

November 21st, 2018/13th Kislev, 5779

Dear chevreh,

I recently spent three days at the Reconstructing Judaism conference. I was excited to participate in workshops about communal and individual trauma; how to use grief, anger and joy as Jewish tools of spiritual resistance; racial justice and the rabbinate; case studies from the #MeToo movement using rabbinic literature and the Rambam's Mishneh Torah as a lens; EcoJudaism; and Jewish Food Justice. I look forward to integrating the materials into sermons, teachings and conversations together.

I saw former KHN interim rabbis, interns and teachers, including Jeff Sultar, David Katz, Michelle Greenfield, Jessica Rosenberg, Janine Jankovitz Pastor, and Sarah Barasch-Hagans.

Please join me for a Coffee Talk at KHN on Sunday morning, December 2nd from 10:00 am to noon where we will explore some of the ideas of Reconstructionism/Reconstructing Judaism as well as some of the themes brought up at the Convention together.

Thanksgiving echoes the Jewish value *hakarat hatov*—"recognition of the good." At this time, let our gratitude prompt us to action as we work to build a better world. Click on the link to the American Jewish World Service at <https://ajws.org> to download their "Social Justice at the Thanksgiving Table" guide which offers conversation starters and easy ways to take action and give a donation.

Wishing everybody a healthy and happy Thanksgiving,

Rabbi Diana