

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
RESOLUTION
ISRAEL AT 50
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In honoring and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel,

and in recognition that the State of Israel has accomplished the political goals of the ingathering of the Exiles and the creation of a refuge for oppressed Jews across the globe,

and in support of the vision of a new Zionism as described by Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement,

the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association hereby rededicates itself and our members to the vision of the State of Israel as outlined in its Declaration of Independence: "The State of Israel...will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture."

We hereby recommit ourselves to the goals of religious pluralism for all Jews in Israel and of peace and security for the inhabitants of the State of Israel and its neighbors, as stated in previous RRA resolutions.

We will promote among our congregations and organizations the efforts sponsored by Yediot Aharonot in Israel and the New Israel Fund in North America of "Signing Anew": expressing our solidarity with Israel's founding vision, as embodied in its Declaration of Independence, by:

- incorporating "Signing Anew" into our Israel at 50 celebrations,
- printing the Statement of Solidarity in our congregation or organization newsletters or bulletins
- using "Signing Anew" for discussions about Israel, and
- providing opportunities for "Signing Anew" at public events.