



# Advocacy Update

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The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, RAC, is providing a great opportunity for sisterhood leaders who are interested in social justice efforts, but feel that they want to enhance their skills. The RAC is hosting events that will provide training on particular themes in several cities in different locations to take your social action agenda to the next level. Incredible speakers will lead workshops, text study, and advocacy training related to the theme, but will also include the basics of advocacy, programming, and networking.

This is the pilot of a new training initiative that will hopefully grow into an ongoing effort to reach out to congregations and their affiliates in North America. Three training programs on particular themes have been scheduled as follows:

### **Houston, TX - Sept. 11, 2011**

**Understanding Ourselves, Understanding Our Neighbors** will explore: interfaith relations in the post-9/11 world; networking, coalition-building and dialoguing within your local community; effectively addressing hunger; what Judaism teaches about advocacy and social justice; and more.

### **San Francisco, CA – Sept. 18, 2011**

**Speak Truth to Power** will discuss: the how-to's of taking a stand as a congregation; what Judaism teaches about advocacy and social justice; how to lead text study; coalition-building tips and case studies; how to dirty your hands by engaging your sisterhood and congregation in Jewish service efforts; and more.

### **Cherry Hill, NJ – Jan. 22, 2012**

**Nuts & Bolts of Social Action: Tools for your Toolbox** speaks for itself.

The RAC is going on the on the road! Join with the RAC staff and local social justice leaders to learn how to strengthen your sisterhood's social action agenda. Encourage your leaders to attend. Check to see if any of your congregation's social action leaders are participating. If so, your leaders can join them, if not, they can attend on their own.

The cost to attend one of the RAC Social Action Skills Training events is \$36.00, which includes a kosher-style lunch (dietary restrictions considered). Explore the possibility of your congregation or sisterhood underwriting the cost of attendance.