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Rabbi Danny Freelander, President of WUPJ, to Speak About Prospects for Jews in France and Ukraine

Temple Beth Torah Melville Adult Education Committee to Host Speaker Program on Oct 9, 2015

Melville, NY – Temple Beth Torah, an active and inclusive Reform Temple in Melville, has announced that Rabbi Danny Freelander, President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), will speak about Prospects for European Jewry: the View from France and Ukraine at 8:00 PM Friday Oct 9, 2015 at the temple facility at 35 Bagatelle Rd in Melville.

"We're very pleased that Rabbi Freelander will be speaking about anti-semitism and conflicts in Europe to our temple members and friends," said Susie Moskowitz, Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Torah. "He is a leading authority on these most-important and timely subjects."

Of the 12-million Jews in the world today, nearly one-third live in countries where Jewish life is weak and where there are few opportunities for meaningful Jewish Practice. It is WUPJ’s goal to ensure that all Jews have access to the vibrant Jewish life that can best inspire them spiritually and bring their communities together. The media has written extensively about the increase in anti-semitism in Europe and the conflict that is raging in Ukraine. Rabbi Freelander will share with us his first-hand knowledge of these situations and share his views on their implications for Jews in Europe.

About Rabbi Danny Freelander
Rabbi Danny Freelander is President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, uniting 1200 congregations and 2 million Reform Jews around the globe. For almost 40 years, he served on the staff of the Union for Reform Judaism, and has been a leader in the transformation of the music of the Reform synagogue.

About Temple Beth Torah Melville
Founded in 1969, Temple Beth Torah of Melville and Dix Hills is an active and inclusive Reform Jewish Congregation of over 600 families serving the Western Suffolk and Eastern Nassau County areas of Long Island. Its extended temple family shares rich educational, spiritual and social experiences through a full spectrum of programming -- including religious and nursery school, religious services, and teen and adult activities. Members come to Temple Beth Torah to pray, to learn and to celebrate. Its culture is diverse and inclusive, and encourages participation by all age groups. For more information, visit http://www.tbtiny.org.

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