



## **Reform rabbis tap new leader**

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- **Rabbi Ellen Weinberg Dreyfus** was named the new president of the Reform rabbinical association.

The Central **Conference of American Rabbis** announced Wednesday that Dreyfus would be installed Feb. 28 at its 120th convention in Jerusalem. The organization represents some 2,000 Reform rabbis.

Dreyfus, 57, the rabbi at B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom in Homewood, Ill., is the second woman to assume the presidency of the CCAR. She succeeds Rabbi Peter Knobel, who is completing his two-year term.

With Dreyfus's assumption of the CCAR presidency, three of the four main associations of American rabbis will have women in top leadership roles.

In October, the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly named Rabbi Julie Schonfeld its new executive vice president, replacing Rabbi Joel Meyers, who will step down this summer. Rabbi Toba Spitzer is the president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.

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