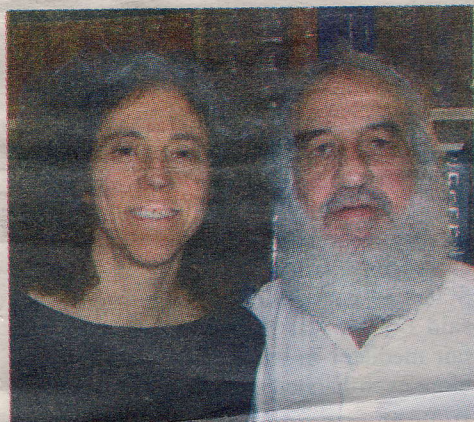


***Northeast Reform assembly
to feature Rabbi
Yoffie, music, lectures***



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ALBANY—Rabbis Jonathan Rubenstein and Linda Motzkin, co-spiritual leaders of Temple Sinai in Saratoga Springs, will be artists in residence at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Northeast Region Biennial Convention Friday through Sunday, Oct. 24 through 26, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany.

Convention theme will be “Finding Holiness in Congregational Life and Leadership.” Scheduled to attend are national URJ officers including president Eric Yoffie, musicians Peri Smilow and Rich Recht, and rabbis, cantors and teachers from Reform congregations from Maine to central New York.

An open Shabbat service will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at host congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd. Rabbi Scott Shpeen will lead services. Yoffie will speak and Recht will perform.

Motzkin and Rubenstein will teach classes throughout the weekend. Motzkin, a Torah scribe, will lead workshops on her craft and on Jewish mysticism. Rubenstein, who operates Slice of Heaven Breads, will lead challah baking workshops and a nutritional lecture. Together they will lead a class on the history and uses of the mikvah.

The convention is open to members of Reform congregations throughout the region.

For information or to register for the convention, visit <http://urj.org/nec/biennial>.

For information on the Friday Shabbat service, call Beth Emeth, 436-9761.