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**Welcome to Rabbi-in-Residence: Rabbi Robin Damsky**

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## Judea Reform Congregation



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**Dear Judea Reform Friends,**

I'm overjoyed to share with you that **Rabbi Robin Damsky** will be our **Rabbi-in-Residence** for the coming year (starting July 1). Rabbi Damsky is an extraordinary spiritual leader, with a wealth of experience and deep Jewish wisdom.

Now in its second year, our position of Rabbi-in-Residence adds immense value to Judea Reform Congregation (with a focus on areas of adult education, worship leadership, and pastoral & spiritual care). Below is a letter of introduction directly from Rabbi Damsky, and as you'll see from her [biography](#) (and learn from her presence) her rabbinate encompasses aspects of Judaism that are so critical and ripe for exploration— from Jewish spirituality to movement and the arts to earth justice. As she is no stranger to the area, some of you may have met Rabbi Robin, whether through a lifecycle event or through her dynamic project

### **Limitless Judaism**

Rabbi Damsky was ordained by American Jewish University and earned her MA in Jewish education from the Jewish Theological Seminary. She completed both the Clergy Leadership Program and Jewish Mindfulness and Meditation Teacher Training with the [Institute for Jewish Spirituality](#).

On a personal note, after every conversation I have with Rabbi Robin, I walk away feeling more awake and more genuine a human being; that's just the kind of rabbi she is. Rabbi Damsky's first Shabbat Service with us will be July 8th. She can be reached at [rabbidamsky@judeareform.org](mailto:rabbidamsky@judeareform.org)

L'shalom,

Rabbi Soffer

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## A Letter to Judea Reform from Rabbi Robin Damsky:



Hello to the Judea Reform community!

I am honored and touched to be able to join you this year as your Rabbi-In-Residence. I have deep respect for Rabbi Soffer and the experiences I have had at JRC to date, and I look forward to the contribution I can make to your lives individually, as families, and as a community.

My passions are obvious from my bio—I care deeply for our bodily and physical well-being and its joyful expression, I am passionate about studying texts from our tradition in such a way as to pull their genius wisdom out to make sense for us today, and I am committed to an earth that is verdant, healthy, green and regenerative; one that teaches us majesty and awe, and inspires within us service and protection. To me these three elements comprise the circle of life.

I came to the Durham Triangle from Chicagoland in 2018 following my daughter, Sarah. I love it here. My partner, Michael, and I recently bought a home in Efland. We are in the design stages of a food forest complete with hens and a meditation labyrinth that will feature native and pollinator plants. Groundbreaking will begin at the completion of the *Shmitah* year, and you will be welcome to participate!

Regardless of where you are in the lifecycle of years and experience, we will gather together to enhance our well being on many different levels. I look forward to sharing laughter and tears with you, to discovering insights with you, exploring challenges with you, and most of all, learning and growing with you.

With Blessings,

Rabbi Robin Damsky

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