

# ALUMNI STUDY TOGETHER AT [WWW.HUC.EDU/JOINTCOMM](http://WWW.HUC.EDU/JOINTCOMM)

*"This study program far surpassed my expectations!"*

*"Mind-boggling scholars!"*

*"The opportunity to devote two days to pure study is amazing, a priceless blessing."*

*"I have to commend HUC-JIR for the truly substantive high level adult education program it offers rabbis in congregations."*

Such were the comments of alumni last March at the conclusion of *Kinnus Bogrim*, the 2 1/2-day study program that brought together fifty alumni, most from the New York and surrounding areas, but some from as far away as Northern California and even Haifa, Israel.

This is one example of the successful efforts of the HUC-JIR/CCAR Joint Commission for Sustaining Rabbinical Education. Now in its second decade of planning and implementing continuing education for rabbinical and other alumni, the Joint Commission is developing innovative ways to gather alumni of the College Institute for in-depth, collegial study.

In its early years the Joint Commission created seminars in specific locales, where rabbinical colleagues would study together under the guidance of national scholars. Seven years ago, with the creation of the National Department of Distance Education (now the Department of eLearning), the Joint Commission embarked on a partnership yielding new and stimulating programs accessible to all alumni wherever they live and work around the world. Alumni have been offered sixteen online minicourses, which incorporate live teleconference sessions and email-based discussion, as well as the highly popular, annual *Sefirah* Study, which over the past five years has provided alumni with seven consecutive weeks of eLearning with numerous experts on a single study theme.

In addition to these eLearning opportunities, the Joint Commission hosts Onsite programs every year during the CCAR convention and every other year on a HUC-JIR campus. The programs are organized by the members of the Commission, currently headed by co-chairs Dr. David H. Aaron, Professor of Bible at HUC-JIR/Cincinnati, and Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz of The Community Synagogue, Port Washington, NY.

Joint Commission programs, offering the most current analysis and commentary on topics of study, aim to complement and deepen the learning that alumni achieved during their student years at the College-Institute. More than 500 rabbis have participated in Joint Commission courses Online and another 150 have taken advantage of the Onsite programs.

## HUC-JIR/CCAR Joint Commission for Sustaining Rabbinical Education 2006-07 Programs

Alumni are encouraged to register at [www.huc.edu/jointcomm](http://www.huc.edu/jointcomm)

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Two-Year Guided Study through Email, Video, and Teleconference

### 10 Great Texts

October 2006 – June, 2008

Registration: \$50 per session or \$300 for the two-year program

Bi-monthly study with HUC-JIR Professors Norman Cohen, Michael Marmor, Alyssa Gray, David Aaron, Isa Aron, Eliyahu Schleifer, Reuven Firestone, Richard Sarason, and David Ellenson

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Teleconference Minicourse

### Toward a Deeper Understanding of Islam and Muslim Jewish Dialogue

December 7, 14, and 21, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. EST

Registration: \$100

Study with Professors Reuven Firestone, HUC-JIR/Los Angeles; Zayn Kassam, Claremont College; and David Elcott, American Jewish Committee, New York

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CCAR Convention – Atlanta, GA

### A Day in the Beit Midrash

March 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration: Included in CCAR Convention fees

Study with Professors David Ellenson, Donniel Hartman, Menachem Lorberbaum, and other HUC-JIR/Jerusalem scholars

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Sefirah Study – An Email Text Program with Online Discussion

### Uncovering and Upsetting the Paradigms of Prayer?

### Liturgical Innovation from Antiquity to the Present

April 4 – May 22, 2007 Registration: \$100

Study with Professors Richard Sarason, HUC-JIR/Cincinnati; Laura Lieber, Middlebury College; Ruth Langer, Boston College

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Archived Courses

Twenty-three courses offered over the past seven years are available through the Catalog of Courses at [www.huc.edu/jointcomm](http://www.huc.edu/jointcomm). All text materials, teleconference presentations, and online discussions with colleagues are available at \$50 for each archived course.

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