



Advocacy Update

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Jewish Delegation Meets with President Obama and Other Washington Leaders

Yesterday, March 1, 2011, a fifty person delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations met with President Barack Obama at the White House “to discuss U.S.-Israel relations, ongoing changes in the Middle East and other issues.”

The group also met with members of the administration concerned with Middle East and North African issues with regard to peace, as well as with top Republican and Democratic congressional members. The leaders of the Conference of Presidents delegation expressed appreciation for the meeting and indicated that President Obama "reaffirmed his deep commitment to Israel's security." The Conference of Presidents' website includes the full press release on the Washington meetings.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon Speaks at Holocaust Museum

The UN Secretary General, in Washington on February 28th to meet with President Obama, took the opportunity to tour and speak at the Holocaust Museum. You can read the secretary general's comments on Off the Cuff Remarks to the Press and the Public, issued by his office.

Become a Certified Outreach Fellow

As WRJ's representative to URJ Commission on Outreach, Membership and Caring Community, Cynthia Roosth Wolf has informed us about an amazing [Outreach program](#) to help new Jews-by-choice become integrated into the Jewish community after their conversions, which many find daunting. As noted by the commission, becoming familiar with some of the practical aspects of living a Jewish life takes time and helpful support.

The commission has developed the Schindler Fellows Program for Conversion Certification for this reason. The conversion fellows program prepares sisterhood and congregational members to provide an additional level of support to conversion candidates.

The URJ is offering this exciting program, July 7-10, 2011, as part of the Summer Learning Institute in Princeton, NJ. [Check the website](#) for details.