

**Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
RESOLUTION**

**SEEKING PROSELYTES INTO JUDAISM AND PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE
JEWISH RELIGION AND PEOPLEHOOD**

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Whereas the Reform movement through its National President, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, has recently introduced a proposal that Jews actively seek out would-be proselytes and prospective candidates for conversion into the Jewish religion; and

Whereas we know how many millions hunger for religious truths and spiritual sustenance; and

Whereas our Conservative and Orthodox colleagues through their respective Rabbinical associations have chosen largely to ignore or to minimize or to criticize the proposals of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; now

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, its members and the ancillary supportive bodies within our movement should embark upon a program of providing information on the Jewish religion and peoplehood and should begin a national campaign to distribute literature dealing with Judaism and in particular, the Reconstructionist approach to it. Such program should not be interpreted as a missionary effort nor as an open program to actively seek out prospective converts.

Rather, the emphasis should be upon providing solid information about Judaism to those who would otherwise have little or no access to it. Publication and distribution of such religious literature could be made available through selected newspapers of the national press and the communications media (in addition to providing literature to public libraries, hotels, major terminals, etc., and may possibly lead to the establishment of Reconstructionist Reading Rooms in major cities of the nation.)