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July 8-11, 2010

Annual conference of the Union of Progressive Jews in Germany, Spandau-Berlin

July 11 (12), 2010

Torah Study Webinar of the Anita Saltz International Education Seminar, online at 18:00 GMT (July 11)

Nov. 25-28, 2010

Biennial conference of the Union for Progressive Judaism in Australia, Asia and New Zealand, Canberra, Australia

Feb. 7-13, 2011

Connections 2011, San Francisco

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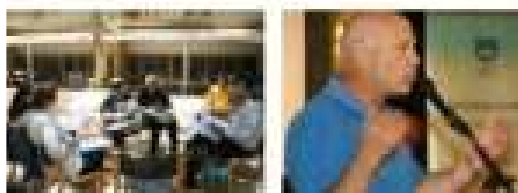
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## Progressive movement and its gains at Zionist congress

The worldwide Progressive Jewish movement made a strong showing at Jerusalem. Of the approximately 750 delegates - two-thirds of whom represent the rest of an international array of Jewish organizations - Progressive World Union, sent some 120 representatives who, united under the banner of Reform and Progressive religious Zionists, comprised the congress's largest contingent.

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## World Union hosts post-congress leadership seminar

Following the World Zionist Congress, the World Union hosted two-day seminars for representatives from some of its regions and affiliates. Present for this "think tank" were Rabbi David Rosen, executive director of the Union for Reform Judaism; Rabbi Shoshana Boyd Gelfand, executive director of the Union for Reform Judaism in the UK; Steve Denenberg, executive director of the Union for Progressive Judaism; Rabbi Gilad Kariv, executive director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism; and Rabbi David Saperstein, chief operating officer of the World Union. The group was joined for part of the seminar by Rabbi David Saperstein, Union's senior vice chairman.

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## Invitation to a worldwide progressive Torah study session - live, online!

On the Shabbat, July 17, we read the Haftorah known as Shabbat Hazon (the Sabbath of Vision), which teaches us about Isaiah's strong criticism of what was happening in the Jerusalem of his time. He lashes out at the corruption and hypocrisy of the politicians, the wealthy and the religious establishment, all of whom are turning Jerusalem into anything but a holy city. He delivers God's message that the Jewish people is obsessed with sacrifices, but cares nothing for the poor or needy. In essence, Isaiah's message is that the city's people may be going through the motions of piety when it comes to pleasing God, but have no idea how to treat their fellow man.

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**TORAH**  
*from around the world*

**Parshat**

## Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1)

by Rabbi Dr Tony Bayfield, Head of the Movement for Reform Judaism in Britain

"We are getting breaking news of a terrorist outrage in Shittim. Reports say that a Midianite woman has been brutally murdered by an Israelite. We can go over to our correspondent in Shittim, Mo Ab."

"There's uproar here in Shittim. The Israelites, who've moved in on Moab territory from the desert, have been peaceful up

to now. One of their younger leaders was enjoying the hospitality of a priestess called Cozbi when an Israelite rushed into her tent, speared them where they were already joined and rushed round the camp brandishing them over his head like a kebab. This is an outrage. The local population is furious at the abuse of hospitality. I fear revenge attacks."

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