

**RRA Convention 2010**  
**“Jews, Class, and Race Relations in North America”**

**PROGRAM**

**Sunday March 14 – Welcome!**

- 3:00** Registration begins
- 5:00** Opening *Davenning/Mincha* *in RIVERSIDE 1*
- 5:45-7:00** Opening Dinner at hotel *in FULTON*
- 7:30-9:30** Opening Program: Film *Fabourg Treme* with director/journalist Lolis Elie speaking about New Orleans African-American & race history and issues.  
*In RIVERSIDE 1*
- 9:45-10:30** Affinity Groups by Ordination Decade
- 1973-1980** *in ANTONINE*
- 1981-1990** *in BIENVILLE*
- 1991-2000A** *in COTTONMILL*
- 1991-2000B** *in DAUPHINE 1*
- 2001-2003** *in DAUPHINE 2*
- 2004-2010** *in RIVERSIDE 1*

**Monday March 15 – Day of Experiential Learning & Service**

*Breakfast at hotel, on your own*

- 8:00 –** YOGA *in DAUPHINE 2*
- 8:15-9:15** *Shacharit in RIVERSIDE 1*
- 9:30 –** PLEASE HAVE YOUR BOX LUNCH & BE READY TO BOARD BUS.
- 9:30-4:30** *Day of Service* with the Beacon of Hope Resource Center
- 6:00-7:15** Dinner together at the hotel *in FULTON*
- 7:30-9:30** Evening of processing facilitated by Steve Gutow *in RIVERSIDE 1*
- 9:45** Shmoozing and drinking, snacks provided @ HOTEL BAR AREA

## **Tuesday March 16 - Business of the RRA**

*Breakfast at hotel, on your own*

- 8:00** Yoga *in* DAUPHINE 2
- 9-10:15** Shacharit *in* RIVERSIDE 1
- 10:30-12:00** Plenary Session—“Pioneering Women and the American Jewish Archives”  
Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Sally Preisand, and Gary Zola *in* RIVERSIDE 1
- 12:30-1:30** Lunch in hotel *in* FULTON
- 2:00-4:30** Annual RRA Business Meeting *in* RIVERSIDE 1
- 4:35** Mincha *in* RIVERSIDE 1
- 5:00-7:00** President’s Reception & Address and Presentation of Eisenstein Award  
*In* DAUPHINE 1 & 2

*Followed by dinner on your own in New Orleans*

## **Wednesday March 17 - Text and Shiur Day**

*Breakfast on your own at the hotel*

- 8:00** Yoga *in* DAUPHINE 2
- 9:00-10:00** Tisch & Shacharit with David Stein *in* RIVERSIDE 2 & 3
- 10:15-11:30:** Workshops:  
Elizabeth Bolton: “Music in our Rabbinates” *in* ANTONINE  
Deborah Glanzberg-Krainin: “RRC’s Reconrabbi.net website” *in* RIVERSIDE 1  
David Stein: “Text Study” *in* COTTONMILL  
Elyse Wechterman: “Troubling the Waters” *in* BIENVILLE  
Mordecai Liebling, “Creating Social Justice Programming” *in* DAUPHINE 1
- 11:45-12:30** **Affinity Groups-Special Interest**  
Music swap, singing together *in* ANTONINE  
Rabbis parenting children with special needs *in* DAUPHINE 1  
Rabbis thinking about or planning a sabbatical *in* COTTONMILL  
Rabbis who have dealt with personal trauma (health, grief, loss) while serving as a pulpit or public rabbi *in* BIENVILLE  
12-step meeting: a collective self-facilitated meeting for members of any 12-step program (LOCATION WILL BE POSTED AND ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.)

**Wednesday March 17 - Text and Shiur Day**

- 12:45-2:00**      General Lunch *in FULTON* / JRF Rabbis Lunch *in DAUPHINE 1*
- 2:15-3:15**      Shiur-Allan Lehman *in RIVERSIDE 1*
- 3:30-5:00**      Closing Panel "Not in Our Shtetls"  
Toba Spitzer, moderator, Myrna Matsa, Lance Hill, and Uri Topolosky  
*in RIVERSIDE 1*  
*We have invited members from AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps in New Orleans to join us to observe the panel presentation.*
- 5:15-6:00**      Closing circle/Tefillat HaDerekh led by Margaret Holub *in RIVERSIDE 1*

***Evening on your own in New Orleans...***

*Wednesday night after closing circle, you can join an optional private tour of New Orleans with Mike Indest, tour guide, minister, art gallery owner. Here's what he says about the walk we'll be taking:*

*"I think the most interesting stories about New Orleans are about the Religious figures and Institutions that molded the city and the people. Great stories of brave and interesting characters, Priests, Voodoo Priestesses, Nuns, and of course the Fallen. Their partnership created one of the most interesting cities in the world."*

- ❖ *The Inquisition in New Orleans  
The Ursuline Nuns - early feminists  
Sisters of the Holy Family - First black convent in New Orleans  
Voodoo - Ancient Ancestor worship that survived by "hiding" in Catholicism  
Architecture  
French/Spanish History  
and anything else that comes up during the tour.*
- ❖ *Mike was raised Catholic, rebelled and became a Calvinist. After High School he moved to Switzerland to study. Moved back to New Orleans and 18 years later finished his Masters in Theology. He has been leading tours for over 6 years, meeting the need for tours that are fun, that tell stories not just facts and that are slightly irreverent.*
- ❖ *The cost of the tour is \$20 per person. We'll meet at Graphite Galleries, 956 Royal Street at 7pm. The tour will conclude at 8:30pm (a perfect time for dinner on the town in New Orleans). There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby (maximum number is 28). A great way to cap off our time in "the Big Easy."*

**Thursday March 18**

*Breakfast at hotel on your own*

8 AM Yoga in DAUPHINE 2

Departures and *L'hitraot!*