25 branches in the United States and Canada.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism
48 E. 74th St.
New York, NY 10021
(800) 628-5083

(212) 628-1600
(212) 772-3507 (fax)
womensleague@wlcj.org
www.wlcj.org

Movement Organizations—Orthodox

Like all movements, Orthodoxy has its right, center, and left wings. These are reflected in the rise of new yeshivot for training rabbis, a multiplicity of rabbi-serving organizations, and resource organizations such as Edah. The present is a period of great creativity and ferment; the changes that abound across the spectrum of Jewish practice are seen here as well. As an Orthodox congregation defines itself, it will find the resources needed to help it flourish.

Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Founded 100 years ago as the primary coordinating agency for North American Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Orthodox Union provides educational, outreach, and social services in a variety of arenas: kosher supervision (through the Kashruth Department), youth work (through the National Conference of Synagogue Youth), advocacy for those with developmental disabilities (through the National Jewish Council for the Disabled), political action (through the Institute for Public Affairs), ethical and moral education (through the Pardes Project), Jewish outreach in the Ukraine and Israel (through Project Reunite and the OU Israel Center), synagogue support services, and its extensive Web site. On the Web site one can find a local synagogue; learn about Judaism, Torah, and Jewish holidays; and place a note in the Western Wall. In addition, the Web site features a publications page, through which one can order books and tapes. Leaders and members of Orthodox Jewish congregations and those wanting to learn more about Orthodox Judaism will find much information and support through this organization and its Web site. Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersch Weinreb is Executive Vice President.

Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
11 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
(212) 563-4000
(212) 564-9058 (fax)
info@ou.org
www.ou.org

Aish HaTorah

Aish HaTorah has its headquarters in Israel but maintains branches in numerous U.S. cities. The organization concentrates on adult learning, focusing on immersing students with little or no Jewish background in a traditional Jewish education.

Aish New York
313 W. 83rd St.
New York, NY 10024
(212) 579-1388
ny@aish.com
www.aish.com

Edah

The mission of Edah is to give voice to the ideology and values of modern Orthodoxy and to educate and empower the community to address its concerns. Fully committed to Torah, halakah (Jewish law), and the quest for kedushah (holiness), Edah values open intellectual inquiry and expression in both secular and religious arenas; engagement with the social, political, and technological realities of the modern world; the religious significance of the State of Israel, and the unity of Klal Yisrael. Edah is a relatively new organization and has claimed the high ground for modern Orthodoxy in its engagement with the rest of the Jewish world as well as with the secular community.

Edah
P.O. Box 1574
New York, NY 10156
(212) 244-7501
feedback@edah.org
www.edah.org

Joseph Soloveitchik Institute

The institute's teacher training program is intended for young men and women who have made a commitment to day school education. The program represents an effort to provide these students with the support and education necessary to help them find fulfillment in this field. The Soloveitchik Institute also sponsors summer and year-long Professional Enhancement Sabbatical Programs for young rabbis, educators, and outreach professionals who have already distinguished themselves in their own schools and communities.

Joseph Soloveitchik Institute
Maimonides School
2 Clark Rd.
Brookline, MA 02445
(617) 232-7443
www.rav.org

National Council of Young Israel

Located in lower Manhattan, NCYI is the coordinating body for nearly 150 Orthodox congregations in North America. The council, which is expanding its services, works mostly with rabbis and does some congregational consulting. Much like the Orthodox Union, NCYI offers synagogue support services and rabbinic placement. The summer program for teenagers in Israel, ACHVA, is run by Roger Braverman.

National Council of Young Israel
3 W. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
(800) 617-NCYI
(212) 929-1525
(212) 727-9526 (fax)
ncyi@youngisrael.org
www.youngisrael.org

National Jewish Outreach Program

The National Jewish Outreach Program seeks to re-engage Jewish adults in their religion. It sponsors such programs as a yearly Shabbat Across America and intensive Hebrew teaching seminars (Read Hebrew America/Canada) for adults.

National Jewish Outreach Program
989 6th Ave., 10th floor
New York, NY 10018
(800) 44-HEBREW
(646) 871-4444
info@njop.org
www.njop.org

The Rabbinic Council of America

Serving over 1100 Orthodox rabbis internationally, the RCA offers a full range of services to rabbis serving as chaplains, administrators, educators, and congregational rabbis, as well as in allied fields of Jewish communal work.

