



B'YACHAD

RECONSTRUCTING
JUDAISM TOGETHER



CONVENTION • MARCH 22-27, 2022

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Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi during the convention:

Network: Hilton-Meetings

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During the Convention, photographers and videographers will be capturing everyone's images to be used for highlighting, uplifting and promoting the Reconstructionist movement. If you would like further information, please visit the Registration Desk or reference the Shabbat Policy on page 5.

ABOUT Reconstructing Judaism

MISSION

Reconstructing Judaism cultivates, provokes, and inspires a deeply rooted, boldly relevant, and cocreated Judaism that provides individuals and communities with tools to lead lives of meaning and joy.

VISION

Diverse, connected, and engaged Judaism that meaningfully contributes to a just and compassionate world.

OUR CONVENTION VALUES

We strive to realize these core values in every initiative and interaction:

B'TSELEM ELOHIM בצלם אלהים

In the Divine image...

We recognize the infinite worth of every human being. Grounded in the awareness that each of us reflects unique aspects of the Divine and carries a spark of holiness within, we treat ourselves with loving respect and seek to treat everyone we encounter with loving respect.

HESED חסד

Lovingkindness...

We trust our connection to our loving Source. We prioritize relationship over judgment or “being right.” We extend the same overflowing compassion to ourselves that our tradition teaches endures forever, as the Psalms often repeat (Ki L’Olam Hasdo – God’s lovingkindness is unending).

ANAVAH ענוה

Humility...

We strive to take up the right amount of space—not too much or too little.

We listen as passionately as we want to be listened to. We note our visceral responses and think before we respond. We stay curious. When in doubt, we ask a question.

TIKKUN תיקון

Repair...

We believe that striving to repair is sacred work. Through teshuvah/repentance and relationship-building, we take steps to enact repair when necessary. When we (or the world) are not ready for tikkun, we hold the brokenness with hesed.

BINAH בינה

Wisdom and Understanding...

We seek to understand ourselves, our place in the Jewish world, and our purpose as human beings. We come thirsty for new knowledge and experiences, excited by the joy of learning in community.

TEN V'KACH תן וקח

Give and Take...

We convene in person and online, ready to be each other’s students and teachers, looking to absorb and to share. With generosity, we “give and take” by graciously accepting the challenges and stretches that come with our current pandemic situation.

We also “give and take” in terms of our knowledge, energy, time, and love.

CONVENTION HEALTH POLICY

B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together, our movement wide Convention is HERE. We are so happy to be able to offer a multi-access Convention, open to anyone who wants to be a part of this important and meaningful gathering. Among the many lessons learned from planning during these past two years is that we are strongest when we are together. The importance of connection and the power of community have never been more apparent. We have kept these concepts in our minds and hearts as we have planned and re-planned the Reconstructing Judaism Convention.

Based on the recommendation of the Health Advisory Task Force, we will require N95, KN95, or KF94 masks at all Convention events, except when eating or drinking. Attendees can either use their own mask of this type or use the masks that we will provide to them.

We have recommended that everyone attending the Convention bring a rapid antigen test with them. If an attendee is at the Convention and experiences Covid symptoms, then they will need to notify a staff member (name and number to be provided at registration) and then test. If you do not have a test, one will be provided for you and delivered to your hotel room. After administering the test, the attendee will then notify the same staff member of the results. The attendee will remain isolated in their hotel room until they are no longer experiencing symptoms and/or test negative. If needed, meals will be delivered to their room by hotel staff.

At registration, we will provide a list of local medical resources: clinics and urgent care facilities, local medical doctors, and pharmacies.

The Hilton McLean has many mitigation efforts in place. All the public areas of the hotel have a sophisticated air filtration system. All hotel staff are masked, and wait staff wear gloves. We are putting physical distancing measures into place for all meals, workshops, and plenary sessions.

SHABBAT POLICY

For those attending the Reconstructing Judaism Convention during Shabbat, please review the following information:

Shabbat is that day of the week when we are invited to look up from the day-to-day world and connect to the world around us and be in sacred community. Shabbat at Convention is a wonderful time to appreciate the beauty and spirituality of being part of a large Reconstructionist community. Our Shabbat celebration will be filled with prayer, study, singing, dancing and many other shared experiences. Because we're Reconstructionists, we don't "mandate" how each person celebrates Shabbat. However, this Shabbat, we invite you to disconnect from the day-to-day world-- especially from email and social media-- and fully experience Shabbat with your extended Reconstructionist community.

We invite you to turn off your phones for all of Shabbat. If that is not possible, please make sure that your phones are turned off at services, meals and programs during Shabbat. We will begin and end Shabbat together as a kehillah (group) and celebrate with large and small group programming during all 25 hours of Shabbat.

While you are, of course, free to make your own decisions about using money on Shabbat, we have made sure that all Shabbat meals are provided for you as part of registration. Our vendor area will be closed on Shabbat.

Formal Shabbat programs will be professionally recorded and/or livestreamed. There will also be unobtrusive, respectful professional photography to preserve some Convention Shabbat moments. If you would prefer not to be in public photographs, you will have the opportunity to decline being a part of the published photographs. Given that we have professional videographers and photographers preserving the memories of this event for us, we ask that you not use your own cellphone cameras, particularly in our larger gatherings, over Shabbat. As always, we remind you to ask permission before photographing any individual.

COVENANT OF BEHAVIOR

Reconstructing Judaism strives that everything connected to Convention will support the values of a kehillah kedoshah – a holy community. This Covenant of Behavior presents some of the most important norms and values that all participants in Convention are expected to observe at all times, whether in-person or online.

Covenant of Behavior

Appreciate, learn from, respect and celebrate our wonderful diversity. We are multi-racial, multi-generational, interfaith-inclusive, and international. We celebrate our ability diversity and our multiple sexual orientations and gender identities. Some of us are patrilineal or matrilineal Jews-by-birth, some of us are Jews-by-choice, and some of us are “fellow travelers” – people of other faith identities who are part of the Jewish community. We all have different approaches to Jewish ritual practice and Torah study. Some of us are Israeli citizens, some of us have spent a great deal of time in Israel, and some of us have never been. All of us are learning to welcome our diversity and all of us have more to learn.

Convention is an opportunity to drink in the richness of all that we are, together. We invite you to try to make friends. Don't be judgmental. Be understanding and mindful of others. Be your unique self. Be appreciative of others. Be flexible. Be aware of your surroundings. Respect confidentiality and honesty. And give thanks to the Source of Life for the gift of getting to learn and grow together during this time.

We expect participants:

- To recognize their responsibility – for themselves and to those around them.
- To respect themselves and others – others' perspectives and personal space.
- To accept accountability for their actions and the consequences, both positive and negative, of their behavior.
- To follow Convention rules relating to safety and security for all participants, whether in person or online. For those gathering in-person this will include wearing your lanyard ID and keeping it visible at all times in all common spaces. Please treat staff and volunteers working to uphold our safety practices with courtesy and respect at all times.
- To remember that not everyone attending Convention or presenting in a workshop is Jewish, and not everyone who is Jewish is Reconstructionist.
- To remember that we are a multi-racial and otherwise profoundly diverse community.

- To take pride in making all these little efforts to honor each other because it is one of the biggest mitzvot – honoring the Divine image in every human being.

We will not accept behaviors such as:

- Bullying
- Disrespect
- Bigotry (including, but not limited to: racism, sexism, ableism, transphobia and homophobia)
- Harassment of any kind
- Violence
- Any unsafe behaviors that are potentially harmful to oneself or others.

These behaviors could result in removal from the convention, whether in-person or online.

Reconstructing Judaism Endorses

Reconstructing Judaism encourages respectful and welcomed interactions between participants. We believe that every member of our community, including staff, has the right to learn, pray, and socialize in a setting free of harassment and bullying. We encourage all participants at Convention to practice respectful and civil behavior, both in communication and in conduct.

Affirmative Consent

We are proponents of affirmative consent. It is the responsibility of the person initiating or escalating any kind of physical contact to gain verbal consent, in advance, to confirm that the desired interaction is consensual. This principle applies to all forms of physical contact for which consent is legally required, as well as casual contact such as during in-person greetings. For example, before you move to hug someone hello, ask if that's okay. COVID adds more variables to how we enact this value. Take a moment to ask if someone wants to greet you with an elbow-bump, a handshake, a wave, or a warm smile.

This Unusual Time during the Pandemic

Please be patient with some of the challenges or delays that may arise as we carry out our first-ever “hybrid” Convention. Many staffers and volunteers will be doing their best to include participants who are both in-person and online. Please honor all COVID-related protocols and rules that are announced during Convention. It is possible that regulations for in-person attendees will shift if there are new developments in the pandemic, or if the hotel requires changes due to its policies and legal obligations. For the sake of community health, we ask in-person Convention-goers to be vigilant and to inform staff of any possible infection or exposure to COVID-19 that

COVENANT OF BEHAVIOR (Continued)

you may experience during Convention, and to follow any Convention rules requiring attendees who may have COVID-19 to isolate.

What to do next?

Support is available should you need it. If you have witnessed or experienced harassment or bullying during this event, we encourage you to report the unwelcome conduct to Reconstructing Judaism staff immediately. We are committed to taking the necessary steps to ensure that any matter receives prompt attention.

Unless emergency circumstances necessitate otherwise, Reconstructing Judaism staff will use alternatives to policing before voluntarily involving police to address a conflict or difficult social situation at Convention. If an emergency situation does require urgent medical or other life-saving intervention, please call 911 or ask a staff member to call 911 for you.

Whether you are attending convention as a lay leader, staff member of Reconstructing Judaism or one of our many affiliates, volunteer, presenter or curious explorer, we thank you for your partnership in sharing the responsibility to make this Convention a positive experience for all members of our community.

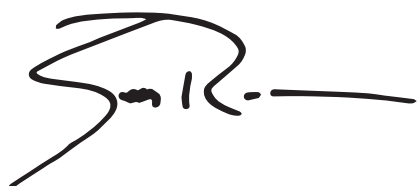


Berukhim haba'im! Berukot haba'ot!

On behalf of the leadership of Reconstructing Judaism, we are delighted to welcome you to B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together.

