

Religious **Action** Center of Reform Judaism



Bernard and Audre Rapoport

L'Taken Social Justice Seminars



Are you ready to change the world with Jewish teens from around the country?!

On **January 23 - 26**, we will travel to **Washington D.C.** to help make our world a better place. Get excited for the Bernard and Audre Rapoport L'Taken Social Justice Seminar! In partnership with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), you will have the opportunity to impact our political process as you share your views on social justice topics with decision-makers on Capitol Hill.

How will I change the world (AND build my resume)?!

Throughout the weekend, we will give you the knowledge and tools to write an effective, persuasive and passionate speech on a topic of your choice to present when you visit the offices of your Senators and Representatives on the Monday of the program. Lobbying a Member of Congress is a unique experience that very few Americans take advantage of and one that can have a significant impact on the course of legislation. After meeting with our students, Members of Congress have chosen to co-sponsor, offer amendments to and vote for pieces of legislation that participants discussed.

What are some specifics?!

On Friday and Saturday, you will have the opportunity to attend programs on a range of topics, including Israel, the environment, reproductive rights, LGBTQ civil rights, church/state separation, international relations and more! On Sunday, with the support of your chaperones and the RAC Staff, you will pick a specific topic and write a speech to deliver on Capitol Hill on Monday.

Will there be some time to check out the sites?!

Of course, we will also take advantage of the vast opportunities available in Washington D.C. by visiting the National Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Smithsonian National Mall and celebrating Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial. And, all the while, you will have the chance to meet and mingle with Reform Jews from across the United States, all of whom are in D.C. for the same reason that you are—to pursue *tikkun olam*.

What makes this Jewish?!

As we travel around Washington, D.C. and visit Capitol Hill to lobby, we will do it as a unified voice, on issues of importance to the Reform Movement. Together, we can fulfill the commandment of “*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof,*” “Justice, justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20).

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**Every year, nearly 2,000
high school students participate in
the Religious Action Center's
L'Taken Seminars in Washington, D.C.**

