

# Social Action in Action

A Quick Guide to the Religious Action Center

## Stay Connected

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For more than 50 years, the RAC has been the hub of **Jewish social justice activity in Washington, D.C.** As the policy office of the URJ, the RAC educates and mobilizes the Reform Jewish community on more than **70 different legislative and social issues.**

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the RAC's advocacy work is non-partisan and pursues public policies that **reflect the Jewish values** at the core of our mandate.

### Take Action

[action.rac.org](http://action.rac.org)



Fill out an "action alert" to contact your elected officials on key legislation and issues. And join the RAC's email list to receive weekly newsletters and other key updates.

### RACBlog

[rac.org/blog](http://rac.org/blog)



Read for regular updates on the RAC's diverse social justice portfolio - economic justice, civil rights, Israel, environmental issues, women's rights, and more!

### Social Justice Holiday Guides

[rac.org/holidayguides](http://rac.org/holidayguides)



Make social justice part of your holiday celebration using our Jewish text studies, programming and activity ideas, educational materials, and advocacy opportunities for both Jewish and national holidays.

### NothingButNets.net

SEND A NET. SAVE A LIFE.

[rac.org/nets](http://rac.org/nets)

The URJ has partnered with Nothing But Nets and the United Nations Foundation to fight malaria in sub-Saharan Africa with life-saving bed nets.  
*Send a Net. Save a Life.*



### Get Swabbed

[www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org) | 800-9MARROW [rac.org/GiftofLife](http://rac.org/GiftofLife)

In partnership with the URJ, the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation helps congregations hold swab drives to expand the bone marrow registry. Contact [giftoflife@rac.org](mailto:giftoflife@rac.org) to hold a Yom Kippur swab drive in 2014.

## RAC Programs & Events

### For Teens:

#### L'Taken Social Justice Seminars

An intensive four-day study *kallah* for high schoolers in Washington, D.C., drawing connections between Jewish values and key social justice issues, culminating in a visit to members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

[rac.org/ltaken](http://rac.org/ltaken)

### For Recent Grads:

#### Eisendrath Legislative Assistant Program

A year-long program that places recent college graduates at the center of the Reform Movement's social action activities, including monitoring legislative activity, developing social action programming, and conducting research for the RAC's policy initiatives.

[rac.org/la](http://rac.org/la)

### Consultation on Conscience

[rac.org/conc](http://rac.org/conc) April 26-28, 2015



Reform Judaism's flagship social justice conference, featuring briefings with public policy decision-makers and activists, intensive workshops with social action leaders, connecting Jewish values with modern issues facing us at home and abroad.

### For College Students:

#### Machon Kaplan Summer Internship

Provides a meaningful summer social action internship at a Washington, D.C. organization - ranging from the NAACP to the United Nations Foundation - grounded in Jewish values, with the opportunity to engage in academic study.

[rac.org/mk](http://rac.org/mk)

### For Rabbis:

#### Rabbi Balfour Brickner

#### Rabbinic Seminars

A program - including a retreat and distance learning opportunities - designed to provide rabbis with a solid foundation in organizing social justice work in their congregations and communities.

[rac.org/brickner](http://rac.org/brickner)