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.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

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.

This version of the Brit Olam has been adapted for URJ congregations in Canada

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, provincial, and/or federal levels to address the root causes of injustice and advocate for systemic change
- ☐ Participating in one of the National Social Action Committee's (NSAC) campaigns:
  - ☐ Responding to the global refugee crisis
  - ☐ Developing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities
  - ☐ Working to end poverty in Canada
- ☐ Mobilizing around this issue(s) that resonates with our community: _____

The Religious Action Center and the National Social Action Committee, in turn, commit 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 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