



RAC-IL

For nearly six decades, the **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC)** has been the hub of social justice work in the Reform Movement. The largest Jewish denomination in North America, the Reform movement represents 50,000 Reform Jews across Illinois.

A project of the RAC, the **Illinois Religious Action Center (RAC-IL)** is the collectively organized Reform Jewish community in Illinois, coming together around issues of shared concern and standing together with vulnerable populations. To date, more than 25 Reform synagogues are part of this effort to build and leverage our power for a more just and compassionate Land of Lincoln for all.

Priority Areas for Action

RAC-IL is locally led, and our clergy, lay-leaders and youth have identified the following as our initial shared priorities:

- **Criminal Justice Reform**, such as sentencing reform, juvenile justice initiatives, restorative justice, and gun violence prevention; and
- **Immigrant Justice**, such as provisions to strengthen and enforce the Trust act, access to health and human services for undocumented individuals and families, and funding and support for deportation defense.

RAC-IL launched in Spring 2018, and we celebrated our first victory with the VOICES Act (SB34), in partnership with lead organizers, the Campaign for a Welcoming IL. The VOICES Act will significantly increase protection for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and other offenses.

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About the Jewish Reform Movement

The RAC's work is mandated by the Union for Reform Judaism, whose 900+ congregations across North America include 1.5 million Reform Jews, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), whose membership includes more than 2,000 Reform Rabbis. The RAC's advocacy work is completely non-partisan and pursues public policies that reflect the Jewish values of social justice that form the core of our mandate.