Rabbinic Council of America
305 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10001-6008
(212) 807-7888
(212) 727-8452 (fax)
rabbis@rabbis.org
www.rabbis.org

Yeshiva University

Internationally famous for its Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, YU is also the premier training ground for mainstream Orthodox rabbis in North America. Founded in 1886, its graduate programs include social and communal service and cantorial studies.

Yeshiva University
500 W. 185th St.
New York, NY 10033-3201
(212) 960-5277
(212) 960-0086 (fax)
yuadmit@ymail.yu.edu
www.yeshiva.edu

Movement Organizations—Reconstructionist

One of the great challenges faced by the Reconstructionist Movement is to continue its growth. As the newest of the movements, its institutions are still growing in ways the other movements no longer do. This allows for much creative thought and new approaches to Jewish life. The Reconstructionists' report on the role of the rabbi is a prime example of their innovative approaches and thinking.

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

As an educational association and clearinghouse for Reconstructionist Judaism, the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation assists Reconstructionist congregations and havurot as well as individuals seeking to learn more about the movement. Educational offerings include the recently revised *Reconstructionist Educator's Study Packet* and a curriculum resource guide. The federation also develops and presents seminar programs on aspects of congregational development for leaders of affiliated congregations and havurot. The JRF's publications catalog features music offerings, the book *Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach*, and some key position papers on topics ranging from homosexuality and Judaism to the rabbi-congregation relationship. A key publication is the JRF quarterly, *Reconstructionism Today*, with a variety of articles that can be read online. Through the JRF Web site, one can locate by state congregations affiliated with the JRF. One can also read the most current news and bulletin board notices. Individuals and groups familiar with and new to Reconstructionist Judaism will find a wealth of information and guidance in this organization and its Web site.

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
Beit Devora
7804 Montgomery Ave., Suite 9
Elkins Park, PA 19027-2649
(215) 782-8500
(215) 782-8805 (fax)
info@jrf.org
www.jrf.org

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, established in 1974, is the professional association of rabbis affiliated with the Reconstructionist Movement. Comprised primarily of graduates of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the RRA also includes rabbis trained at other seminaries who have chosen to affiliate with Reconstructionism. The RRA sponsors an annual convention for its members, distributes a newsletter and other print resources, and in cooperation with the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation sponsors the Reconstructionist Placement Service, which assists rabbis and congregations with employment.

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
1299 Church Rd.
Wyncote PA 19095
(215) 576-5210
(215) 576-8051 (fax)
info@TheRRA.org
www.therra.org

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

The RRC has long championed a nontraditional approach to rabbinical education. The school combines aspects of traditional and academic study to create a personal encounter with the student. The student is thus equipped with a knowledge of Jewish sources, an experience of intense Jewish living, and the skills needed to recreate this experience for others.

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
1299 Church Rd.
Wyncote, PA 19095-6143
(215) 576-0800
(215) 576-6143 (fax)
Email through Web site
www.rrc.edu

Young Judaea

At nearly 90 years old, Young Judaea is the oldest Zionist youth movement in North America. While not a Reconstructionist organization (it is sponsored by Hadassah—see National Organizations), it is the organization with which Reconstructionist youth typically affiliate. Like its counterparts in the other movements, YJ organizes trips to Israel and hosts summer camps. Its particular emphasis is on peer leadership.

Young Judaea
50 W. 58th St.
New York, NY 10019
(212) 303-8014
(212) 303-4572 (fax)
info@youngjudaea.org
www.youngjudaea.org

Movement Organizations—Reform

Institutionally the oldest of the American movements, the Reform Movement is also perhaps the most complete in the services it offers its nearly 900 congregations. As does its counterpart in the Conservative Movement, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has regional offices across North America providing all types of services to congregations. The regional structures of the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, Women of Reform Judaism, and North American Federation of Temple Youth, listed below, are similar to those of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, though the regional boundaries are different. Consult the national organization for regional information.

Union for Reform Judaism

With its mission of providing vision, leadership, and support to Reform Jewish congregations, the Union for Reform Judaism (formerly the Union of American Hebrew Congregations) promotes the growth of Reform Judaism; fosters programs for education, worship, and the pursuit of peace and justice; supports the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion; and advocates for Israel, Jewish people everywhere, and the development of Liberal Judaism under the auspices of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Featured on its extensive Web site are sections for adult and youth learning; youth, congregational, and personal resources; publications, including *Reform Judaism* magazine; directories of allied organizations, camps, and congregations; and feedback. In addition, the Web site provides links to discussion groups, news sources, and “Torahnet” (a guide to Torah study via the Internet). Anyone interested in the growth and vibrancy of Reform Judaism and Reform Jewish congregations will find this organization and its Web site valuable.

