



"Smiles for Miles" How Can You Help? Why?

July 2010

- The international Reform Jewish organization, World Union for Progressive Judaism, is hosting our biennial convention, **Connections 2011** on **February 7-11, 2011**. Delegates will come to San Francisco to pray, learn, and develop strategic plans for the future of their communities.
- K'lal Yisrael will be mostly represented, but because of the challenging economic situation, the World Union is not able to underwrite the travel expenses for many rabbinic & professional leaders from poorer nations. So, we turn to you for help...
- On two previous occasions, we successfully raised enough donated airline miles to bring leaders who otherwise cannot attend. It takes 55,000 airline miles, on any airline to make sure one leader can come to San Francisco for **Connections 2011**.^{*} We hope we can count on you or your circle of friends and family.
- Because of the lead-time needed to book these tickets for specific dates, we are asking to receive your donated miles as soon as possible.
- These leaders will be available to speak at a few congregations outside of the SF area should additional miles be made available, and your donation (of miles or money) will prioritize your congregation as a possible site for one of these leaders to describe the successes and challenges that face them daily as they bring Progressive Jewish worship to communities in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and beyond.
- Their stories are powerful and inspirational. The rabbis and lay leaders are available to speak about the resurgence of Jewish Life in the Former Soviet Union, and why American congregations that "twin" with a congregation bring important learning experiences to your local congregants of all ages.
- We also want to bring in future leaders from around the world - young people who have been active in Netzer groups, who will soon take on the mantle of leadership in their communities.

^{*}This is a possible tax-deductible donation, check with your accountant.

To Donate:

Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____

Email & phone _____

I have 55,000 miles to donate on _____ airlines.
(Contact Linda Levenson at: 408-872-3883 or Linda@gotgrease.net)

I would like to contribute money to underwrite the costs of bringing a foreign delegate.
(Send to **Connections 2011**, World Union, 633 Third Ave. 7th Fl, New York, NY 10017
Indicate on memo line: **Connections Travel Fund**)

Thank you for your continued support of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

We look forward to hosting you in San Francisco at Connections 2011.