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**GOVERNOR CORZINE APPOINTS SUMMIT RABBI TO
SERVE ON ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES**

Summit, NJ: Rabbi Amy Joy Small, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Hatikvah, a Reconstructionist Jewish community in Summit, New Jersey, has been named by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine to serve on his Advisory Commission on Faith-Based Initiatives.

The Advisory Commission is comprised of state officials as well as 15 members of the public. Their role is to provide the Governor with recommendations and advice on the future of existing State programs and initiatives.

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Rabbi Small was nominated for the position in late 2008, and underwent a vetting process before being appointed.

Over the past few years, Rabbi Small has delivered several invocations for the governor; the first time, at the NJ State Democratic convention in Atlantic City when Corzine received the party's nomination for governor. More recently, this past October, she spoke on the occasion of Governor Corzine's address on the economy to a specially called joint session of the New Jersey legislature.

Of her new role on the Advisory Commission, Rabbi Small says, "I look forward to contributing my voice on behalf of the Jewish community, from the perspective of Jewish values."

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Photo Caption:

Rabbi Amy Joy Small, of Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit, New Jersey, delivers an invocation on the occasion of Governor Corzine's address about the economy at a special joint session of the New Jersey legislature in October 2008.

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