Over the last two years, we have done so much together—pivoted and pivoted again, discovered and mastered new ways of connecting, mourned, got very tired, and then found the resilience to build community anew. At this movement-wide convention, we will reflect on all we have learned and recommit to all we hope to build together. Over the next several days, across multiple modalities, we will learn together, pray together and renew or make abiding connections. We will celebrate, create, share new ideas, reflect, mourn, find comfort and inspiration, debate (maybe a little) and plan. We are so grateful to the extraordinary volunteers and staff members who have partnered to put together the rich program that we are all about to experience. It's our hope that we will all feel a deep and abiding sense of connection and belonging, however we are participating. Together, over the next several days, we will build a community that embodies the best of what it means to be Reconstructionist Jews.

Thank you for choosing to give your time, energy and resources to this gathering. We are all bringing our best selves and we hope that we will each be transformed—perhaps by an encounter that cracks us open, a powerful teaching, or a song that touches our hearts. We expect that we will each be filled with renewed energy, ideas and relationships that will invigorate us as we continue the holy work of reconstructing Judaism and building thriving communities in which we—and our children—can experience lives of meaning and joy.



Seth Rosen
Chair, Board of Governors



Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D.
President

Dear Hevre,

Welcome to Tyson's Corner and to our 2022 Convention: B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together. It's truly been a very difficult past couple of years; we're thrilled that you have chosen to be part of our Convention, whether in person or online.

During our time together, we will learn from and with experts, scholars and lay leaders, and each other. We will celebrate past milestones in our movement's history and start co-creating our future together. We will pray together, sing together, dance together and celebrate together as members of a diverse Reconstructionist community. If this is not your first Convention, we hope that during this time you will reconnect with friends from Conventions past and form new friendships, deepening your sense of belonging to this community of communities. If this is your first Convention, welcome! May it be the first of many!

From the inception of our planning, our goal has been to create an environment where we could gather together safely in person and create a rich online experience for those who choose not to join us physically.

We hope that you're excited to be part of this experience, and that you return home with lots of new ideas and programs to share, and new ways to help your community move into the future with positive energy.

Planning the convention has been a labor of love for both of us. This has been a quintessentially Reconstructionist endeavor — lots of meetings, lots and lots of process, and a true (and very rewarding) lay-staff partnership. It would not have come together without the commitment, at every level, of the administration and staff of Reconstructing Judaism, and the passion and energy of dozens of lay leaders from across the movement.

In addition, we would like to recognize the importance of our partnership with the staffs and leadership of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, RENA – the Reconstructionist educators network, and Havaya – the movement's summer programs for youth, in bringing this innovative Convention to fruition.

Add to that the generous and constant support of the Reconstructing Judaism Board of Governors, the extraordinary creativity and enthusiasm of our Advisory Committees, (including an expert Health Taskforce, which, among other things, came up with our COVID policies and guidance), and the knowledge and hospitality of the Local Committee. Of special note is the Thriving Communities team, who put in countless hours—Tresa Grauer, Jackie Land, Lani Moss, Rabbi Maurice Harris, Rabbi Micah Guerin Weiss, Rabbi Sandra Lawson and Jacob Weinberg.

Again, welcome to Convention! Bruchim haba'im!

John Riehl & Halle Barnett, Convention co-Chairs

**RECONSTRUCTIONIST
RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION
*SHAVAT VYINAFASH***

Tuesday, March 22 -
Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

3:00 P.M.

Registration Opens
FOYER

7:30 P.M.

Celebration of RRC Graduates
2020 and 2021

5:00 P.M.

Opening Welcome Reception
HOTEL BAR

8:15 P.M.

Dance Party and Dessert
ATRIUM

6:00 P.M.

Dinner
INTERNATIONAL A & B

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 A.M.

Convention Davening
STEVENS A & B

4:30 P.M.

Peer to Peer Workshops

10:30 A.M.

Plenary for the Planet
STEVENS A & B

5:45 P.M.

Break

12:30 P.M.

Lunch
CONTINENTAL

6:45 P.M.

Walk to Dinner

2:00 P.M.

B'shivtecha beveitecha
uvlechtech vadhrech
STEVENS A & B

7:00 P.M.

Presidential Dinner
FOUNDING FARMERS

8:30 P.M.

Nighttime Tour of the Monuments
DC NATIONAL MALL

2:45 P.M.

Spiritual Practice
and Resilience Opportunities

10:30 P.M.

Return to the Hotel

4:00 P.M.

Mincha Moment

Self-organized late-night games,
music share, schmoozing

*Location information for workshops and breakouts
is available to RRA members in their packets.*

RENA MINI-CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

LOCATION: BEVERLY

12 P.M.

Lunch and Schmooze

1 P.M.

So You're an Educator
Wisdom and Collaboration
WITH THE RENA BOARD

2:30 P.M.

Covid: The Elephant in the Classroom
DEBRA FRICANO

4 P.M.

Greetings from
Rabbi Deborah Waxman & Seth Rosen

Dinner

Out in Tyson's Corner

7:30 P.M.

Israeli Wine tasting
STEVE KERBEL

THURSDAY

March 24, 2022

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9:00 A.M.

Creating a New Public Theology for a Multifaith World

10:30 A.M.

Workshops and Affinity Groups

12:00 P.M.

Lunch on your own

*(for those participating in Affinity Groups or Advocacy,
lunch will be available at the participants' expense)*

1:00 P.M.

Program Block 2

2:30 P.M.

Program Block 3

4:00 P.M.

Program Block 4

4:30 P.M.

Academic Convocation and Reception

5:45 P.M.

Minkhah

6:30 P.M.

Dinner

8:00 P.M.

B'Yachad: Building Sacred Community Through Our Stories

10:00 P.M.

Late Night

All Convention meals will be in International A & B

SERVICES

Shakharit

**RABBI JAMES GREENE
AND STUDENT RABBI DR. KOACH BARUCH FRAZIER**

8:00A.M. | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

PLENARY

Creating a New Public Theology for a Multifaith World

**RABBI NANCY FUCHS KREIMER, RABBI MORDECHAI LIEBLING,
MODERATED BY RABBI ALEX WEISSMAN
INTRODUCTION BY RABBI ELYSE WECHTERMAN**

To open the Convention, we honor two of the movement's tzadikim. Rabbis Nancy Fuchs Kreimer and Mordechai Liebling will share stories of their careers where each has brought theological values to life through their public activities. Rabbi Fuchs Kreimer stands on the shoulders of her Reconstructionist heritage as she delves into her rabbinic and interfaith teaching work. Rabbi Liebling will share how hope can spring from despair as we face the existential issues in our world.

9:00 - 10:15 A.M. | HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SESSION BLOCK ONE

10:30 - 11:45A.M.

AFFINITY GROUP

Executive Directors & Administrators

JAKE EHRLICH, DEBBIE RUDT

One full day of sessions geared toward Executive Directors and Administrators (ED/As), including opportunities for networking, problem solving and resource sharing.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

AFFINITY GROUP

Incorporating Congregant Musicians into Services

CANTOR GEORGE HENSCHEL, SOLOMON HOFFMAN

We will collectively share techniques and resources for including congregant musicians in communal prayer settings. This will be geared both toward those in a music director or cantorial role, and to lay musicians who are interested in getting more involved. Solomon will share his experience working with musicians ranging from beginners to professionals as musical director of RSNS.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

AFFINITY GROUP

Presidents & Board Chairs

CRAIG SCHNEIDER, SANDY SPATZ

A full day of programming to allow Presidents to brainstorm, problem-solve and plan with Presidents from across the movement. There will also be plenty of space to get down to brass tacks regarding topics you all grapple with: money, membership, and living our values while working on addressing these challenges.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

ADVOCACY

How to Use Your Personal Story to Make Change

REBECCA KIRZNER

The moral arc of the universe does not bend toward justice by itself. In this session, discuss how you and your community can be engaged constituents, reliable allies, and effective advocates for social change. We will review basic community organizing principles to learn how to tell your story, engage others, and develop an action plan to make a difference on issues that matter. Together, we can build a more just and compassionate world.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

TIKKUN OLAM

Introduction to Congregational Racial Justice Work

RABBI SANDRA LAWSON, RABBI MICAH WEISS

This daylong workshop will provide a foundational orientation to racial diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice work in a congregational context. No prior knowledge or experience is required, and folks of all racial identities are welcome. Registration will be limited to 30 participants.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | FOUR PART WORKSHOP | HYBRID | LOCATION: DALLAS

OUR COMMUNITIES

Aleinu: Safeguarding our Children

JUDITH BELASCO, SACRED SPACES

Aleinu: Safeguarding our Children, a project of Sacred Spaces, is built on evidence-based practices to safeguard youth from maltreatment. Learn about best practices for Jewish youth-serving organizations to strengthen existing safeguarding infrastructure.

SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR JEWISH ETHICS
HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

VALUES

Braiding our Untangled Knots: Making Ana B'koach Prayer Beads - In Person

DR. KOACH BARUCH FRASIER, RABBI SHEILA WEINBERG

Join us for a deep dive into the meaning and uses of this ancient incantation as we make prayer beads to carry this prayer wherever we go.

HYBRID | LOCATION: ISTANBUL

ISRAEL

Our Tears are the Same Color: Bereaved Israeli and Palestinian Families for Peace

BASSAM ARAMIN, RAMI ELHANAN, SHIRI OURIAN

A dialogue between bereaved Israeli and Palestinian fathers who lost their daughters to the conflict. Each has chosen to reject violence and revenge in favor of non-violence and reconciliation. They will share stories of loss and grief and discuss how these can be the most powerful weapon to end the conflict.

SPONSORED BY THE PARENTS CIRCLE | HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

IN-PERSON

Financial Management 101 for Jewish Communities

MARK PINSKY, RABBI AMBER POWERS

This workshop will introduce you to the fundamentals of financial management for your community — Budgeting, Financial Reporting & Oversight, and Board Roles & Responsibilities. You will learn how to make sure you are using your funds as you intend to, how to monitor your community's finances, and what your responsibilities are.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

SESSION BLOCK TWO

1:00 - 2:15P.M.

AFFINITY GROUP

Music

CANTOR GEORGE HENSCHEL, SOLOMON HOFFMAN

Music sharing: bring music to share with other musicians, cantors and soloists. Come sing with us!

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

ADVOCACY

How to be an Informed Political Donor and Activist

DEBRA FRIED LEVIN

Using her years of experience working inside campaigns and at the grassroots, Debra will share with you her insights into how to make informed, strategic decisions about where to direct your donations and time. Hint: Not in response to the countless emails that flood your in-box. You will have tools you can use for the 2022 election and beyond.

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ALL DAY INTENSIVE | PART 2 OF 4 | HYBRID | LOCATION: DALLAS

VALUES

Southern Connections: Exploring Judaism, Culture and Friendship Through Food

ADVA CHATTLER, RACHEL FORTH

Join Rachel, a Jew by choice from Tennessee, and Adva, a Mizrahi Jew from Israel, in this pre- Passover experiential cooking workshop. We will prepare two haroset recipes while exploring how food has shaped our relationship with Jewish tradition and culture.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INNOVATION GALLERY

ISRAEL

Shutafut Showcase: Meet Israeli Organizations Ready to Work with Your Congregation

SHUTAFUT COMMITTEE - JOINT ISRAEL COMMISSION

The Shutafut Working Group of the Joint Israel Commission (JIC) helps Reconstructionist rabbis and congregations create partnerships with Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian organizations doing important work consonant with our movement's mission and values.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

OUR COMMUNITIES

Key Elements for Building Safe and Respectful Jewish Communal Institutions

JUDITH BELASCO, SACRED SPACES

Creating safe and respectful Jewish institutions requires agreed-upon methods to minimize abuse, and a comprehensive trauma-informed response when abuses of power occur. This workshop offers an overview and resources that support continued examination of this work.

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HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

OUR COMMUNITIES

Jewish Men's Work – Creating Holy Connection in These Times of Isolation

YOSAIF AUGUST, MARC JACOBS, DAVID PIVER, RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT

This workshop gives an opportunity to both experience “Jewish men’s work” and learn about the cutting edge of the Jewish men’s movement. We will explore how to create inclusive affinity groups and support structures for Jewish men and men supporting Jewish life across the spectrum of identities.

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

OUR COMMUNITIES

Planned Giving, Endowments and Socially Responsible Giving

TOM MOORE, MARK NUSSBAUM, SAMANTHA AUDIA

Our panelists will discuss the importance of endowments and legacy giving, what you need to do to get started in your organization, some effective strategies for legacy giving and endowment building, and how organizations are investing their endowments in a manner that reflects their missions and values. Reconstructing Judaism board member and Investment Committee Chair Mark Nussbaum will be joined by Thomas Moore and Samantha Audia from Glenmede, Reconstructing Judaism’s investment manager, to discuss these timely and important topics, which may be the best gifts you can bring back to your community from Convention.

HYBRID | LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

SESSION BLOCK THREE

2:30 - 3:15P.M.

AFFINITY GROUP

Participatory Governance for Executive Directors, Presidents and Rabbis

FACILITATED BY TRESA GRAUER

What does participatory governance look like in your congregation? What are the rules and norms, relationships and processes by which you make decisions and structure the work of your community? Come learn from each other!

HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

ADVOCACY

Organizing to Stay in the Fight: How to Bring Justice to an un-Just World

RUTH MESSINGER

We are beset with stories of anti-Semitism, anxieties about the loss of voting rights, the challenge of having Critical Race Theory debated in local school boards and on the ballot in nearby towns. Let's talk together about some of these issues, the connections between them and what we might do together to move the needle toward justice.

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TIKKUN OLAM

Crossing the Broken Bridge: Performance & Talkback

ERIC ANTHONY, KAREN COOPER, JORDANA OBERMAN, REV. VERNON WILLIAMS, MODERATED BY RABBI HANNAH ORDEN

This two-person play – developed by a Black man and a white Jewish woman – explores the complexity of relationships between the experiences of Black Americans and white Jews. Excerpts will be presented live on Zoom, followed by a talkback.

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

RADICAL IMAGINATION

Art as a Spiritual Practice: The Jewish Studio Process

RABBI MARGIE JACOBS, BARB RICHMAN

Ignite your creativity and access your imagination. We will explore and play through text study, facilitated use of art materials, and reflective writing. You do not need to “be artistic” to participate. The focus is on process, not product.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

AFFINITY GROUP

Zooming Music on a Shoestring: Tips and Workarounds for Small Congregations with Limited Resources

CANTOR GEORGE HENSCHEL

While larger congregations have the resources for professional video and audio, many smaller shuls need to compensate for their limitations. We will share techniques and resources used to provide congregations with musical and spiritual experiences in the two-dimensional screen world.

HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

ISRAEL

Eco-Peace: The Blue Green New Deal

FRED ANDES

Learn about EcoPeace Middle East, a unique environmental peacebuilding organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists to create shared solutions to protect their environmental heritage. You will be inspired by the unwavering belief that underpins EcoPeace's work - that real change is possible when we all work together.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

SESSION BLOCK FOUR

4:00 - 5:15P.M.

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Presidents & Board Chairs

CRAIG SCHNEIDER, SANDY SPATZ

A full day of programming to allow Presidents to brainstorm, problem-solve and plan with Presidents from across the movement. There will also be plenty of space to get down to brass tacks regarding topics you all grapple with: money, membership, and living our values while working on addressing these challenges.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

AFFINITY GROUP

Executive Directors & Administrators

JAKE EHRLICH, DEBBIE RUDT

One full day of sessions geared toward Executive Directors and Administrators (ED/As), including opportunities for networking, problem solving and resource sharing.

ALL DAY INTENSIVE | HYBRID | LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

VALUES

Living Our Values: Engaging Members through Shabbat Lecture Series

DAVID BLOCK, STUART CHANEN, JOSH HAUSER

Panelists from Evanston's Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation will discuss the Living Our Values Shabbat lectures series, created with sponsorship by JRC's Pillars of Chai capital campaign. The lecture series addresses that contemporary Jews are hungry for spiritual meaning in their everyday lives and allows the community to share spiritual thinking that guides their professional work.

LOCATION: ISTANBUL

VALUES

Creating Jewish Humor: What Would the World Be Like Without It?

MICHAEL CORNELL, MARY BETH LEIDMAN

This workshop is designed to teach the rudimentary skills of joke writing using Jewish culture and values. Participants will leave with a new understanding of Jewish humor and as members of the long chain of comedic *l'dor v'dor*.

HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

ISRAEL

How to Help Your Congregation Talk About Israel/Palestine

MARCY BOROFF, DIANA RALPH

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT ISRAEL COMMISSION

Are you eager to help your congregation safely talk and learn about Israel/Palestine? Whether you're just thinking about Israel/Palestine programming or have lots of experience to share, this participatory workshop is for you. We'll share ideas, resources, challenges, and successes.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

HYBRID

Academic Convocation

RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBICAL COLLEGE

4:30 – 5:30P.M. | HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

MINKHAH

5:45P.M.

SERVICES

Minkhah

RABBI ARIANN WEITZMAN
AND STUDENT RABBI ALANA KRIVO - KAUFMAN

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL C

PLENARY

8:00P.M.

PLENARY

B'Yachad: Building Sacred Community Through Our Stories

INTRODUCTION BY JOHN RIEHL AND HALLE BARNETT
HOST: RABBI ISAAC SAPOSNIK

We will open the Convention with a celebration of community. Our theme – B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together – will be illuminated through conversation, story, song, and video. Featuring an appearance by **Rabbi Shira Stutman and Joshua Malina of the new podcast: Chutzpod!** And spotlighting first-person narrative stories from members of our communities. And the premiere of the Roll Call of Congregations (and Havurot) movie.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

LATE NIGHT PROGRAMMING

9:45P.M.

LATE NIGHT

“Reconstructing Mishkan”: A Discussion of a Documentary Film in Progress

BARRY DORNFELD, RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

LATE NIGHT

Musical Programming

IN-PERSON | LOCATION: INNOVATION GALLERY

FRIDAY

March 25, 2022

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9:00 A.M.

B'Yachad: Creating Inclusive Community

10:45 A.M.

Program/Workshop 1

12:00 P.M.

Box Lunch/ Meeting of the Plenum

12:30 P.M.

Program/Workshop 2

2:00 P.M.

Program/Workshop 3

3:30 P.M.

Shabbat Prep/Special Interest Programs

5:30 P.M.

Minkhah Healing Service

6:15 P.M.

Dinner

7:30 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat

9:30 P.M.

Storytelling

10:30 P.M.

Late Night

All Convention meals will be in International A & B

MORNING BLOCK

8:00 - 8:45A.M.

SERVICES

Shakharit

RABBI LINA ZERBARINI AND STUDENT RABBI MAY YE

IN PERSON | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B.

IN-PERSON

Hineini Yoga: Becoming Present to Presence

SUE DORFMAN

Hineini. Here I am. Bring your whole self to gentle yoga and awaken your body, mind and spirit. Postures selected reflect the weekly Torah parsha. All levels welcome. Come with a mat or towel and loose clothes.

LOCATION: DALLAS

PLENARY

9:00 - 10:15 A.M.

TIKKUN OLAM

B'Yachad: Creating Inclusive Community

**RABBI ARI LEV FORNARI, SHAHANNA MCKINNEY BALDON,
RABBI ELLIOT TEPPERMAN, RABBI JULIA WATTS BELSER,
MODERATED BY AMANDA MBUVI
INTRODUCTION BY TRESA GRAUER**

The panel will explore the embodiment of our theme through the various perspectives all the members of our panel bring to their work and the world. Through the lens of their identity and worldview, our speakers will examine the dissonance between the values people espouse and the actions people take. In addition, they will discuss the relationship between analysis and action, protest, and transformation. Let's think about how we move from analyzing problems to living into new ways of being *b'yachad*?

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SESSION BLOCK ONE

10:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

TIKKUN OLAM

United Against Hate: From Pittsburgh to Atlanta, Charlottesville to Minneapolis

MICHAEL CORNELL, VIRGINIA THERESA RODINO

Learn how history can teach us about the importance of solidarity across movements to build resistance against the rise of the Far Right, white supremacists, and fascism; and how we can meet future challenges by standing together.

HYBRID | LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

TIKKUN OLAM

Paths to Systemic Social Change: A Reconstructionist Synagogue Case Study

MIRELE GOLDSMITH, MARILYN KRESKY-WOLF, ANITA LAMPEL, JEFF RUBIN, STU SIMON, CAROL STERN

Members of Adat Shalom discuss how their synagogue provides three levels of support for members to engage in systemic social action; and how the synagogue and its members work in coalition with advocacy groups.

LOCATION: STATLER A

THEOLOGY

Becoming An Authentic Self in the Thinking of Mordecai Kaplan

MEL SCULT INTERVIEWED BY ERIC CAPLAN

In terms of identity, education, and growth we need to fully understand what it means to be a self, and how Judaism is essential to that process. We will explore how we become fully ourselves using the mitzvot, the community, and our synagogues.

SPONSORED BY THE KAPLAN CENTER | HYBRID | LOCATION: DALLAS

OUR COMMUNITIES

B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together

BOBBI COHEN, BETH DERICCO, DANIEL KAUFMAN

This session describes the collaboration between two Reconstructing Judaism congregations who joined together to hold High Holy Day services online. Addressing issues from pre-planning to debriefing, including successes and challenges; key learnings; ongoing collaborative efforts. This presentation includes the use of learning integration and action planning tools.

HYBRID | LOCATION: FOWLER

THEOLOGY

God Doesn't Have To Be The Third Rail

SARAH BRAMMER-SHLAY, GEORGE KELLEY

This workshop will dive into God and divinity; often seen as "a third rail" topic. We will explore every individual's ability to notice, name, and create a personal concept of God. We will use group discussion, text-based learning and tips for creating inviting spaces to talk about God and divinity.

LOCATION: ISTANBUL

VALUES

Hilchot Shmita: The Path of Release

**RABBI ARI LEV FORNARI WITH KOL TZEDEK
CONGREGANTS & CLERGY**

Join us for a textual exploration of the Rambam's Laws of Teshuva. We will explore the spiritual, economic, agricultural and visionary dimensions of the practice of Shmita as it has evolved across time and place. Together we will be better able to understand how it might relate to our own lives.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

KAPLAN CENTER

Kodem Kol Kavod / First of All Respect: Inclusion and Invisible Barriers to Learning

JOANIE CALEM

Individuals with invisible barriers to learning often struggle with the volume level, acoustics, and pace of classrooms and community spaces. This session offers a Jewish perspective on inclusion and strategies for sensory-friendly classes and events.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

Every Person Has a Story; Every People Has a Story

KATIA SEGRE COHEN, ARLEEN SOLDATI, MARGIE TICKNOR, REV. VERNON WILLIAMS, MODERATED BY RABBI HANNAH ORDEN

Storytelling is a powerful tool for deepening relationships within and beyond a synagogue. We will focus on two programs implemented by Congregation Beth Hatikvah – sharing memories when observing a yahrzeit, and a Liberation Seder.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

A Reason for Hope with Combatants for Peace

SULAIMAN KHATIB, TULY FLINT, BETH SCHUMAN

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to hear the stories of two activist leaders from Combatants for Peace, one Israeli and one Palestinian, and learn about the work they are doing to bring peace, equality and freedom to their homeland.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

Rabbinic Partnership: Creative, Cost-Effective Ways to Add Richness to Congregations & Support Clergy

RABBI NATHAN MARTIN, RABBI LINDA POTEKEM, RABBI JOSH JACOBS-VELDE, RABBI DARIA JACOBS-VELDE

In this workshop you will hear from small congregations who found a way to bring two rabbis to share one full-time position. Communities can benefit from a more varied rabbinic presence, and rabbis can benefit from collegial support. The session will be a leadership panel of two different "partnership rabbi" communities.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE RRA | HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

The Unexpurgated History of Tikkun Olam

RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG

The roots of social justice tikkun olam are older than the kabbalah, going back at least to the 10th century. The roots of environmental tikkun olam go back even farther! Come study – beit midrash style – ancient and medieval sources that will inspire and motivate you.

LOCATION: STATLER B

THEOLOGY

Making Values-Based Decision Making Work **RABBI DAVID A. TEUTSCH**

When Reconstructionist communities need to make important decisions, they often rely on Values-Based Decision Making. This session will provide practical guidance on how to use VBDM in a way that is effective, consensus building, and efficient.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL C

RADICAL IMAGINATION

When Our Values Conflict with Real Life **RUTH MESSINGER, ERIC ROSENBAUM**

When New York City moved 283 homeless men into a hotel on the Upper West Side, the Jewish community was split between those who wanted the city to move the men, and those who supported their presence. How can we prepare our communities to respond from Jewish values in challenging situations?

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

TIKKUN OLAM

Studying A Resolution for Reparations **THE RESOLUTION WORKING GROUP OF TIKKUN OLAM COMMISSION**

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association passed a resolution on Reparations for Slavery, Indigenous Genocide, and Systemic Racism in North America/Turtle Island. The Movement's Tikkun Olam Commission has been exploring a movement-wide resolution on reparations. We will present the current draft of the working group's resolution for study, reflection, and discussion.

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

VALUES

“We were Slaves in the Land of Egypt”: The Exodus Story and Jewish Identity **DR. ELSIE STERN**

In this workshop we will explore what the Exodus story meant for different biblical authors and how it functions to shape our Jewish identities today.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

LUNCH AND NOON PROGRAMMING

12:00 P.M.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Hidden Treasures: Building Community Through Storytelling

NOA BAUM

Storytelling is central to the Jewish tradition and at the heart of human experience. Through a thoughtful and interactive series of exercises, participants are guided to share stories, listen deeply, and experience diverse perspectives – while connecting to their past and Jewish identity.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

OUR COMMUNITIES

Meeting of the Plenum

ED BAUM, PLENUM CHAIR

FOR PLENUM REPS AND PRESIDENTS OF CONGREGATIONS | LOCATION: DALLAS

SESSION BLOCK TWO

12:35 - 1:45 P.M.

TIKKUN OLAM

Renewing the Face of the Earth: Addressing Global Climate Disruption Through Torah

SAM WACHS, BRYAN SCHWARTZMAN, RABBI DAVID SEIDENBERG, RABBI JACOB STAUB

An interview with Rabbi David Seidenberg, who argues that the central and original purpose of the Torah was for the Israelites to live in harmony with the land and with all living things. Though we have strayed from these teachings, Seidenberg believes Torah can offer guidance in the climate crisis.

LOCATION: STEVENS A

TIKKUN OLAM

Jewish Ethics and Race: Emerging Research **ARMIN LANGER, RABBI MIRA WASSERMAN,** **PROFESSOR SEMIRA MEHTA**

In January 2022, the Center for Jewish Ethics launched a project to spark new collaborative cross-disciplinary research on race, racism, and the Jewish experience. At this workshop, we will share updates on the research and seek input on the design and development of new learning materials.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

VALUES

How Can Jewish Values Transform our Economic and Policy Decision Making

MIRELE GOLDSMITH, MARIANNA GROSSMAN, ELIANNE LIEBERMAN

How can we elevate Jewish values – stewardship of creation, social justice & well-being of future generations – to transform our political and economic systems from prioritizing short-term economic values that lead to climate degradation and inequality?

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

THEOLOGY

Where You Go I Will Go: Same Sex Marriage and Jewish Law

RABBI IRWIN KELLER

We will study various denominations' guidance on same-sex marriage ceremonies and explore options that address Jewish marriage's legacy of gender inequality. We will explore the "where you go I will go" language in the Book of Ruth looking at its legal effect and its symbolic heft for queer and other egalitarian couples.

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

THEOLOGY

God Is Here: Reimagining the Divine**RABBI TOBA SPITZER**

Together we will explore non-human metaphors for the divine found in the Hebrew Bible and rabbinic texts, as a way beyond the limits of the "Big Person in the Sky" that inhabits our heads and our hearts. Rabbi Toba will share from her forthcoming book, incorporating text study and practice.

HYBRID | LOCATION: STEVENS B

OUR COMMUNITIES

No Awkward Questions – Radical Inclusion of Non-Jewish Membership**RABBI GILAH LANGNER & CONGREGANTS FROM KOL AMI**

Learn how one congregation opened its worship practice to non-Jews and became one of the few radically inclusive congregations in the country. We will discuss the process we went through in studying the issue and our experience over the last three years with our inclusiveness policy.

LOCATION: ISTANBUL

VALUES

When Judaism Meets Science: A Look at Vaccinations, Guns, and Abortion**ROGER PRICE**

For Judaism to be relevant, it needs to be science aware. Taking vaccinations, guns, and abortion as case studies, we will have a conversation about tensions between Jewish tradition and science, and how Jewish principles and scientific reality interact.

LOCATION: STATLER B

THEOLOGY

The Politics of Kashrut in the Biblical Text**DR. TAMAR KAMIONKOWSKI**

This session will consider the dietary laws of Torah in the context of the realities of ancient Israelite life. For whom were these laws written? What is missing? What modern assumptions about food eating do we read back into the ancient texts?

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL C

THEOLOGY

Because We Could Not Stay Away: Jewish Social Justice Thought in North America, 1880-2020

ERIC CAPLAN

This workshop will offer an overview of the forthcoming anthology of writings on Jewish social activist thinkers and organizations covering the years 1880 to present day. We will hear about the author's process and have an opportunity to dive in and study excerpts from the book.

LOCATION: STATLER A

OUR COMMUNITIES

Beyond "Back to Normal:" Ableism, Access, and Disability Liberation

RABBI JULIA WATTS-BELSER

The pandemic has upended the landscape of Jewish community and opened unexpected modes of access for some disabled Jews. We'll explore ancient Jewish texts alongside the voices of disability activists to explore how Jewish communities can deepen our commitments to disability access and collective liberation.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

TIKKUN OLAM

Dismantling Racism from the Inside Out, RRA members only

RABBI DAVID JAFFE, YEHUDA WEBSTER

Habits of mind are changed most effectively through practice. Mussar is the Jewish spiritual discipline integrating the head and the heart through daily practice. We will explore synergies between anti-racism practice and Mussar, exploring how Mussar practices can be tools for subverting the biases and hierarchies created by racism.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE RRA | HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

Rabbinic Placement in the 21st Century

**CHAYIM HERZIG-MARX, RABBI BARBARA PENZNER,
RABBI ELLIOT SKIDDELL**

Joint Placement Commission co-chairs, Rabbi Barbara Penzner and Chayim Herzig-Marx, along with Interim Placement Director Rabbi Elliot Skiddell, will discuss the placement process and hear your ideas for changes needed to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

HYBRID | LOCATION: FOWLER

Understanding Racism and Hatred of Jews in the Fight for Democracy

RABBI SANDRA LAWSON, RABBI MORDECHAI LIEBLING

We each have a place in the story of race in America. When we better understand the origins of race, racism, whiteness, and antisemitism we can begin the process of freeing ourselves from the bigotry that infects our society. We will do this experientially and didactically.

TWO-PART WORKSHOP: MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS
FRIDAY 2 & 3 (12:30 -3:15P.M.) | HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

The Role of Faith Leaders in the Just Transition to a Sustainable Future

RABBI JULIE GREENBERG

Communities of Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPoC) are particularly impacted by the extractive fossil fuel economy that values profit over people and the planet. This workshop will focus on the role faith leaders can play in the justice work of economic and racial equality on a livable planet.

VIRTUAL

SESSION BLOCK THREE

2:00 - 3:15 P.M.

TIKKUN OLAM

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TIKKUN OLAM

“40 Days of Teshuva” Film Screening & Discussion

YEHUDA WEBSTER

Following the murder of George Floyd and the racial justice uprising in summer 2020, Yehuda Webster and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) protested for 40 days, culminating with Tisha B'Av. This short film weaves together a story of bringing Jewish spiritual practice into the fight for racial justice.

PRESENTED BY THE RRA AND TIKKUN OLAM COMMISSION | LOCATION:
AMPHITHEATER

VALUES

Wilderness Wisdom That Can Enhance Your Spiritual Journey

RABBI JAMES GREENE, RABBI GREG HERSH

Rabbi Greg and Rabbi James will lead participants through a series of games, texts, and wilderness practices. Together we'll explore how these insights and experiences can enhance your Jewish spiritual journey whether in the woods or at shul.

LOCATION: STATLER B

ISRAEL

Beyond Two States: New Conversations About Israel/Palestine

JOEL BEININ, SUSAN S. LANSER - JOINT ISRAEL COMMISSION

This workshop will explore alternatives to the “two-state solution” through resources developed by the JIC. We will discuss the implications of various proposals and also ask how Reconstructionists might engage in advancing prospects for peace.

HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

OUR COMMUNITIES

Zoom Gali, Gali: How Shabbat Candle Lighting Can Lead to Intergenerational Dialogue

DR. DEBORAH SCHEIN, RABBI JEFFREY SCHEIN

This workshop traces a promising evolution of our family celebration. Come learn how to create intergenerational Zoom experiences uniquely appropriate to your own family. Though rooted in a Shabbat context, these intergenerational dialogues can happen in many other ritual contexts as well.

VIRTUAL

OUR COMMUNITIES

Darchei Noam: Empowering Families with Jewish Educational Choice

CATHERINE CARMEL, RABBI SETH GOLDSTEIN

How can we empower children and families to set their own Jewish education path and journey toward b'nai mitzvah? Learn how Temple Beth Hatfiloh has created a new path of Jewish education that emphasizes choice over requirements, and "life" over "school."

LOCATION: STEVENS B

THEOLOGY

Me and Jewish Supremacy: Revisiting Chosenness

RABBI SID SCHWARZ, RABBI ELYSE WECHTERMAN

Mordecai Kaplan's rejection of the chosen people concept takes on new meaning in the context of current conversations about white supremacy and present danger presented by a country overtaken by tribal zeal. We will discuss this piece of Reconstructionist thinking and its important contribution to the future of American democracy.

HYBRID | LOCATION: DALLAS

THEOLOGY

Reconstructing the Kabbalat Hashanah Seder

ALAN MARCUM, ELAINE MOISE, RABBI BARBARA PENZNER, BRIAN ROSSMAN

The Rosh Hashanah seder dates to Talmudic times. Come learn about the tradition and two current adaptations, including one community's reconstruction of the seder during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 5781 and 5782.

HYBRID | LOCATION: FOWLER

THEOLOGY

Commandment 613: A Sacred Craft

RABBI KEVIN HALE, MIRIAM LEWIN

Join us for a screening of "Commandment 613," a short documentary about a Sofer's work restoring Torah scrolls saved in Czechoslovakia during the Shoah. Followed by an experiential lesson in Torah script calligraphy, scribing an Ashkenazi and the Portuguese Sephardi script of the Wesley Scroll.

IN MEMORY OF RABBI MICHAEL TAYVAH | HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

THEOLOGY

Exploring Shabbat Prayer Beyond the Rabbinic Paradigm – Really

RABBI JEREMY SCHWARTZ, RABBI STEVE SEGAR, LEAH KAMIONKOWSKI, JUDITH STEIN

Our congregations have been working on new forms of Shabbat worship that are deeply rooted in Judaism while also addressing the needs of our time. We will share our processes and the current forms of the services. We will also make space for participants to explore other possibilities for Shabbat prayer.

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

VALUES

Living and Leading with our Values

RABBI ISAAC SAPOSNIK

Developing, owning, and communicating a set of core values can be transformative – informing everything from program design to board development to strategic planning. Explore how values can come to life and guide decision-making in meaningful ways.

LOCATION: STEVENS A

THEOLOGY

Democracy in Danger

CAROLYN SHAPIRO

This workshop will address current threats to democracy, the ways that the Constitution both promotes and fails to protect democratic self-government, and the importance of a motivated and active citizenry.

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

TIKKUN OLAM

Multifaith Relations: Faith, Friendship, and Justice

RABBI STEVE GUTOW, RABBI DENNIS SASSO, ALLYSON ZACHAROFF, MODERATED BY RABBI NANCY FUCHS KREIMER

In a fractious world, energetic multifaith engagement can effect healing across towns and cities. Learn about exciting interfaith projects and explore how congregations and faith leaders are building trust and deepening relationships with people of other faiths as they address issues of justice in our society.

HYBRID | LOCATION: ISTANBUL

OUR COMMUNITIES

Creating Jewish Community Where Queer Members Thrive

RABBI LINDA HOLTZMAN, LONNIE KLEINMAN

This workshop will explore the lives of queer Jews and the ways we can make our congregations and communities more open to their needs. We will explore ritual, educational, emotional, spiritual, and structural ways to shift communities' cultures to fully include a range of queer members.

THIS SESSION WILL BE VIRTUAL

TIKKUN OLAM

Greening Your Synagogue Inside and Out

RABBI FRED DOBB, NAOMI EDELSON, RABBI NATHAN MARTIN

We are entering a critical time in the warming of our planet and we are being called to respond to the challenge of climate change. Reconstructionist communities can play an important role in this challenge by engaging in steps to create greener, more sustainable spaces both inside and outside of their buildings.

HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

TIKKUN OLAM

The Role of Clergy in Supporting International Youth Facing Global Challenges

FR. WILLIAM AU, IMAM MOHAMAD BASHAR, RABBI DARIA JACOBS-VELDE

Learn about the Civilization Exchange and Cooperation Foundation's youth program: Better Understanding for a Better World (BUBW) from a panel of interfaith clergy. Learn about this powerful work and the life changing impact it has on youth and young professionals around the world. Observing and experiencing religious diversity is an incredibly effective way to establish relations so peace, cooperation, and development can flourish.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATRE

SHABBAT PREP / SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMMING 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

THEOLOGY

God Café

SARAH BRAMMER-SHLAY

Ever feel like in Jewish spaces God is mentioned frequently in our liturgy and texts yet not often discussed communally? Join for an interactive God Café exploring how we connect and grapple with divinity. This is a space for ALL people with various backgrounds, beliefs or questions.

LOCATION: BEVERLY

TIKKUN OLAM

“A Year of Racial Justice Learning” Reunion and Report Back

RABBI MICAH WEISS

In 2021, folks who benefit from white privilege across the Reconstructionist movement committed to participating in a learning network to deepen their understanding of racism. This closed session is a space for reflection on what each of us has been doing since the conclusion of our formal year of study.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

Our Impact Together

RACHEL ROBINSON, SOPHIA BARRETT

The Reconstructing Judaism Development team wants to thank YOU for being a part of this convention and for all that you do to strengthen our community. Please stop by meeting room Dallas 2:30-5 p.m. on Friday to meet the team and enjoy a treat and special activities.

LOCATION: DALLAS

MINKHAH

5:30 P.M.

Minkhah Healing Service

**RABBI DEBORAH WAXMAN, RABBI BORIS DOLIN,
AND HILA RATZABI**

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

KABBALAT SHABBAT

7:30 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Celebrating 20 Years of Camp Havaya

**RABBI JEFF EISENSTAT AND RABBI ISAAC SAPOSNIK
WITH D'VAR TORAH BY RABBI BEC RICHMAN**

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

Storytelling Program

9:30 - 10:30 P.M. | HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SATURDAY

March 26, 2022

SHABBAT SHALOM

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Shabbat Morning Prep and Breakfast

8:30 A.M.
Torah Study in small groups/ Yoga

9:45 A.M.
Shabbat Morning Services

11:00 A.M.
Torah Service/Concluding Service

12:45 P.M.
Lunch

1:45 P.M.
Panel Discussion

3:00 P.M.
Workshops/Free time

4:30 P.M.
Workshops/Free time

6:00 P.M.
Minkhah Service

6:45 P.M.
Dinner/Chesapeake Annual Celebration

9:00 P.M.
Havdalah/Musical Program and entertainment

11:00 P.M.
Late Night

All Convention meals will be in International A & B

SHABBAT MORNING

8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

SERVICES

Torah Study

RABBI LES BRONSTEIN

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

SERVICES

Torah Study

RABBI VIVIE MAYER

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

SERVICES

Torah Study

ELSIE STERN, Ph.D

LOCATION: DALLAS

SERVICES

Torah Study

RABBI MICHAEL STRASSFELD

LOCATION: BEVERLY

IN-PERSON

Yoga

RABBI JODIE SIFF

LOCATION: ATRIUM

SHAKHARIT SHABBAT

9:45 - 11:00 A.M.

SERVICES

Shmittah Approach to a Soulful Shabbat

RABBI FRED SCHERLINDER DOBB AND RABBI MICHAEL HESS WEBBER

Our participatory and musical davening will follow the acronym "Ashan" comprising Olam, Shanah, and Nefesh -- World, Year, and Soul -- or more broadly Space, Time, and Inwardness. This being a sabbatical year, we'll also link the liturgy to Shmita's timeless Torah of sustainability, spirituality, equity, resilience and rest. Together, we'll make a worldly, timely, and super-soulful shakharit!

LOCATION: BEVERLY

SERVICES

Uplifting Musical Service

RABBI EMILY COHEN AND RABBI JACOB BEST ADLER

Description

HYBRID | LOCATION: DALLAS

SERVICES

Musical Jewish Renewal-Style Service

RABBI IRWIN KELLER AND RABBI JULIE BENIOFF

Please join Rabbi Julie Benioff (Ashland, OR) and Rabbi Irwin Keller (Sonoma County, CA) for a musical, embodied Jewish-Renewal style Shabbat morning service. Expect plenty of breath, song, chant, and joyful intention. Shabbat Parah will help guide us in transforming the fullness of what we are holding in this moment.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SERVICES

Chadesh Koleynu K'kedem/ Renew Our Voice as of Old

RABBI STEVE SEGAR AND RABBI MIRIAM GERONIMUS

Our Shabbat prayer experience will explore multivocality in a range of ways to create a tapestry of voices. Grounded in the ancient structure of the matbeah, we will use contemporary music, poetry, and kavanot to lift up diverse voices and embody multiplicity within the whole. We invite you to bring your voices to help us generate a collective Voice that will express the joy of celebrating Shabbat in this unique context of Reconstructionist community at the national scale.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

TORAH SERVICE & VIRTUAL SERVICES

SERVICES

Torah and Concluding Service

**RABBI RACHEL WEISS AND CANTOR HOWARD FRIEDLAND W/
D'VAR TORAH BY RABBI DEBORAH WAXMAN AND DR. AMANDA
MBUVI**

Description

11:15 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. | HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SERVICES

Shabbat Morning Service

RABBI DAVID BASIOR

12:00 P.M. | VIRTUAL

SHABBAT PANEL DISCUSSION

1:45 - 3:00 P.M.

THEOLOGY

The Evolution of Jewish Music in the Reconstructionist Context: Honoring the Legacy of Judith Kaplan Eisenstein

RABBI ELIZABETH BOLTON, SOLOMON HOFFMAN, RABBI DEBORAH WAXMAN, KOACH BARUCH FRAZIER

In the realm of liturgical music, as in many other spheres of influence, the Reconstructionist movement has had an oversized impact. Since the founding of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism 100 years ago, Reconstructionist communities, and then the rabbis trained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, have forged a path of creativity and innovation. This panel explores the evolution of our liturgical soundscape from cantatas and choirs to chanting and singing circles and more, offering an evolving civilizational framework for the sounds we sing, hear, compose, arrange and adapt.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SESSION BLOCK ONE

3:15 - 4:30 P.M.

RADICAL IMAGINATION

Raising Up The Prophet Within Us: An Exploration of the Haftarah as a Transformative Liturgical Portal

KOHENET SHOSHANA BRICKLIN

We will explore the historical context and current need for chanted prophetic texts in Reconstructionist communities. Participants are invited to bring a piece of text in English that they consider prophetic.

LOCATION: ISTANBUL

THEOLOGY

M'Chayeh Kol Chai: The Surprising Meeting Point of Kabbalah, Reconstructionism, and Qigong

RABBI JOSHUA JACOBS-VELDE

We will connect Reconstructionist liturgical changes with kabbalah as an aid for contemporary theology. We will also learn simple Qigong movements that can help us attune to the flow of vital energy. Wear comfortable clothes.

LOCATION: ATRIUM

THEOLOGY

Judy Led the Way

RABBI SANDY SASSO

We will explore the history behind Judith Kaplan Eisenstein's bat mitzvah in 1922 and look more deeply at Judith's own personal story. We will consider how this story provides an opportunity to talk about Judaism as an evolving religious civilization.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

ISRAEL

Our Poetic Partners in Israel

RABBI JEREMY SCHWARTZ

We will study works of several contemporary Israeli poets in translation and the original. These poems give a new voice to Jews of various backgrounds and forge relationships with Palestinians, Muslims, and God.

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

OUR COMMUNITIES

Rabbis' Tisch

RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION

RRA members are invited to share a little learnin' and a little l'chaim as we celebrate a Shabbat in each other's company. Bring a (short) teaching to share.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE RRA | LOCATION: STEVENS A & B

OUR COMMUNITIES

Adult B-/Re-Mitzvah Class Session 12: Kehillah (Community) Through a Reconstructionist Lens

RABBI STEVE SEGAR, RABBI RACHEL WEISS, RABBI LINA ZERBARINI MODERATED BY ARMIN LANGER

The final installment of Reconstructing Judaism's Adult B-/Re- mitzvah program: Through A Reconstructionist Lens. This program was set up as a prequel to Convention and in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Judith Kaplan Eisenstein becoming a bat mitzvah. Please join us LIVE at Convention or watch the livestream of the workshop.

LOCATION: DALLAS

VALUES

Jewish Stories to Hit You in Your Kishkes: Telling Personal or Traditional Tales to Enlighten

SUSAN STONE

The right story at the right time reaches into our souls and has a profound effect on listeners. How can you share stories with presence and skill? You will come away from this experiential workshop with an appreciation for the importance of story and skills to hold your listeners' attention.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

VALUES

Celebrating 100 Years of Bat Mitzvah in the Age of B Mitzvah: A Workshop and Conversation with Moving Traditions

RABBI TAMARA COHEN

In this workshop, we will explore how we can celebrate the anniversary of the first bat mitzvah while also providing a forum for learning and reflection on post binary gender identity and on current growth edges within our communities around inclusion, diversity, equity, and justice. Elements of a new Moving Traditions resource designed to engage youth – and families – in these conversations will be shared. We will engage in values-based authentic conversation about feminism, gender, and Jewish identity today – what we are learning, feeling, have questions about, and need a good safe and brave space to discuss.

VIRTUAL

RADICAL IMAGINATION

Listening to the Heart of Torah: A Contemplative Path to Parashat Shemini

RABBI LEILA GAL BERNER

Kriat Hakodesh - reading the holy/sacred – is a meditative way of entering into the Torah text to find meanings that resonate with one's own life. We will explore Parashat Shemini through niggun, silence, and rabbinic teachings that will touch our hearts and our minds.

LOCATION: BEVERLY

VALUES

Practicing Spiritual Resilience with Etty Hillesum

HILA RATZABI

Etty Hillesum was a radical Jewish woman who defied the gender norms of her time, maintained a strong Jewish identity, and developed a personal religious approach that transcends traditional Jewish theology. Through exploring Hillesum's writings, we'll discuss why some readers find her work uncomfortable while others find it inspiring, and consider how to incorporate her message into our spiritual lives and teaching.

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

RADICAL IMAGINATION

Night of Beginnings: A New Passover Haggadah

ERIC CAPLAN, MARCIA FALK

A conversation with author/editor/artist Marcia Falk, Ph.D., about her beautiful new *haggadah*, *Night of Beginnings* (Jewish Publication Society, January 2022). *Night of Beginnings* is infused with true Kaplanian spirit, taking a boldly original approach to Jewish traditions – old and new – and including original artwork.

SPONSORED BY THE KAPLAN CENTER | LOCATION: FOWLER

SESSION BLOCK TWO

4:45 - 6:00 P.M.

VALUES

Mindfulness in Judaism

BARRY NOBEL

In this session, we will explore the importance of mindfulness in Judaism, practice together, and explore ways to overcome the major obstacles to developing a devoted practice.

THIS SESSION IS VIRUTAL

ISRAEL

Speaking Life: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace

NOA BAUM

Noa shares her experience of using storytelling as a tool for dialogue and peace building in this presentation about her award-winning book *A Land Twice Promised*. She demonstrates the transformative power of listening to others and challenges us to take the first step toward building bridges in our communities and workplaces.

LOCATION: BEVERLY

THEOLOGY

You Too Can Create Recon Liturgical Poetry

ELIZABETH CAPLUN, ELISE ROSEN-LEVIN

Inspired by traditional, Reconstructionist and modern sources, we present tips on writing new liturgy to share with home congregations and individual practice, incorporating *keva* and *kavannah* tension with seasonal prompts to get our creative juices going.

LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER

THEOLOGY

Godliness – Inner Exploration for Outer Action

MARTHA L. HARE

Access to our Godly nature allows us to be more effective during times of challenge. Openness to a process of inner exploration using text, breath work, and contemplation, for the benefit of the other is all that is needed to participate.

HYBRID | LOCATION: FOWLER

ISRAEL

Revisiting Cultural Zionism

ARMIN LANGER

Does cultural Zionism, an ideology that was so influential 100 years ago, entail anything relevant for Jews in the 21st century? This workshop will provide a brief introduction to some key texts of cultural Zionist thinking and explore if – and how – we can reinterpret this ideology for present day.

LOCATION: ISTANBUL

THEOLOGY

Creative and Engaging Prayer Experiences for Kids (and Adults, too)!**RABBI ISAAC SAPSONIK**

Connecting kids (and adults!) to prayer is about engaging hearts and minds, getting their bodies moving, and creating meaning. Join us as we shift our paradigm from what they “know” to how they “feel” connected to something greater than themselves.

SPONSORED BY ADAT SHALOM RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

VALUES

The Fall of King David: A Study in Life and Loss**MARC A. YOUNG**

The story of King David teaches about the lure of power and the price of our mortality. Participants will deepen their understanding of relinquishment as a psychological process during the latter stages of life. We will also explore how Jewish practices related to grief can prepare our hearts for this task.

LOCATION: STATLER A

THEOLOGY

Talmud With A Twist**MARILYN PRICE, RABBI MIRA WASSERMAN**

A new take on the strange world of the Babylonian Talmud through stories – both weird and wonderful. We will use all of our senses to bring the stories to life while incorporating the community around us. Bring your wit and wisdom and a lot of imagination! Text and treasures will be available on site!

LOCATION: STEVENS A & B

RADICAL IMAGINATION

Does a Golem Count in a Minyan?