Union for Reform Judaism
633 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10017-6778
Local and toll-free telephone numbers for regional offices available at Web site
www.urj.org

American Conference of Cantors

Continuing education is offered to the members of the American Conference of Cantors in conjunction with the School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. ACC co-sponsors the annual conventions of the Guild of Temple Musicians (see Resources—Worship: Music), with which it is associated.

American Conference of Cantors
5591 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., Bldg. 1360, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30338
(866) 711-0006
(770) 390-0006
(770) 390-0020 (fax)
accantors@aol.com
www.accantors.org

Central Conference of American Rabbis

In addition to the professional services offered to its members and its joint commissions with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, the CCAR is in the process of producing a new prayer book for the Reform Movement.

Central Conference of American Rabbis
355 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10017
(212) 972-3636
info@ccarnet.org
www.ccarnet.org

Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion

HUC–JIR, an international institution with centers in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, offers a variety of degree-granting programs, including a doctoral program in Jewish studies, schools of Communal Service (New York and Los Angeles), archaeology (Jerusalem), Jewish Education, and music. Ordination is now possible at any of the campuses. One of the newest initiatives of the HUC–JIR is long-distance adult learning. A catalogue of courses is accessible through the Web site (www.huc.edu).

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati campus
3101 Clifton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488
(513) 221-1875
(513) 221-1847 (fax)

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, New York campus

1 W. 4th St.
New York, NY 10012
(212) 674-5300
(212) 388-1720 (fax)

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles campus
3077 University Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 749-3424
(213) 747-6128 (fax)

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem campus
13 King David St.
Jerusalem 94101, Israel
(02) 620-3333
(02) 625-1478 (fax)

National Association of Temple Administrators

The association's management manual and its supplements are considered the one book to own for those looking for a most comprehensive resource on running the administrative side of a congregation. NATA offers consulting services as well. "Templechat," on the NATA Web site, is open by registration to all Reform Temple Board members.

National Association of Temple Administrators
6114 La Salle Ave., Box 731
Oakland, CA 94611
(800) 966-NATA
nataorg@hotmail.com
www.rj.org/nata

National Association of Temple Educators

One of the many services NATE offers Reform congregations is help with educational planning for congregations without educators. The association works in close contact with the Progressive Association of Reform Day Schools (PARDeS).

National Association of Temple Educators
633 Third Ave., 7th floor
New York, NY 10017-6778
(212) 452-6510
(212) 452-6512 (fax)
nateoff@aol.com
www.rj.org/nate/

North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

NFTB has sponsored the Jewish Chautauqua Society since its inception. JCS is dedicated to bringing scholars and teachers of Judaism to areas with few Jews and is especially active in funding rabbis' teachings at small colleges throughout North America.

North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
633 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10017
(800) 765-6200
(212) 650-4100
(212) 650-4189 (fax)
contact@nftb.org
www.nftb.org

North American Federation of Temple Youth

NFTY sends thousands of young people from North America to Israel each summer through a variety of programs.

North American Federation of Temple Youth
UAHC Department of Youth Activities
633 3rd Ave., 7th floor
New York, NY 10017
(212) 650-4070
(212) 650-4199 (fax)
nfty@nfty.org
www.nfty.org

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

The RAC has been the voice and presence of Reform Judaism in our nation's capital and in the political sphere for 40 years. The center mobilizes the American Jewish community around legislative and political issues as well as serving as its advocate. The RAC is also the template on which the IRAC (Israel RAC) is based.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
2027 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 387-2800
(202) 667-9070 (fax)
rac@uahc.org
www.rac.org/home-frame.html

Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ, the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is the voice, presence, and arena of action of the women of Reform Judaism. The organization bands together more than 100,000 Jewish women in over 600 sisterhoods throughout the United States, Canada, and other countries. Its diversified activities include projects on behalf of the blind and visually impaired, education in international relations, religious and family education, intergroup relations, and a wide range of vital, far-reaching programs to further social justice, assist the struggle for the freedom of Jews in Eastern Europe, and support the State of Israel.

Women of Reform Judaism
The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
633 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10017-6778

(212) 650-4050
(212) 650-4059 (fax)
wrj@uahc.org
www.rj.org/wrj/

Movement Organizations—Renewal

The Renewal Movement includes those who would move toward making it a fifth branch of American Judaism and those who believe its strength lies precisely in staying on the outside, as a prodding force. That tension will not resolve itself quickly. Nevertheless, Renewal organizations are doing exciting work across the North American Jewish landscape. Also of note is *Tikkun Magazine* (see Journals), which is closely identified with Renewal.

Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal

Aleph catalyzes, supports, and strengthens the Jewish Renewal Movement. It organizes and nurtures communities, develops leadership, creates new liturgy and other resources, and works for social and environmental justice. The Network of Jewish Renewal Communities is an affiliate organization.

Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal
7000 Lincoln Dr., #B2
Philadelphia, PA 19119-3046
(215) 247-9700
alephajr@aol.com
www.aleph.org

Elat Chayyim

Elat Chayyim is a Renewal retreat and program center, where rabbis, Jewish scholars, and artists of all denominations facilitate weekend, weeklong, and holiday retreats. Located in the Catskill Mountains of New York and open year-round, this Kosher facility welcomes people of all levels of Jewish education to come and experience the spirituality in Judaism.

Elat Chayyim
99 Mill Hook Rd.
Accord, NY 12404
(800) 398-2630
(845) 626-0157
(845) 626-2037 (fax)
info@elatchayyim.org
www.elatchayyim.org

National Havurah Committee

Located in Philadelphia, this diverse network of Jewish individuals and havurah communities is dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world; social action). Each summer, the NHC sponsors family and singles-friendly retreats devoted to these goals.

National Havurah Committee

7135 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19119-1842
(215) 248-1335
(215) 248-9760 (fax)
institute@havurah.org
www.havurah.org

Network of Jewish Renewal Communities

The projects and services of the NJRC are designed either to connect Renewal communities to each other, so that they can efficiently share resources and information, or to help connect interested newcomers to a Jewish Renewal community or program in their area.

Network of Jewish Renewal Communities
www.aleph.org/communities.html

National Organizations

These organizations are not associated with any particular denomination. Like the denominational organizations, they offer additional information at their Web sites.

Center for Leadership and Learning

CLAL is devoted to intra-Jewish dialogue and programming as well as to leadership development. The center also works to enhance Jewish participation in the civic and spiritual life of North America, build Jewish communities that are responsive to their constituents, and promote inclusivity. CLAL supports a national resource center and provides lecturers and courses.

Center for Leadership and Learning
440 S. Park Ave., 4th floor
New York, NY 10016-8012
(212) 779-3300
(212) 779-1009 (fax)
info@clal.org
www.clal.org

Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education

Over a quarter-century old, CAJE (rhymes with sage) is the foremost Jewish teacher's organization in North America. In addition to its wildly popular annual conferences, the coalition offers on-line resources, job postings, distance learning, continuing education, and peer support.

Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education
261 W. 35th St., floor 12A
New York, NY 10001
(212) 268-4210
(212) 268-4214 (fax)
cajeny@caje.org
www.caje.org

Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America

Committed to promoting partnership and unity with Israel as well as education, health awareness, and personal growth for its members, Hadassah provides a variety of programs of interest to congregational members.

Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America
50 W. 58th St.
New York, NY 10019
(212) 355-7900
webmaster@hadassah.org
www.hadassah.org

Jewish Education Solutions

Winner of a Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education grant to develop programming for parents with children in Jewish day schools, this for-profit

organization specializes in consulting with congregations and day schools having limited professional resources. It offers nontraditional approaches to curriculum design, staff development, and program delivery.

Jewish Education Solutions
808 Wingfoote Rd.
El Paso, TX 79912
(915) 204-8054
(915) 833-7029 (fax)
hotchickensoup@earthlink.net
www.jewisheducationsolutions.com

Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education

Started by the philanthropists who are also behind Synagogue Transformation and Renewal, this organization is devoted to strengthening Jewish day schools. Its Web site has a useful resource section that is continually evolving.

Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education
183 State Street, Suite 6
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 367-0001
(617) 367-0029 (fax)
info@peje.org
www.peje.org

Synagogue 2000

Synagogue 2000 is devoted to the spiritual transformation of synagogue structure, culture, and practice. By a variety of paths (individually, in collaboration with other congregations, or with whole Jewish communities), congregations can join S2K's experts in an effort to collaboratively make the synagogue the center of an exhilarating, vital Judaism 2,000 years after the first synagogue was established. The broad-ranging S2K Web site includes, in addition to information, such things as downloadable sheet music and resources on synagogue space.

