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"Connections 2011 – Building our Jewish Future"

World Union for Progressive Judaism 35th biennial conference

San Francisco, USA, 7–13 February 2011

The World Union for Progressive Judaism, founded in London in 1926, is the international umbrella organization of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist movements, serving 1,200 congregations with 1.8 million members in more than 45 countries. The World Union strengthens Jewish life in Israel and worldwide by establishing and supporting modern, pluralistic congregations and institutions, developing Jewish communal and youth leadership and advancing social justice.

The World Union's "Connections" biennial **international convention** is a unique event – a celebration full of spirit, learning, sharing and fun – where Reform, Progressive and Liberal Jews from around the world come to connect with each other and help shape the future of our movements.

Connections 2011 will provide opportunities for Rabbis, lay leaders, community activists, supporters and congregants committed to building Reform Jewish life worldwide to come together, experience both study and entertainment and exchange information & ideas.

Connections 2011 will also provide opportunities for regional and interregional meetings and for the 180 leaders and decision makers who comprise the International Assembly – the governing body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, to come together.

“*Building our Jewish Future*” – the theme of this convention – will focus on these three building blocks:

Building bridges – between people, congregations, communities, regions, faiths; looking at how we relate to each other in past and future; the role technology plays in our lives today; community building, social networks, interfaith communities and more!

Building a better world – the role Tikkun Olam plays in everything we do, making a difference on the ground, in our relationship with the environment, our youth and our future. We will also actually get out there and engage!

Building our Jewish identity – learning together, Jewish literacy and us, models of future communities and synagogues, the importance and future of rituals, current global issues such as conversion, and much more!

From opening ceremony through the wrap-up, we will offer workshops and panel discussions, walking tours and field trips, study and entertainment, and the most uplifting and universal Shabbat celebration observed anywhere in the world.

For more information or to pre-register for the event please send an e-mail to: 2011@wupj.org.il

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Explore this site for further details, and come back often for program and itinerary updates.

Connections 2011 will take place in San Francisco, USA, from February 7–13 2011. This will be the first time in a decade that we are bringing our global conference to North America, an opportunity not to be missed!

We would be delighted to see you amongst the conference participants.

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