

January 2010:

Shalom Chaverai,

It is our pleasure to send you the registration information for the 2010 RRA Convention—*Jews, Race, and Class in North America*—March 14-18 at the New Orleans Hamptons Inn Convention Center. Attached to this e-mail you will find a detailed agenda with workshop descriptions and all the other pertinent convention details including travel information.

New Orleans is a perfect place for us to explore the contemporary challenges of race and class that we encounter in our rabbinate. It is a city rich in multi-racial and multi-cultural heritage where historically basic assumptions about race and class have been put to the test.

Since Hurricane Katrina and the ensuing recovery efforts, deep racial and class divides have been uncovered, as secular and faith-based organizations have struggled to rebuild. Our time in New Orleans will include hands-on recovery work with one of these organizations as well as discussions with community leaders who have devoted themselves to new strategies for creating a just community.

Other highlights include:

- Rabbi David Stein leading a series of text study opportunities
- Rabbis Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Sally Preisand, and Gary Zola talking about the pioneering Jewish Women's Archive
- Lots of time to enjoy the sites and savor the delicacies of New Orleans

*The extraordinary opportunities of being in New Orleans require adding an additional day to our usual convention length. We very much hope you'll be part of the event this year from beginning to end.*

Please see the attached materials for all of the details. ***We remind you again that we are using only email and internet communication this year, and that we aren't sending a hard copy of these materials.*** Everything you need to make your reservation can be found on the [www.therra.org](http://www.therra.org) members section under "Convention" and at [            ]

Also sure to check out the Convention link in the "Members Only" section of our website where you can post news and pictures on our new virtual "bulletin board" and post travel information to share rides from the airport.

*L'hitra'ot!*

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Convention co-chairs