Synagogue 2000 offices
Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion
1 W. 4th St.
New York, NY 10012
(212) 824-2250
(212) 253-0230 (fax)

Whizin Center for the Jewish Future
University of Judaism
15600 Mulholland Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90077
(310) 440-1218
(310) 472-7340 (fax)

Staff@s2k.org
www.s2k.org

Synagogue Transformation and Renewal

STAR's mission is to help renew Jewish life through congregational innovation and serve as a resource to all congregations. Previously known for its Challenge Grant Program, which produced a wealth of ideas and successes through denominational and agency collaborations, STAR is shifting its focus in 2003 with two new programs in synagogue renewal: 1) the Synaplex Initiative, creating diverse communities of meaning and connection around a celebration of the many dimensions of Shabbat; and 2) PEER, Professional Education for Excellence in Rabbis, a continuing education program for recently ordained rabbis. Established in 1999, STAR is a philanthropic partnership of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation, and The Samuel Bronfman Foundation.

Synagogue Transformation and Renewal
230 W. Monroe St., Suite 2150
Chicago, IL 60606-4694
(312) 357-4720
(312) 553-3520 (fax)
office@starsynagogue.org
www.starsynagogue.org

Teva Learning Center

Located in New York City, but with a national reach, the Teva (Nature) Learning Center is a nondenominational educational service dedicated to renewing the ecological wisdom inherent in Judaism. By immersing participants in the natural world and providing structured activities that sensitize them to nature's rhythms, the center encourages a more meaningful relationship with nature and Jewish practices. This process also facilitates personal growth, community building, and a genuine commitment to tikkun olam. The center runs day-long and weekend programs for Hebrew and religious school students as well as for family education. It currently runs residential programs for students in 4th through 9th grades and camping programs for 7th graders and up, including adults.

Teva Learning Center
307 Seventh Ave, Suite 900
New York, NY 10001
(212) 807-6376
(212) 924-5112 (fax)
Teva@tevacenter.org
www.tevacenter.org

Publishers with Concentrations in Judaica

American Guild of Judaic Art

A nonprofit organization, the guild serves as a forum and referral agency to promote Judaic art. Congregations wanting to enhance their physical space or educate their members may find good referrals here.

American Guild of Judaic Artists
15 Greenspring Valley Rd.
Owings Mills, MD 21117
(410) 902-0411
(410) 581-0108 (fax)
office@jewishart.org
www.jewishart.org

A.R.E. Publishing

A.R.E. offers attractively packaged youth and adult education materials, short courses, and mini-lessons. The company has some very good teacher training and administrative publications as well.

A.R.E. Publishing, Inc.
700 N. Colorado Blvd., #356
Denver, CO 80206
(800) 346-7779
(303) 363-7779
(303) 363-6069 (fax)
info@arepublish.com
www.arepublish.com

ArtScroll

The largest Orthodox publishing house in North America, ArtScroll is wide-ranging in scope.

ArtScroll
c/o Mesorah Publications, Ltd.
4401 Second Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11232
(800) MESORAH
(718) 921-9000
(718) 680-1875 (fax)
info@ArtScroll.com
www.artscroll.com

Behrman House

Behrman House publishes youth education material and offers help with curriculum planning for religious schools.

Behrman House
11 Edison Place

Springfield, NJ 07081
(800) 221-2755
(973) 379-7200
(973) 379-7280 (fax)
Email through Web site
www.behrmanhouse.com

Feldheim

This Orthodox publisher specializes in Torah literature for the whole family. Categories include Jewish living, contemporary literature, children's books, textbooks, cookbooks, Jewish law, marriage, Jewish thought and philosophy, Eretz Yisrael, history and biography, biblical commentary, Torah classics, and prayer.

Feldheim
200 Airport Executive Park
Nanuet, NY 10954
(800) 237-7149
(845) 356-2282
(845) 425-1908 (fax)
questions@feldheim.com
www.feldheim.com

Hachai Publishing

Hachai publishes children's literature with Jewish themes. The company also produces videos and computer games.

Hachai Publications
156 Chester Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11218
(800) 50-HACHAI
(718) 633-0100
(718) 633-0103 (fax)
yossi@hachai.com
www.hachai.com

Jason Aronson

Aronson publishes titles in Judaica and psychotherapy and their overlaps.

Jason Aronson
230 Livingston St.
Northvale, NJ 07647
(800) 782-0015
(201) 767-1576 (fax)
production@aronson.com
www.aronson.com

Jewish Lights

A maverick in the field, this company publishes many new works that could be classified as spiritual and also reissues many Jewish classics. These are books that reflect the Jewish wisdom tradition for people of all faiths and all backgrounds.

