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Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to Present Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner with the Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*



Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D., President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), will award Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner with the Doctor of Divinity at Graduation Ceremonies in Los Angeles on May 16, 2016 at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. Rabbi Weiner, Senior Rabbi, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, will be honored for 25 years of distinguished professional service as an alumnus of HUC-JIR.

President Panken stated, “We honor Rabbi Weiner for his dedicated service to the Jewish People and the larger world by fostering learning, community, social justice, and continuity of our heritage.”

Senior Rabbi Daniel A. Weiner was born in Cincinnati, OH, grew up in Baltimore, MD and San Francisco, CA, and graduated from UCLA, serving as Commencement Speaker in 1986. He received his Masters in Hebrew Letters from the HHUC-JIR in 1989, and was ordained as Rabbi in 1991. Weiner is currently the Senior Rabbi at Temple De Hirsch Sinai with campuses in both Seattle and Bellevue.

Rabbi Weiner’s innovations in worship include producing “[rabcasts](#)” on video, bringing services to travelers and shut-ins on the internet and acting as band leader for popular Rock Shabbat services. His columns have appeared in The Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He wrote *Good God: Faith for the Rest of Us* about the dangerous polarization between fanatical faith and soulless secularism. Rabbi Weiner and his team are proud to have won the [Religious Action Center’s Fain Award](#) for their campaign on gun responsibility. He is a founding member of the Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility, which drafted and helped pass Initiative 594 in 2014.

Rabbi Weiner lives in Bellevue, WA with his wife Cindy; proud parents of Julia and Benjamin. He frequently enjoys the glorious climes of the Pacific Northwest while walking their black lab, Sadie.

Rabbi Weiner added, I am proud and gratified to have reached this milestone. From my years at the Hebrew Union College through my pulpit experiences in Baltimore, Harrisburg and Seattle, I am indebted to all who enabled me to glean the experience and expertise to serve the Jewish people for this last quarter century.

Founded in 1875, HUC-JIR is North America’s leading institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR educates men and women for service to North American and world Jewry as rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit management professionals, and offers graduate programs to scholars and clergy of all faiths.

HUC-JIR will bestow 125 degrees at Graduation and Ordination Ceremonies in Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and New York on the Class of 2016's cadre of new Jewish professional leaders for the Reform Movement. Distinguished communal and civic leaders and alumni will be awarded honorary degrees and prizes in recognition of their service to Reform congregations and North American Jewry, and in honor of their humanitarian work. [Click here](#) for further information about 2016 Graduation and Ordination Ceremonies.