

# **Shalom from Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals**

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Shalom. I hope you've had a good Purim. Here are a few items for members of the University Network.

1. We have received good submissions to our essay contest. The due date is today. If you are still planning to submit something, you may do so until midnight tonight. You should email a copy to [mdangel@jewishideas.org](mailto:mdangel@jewishideas.org) and to [ronda@jewishideas.org](mailto:ronda@jewishideas.org), and you should indicate which university you attend and what year you're in. The deadline is firm--no extensions.
2. If you haven't yet signed up for our online discussion group, please do so. If you are signed up, please feel free to share your comments with the rest of the group. We now have about 200 members of the University Network, and you are part of a really impressive group.
3. Please read the current blog at [www.jewishideas.org](http://www.jewishideas.org) It deals with women in roles of religious leadership in the Orthodox community. There has been a swirl of controversy recently, and it would be good if you would share your opinion by posting a comment on the blog site.
4. We have a few copies of back issues of our journal Conversations (except for the first issue). If you'd like copies (free for members of the University Network) please email me at [mdangel@jewishideas.org](mailto:mdangel@jewishideas.org) and let me know which issues you'd like, and please be sure to include your current mailing address. This offer is good as long as supplies last, so please respond asap.
5. A number of you responded nicely to a recent offer from the Institute: for each fellow student whom you get to enroll in the University Network (which is free), you can choose one book from our online store as a free gift (up to five books). For those who have not yet responded to this offer, please invite your friends and classmates to sign up for the University Network at [www.jewishideas.org](http://www.jewishideas.org) Then, please let me know whom you've invited, and which books you'd like once they've actually signed up.
6. The Institute is here to be of service to you. It strives to foster an intellectually vibrant, compassionate and inclusive Orthodox Judaism. Please feel free to

contact us with your questions, suggestions, concerns etc.

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