Jewish Lights
P.O. Box 237
Sunset Farm Offices, Rte. 4
Woodstock, Vermont 05091
(802) 457-4000
(802) 457-4004 (fax)
sales@jewishlights.com
www.jewishlights.com

Jewish Publication Society

The Jewish Publication Society is the oldest English-language publisher of Jewish literature. Since 1888, JPS has provided titles that further Jewish culture and education.

Jewish Publication Society
2100 Arch St., 2nd floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(800) 234-3151
(215) 832-0608
(215) 568-2017 (fax)
jewishbook@jewishpub.org
www.jewishpub.org

Pitsopany Press

Pitsopany presents an engaging array of Jewish children's books, with an emphasis on the multicultural. Material for adults is published by Devora, an affiliated house.

Pitsopany Press
40 E. 78th St., Suite 16D
New York, NY 10021
(800) 232-2931
(212) 472-4959
(212) 472-6253 (fax)
pitspop@netvision.net.il
www.pitsopany.com

Tara Publications

In addition to artists' home pages and popular and Jewish art music, Tara's Web site includes a listening station.

Tara Publications
P.O. Box 707
Owings Mills, MD 21117
(800) 827-2400
(410) 654-0880
(800) 827-2403 (fax)

(410) 654-0881 (fax)
info@jewishmusic.com
www.jewishmusic.com

Torah Aura Publications

Torah Aura publishes educational materials as well as parent and teacher resources.

Torah Aura Productions
4423 Fruitland Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90058
(800) BE-TORAH
(323) 585-0327 (fax)
misrad@torahaura.com
www.torahaura.com

Transcontinental Music Publications

This publisher, sponsored by the Reform Movement, offers choral and instrumental music.

Transcontinental Music Publications
633 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10017
(800) 455-5223
(212) 650-4101
(212) 650-4109 (fax)
www.etranscon.com

Journals and Magazines

Here we encounter the same phenomenon noted with regard to Jewish organizations: there is a plethora of magazines and journals with Jewish content. For the fullest listing of those, please refer to the Index of Jewish Periodicals (www.jewishperiodicals.com), edited by Lenore Koppel. The publications listed below are not denominationally based—such publications, including the house organs published by each movement, can be accessed through the Web sites listed above. Nor are these magazines and journals concerned, in general, with academic scholarship. For those, please check **The Association of Jewish Libraries**. The following list contains our recommendations for nontraditional materials that would be of most help to congregations. They cover various viewpoints along the religious and political spectrum, and any of them can provide good source material for adult education discussions.

Commentary

Commentary, a monthly journal of opinion, is renowned for its incisive essays on politics, history, foreign affairs, science, movies, religion, books, music, and the arts. It takes a special interest in Jewish affairs, and its letters section is famous the world over.

Commentary
165 E. 56th St.
New York, NY 10022
(800) 829-6270
mail@commentarymagazine.com
www.commentarymagazine.com

Lilith

Lilith is an independent, nonprofit Jewish women's quarterly that speaks out on the interrelationships between Jewish identity and feminism. The magazine brings news of creative lifecycle rituals and holiday celebrations; restores women to Jewish texts and history; showcases Jewish women writers, educators, and artists; and illuminates Jewish women's lives in all their religious, ethnic, sexual, and social-class diversity. Each issue provides lively reporting, analysis, resource listings, interviews, historical essays, reviews, memoirs, fiction, poetry, and art.

Lilith
250 W. 57th St., Suite 2432
New York, NY 10107
(800) 783-4903
(212) 757-0818
LilithMag@aol.com
www.lilithmag.com

Moment

Moment is an independent bimonthly journal covering the Jewish world. Founded by Elie Wiesel and Leonard Fein in 1975, the magazine is committed to an open conversation on Jewish politics, culture, and religion. In addition to slice-of-life essays, humor, award-winning columns, and poetry, it presents articles on a wide

range of subjects, including the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the religious disputes in Israel that have spilled over into the United States.

Moment
4710 41st St. NW
Washington, DC 20016
(800) 777-1005 (subscriptions)
(202) 364-3300
(202) 364-2636 (fax)
editor@momentmag.com
www.momentmag.com

Sh'ma

Sh'ma is a monthly gathering place for independent voices commenting on the Jewish religious, social, and political landscape in North America. Its tactic is dialogue—rich conversation with differing positions presented in an honest, respectful, and purposeful way. Topics include the politics of gender, trends in new Jewish social and political involvement, questions of culture and personal identity, ritual innovations, and new readings of ancient texts. Holding no editorial position, Sh'ma addresses issues from several vantage points, hoping to engage in sacred and ongoing conversation.

