

ABCs of WRJ

ACC

www.accantors.org

American Conference of Cantors

Consists of cantorial graduates of HUC-JIR School of Sacred Music; it encourages the vitality of music in ritual and ceremonial life.

ARZA

www.arza.org

Association of Reform Zionists of America

Formed in 1977 as the Zionist arm of the Reform Movement; serves as the vehicle for mass participation of American Reform Jews who focus on Israel, with an emphasis on advocacy, fundraising, travel, and Zionist education in America.

CCAR

www.ccarnet.org

Central Conference of American Rabbis

The national organization of Reform rabbis.

EUPJ

<http://www.eupj.org>

European Union for Progressive Judaism

Works to foster and stimulate the growth of Progressive Judaism throughout Europe. It is the umbrella organization linking and supporting more than 170 liberal, progressive, and reform communities in 17 countries. The EUPJ is one of the seven regions of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ).

GUCI

www.guci.urjcamp.org

Goldman Union Camp Institute

A Union for Reform Judaism camp, located in Zionsville, Indiana.

HUC-JIR

www.huc.edu

Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion

The academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR educates men and women for service to American and world Jewry as rabbis, cantors, educators, and communal service professionals. There are four campuses of HUC-JIR: Cincinnati, New York City, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem.

IMPJ

www.reform.org.il/eng

Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

The umbrella organization of all the Reform communities and institutions in Israel. IMPJ seeks to integrate Jewish tradition with the realities of modern life and believes in the rights of individuals to shape their own ways of Jewish life through a process of study and reflection.

IRAC

www.irac.org

Israeli Religious Action Center

Founded in 1987 with the goal of advancing religious freedom and pluralism, tolerance, justice, and civil liberties in Israel, based on the belief that these values are intrinsic to and stem from a liberal understanding of Judaism. IRAC is the public and legal advocacy arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

JBI INTERNATIONALwww.jbibrary.org

Formerly Jewish Braille Institute; founded by the Women of Reform Judaism (then NFTS) to provide materials and support to the blind and visually impaired.

KESHERwww.gokesher.org

The organization for Reform Jewish college students.

MRJwww.menrj.org**Men of Reform Judaism**

Formerly North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB).

NATAwww.natanet.org**National Association of Temple Administrators**

Founded in 1941, this is the professional organization for those who serve Reform synagogues as executives, administrators, or managers.

NATEwww.natenet.org**Association of Reform Jewish Educators (formerly NATE)**

The professional organization of Jewish educators of the Reform Movement, which works to strengthen Reform Jewish religious education.

NFTSwww.wrj.org**National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods**

The original name of Women of Reform Judaism. The name was changed to reflect that WRJ is an international organization.

NFTYwww.nfty.org**North American Federation of Temple Youth**

The Reform Jewish youth movement, comprised of over 10,000 youth from 500 affiliated youth groups. NFTY was founded seventy-five years ago by WRJ (then NFTS). NFTY is divided into nineteen regions. The youth in the WRJ Midwest District are served by NFTY Northern (NFTY NO), NFTY Chicago (NFTY CAR), and NFTY Missouri Valley (NFTY MV).

OSRUIwww.osrui.urjcamp.org**Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute**

A URJ camp, located in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It is supported by donations from sisterhoods/women's groups, brotherhoods and men's clubs, congregations, and individuals, and used by both adults and youth. The WRJ Midwest District Kallah and the Leadership Training and Interim Board Meetings are held at OSRUI.

PARDeSwww.pardesdayschools.org**Progressive Association of Reform Day Schools**

PARDeS membership encompasses professional and lay educators, parents, and many other committed Reform Jews.

RACwww.rac.org**Religious Action Center**

The RAC, which is located in Washington, DC, serves as the hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity. WRJ's YES Fund provides financial support for an Eisendrath Legislative Assistant at the RAC.

URJwww.urj.org**Union for Reform Judaism**

Dedicated to the principles of Reform Judaism, URJ (formerly UAHC, Union of American Hebrew Congregations) was founded by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise in 1873 in Cincinnati. URJ serves more than 900 Reform congregations in the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. URJ services include camps, music, and book publishing, outreach to unaffiliated and intermarried Jews, and educational programs for Reform congregations.

WRJwww.wrj.org**Women of Reform Judaism**

WRJ is the network of nearly 65,000 women of Reform Judaism in nearly 500 local sisterhoods/women's groups and individual members throughout the United States, Canada, Israel, and around the world. It is the women's agency of the Union for Reform Judaism. WRJ also is affiliated with the World Union for Progressive Judaism and supports the HUC-JIR. The programs and projects of WRJ, implemented through the districts and member sisterhoods/women's groups and individual members, advance and strengthen Reform Judaism, the synagogue, and Jewish humanitarian causes.

WRJ MD<http://www.wrj.org/midwest>**Women of Reform Judaism Midwest District**

WRJ Midwest District is one of eight districts of WRJ. In 2006, WRJ Midwest Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (District 18) merged with several states from the former District 20 to form our current WRJ Midwest District. Our new district is comprised of sisterhoods from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, northwest Indiana, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

WRNwww.womensrabbinicnetwork.org**Women's Rabbinic Network**

The Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN) is a constituent group of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). It was created in 1975 by a group of female rabbinic students to provide the support and advocacy needed in the early years of women in the Reform rabbinate. Since then, the organization has grown to include over 700 women reform rabbis who have been ordained since 1972 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The WRN has consistently worked to promote the personal and professional growth of female rabbis and rabbinic students within the Reform Movement.

WUPJwww.wupj.org**World Union for Progressive Judaism**

This international organization promotes and supports the Reform, Progressive, and Liberal Movements within Judaism in forty countries around the world. WRJ is the women's agency of WUPJ.

YES Fund<http://www.wrj.org/our-philanthropic-impact/yes-fund>**Youth, Education, and Special Projects**

The YES Fund is the oldest commitment made by WRJ and is its most vital fund. Among the many projects that the YES Fund supports are: activities for high school and college-age youth; scholarship assistance for students at HUC-JIR; scholarships for rabbinical students from other countries; and education and leadership development for local sisterhoods/women's groups and individual members.