



Dear Friend,

Reform Jewish Voice of New York State (RJV) is our collective voice for social justice in New York. Our mission is to promote state legislation and governmental actions that embody the principles of the Reform Jewish movement through education on the critical issues facing our state and advocacy in local legislative districts and in Albany. RJV is modeled on the nationwide efforts of the Commission on Social Action and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism of the Union for Reform Judaism.

The work of RJV is directed by a Steering Committee of committed volunteers from across our state. We are currently seeking nominations for new Steering Committee members. Please nominate yourself or another individual with a passion for social justice work who can help RJV grow as an effective voice for Reform Judaism and advocate for social justice. If you wish to nominate another person for the Steering Committee, please discuss this with your nominee and assess her or his willingness to serve before submitting her or his nomination.

The Steering Committee is composed of up to 18 members serving three-year terms. New members will begin their terms on March 1, 2013.

Nominees must be either members in good standing of a URJ-affiliated congregation or a Jewish professional serving a Reform Movement affiliate. We are looking for people who have demonstrated a commitment to Reform Jewish values and have participated in social action or social justice activities through Reform Jewish or other organizations.

Steering Committee members are expected to participate in monthly conference calls and RJV events, serve on at least one committee or task group, and work to promote the organization. RJV's annual events include a Steering Committee retreat, Advocacy Day in Albany on May 6, 2013, and an RJV Advocacy Month in synagogues around the state focusing on one vital public policy issue. Steering Committee members are also expected to assist in fundraising efforts and contribute financially to RJV.

If you wish to place your name or that of another individual for consideration for RJV's Steering Committee, please send a description of qualifications or a resume, and contact information (phone, mailing address, and email address) to info@rjvnys.org by February 15, 2013. Please include "nomination" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Honey Heller and Rabbi Jennifer Jaech
Co-Chairs, Reform Jewish Voice of New York State