Sh'ma
www.shma.com

Tikkun Magazine

Tikkun is not affiliated with any particular stream of Judaism. It provides a space for both affiliated and nonaffiliated Jews who seek to renew their Judaism; it is also a place where Jews and non-Jews alike can shape a politics out of spiritual values. It has become one of only a handful of magazines in the United States to provide a forum for public intellectuals and promote a public culture of inquiry and dialogue.

Tikkun Magazine
2107 Van Ness Ave., Suite 302
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 575-1200
(415) 575-1434 (fax)
subscriptions@tikkun.org
www.tikkun.org

Resource Index

Here is an alphabetical index of all resources listed in this report and on the corresponding Web site. Underneath each resource is a list of the topic pages where you will find a reference to the resource.

We hope you'll find this index helpful as you select the resources you need.

We urge you to visit us at www.congregationalresources.org/JRG/JRG.asp for more information.

Academy for Jewish Religion

Resources: Administration: Staffing

Aish HaTorah

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal

Movement Organizations: Renewal

The Aleph Kallah

Resources: Spirituality: General

American Conference of Cantors

Movement Organizations: Reform

American Guild of Judaic Art

Publishers

A.R.E. Publishing

Publishers

The Art of Engagement : How to Build a Strong Foundation of Communication for Marriage

Resources: Special Programs: Marriage

ArtScroll

Publishers

The Association of Jewish Libraries

Resources: Religion: Judaism

Journals

Bay Area Jewish Healing Center

Resources: Special Programs: Health

Becoming a Congregation of Learners: Learning as a Key to Revitalizing Congregational Life

Resources: Leadership: Organizational Learning

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Resources: Vitality: Organizational Learning

Behrman House

Publishers

Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work

Resources: Leadership: Work and Faith

Resources: Vitality: Work and Faith

Beyond the Chuppah: A Jewish Guide to Happy Marriages

Resources: Special Programs: Marriage

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Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

The Board Member's Guide to Fund Raising

Resources: Administration: Congregational Finance

BoardSource

Resources: Administration: General

Building the Building

Resources: Building Issues: General

Burial Societies

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Cantors' Assembly

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Center for Leadership and Learning

National Organizations

Central Conference of American Rabbis

Movement Organizations: Reform

Chochmat HaLev

Resources: Spirituality: General

Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education

National Organizations

Commentary

Journals

Communicate!

Resources: Administration: Congregational Finance

A Congregation of Learners: Transforming the Synagogue into a Learning Community

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Congregations as Learning Communities: Tools for Shaping Your Future

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Darim Online

Resources: Administration: Information Technology

The Director Resigned and the President Had a Heart Attack

Resources: Leadership: Board Development

Resources: Vitality: Board Development

Edah

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

EHL Consulting Group

Resources: Administration: Congregational Finance

Elat Chayyim

Movement Organizations: Renewal

Entering Jewish Prayer

Resources: Worship: General

Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

FaithandValues.com

Resources: Administration: Information Technology

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Feldheim

Publishers

Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue

Resources: Spirituality: General

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Generation to Generation: Family Process in Church and Synagogue

Resources: Leadership: Systems Theory

Resources: Vitality: Systems Theory

The Guild of Temple Musicians

Resources: Worship: Music

Hachai Publishing

Publishers

Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America

National Organizations

Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion

Movement Organizations: Reform

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

How to Be a Perfect Stranger

Resources: Religion: Intefait Resources

How to Explain Judaism to Your Non-Jewish Neighbor

Resources: Religion: Judaism

An Introduction to Judaism

Resources: Religion: Judaism

Jason Aronson

Publishers

Jewish Education Solutions

National Organizations

Jewish Educators' Assembly

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Jewish Lights

Publishers

The Jewish Lights Spirituality Handbook

Resources: Spirituality: General

Jewish Nature Center

Resources: Special Programs: Youth

Jewish Outreach Institute

Resources: Vitality: Diversity

Jewish Programs

Resources: Special Programs: Youth

Jewish Publication Society

Publishers

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians

Resources: Religion: Intefaitth Resources

Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Jews and Judaism in the Public Square

Resources: Public Issues: Social Action

Joseph Soloveitchik Institute

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

Kesher: The Union for Reform Judaism College Education Department

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Koach College Outreach

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Lilith

Journals

The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship

Resources: Worship: Music

Making Interfaith Marriage Work

Resources: Special Programs: Marriage

Metivta: A Center for Contemplative Judaism

Resources: Spirituality: General

Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage

Resources: Special Programs: Marriage

Mixed Matches: How to Create Successful Interracial, Interethnic, and Interfaith Relationships

