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**AJWS' Ruth Messinger to Speak About  
"Becoming a Global Citizen: Our Responsibility in the World"  
At Congregation Beth Adam**

**Cincinnati, October 3, 2008** – Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service, will speak about "Becoming a Global Citizen" at Congregation Beth Adam on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Ruth will propose how American Jews can do their part to alleviate poverty, hunger, violence, disease and oppression. Sharing the words of dedicated Jews from communities across the United States – college and rabbinical students, community leaders and skilled professionals – Messinger will tell of the enormous transformative impact volunteering and advocacy can make in the modern era.

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is an international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality.

AJWS currently funds over 267 development and emergency relief projects in 38 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, and sends more than 100 skilled volunteers and 300 young people per year to do hands-on service in the developing world.

"By embracing our obligation to assist *all* people in need, regardless of race, religion or nationality, we have the capacity to ensure social justice for coming generations," says Rabbi Robert Barr. "As Jews who take seriously our role as global citizens, we will contribute to *tikkun olam*, the fixing of the world."

### **About Congregation Beth Adam:**

Dedicated to the celebration of traditional Jewish holidays and life cycle events, Beth Adam approaches Judaism from a humanistic perspective. Rabbi Robert B. Barr, ordained in 1981 at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion has been with Beth Adam since its inception. Rabbi Laura A. Baum, ordained in 2008 at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion heads the Religious Education Program and the Online Community. Beth Adam provides Jewish experiences through religious services, child and adult education programs, Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes and services, social activities and community social action programs. More information about Congregation Beth Adam is available at [www.bethadam.org](http://www.bethadam.org) or by calling 513-985-0400.