

**Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**INDOCHINA: A CONTINUING TRAGEDY**  
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Our responsibilities as Jews extend to the entire human family. We are deeply distraught by the continuing trauma of war and starvation in Indochina. The spectacle of thousands fleeing their country on unseaworthy vessels brings to mind nightmarish memories of the fate of European Jewry only four decades ago.

The Cambodian people is desperately struggling to hold onto life. Food and medicine are reaching Cambodia but much more remains to be done. We ask all Jewish organizations to contribute funds to the international agencies which are keeping alive the hopes of the Cambodian people.

We urge the Governments of the United States and Canada to support an international conference to provide that Vietnam withdraw its troops from Cambodia; that it agree to the restoration of a genuine neutrality and that China commit itself to a nonaggression pact with Vietnam. Without such a regional settlement, a renewal of war is, tragically, a foregone conclusion.

We urge synagogues throughout the U.S.A. and Canada to adopt positive steps to aid Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees. We commend those congregations which have already adopted refugee families and encourage others within the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot to do the same. There exists a most urgent need for more groups to assist refugees and serve as sponsors in the resettlement process.

Let us spare no effort in putting into action the Torah imperative - "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor."