



RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM

Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant.

We are profoundly grateful for your commitment to the Reconstructionist movement. As a Reconstructionist leader, you help the members of your community connect to each other, to the world, and to an ever-evolving Judaism that fills their lives with meaning.

As you may know, after a yearlong exploration of who we are and where we are going, we at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College & Jewish Reconstructionist Communities developed a new name and visual expression of our organization's identity. Our new name reflects our active commitment to "doing" Jewish—with it, we are defining ourselves by what we do, not just what we believe or how we feel. "Reconstructing" reflects the way in which our communities embrace the challenge of building Jewish lives and repairing the world.

As the central organization of the Reconstructionist movement, we believe that Judaism evolves with the world and that we can play a powerful role in defining the Jewish future. We live in a moment when people are more connected to each other than ever, yet isolated—socially, geographically and spiritually—making our search for community and ultimate meaning difficult. In a rapidly changing world, Reconstructionist communities share and create new ways of being Jewish to connect us to the divine and ensure our lives are filled with purpose.

You are an integral part of that process. By affiliating with Reconstructing Judaism, you join a movement of communities who are both deeply rooted in tradition and boldly relevant to the challenges we face today. We are grateful for your continued affiliation with Reconstructing Judaism. Your annual dues are vital to building our shared future.

Inside this packet, you will find the 2018-19 affiliation dues pledge form, contact information, information about our Aviv Loans, bookmarks for the upcoming Reconstructionist Convention and a flyer of highlights from 2017-18. Please note that the dues levels and percentages have not changed from last year. We steward our budget carefully and expend every dollar to advance a Reconstructionist approach to Judaism. Our dues are lower than other Jewish denominations. Every dollar counts and every dollar is needed.

Thank you again for joining us on a journey to shape Judaism today and imagine a vibrant, meaningful and active Jewish future. Reconstructing Judaism and the broader Reconstructionist movement welcomes your voice, questions and participation in something larger—creating a boldly relevant Judaism for today and tomorrow.

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