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Happy Chanukah!

Wishing you health and happiness during this season of peace and light!



And Justice for All: A Reform Jewish Voice Shabbat



The weekend of November 4-5 was one of education and advocacy for more than 15 New York congregations that participated in <u>Reform Jewish Voice of New York State</u>'s annual "And Justice for All" Advocacy Shabbat. This year's theme of economic justice was touched on in the context of hunger and nutrition programs in the state budget and congregants were urged to sign letters to Assembly members and state Senators asking them to protect these essential

programs in the 2012-2013 state budget. As Rabbi Jennifer Jaech reminded her congregation, "Hunger is an old problem, and the Jewish community has always considered it an obligation to provide for the needs of the poor. Feeding the hungry is not 'charity,' which by definition is 'freely given' -- it is our obligation. Throughout the ages, this obligation was seen as a public responsibility, not a private matter."

A Hydrofracturing Update



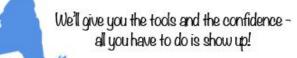
All eyes in the environmental and energy communities are now on New York as the Department of Environmental Conservation holds the last of four-public hearings on hydrofracturing this week and moves closer to the December 12th deadline for public comments on the proposed regulations for New York State. Reform Jewish Voice of New York State Steering Committee member Joyce Herman attended the hearing in Dansville earlier this month and gave a moving testimony calling for more research into the potential effects of hydrofracturing before permits are approved. For more information on hydrofracturing in New York and the role RJV is playing, please visit our-jesus page and take advantage of our-public testings playing, please visit our-jesus playing, please visit our-jesus page and take advantage of our-public testings playing, please visit our-jesus page and take advantage of our-public testings playing, please visit our-jesus page and take advantage of our-public testings playing, please visit our-jesus playing, please <a href="visit our-jesus



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Advocacy Day on May 14, 2012

Spend the day in Albany lobbying your State Senators & Assembly Members on the most pressing social justice issues of today!



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