Resources: Special Programs: Marriage

Moment

Journals

Naropa University

Resources: Spirituality: General

National Association of Church Business Administrators

Resources: Building Issues: Building Maintenance

National Association of Temple Administrators

Resources: Administration: General

Movement Organizations: Reform

National Association of Temple Educators

Movement Organizations: Reform

The National Center for Jewish Healing

Resources: Special Programs: Health

National Council of Young Israel

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

National Havurah Committee

Movement Organizations: Renewal

National Jewish Committee on Scouting

Resources: Special Programs: Youth

National Jewish Girl Scout Committee

Resources: Special Programs: Youth

National Jewish Outreach Program

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

Network of Jewish Renewal Communities

Movement Organizations: Renewal

Neve Shalom

Resources: Spirituality: General

North American Association of Synagogue Executives

Resources: Administration: General

Movement Organizations: Conservative

North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods

Movement Organizations: Reform

North American Federation of Temple Youth

Movement Organizations: Reform

PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values

Resources: Public Issues: Social Action

Resources: Vitality: Organization

Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education

National Organizations

Perek Yomi

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Pitsopany Press

Publishers

The Rabbi-Congregation Relationship: A Vision for the 21st Century

Resources: Administration: Staffing

Resources: Leadership: Systems Theory

The Rabbinate as Calling and Vocation: Models of Rabbinic Leadership

Resources: Administration: Rabbinic Search

The Rabbinic Council of America

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

The Rabbinical Assembly

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Reconstructionism Today

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Reconstructionist Educator's Study Packet

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Reform Judaism

Movement Organizations: Reform

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

Movement Organizations: Reform

A Sacred Journey: The Jewish Quest for a Perfect World

Resources: Worship: Sermons and Preaching

A Sacred Trust: A Values-Based Approach to Jewish Communal Leadership and Congregational Governance

Resources: Leadership: Organizational Learning

Resources: Vitality: Organizational Learning

The Shame Borne in Silence: Spouse Abuse in the Jewish Community

Resources: Public Issues: Domestic Violence

Sh'ma

Journals

Synagogue 2000

National Organizations

Synagogue Boards: A Sacred Trust

Resources: Leadership: Board Development

Resources: Vitality: Board Development

The Synagogue Survival Kit

Resources: Vitality: Growth

Synagogue Transformation and Renewal

National Organizations

Taking Hold of Torah: Jewish Commitment and Community in America

Resources: Spirituality: General

Tara Publications

Publishers

Teva Learning Center

National Organizations

These Are the Words: A Vocabulary of Jewish Spiritual Life

Resources: Spirituality: Theology

Tikkun Magazine

Journals

To Be a Jew: A Guide to Jewish Observance in Everyday Life

Resources: Worship: General

To Life! : A Celebration of Jewish Being and Thinking

Resources: Religion: Judaism

To Pray as a Jew

Resources: Worship: General

Torah Aura Publications

Publishers

Torahfax

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

Resources: Worship: Sermons and Preaching

A Torah of Money

Resources: Administration: Stewardship

Torah Trek Spiritual Wilderness Adventures

Resources: Spirituality: General

Transcontinental Music Publications

Publishers

Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

Union for Reform Judaism

Movement Organizations: Reform

URJ Department of Marketing and Communications

Resources: Administration: Communication

URJ Department of Synagogue Management

Resources: Administration: Congregational Finance

Resources: Building Issues: General

URJ Small Congregations Department

Resources: Vitality: Small Membership

URJ Study Guides

Resources: Special Programs: Adult Education

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Resources: Administration: Rabbinic Search

Movement Organizations: Conservative

United Synagogue Youth

Movement Organizations: Conservative

University of Judaism

Movement Organizations: Conservative

The Way Into Jewish Prayer

Resources: Worship: General

When Love is Not Enough: Spousal Abuse in Rabbinic and Contemporary Judaism

Resources: Public Issues: Domestic Violence

Women of Reform Judaism

Movement Organizations: Reform

Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Movement Organizations: Conservative

Yeshiva University

Movement Organizations: Orthodox

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah

Resources: Administration: Staffing

Young Judaea

Movement Organizations: Reconstructionist

Your Word is Fire: The Hasidic Masters on Contemplative Prayer

Resources: Spirituality: Theology