



**You are invited to
continue your journey
with Sisterhood.**

**Beth Israel's Sisterhood
will host the
Women of
Reform Judaism
Pacific District
Convention**

**October 25-28, 2012
The Embassy Suites Hotel
Downtown Portland**

**An extraordinary gathering full of
learning, bonding, worship, and fun.**

**It's your opportunity to connect with
women who share your interests,
concerns, love of Judaism, and the
special bonds of sisterhood.**

"The Journey Continues" refers to *Lech L'cha*, the Torah portion for the week of the convention, in which God tells Avram to "go forth" and establish a new community.

Our district convention will inspire you to go forth and deepen your bonds to your Sisterhood and to Judaism.

WRJ members will come to Portland from all over the western states and western Canada to share ideas, participate in workshops, sing, pray, laugh, and have a great time.

What to expect:

- Inspiring general and small-group sessions with scholar-in-residence Rabbi Stephanie Kolin
- Workshops on everything from leadership training to spirituality
- Shabbat study groups and special Shabbat services Friday night and Saturday
- A very special one-woman show featuring Susannah Mars
- Social events, including receptions, dinner at a Portland restaurant, a mah jongg party, and a visit to VooDoo Donuts
- Presentation of special awards for outstanding programming over the last two years
- A Saturday-evening marketplace with local artisans
- Lots of opportunities for informal conversations and sharing of experiences and ideas

If you:

- Want to be more involved in your sisterhood
- Want to improve your leadership skills
- Enjoy being surrounded by other bright and curious Jewish women
- Have a thirst for knowledge and a passion for sharing ideas

...then you need to join us in October 2012 for the Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District Convention!

*Keep up with convention plans online at:
www.wrjpacific.org*

**Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Stephanie Kolin**

Rabbi Stephanie Kolin is the Co-Director of Just Congregations, an initiative of the Union for Reform Judaism whose primary goal is to engage and train Reform synagogues in congregation-based community organizing.



Her rabbinical thesis, "Empathy, Equity and the Establishment: An Unclaimed Legacy of Social Justice," explores the biblical and rabbinic worldviews of social justice and reflects her deep commitment to the Jewish expression of social justice. She was named as a Woman of Valor by the Jewish Funds for Justice and is included in a list that the *Forward* called: "The Sisterhood 50: America's Influential Women Rabbis."



**Saturday Night
Entertainer
Susannah Mars**

Susannah Mars is one of the brightest stars of musical theatre and cabaret in the Pacific Northwest.

She has received five Portland Drama Critics awards: four for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical. She has also appeared in New York, Seattle, and Coeur d'Alene.

Susannah has soloed with several symphonies, including the Oregon Symphony. Her debut solo recording, *Take Me to the World*, was nominated as Best CD of 1998 by the Manhattan Association of Cabaret Artists and Clubs.