

# CONVENTION 2002: Five Pillars of Conservative Judaism

Pre-convention Shabbat  
Torah Institute: February 8-10

Convention: February 10-14

Marriott Wardman Park  
Washington, D. C.

A  
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five major organizations of the movement  
will meet together in one assembly  
to worship, dialogue and  
learn more of Torah and mitzvot.*

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# Program Highlights

## A Moment in History

Convention 2002 promises to be an unusually dynamic and memorable event, with a variety of offerings reflecting the diverse interests of the participating organizations.

A stimulating **Pre-convention Shabbat Torah Institute**, a pre-convention series of discussions, will be offered February 8-10. The informal series will open with Shabbat dinner and extend through Sunday lunch. Study sessions will be led by an outstanding scholar.

The following are some of the programs that will be provided by the various participating organizations:

- Limud with outstanding scholars
- Sessions recognizing Solomon Schechter's vision of Conservative Judaism and Talmud Torah
- A program recognizing the contributions that outstanding Jews have made to American democracy
- Seminars on leadership and professional development
- "Track programs" for synagogues from a choice of learning packages
- Baal Tefilah Institute, with members of the Cantors Assembly teaching lay people to lead weekday shaharit and maariv services with traditional nusah
- A gala cantorial concert, "100 Years of Song," featuring cantorial and choral treasures, old and new, performed by the finest hazzanim in North America
- "Old Treasures," a retrospective on the music of Moishe Oysher and Zavel Kwrtn
- USY fiftieth anniversary simha
- Perek Yomi study
- Visits by government leaders
- Interactive workshops to refresh teaching and managerial skills
- Symposiums on the latest trends in Conservative Jewish education



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*Celebrate  
the  
Past  
Enrich  
the  
Present  
Shape  
the  
Future*

**For more than a century,** the Conservative movement has been a leading voice for American Jewry on spiritual and social matters. Now, for the first time, five major organizations of the movement will meet together in one assembly to celebrate our history and to reshape the future.

Join us February 8-10 for the Pre-convention Shabbat Torah Institute and February 10-14 for Convention 2002 in Washington, D.C., at the Marriott Wardman Park as we rejoice in our past and envision the promise of our future.

Convention 2002 will be a historical event that brings together lay leaders, clergy and professionals in rich dialogue allowing all to draw from each others' strengths.

**Be a part of history.**

**Mark this landmark event on your calendar today!**

**LARRY  
DEBRUIN,**  
*Executive  
Director,  
Beth El  
Synagogue,  
Omaha, NE*

*"We have an opportunity through this convention to reach new insights and understandings, and to allow us to strengthen our partnerships."*

**NAASE**  
*תאגיד*  
THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVES  
FOUNDED IN 1976

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**RABBI  
JONAH  
LAYMAN,**  
*Shaare Tefila  
Congregation,  
Silver Spring,  
MD*

*"We are coming together to discuss as a movement how we can continue to provide a spiritual home for Jews in the 21st century."*



The Rabbinical  
Assembly

# Ten Good Reasons to Attend

- 1 **Meet** with the leadership of the Conservative movement
- 2 **Confront** from many perspectives the challenges facing American Jewry
- 3 **Analyze** mutual concerns in a congenial, constructive atmosphere
- 4 **Strategize** ways to revitalize synagogues, day schools and community
- 5 **Learn** techniques of advocacy to make our voices heard
- 6 **Participate** in seminars and workshops about Torah, liturgy, synagogue management and skill development
- 7 **Study** with outstanding Jewish teachers
- 8 **Determine** policy at plenary sessions
- 9 **Relax** and socialize with other Conservative Jews from all over the country
- 10 **Return** home invigorated and ready to address the challenges of our ever changing world

*"The JEA looks forward to joining with our professional colleagues and lay leaders to deliberate, re-think and re-envision models of successful educational systems for the next generation of American Jews."*

**CANTOR CHAIM NAJMAN,**  
*Congregation Shaare Zedek, Detroit.*  
**President, Cantors Assembly**

*"What more powerful way is there to declare the unity and vibrancy of the most exciting establishment in American Jewry?"*

**IRENE LUSTGARTEN,**  
*JEA Board Member*

*"The convention will be an intensive, exciting event filled with Jewish learning and the sharing of synagogue experiences. It promises to be extra special."*

**ALAN KARLSBERG,**  
*Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua, NH*



The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism



Jewish Educators Assembly



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