JEFF SULTAR

The golem is a legend and a metaphor with many contemporary *halakhic*, ethical, and artistic implications. What are some recipes for making a golem? And what can it teach us today about artificial intelligence, robotics and bioethics?

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO

TIKKUN OLAM

Cultivating Middot / Broad Approaches to a Social Justice Practice

RABBI MICHAEL STRASSFELD

How do broad principles of justice and kindness to strangers translate into a social justice practice? We will look at rabbinic texts that discuss the tension between law and equity/justice, the principle of proximity, the limits of privilege, *tzedakah* vs. *hesed* and the role of compromise.

LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

MINKHAH

6:00 P.M.

SERVICES

Minkhah Service

RABBI SETH GOLDSTEIN AND RABBI RUHI SOPHIA MOTZKIN
RUBENSTEIN

LOCATION: ATRIUM

SERVICES

Minkhah Chanting Service

RABBI SHEFA GOLD

HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

HAVDALAH & CELEBRATION OF JEWISH MUSIC

9:00 P.M.

SERVICES

Havdalah

LED BY CANTORS AND EDUCATORS FROM RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM COMMUNITIES

LOCATION: ATRIUM & OUTSIDE

EVENING PROGRAM

Celebration of Jewish Music

Presenters include: Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton, host, Solomon Hoffman and members from across the Reconstructionist movement in a new music video featuring 150 artists, a musical quartet, the ApiChorus, and diverse voices from around Reconstructing Judaism.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

LATE NIGHT

Late Night Programming

LOCATION: INNOVATION GALLERY

SUNDAY

March 27, 2022

Times and locations of all programs are on the

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8:00 A.M.

Shakharit Service

8:30 A.M.

Breakfast

9:30 A.M.

We the People: Reconstructing Civic Engagement

11:00 A.M.

Workshop Block 4/Activities

12:30 P.M.

L'hitraot

1:00 P.M.

Board Lunch and meeting /program

All Convention meals will be in International A & B

SHAKHARIT

8:00 A.M.

SERVICES

Shakharit

**RABBI SANDRA LAWSON AND STUDENT RABBI LIZZIE HORNE
MOZES**

Description

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

PLENARY

9:30 - 10:45 A.M.

HYBRID

We the People: Reconstructing Civic Engagement

**SHEILA KATZ, REP. ANDY LEVIN, REP. JAMIE RASKIN, MODERATED
BY SETH ROSEN**

We will bring our Convention learning full circle as we discuss how our guests draw on their progressive, Jewish values to motivate and inform their work in the public square, and how we -- in our lives and in our communities -- might strive for greater civic engagement that is grounded in our religious and moral values.

LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

SESSION BLOCK ONE

11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

TIKKUN OLAM

Multifaith Shelter Program

RABBI JAMIE ARNOLD

This workshop will include a Powerpoint presentation about the creation of the Evergreen Shelter Program and an open forum to share other success stories of interfaith collaboration at the local level. We will use breakout groups to seed new collaborations within the Reconstructionist movement addressing specific causes and challenges.

HYBRID | LOCATION: ISTANBUL

Speculative Wisdom: Pursuing Justice by Imagining Different Worlds

JAKE EHRLICH, SUSANNAH GOODMAN, ARIC HALEY (AKIVA HOFFMAN)

Speculative Wisdom is an online book club that relates science fiction and fantasy to our textual and ritual tradition. We will discuss logistics of running a Zoom book club and lessons learned in the process.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

The Educated Kaplanian Jew: Engaged and Literate, Transformed and Transforming

RABBI DR. JEFFREY SCHEIN

Mordecai Kaplan outlined a vision of the educated Jew. Much of that vision remains inspiring, but a 21st century vision needs to address hard questions like: What is the relationship between engagement, literacy, and creativity? More colloquially put, can we have our educational cake and eat it, too?

SPONSORED BY THE KAPLAN CENTER | HYBRID | LOCATION: FOWLER

How To Engage Your Congregation in Advocacy for Climate Justice

DR. MIRELE GOLDSMITH, BENJAMIN KREISWIRTH, ELIANNE LIEBERMAN, RABBI RUHI SOPHIA MOTZKIN RUBENSTEIN, BONNIE SORAK

How can you inspire and mobilize your community to engage for systemic solutions to climate change? Successful leaders from five congregations discuss the why, what, and how of mobilizing a congregational climate action team and answer your questions.

HYBRID | LOCATION: BEVERLY

THEOLOGY

Talking to Children about God (not for children only)

RABBI SANDY SASSO

This workshop will explore how we, as Reconstructionists, can share religious language, symbol, ritual, and story in ways that allow children to give expression to their spiritual lives to help them make sense of prayer, God, and the sacred.

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HYBRID | LOCATION: CONTINENTAL B

ISRAEL

Voices of Jerusalem: An Interactive Workshop Exploring the Lived Experiences of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Women – through their own eyes, and in their own words

DONNA CEPHAS, SHIFA MAHMOOD

Join an interactive workshop exploring the lived experiences of Jerusalem's Jewish, Muslim and Christian women – told through their own eyes and in their own words. There will be opportunities to share responses to the narratives in small groups and to experience firsthand the empowering nature of sharing our narratives.

LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL A

VALUES

Gimatriyah: The Poetics of Hebrew Number

RABBI DR. JOEL HECKER

The Jewish tradition of gimatriyah reconceptualizes Hebrew words according to their numerical values to "uncover" metaphorical meaning. By examining a series of these numerical readings as they appear in the Zohar, we will come to understand one of the ways that the Jewish mystics deepened their connection to Judaism

LOCATION: CONTINENTAL A

VALUES

In the Time of Leaving: A Curricular Tool for Exploring Sephardic History and the Concept of Home

GEORGE KELLEY, SHANA RITTER

Explore the story of Sephardic Jews through the lens of the historical novel *In the Time of Leaving* by Shana Ritter. The novel follows a family fleeing due to the edict of expulsion. The workshop will help tell an often left-out story of Jews of the Iberian peninsula.

HYBRID | LOCATION: STATLER A

VALUES

Recompose: Is This the Green Solution to Saving Jewish Cemeteries from Cremation?

RABBI SETH GOLDSTEIN, DAVID ZINNER

The increase in Jewish cremations is leading to financial issues for Jewish cemeteries. Recompose – natural composting of the deceased – is a green halakhic way to effect body decomposition. Learn how installation of a recompose facility may represent a way to reverse the current cremation avalanche.

LOCATION: DALLAS

OUR COMMUNITIES

Appreciative Inquiry: A Leadership Tool to Build the Future of your Congregation

CYD WEISSMAN

Appreciative Inquiry is a structured collective practice to learn from the positive. Focusing on what works replaces the point of view of seeing only what's wrong and blaming others. With practice this tool, from the field of Organizational Development, can help you shape a better future for your community.

THIS SESSION IS VIRTUAL

OUR COMMUNITIES

Why Summer Camp is So Important

RABBI ISAAC SAPOSNIK

What makes camp work? And what can we learn from camp to help us grow and strengthen our communities? Together, we'll think critically and creatively about how to use the summer camp experience to our benefit – even when it's the middle of winter!

LOCATION: STATLER B

TIKKUN OLAM

Reconstructing Judaism's Pilot Congregational Assessment for Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI)

MICKY BAER, RABBI DAVID BASIOR, RABBI ELIZABETH BOLTON, JENNY BURNS, JENNIFER CHERNIACK, CANTOR HOWARD FRIEDLAND, RABBI JOSH JACOBS-VELDE, RABBI SANDRA LAWSON, ANDREW LINCOLN, MORGAN SCHERER, RABBI RACHEL WEISS, CAROLYN WHITZMAN

Reconstructing Judaism has piloted an assessment tool for congregational leaders to assess where our communities stand in terms of racial diversity, equity and inclusion. This panel discussion will focus on what we learned from this process.

HYBRID | LOCATION: INTERNATIONAL C

ISRAEL

Israeli Secular-Cultural Judaism: What Is It and What Does It Mean for Reconstructing Judaism?

ELLIOT GLASSENBERG

More and more Israelis are actively taking part in what is called "Israeli secular-cultural Judaism". Learn about how it is similar to and different from Reconstructing Judaism, and how these two movements can continue learning from one another.

HYBRID | LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER



HYBRID AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - PLENARY

9:00 - 10:15A.M.

Creating a New Public Theology for a Multifaith World | Hybrid.
Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, moderated by Rabbi Alex Weissman

THURSDAY - BLOCK ONE

10:30 - 11:45A.M.

Affinity Group: Executive Directors & Administrators | Hybrid Jake Ehrlich, Debbie Rudt

Affinity Group: Music | HybridSolomon Hoffman and Cantor George Henschel

Affinity Group: Presidents & Board Chairs | Hybrid. Craig Schneider, Sandy Spatz

Advocacy Program: How To Use Your Personal Story to Make Change | Hybrid Rebecca Kirzner

Introduction to Congregational Racial Justice Work | Hybrid . . .Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Micah Weiss

Aleinu: Safeguarding our Children | Hybrid
. Judith Belasco, Sacred Spaces sponsored by the Center for Jewish Ethics

Braiding our Untangled Knots: Making Ana B'koach Prayer Beads | Hybrid.Koach Baruch Frazier, Rabbi Sheila Weinberg

Our Tears are the Same Color | Hybrid Shiri Ourian, Bassam Aramin, Rami Elhanan

THURSDAY - BLOCK TWO

1:00 - 2:15 P.M.

Affinity Group: Music | HybridSolomon Hoffman and Cantor George Henschel

Advocacy Program: How To Be an Informed Political Donor and Activist | Hybrid Debra Fried Levin

Introduction to Congregational

Racial Justice Work | Hybrid . . . Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Micah Weiss

Southern Connections: Exploring Judaism, Culture and Friendship

Through Food | Hybrid Rachel Forth, Adva Chatter

Key Elements for Building Safe and Respectful Jewish Communal

Institutions (affinity group mtg. For exec dir. & presidents) | Hybrid
Judith Belasco, Sacred Spaces sponsored by the Center for Jewish Ethics

**Shutafut Showcase: Meet Israeli Organizations Ready to Work with
Your Congregation | Hybrid**

Joint Israel Commission

Jewish Men’s Work: Creating Holy Connection

in These Times of Isolation | Hybrid . . . Yosaif August, Marc Jacobs, David
Piver, Rabbi Shawn Zevit

Planned Giving, Endowments and Social Responsibility | Hybrid

Samantha Audia, Tom Moore, Mark Nussbaum

THURSDAY - BLOCK THREE

2:30 - 3:15 P.M.

