

# "Women<sup>and</sup> Men in Partnership"

## ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Sunday February 26, 2006 • 12:30-5:00pm

PROGRAM

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**12 noon – 12:30pm**

**REGISTRATION**

Main Entryway

**12:30-1:10pm**

**WELCOME & OPENING PLENARY**

Downstairs Auditorium

**WELCOME**

*Robin Bodner, JOFA Executive Director*

**OPENING PLENARY**

**Where Have you Come From  
and Where are you Going:  
The State of Feminism and  
Orthodoxy Today**  
*Dr. Idana Goldberg*

**1:15 – 2:30pm**

**RITUALS AROUND THE SHABBAT TABLE**

*Devorah Zlochower*

Downstairs Auditorium

The rituals of Shabbat are among the most meaningful in Judaism. Study the *halakhic* sources pertaining to the permissibility of women participating in *kiddush*, *hamotzi*, and *zimmun*.

**2:30 – 3:00pm**

**MINCHA AND SNACK**

*Mechitzah* Minyan: Gardner Beit Midrash

Women's *Tefillah*:

Main Sanctuary upstairs

**3:00-3:10**

Musical Interlude

St. Louis Jewish Women's Choir

Led by Adina Frydman

Downstairs Auditorium

**3:10-4:45pm**

*"Ani l'Dodi v'Dodi Li":*

**Innovations in Kiddushin**

*Rabbi Dov Linzer*

Downstairs Auditorium

Explore issues *poskim* raise with the bride's participation and discuss new ways to include women's voices at the wedding and *sheva brachot*.

**4:45-5:00pm**

**Closing Remarks**

*Rabbi Hyim Shafner*

Downstairs Auditorium

## SPEAKER BIOS:

**Dr. Idana Goldberg** received her doctorate in History from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the Vice President of Programming and Education for JOFA. Idana is currently a Senior Program Manager at JFN, the Jewish Funders Network. A graduate of Barnard College, Idana worked as a Research Associate for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. She is the co-author of *Crafting a Class: College Admissions and Financial Aid 1955-1994* (Princeton University Press, 1998).

**Rabbi Hyim Shafner**, the rabbi of Bais Abraham Congregation, has Smicha (rabbinical ordination), a Masters in Social Work, and a Masters in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva University. He has served as a rabbi in India, and as campus rabbi at St. Louis Hillel at Washington University. Rabbi Shafner has been a guest rabbi and scholar-in-residence at several synagogues and institutions.

**Rabbi Dov Linzer** is Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School. A recipient of both the Javits and Wexner Graduate fellowships, he has done graduate work in philosophy and is now pursuing a doctorate in Religion at Columbia University. Rabbi Linzer has published in Torah journals and lectures widely at synagogues and conferences on topics relating to halakha, Orthodoxy and modernity.

**Devorah Zlochower** is the Rosh Beit Midrash at Drisha, where she teaches Jewish Law in the Scholars Circle. A 1996 graduate of the Drisha Scholars Circle, she has an MA in Political Science from Columbia University. She serves on the board of JOFA and teaches and lectures in communities across the United States. She was named one of “The Fifty Who Point the Way Forward” by The Forward in 2001.

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