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Bernard and Audre Rapoport
L'Taken Social Justice Seminar
A Jewish Social Justice Program in Washington, DC
January 11 – January 14, 2008

“What is it that the Eternal One requires of you?

Only this: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Friday, January 11, 2008

Marriott Crystal Gateway
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202
Phone: (703) 920-3230

6:15 PM **Welcome and Introductions (Salons A, B, C)**

Rabbi Michael Namath, Program Director
Barbara Weinstein, Legislative Director
Katie Dochen & Cara Fisher, Conference Planners

RAC Legislative Assistants and their Groups:

Joanna Blotner: Temple Emanuel, Atlanta, GA

Jonah Perlin: Temple Judea, Coral Gables, FL; Congregation Beth Shalom of the Woodlands, The Woodlands, TX

Kate Bigam: Beth David Reform Congregation, Gladwyne, PA; Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, PA; Temple Sholom in Broomall

Debra Eichenbaum: Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, NJ, Temple Beth El, Closter, NJ

Jessie Weiser: Temple B'nai Chaim, Georgetown, CT; Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline, MA; Temple Emanuel of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD; Congregation Albert, Albuquerque, NM

Allison Grossman: Temple Judea, Tarzana, CA

Elissa Froman: Chicago Sinai Congregation, Chicago, IL

7:00 PM **Shabbat Dinner (Salons A, B, C)**

7:50 PM **Shabbat Services (Salons H & J)**

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- 9:00 PM **Issue Exploration 1: Economic Justice, *Faces of Homelessness***
National Coalition for the Homeless (Salons H & J)
- 10:00 PM Chaperones' Meeting (**Salon D**)
- 10:25 PM Shuk Program sign up
- 10:40 PM Free Time & Snack (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 11:00 PM *Eidot, meet with your congregation*
- 11:15 PM *Lailah Tov* – All students in their own rooms

Saturday, January 12, 2008

- 7:30 AM *Boker Tov*
- 8:00 AM Breakfast (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 8:15 AM Chaperones – find RAC Staff to Discuss Shuk Programs (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 8:30 AM Shabbat Services (**Salons H & J**)
- 10:15 AM **Issue Explorations 2 & 3: Campaign Finance Reform and the Assault Weapons Ban, Kesef, Koach, and Politika: A Lobbying Simulation (Salons H & J)**
- 12:00 PM Lunch (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 1:00 PM Group 1 to the National Holocaust Memorial Museum
(100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW)
- 1:00 PM Group 2 to the World War II Memorial and then to National Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 1:15 PM Group 3 to the World War II Memorial and then to National Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Group 1 leaves Museum for World War II Memorial and then to Georgetown
- Group 2 leaves Museum for Georgetown
- Group 3 leaves Museum for Georgetown
- Dinner in Georgetown
The RAC Staff will be at Paparazzi, 1066 Wisconsin, (202) 298-8000
- 6:50 PM Buses leave from the corner of Wisconsin and K Streets to go to *Havdalah* at the Jefferson Memorial (weather permitting)
- 7:10 PM *Havdalah* Service (**Jefferson Memorial**)

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- 8:00 PM Buses leave from Jefferson Memorial to go to hotel
- 8:30 PM **Program Shuk – choose one program to attend**
Issue Exploration 4: Carbon Game (Salon D)
Issue Exploration 5: Give me Health Care, or Give me Death (Salon G)
Issue Exploration 6: I Want to Live in America (Lee)
Issue Exploration 7: Reducing the Rollback of Reproductive Rights (Salon E)
Issue Exploration 8: Tough Choices in International Relations (Salon F)
Issue Exploration 9: With Justice for All: Civil Rights in the Workplace (Jefferson)
- 9:50 PM Chaperones' Meeting (**Salon K**)
- 10:00 PM Free Time & Snack (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 10:30 PM *Eidot, meet with your congregation*
- 11:00 PM *Lailah Tov*– All students in their own rooms

Sunday, January 13, 2008

- 7:45 AM *Boker Tov*
- 8:10 AM Breakfast (**Salons A, B, J, K**)
- 8:45 AM *Birkhot Ha-Shachar* – Morning Blessings (**Salons C & H**)
- 9:15 AM **Issue Exploration 10: Israel and the Peace Process: Loving Israel – Seeking Peace (Salons C & H)**
- 10:35 AM **Program Shuk – choose one program to attend**
Issue Exploration 11: The Energizer Generation (Salon D)
Issue Exploration 12: I Want to Live in America (Salons C & H)
Issue Exploration 13: Save a Life, Save the World: The Global AIDS Crisis in Perspective (Salon F)
Issue Exploration 14: Reducing the Rollback of Reproductive Rights (Salon E)
Issue Exploration 15: With Justice for All: Civil Rights in the Workplace (Jackson)
Issue Exploration 16: To Teach or to Preach? That is the Question... (Salon G)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (**Salons A, B, J, K**)
- 12:40 PM Lobby Prep, Part Ia – How to be an Effective Advocate (**Salons C & H**)
- 1:40 PM Lobby Prep, Part Ib – State Delegation Time
- 2:30 PM Depart for Smithsonian National Mall

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- 4:40 PM Depart Smithsonian National Mall for Pentagon Row
- 5:00 PM Dinner Pentagon Row, VA
RAC staff will be at Lebanese Taverna, 1101 South Joyce St., (703) 415-8681
- 6:40 PM Depart Pentagon Row to hotel
- 7:00 PM Lobby Prep, part II – **Time to Read Memos**
- 7:30 PM Lobby Prep, part III – meet with the LAs for the first round of discussions
- 8:00 PM Lobby Prep, part IV – write speeches, ask LAs questions
As soon as possible present speeches to LAs, make final corrections
- 10:45 PM Lobby Prep Ends
- 11:15 PM *Lailah Tov*– All students in their own rooms

Monday, January 14, 2008

- 7:45 AM *Boker Tov* and Check out
Put all luggage on Bus
- 8:00 AM Breakfast (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 8:35 AM Final Lobbying Tips and Preparation (**Salons A, B, C**)
- 8:50 AM Leave for Capitol Hill
- 10:00 - 1:45 Meetings on the Hill

As a group, decide where you will go for lunch: The Senate Dirksen Cafeteria, the House Longworth Cafeteria, House Rayburn Cafeteria or the Supreme Court Cafeteria.

- 2:00 PM *Where To Go From Here?* – *Wrap up*
B318 Rayburn
- 3:00 PM *L'hitraot!*

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