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Dear Colleagues,

The CCAR is pleased to congratulate our friend and colleague, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, as the next President of the URJ, succeeding Rabbi Eric Yoffie. Rabbi Jacobs has earned the respect and affection of his colleagues and members of the Reform Jewish community and beyond through his leadership at Westchester Reform Temple, Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, the American Jewish World Service and in many more places where he has made his voice heard. Rabbi Jacobs has also served his rabbinic colleagues through the CCAR in many ways, as an officer of the Conference, a member of the Governance Task Force, and as Chair of a special Task Force On Funding For the Reform Movement in Israel.

The CCAR pledges its commitment to working with Rabbi Jacobs, Rabbi Yoffie, and the URJ leadership through the process of this important transition for the Union and for the Reform Movement.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate Rabbi Eric Yoffie's leadership during the 2012 Convention in Boston, his last year as President of the Union but certainly not his last as one of our cherished colleagues and friends.

In the coming months, members of the CCAR will have opportunities to meet with Rabbi Jacobs in a number of forums. For those of you attending the New Orleans Convention next week, you will have the opportunity to greet Rick and to share with him a hearty Mazal Tov.

Shalom uvracha,

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President

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