

BRIT OLAM - ברית עולם

For A World of Compassion, Justice and Wholeness:
We are calling this a *Brit Olam* - a Covenant with our World -
because we seek the world we want, not the world as it is.



Across North America and around the world, vulnerable populations face profound challenges. As the Reform Jewish Movement, we are committed to meeting the urgency of now with moral leadership through congregational and community-based action.

WILL YOUR CONGREGATION JOIN IN THE REFORM MOVEMENT'S VISION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE?

Our *Brit Olam* Network is always growing.

We invite you to consult with your congregational leaders and join us in the pursuit of justice.

WE SIGN THIS BRIT OLAM on behalf of _____ (congregation) in _____ (city, state/province). We, the clergy and lay leaders of _____ (congregation) commit to form a team (or designate an existing team) with at least **one clergy member** (if our community has one) and **two lay leaders** to lead our community in *one or more* of the following: (check all that apply)

- Fostering a culture of sacred and civil dialogue in our congregation where all opinions are heard
- Acting in solidarity with vulnerable communities
- Building relationships across lines of difference in our local community
- Acting at the local, state/provincial, and/or federal levels to address the root causes of injustice and advocate for systemic change
- Participating in one of the Religious Action Center's current Urgency of Now Campaigns to act at the local, state/provincial and/or federal levels:
 - Transgender Rights
 - Immigrant Justice
 - Racial Justice: Criminal Justice Reform
- Mobilizing around this issue(s) that resonates with our community: _____
- Participating in state-specific social justice work with our RAC state affiliate

The Religious Action Center, in turn, commits to providing your congregation with:

- ✓ Training and resources for your leaders to cultivate and deepen the skills necessary to move your congregation into effective action
- ✓ Access to a network of leaders from diverse URJ congregations looking to discuss strategies for success
- ✓ Ongoing communication with the RAC staff to support your congregation's social justice work

In keeping with eternal Jewish tradition, we, the undersigned clergy and lay leaders, commit to lead our congregation in advancing Jewish values in the public sphere.

Name / Signature _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Congregational Leadership Position _____

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"STUDY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH; OUR TRADITION DEMANDS ACTION."
-Shimon, son of Rabban Gamliel, *Pirkei Avot* 1:17