Participatory Governance for Executive Directors, Presidents and Rabbis

| Hybrid Facilitated by Tresa Grauer

**Advocacy Program: Organizing to Stay in the Fight: How to Bring Justice
to an un-Just World | Hybrid**

Ruth Messinger

Introduction to Congregational Racial Justice Work | Hybrid

Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Micah Weiss

Crossing the Broken Bridge: Performance & Talkback | Hybrid

Eric Anthony, Karen Cooper, Jordana Oberman, Rev. Vernon Williams
moderated by Rabbi Hannah Orden

Art as a Spiritual Practice: The Jewish Studio Process | Virtual.

Rabbi Margie Jacobs, Barb Richman

**Zooming Music on a Shoestring: Tips and Workarounds for Small
Congregations with Limited Resources (music affinity group meeting) |**

Hybrid. Cantor George Henschel

Eco-Peace: The Blue Green New Deal| Hybrid

Fred Andes

THURSDAY - BLOCK FOUR

4:00 - 5:15 P.M.

Introduction to Congregational Racial Justice Work | Hybrid Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Micah Weiss

Affinity Group: Presidents & Board Chairs | Hybrid Craig Schneider, Sandy Spatz

Affinity Group: Executive Directors & Administrators | Hybrid Jake Ehrlich, Debbie Rudt

How to Help Your Congregation Talk About Israel/Palestine| Hybrid. . . . Marcy Boroff, Diana Ralph - members of the Joint Israel Commission

THURSDAY - PLENARY

8:00 P.M.

B'Yachad: Building Sacred Community Through Our Stories | Hybrid

THURSDAY - LATE NIGHT PROGRAMMING

9:45 P.M.

“Reconstructing Mishkan”: A Discussion of a Documentary Film in Progress | Hybrid Barry Dornfeld, Rabbi Shawn Zevit

FRIDAY - MORNING PLENARY

9:00 - 10:15 A.M.

B'Yachad: Creating Inclusive Community| Hybrid Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari, Shahanna McKinney Baldon, Rabbi Elliot Tepperman, Rabbi Julia Watts Belser moderated by Amanda Mbuvi, Ph.D., introduction by Tresa Grauer, Ph.D.

FRIDAY - BLOCK ONE

10:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

United Against Hate: From Pittsburgh to Atlanta, Charlottesville to Minneapolis| Hybrid. Michael Cornell, Virginia Theresa Rodino

Becoming An Authentic Self in the Thinking of Mordecai Kaplan | Hybrid. Eric Caplan, Mel Scult

B'Yachad: Reconstructing Judaism Together| Hybrid . . Bobbi Cohen, Beth DeRicco, Daniel Kaufman

Hilchot Shmita: The Path of Release | Virtual Rabbi Ari Lev with Kol Tzedek Congregants & Clergy

Kodem Kol Kavod / First of All Respect: Inclusion and Invisible Barriers to Learning | Virtual Joanie Calem

Every Person Has a Story; Every People Has a Story | Virtual . . Katia Segre Cohen, Arleen Soldati, Margie Ticknor, Rev. Vernon Williams moderated by Rabbi Hannah Orden

A Reason for Hope with Combatants for Peace | Hybrid . Sulaiman Khatib, Tuly Flint, Beth Schuman

Rabbinic Partnership: Creative, Cost-Effective Ways to Add Richness to Congregations & Support Clergy | Hybrid Rabbi Nathan Martin, Rabbi Linda Potemken, Rabbi Josh Jacobs-Velde, Rabbi Daria Jacobs-Velde co-sponsored by the RRA

When Our Values Conflict with Real Life | Hybrid . . Ruth Messinger, Eric Rosenbaum

Studying A Resolution for Reparations | Hybrid . . The Resolution Working Group of Tikkun Olam Commission

LUNCH AND NOON PROGRAMMING 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Hidden Treasures: Building Community Through Storytelling | Virtual . . Noa Baum

Meeting of the Plenum for Plenum Reps and Presidents of Congregations | Hybrid Ed Baum, Plenum Chair

FRIDAY - BLOCK TWO 12:30 - 1:45 P.M.

How Can Jewish Values Transform our Economic and Policy Decision Making | Virtual Mirele Goldsmith, Marianna Grossman, Elianne Lieberman

God Is Here: Reimagining the Divine| Hybrid Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Beyond “Back to Normal”: Ableism, Access, and Disability Liberation| Hybrid. Rabbi Julia Watts-Belser

Dismantling Racism from the Inside Out for RRA Members only | Hybrid Rabbi David Jaffe, Yehuda Webster

Rabbinic Placement

in the 21st Century | Hybrid. . Chayim Herzig-Marx, Rabbi Barbara Penzner, Rabbi Elliot Skiddell

Understanding Racism and Hatred

of Jews in the Fight for Democracy | Hybrid. . Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling Friday 2 & 3 (12:30 -3:15p)

The Role of Faith Leaders in the Just Transition to a Sustainable Future|

Virtual. Rabbi Julie Greenberg

FRIDAY - BLOCK THREE **2:00 - 3:15 P.M.**

Understanding Racism and Hatred

of Jews in the Fight for Democracy | Hybrid. . Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling Friday 2 & 3 (12:30 -3:15p)

Beyond Two States: New Conversations About Israel/Palestine | Hybrid

Joel Beinin, Susan S. Lanser - Joint Israel Commission

Zoom Gali, Gali: How Shabbat Candle Lighting Can Lead to

Intergenerational Dialogue | Virtual. . . Dr. Deborah Schein, Jeffrey Schein

Me and Jewish Supremacy: Revisiting Chosenness | Hybrid. . Sid Schwarz,

Elyse Wechterman

Reconstructing the Kabbalat Hashanah Seder| Hybrid Alan Marcum,

Elaine Moise, Rabbi Barbara Penzner, Brian Rossman

Commandment 613: A Sacred Craft in memory of Rabbi Michael

Tayvah | Hybrid | Rabbi Kevin Hale, Miriam Lewin

Exploring Shabbat prayer beyond the Rabbinic paradigm – really|

Hybrid. . . Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz, Rabbi Steve Segar, Leah Kamionkowski, Judith Stein

Multifaith Relations: Faith, Friendship, and Justice | Hybrid. . Rabbi Steve

Gutow, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Allyson Zacharoff moderated by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer

Creating Jewish Community Where Queer Members Thrive | Virtual . . .

Rabbi Linda Holtzman, Lonnie Kleinman

Greening Your Synagogue Inside and Out | Hybrid. . . . Rabbi Fred Dobb,

Naomi Edelson, Rabbi Nathan Martin

The Role of Clergy in Supporting International Youth Facing Global Challenges | Hybrid. . . Fr. William Au, Imam Mohamad Bashar, Rabbi Daria Jacobs-Velde

SHABBAT PREP / SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMMING 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

“A Year of Racial Justice Learning” Reunion and Report back | Hybrid . . .
Rabbi Micah Weiss

MINKHAH 5:30 P.M.

Minkhah Healing Service | Hybrid . . Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Rabbi Boris Dolin, and Hila Ratzabi

KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Celebrating 20 Years of Camp Havaya | Hybrid
Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat and Rabbi Isaac Saposnik with D’var Torah by Rabbi Bec Richman

SHAKHARIT SHABBAT 9:45 - 11:00 A.M.

Uplifting Musical Service | Hybrid . . Rabbi Emily Cohen and Rabbi Jacob Best Adler

Musical Jewish Renewal-Style Service | Hybrid . . . Rabbi Irwin Keller and Rabbi Julie Benioff

TORAH SERVICES & VIRTUAL SERVICES

Torah and Concluding Service | 11:15a - 12:45p | Hybrid
Rabbi Rachel Weiss and Cantor Howard Friedland w/ D’var Torah by Rabbi Deborah Waxman and Dr. Amanda Mbuvi

Shabbat Morning Service | 12:00p | Virtual Rabbi David Basior

SHABBAT PANEL DISCUSSION 1:45 - 3:00 P.M.

The Evolution of Jewish Music in the Reconstructionist Context:

Honoring the Legacy of Judith Kaplan Eisenstein | Hybrid Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton, Solomon Hoffman, Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Dr. Koach Baruch Frazier

SHABBAT BLOCK ONE **3:15 - 4:30 P.M.**

Celebrating 100 Years of Bat Mitzvah in the Age of B Mitzvah: A Workshop and Conversation with Moving Traditions Rabbi Tamara Cohen

Judy Led the Way| Hybrid Rabbi Sandy Sasso

Adult B-/Re-Mitzvah Class Session 12: Kehillah (Community) Through a Reconstructionist Lens| Hybrid . . Rabbi Steve Segar, Rabbi Rachel Weiss, Rabbi Lina Zerbarini moderated by Armin Langer

Jewish Stories to Hit You in Your Kishkes: Telling Personal or Traditional Tales to Enlighten | Virtual Susan Stone

Night of Beginnings: A New Passover Haggadah | Hybrid . . . Eric Caplan, Marcia Falk, sponsored by the Kaplan Center

SHABBAT BLOCK TWO **4:45 - 6:00 P.M.**

Mindfulness in Judaism | Virtual Barry Nobel

Godliness – Inner Exploration for Outer Action | Hybrid . . Martha L. Hare

MINKHAH **6:00 P.M.**

Minkhah Chanting Service | Hybrid Rabbi Shefa Gold

HAVDALAH & CELEBRATION OF JEWISH MUSIC

Celebration of Jewish Music| Hybrid Presenters include: Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton, host, Solomon Hoffman and members from across the Reconstructionist movement in a new music video, a musical quartet, the ApiChorus, and featured winning songs from our contest.

We the People: Reconstructing Civic Engagement| Hybrid . . .Sheila Katz, Rep. Andy Levin, Rep. Jamie Raskin, moderated by Seth Rosen

Multifaith Shelter Program| Hybrid Rabbi Jamie Arnold

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