

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
RESOLUTION

HUNGER

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Whereas, Judaism teaches us to express gratitude for the Source of the food that we eat;

Whereas, the feeding of the hungry is one of the main tenets of Judaism;

Whereas, 700 million people throughout the world do not have enough to eat;

Whereas, 18 to 20 million people mostly children, die each year due to hunger;

Whereas, 33 million Americans (An increase of 7 million between 1979-85) live below the poverty line;

Whereas, the United States is the only industrialized nation where children make up the largest segment of people below the poverty line (40% of the U.S. poor is under the age of 18);

Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, in this year dedicated to education, devote some of their Torah study to hunger;

Be it further resolved, that the members of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association not only collect food, but use its collection as a means to sensitize and educate people to the hunger in their community;

Be it further resolved, that the members of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association contact existing organizations or set up a system whereby food left over from synagogue, Hillel and federation functions are collected and brought to local food shelters; and otherwise support local and national food projects;

Be it further resolved, that the members of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association organize people to contact local, state, and federal agencies to urge those officials to do their utmost to end hunger at home and abroad.