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*Happy New Year to you and your families!*



## [RJV Launches Facebook Page!](#)



Are you on Facebook? Join Us! RJV has created a Facebook page to circulate time-sensitive information about important legislative developments in Albany as well as special events and other advocacy opportunities throughout New York State. Click the "like" button to add us to your news feed and receive articles, action alerts and interesting tidbits about pressing social justice issues. [Our Facebook page](#) will serve as a forum for conversation where you can express your opinions and share information about the

issues you prioritize.

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## *Save the Date!*

Reform Jewish Voice of New York State & Interfaith Impact of New York State invite you to join them for a

**Joint Advocacy Day on May 16, 2011**

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



As Advocacy Day approaches, please visit our websites for more information:



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## **Social Justice in our Congregations**

Ronna Weiss, member of Central Synagogue of Nassau County and of PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has begun a campaign to promote special book displays at public libraries in honor of Gay Pride Month in June. At this critical time, when we are fighting for civil rights for the gay community, highlighting literature that spreads information, supports diversity, and promotes positive attitudes is vital to our cause. Ronna is encouraging library patrons to write and email their support for a Gay Pride display and responses have been positive. On Long Island, Rockville Centre, Syosset, Roslyn and Plainview-Old Bethpage libraries have all agreed to highlight these special collections in June.

Interested in bringing this idea home? Your help is needed now as libraries begin planning their 2011 schedules. But let's not stop there. Make certain that your synagogue library and gift shop have a relevant collection of books available to borrow or purchase and that these books are conspicuously displayed in June. [Click here for a sample letter](#) that can be adapted for contacting your local libraries.

## **[Submit a Program Like This One](#)**

Are individuals in your congregation engaged in an interesting advocacy-related project? Are they lobbying for immigrants' rights? Starting letter writing campaigns? Marching for reproductive choice? Whatever the issue, we want to hear about it and showcase this valuable work in our newsletter! Please email submissions

to Juliana at [info@rjvnys.org](mailto:info@rjvnys.org).

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