



Congregation Berith Sholom Founders Day Service



Shalom,

Please save the date to join Reform Jews from across the Capital District for this year's Founder's Day service, March 26, 2010, at 7:30pm. Congregation Berith Sholom in Troy will be hosting our celebration this year, and Rabbi Rex Perlmeter, whose new title is "Union Rabbi" for the Eastern District of the re-organized Union for Reform Judaism, will be our speaker.

Rabbi Rex D. Perlmeter was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1985, after graduating from Princeton University in 1980 with a degree in Comparative Literature. He served from 1985 – 1996 as rabbi at Temple Israel of Greater Miami, during the last seven years of which he was Senior Rabbi of that revered institution. He went on to serve as spiritual leader of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation from 1996 to 2008. This flagship Reform congregation was in a



significant moment of institutional transition, within which Rabbi Perlmeter brought about a sense of cohesion and new enthusiasm. The vision driving his pulpit rabbinate was one of creating multiple options for people to connect effectively with their Jewish identity, and to encourage their fulfillment of that identity in conscientiously chosen acts of mitzvot. Throughout his years in the pulpit, Rabbi Perlmeter could often be found raising an impassioned voice for issues of social justice. Upon being named Rabbi Emeritus at BHC in June, 2008, Rabbi Perlmeter moved with his wife Rabbi Rachel Hertzman and family to New Jersey where he served for one year as Director of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley region before being named Union Rabbi for the Congregational Support Center – East District of the Union for Reform Judaism in June, 2009.

If you would put this date on your calendars and inform your clergy, that would be very helpful.

As usual, Berith Sholom will host a dinner for all Rabbis, Cantors and Synagogue presidents and their families at 6pm that evening. Those invitations will be sent out at a later date.

L'shalom,

Nancy and Lenny Gaines, co-chairs