



AGENDA OVERVIEW*

*Some details subject to change

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17: WHERE WE ARE TODAY & THE STORY THAT BROUGHT US HERE

Registration **11:00 – 12:30 PM**

Lunch **12:00 – 12:30 PM**

Session 1: What Brings Us, What We Bring **12:30 – 2:15 PM**

Welcome, introductions, and an overview of the agenda. **Rabbi Andrea Weiss, Ph.D.**, HUC-JIR provost, will lead a Torah study followed by a discussion in cohort groups.

- Welcome, Framing, Goals & Agenda Review 12:30 – 12:50 PM
- Opening Torah Study 12:50 – 1:15 PM
- Cohort Discussion 1:15 – 2:00 PM
- Share Back & Build Collective Story 2:00 – 2:10 PM
- Reflections & Takeaways 2:10 – 2:15 PM

Break **2:15 – 2:30 PM**

Session 2: This Unique Moment – Challenges & Opportunities **2:30 – 5:45 PM**

We will reflect on the past two years of advocacy and activism during the Trump administration, featuring conversations with: **Vanita Gupta**, President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; **Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews**, Director of Clergy Organizing at Faith in Action; and **Megan Black**, National Clergy Organizer at Faith in Action

Session 2, Part 1: Analysis of this Unique Moment

- Introduction 2:30 – 2:35 PM
- Vanita Gupta Keynote 2:35 – 2:50 PM
- Q&A with Vanita Gupta 2:50 – 3:05 PM
- Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews & Megan Black Keynote 3:05 – 3:20 PM

- Q&A with Michael & Megan 3:20 – 3:35 PM
- Chevruta 3:35 – 3:45 PM
- Closing 3:45 – 3:50 PM

Break 3:50 – 4:00 PM

Session 2, Part 2: Reform Movement’s Justice Work Moving Forward – Strategies for Impact

After hearing from experts about the current state of play, we will strategize about how to maximize the impact of Reform congregations.

- Introduction, Framing, Theory of Change 4:00 – 4:15 PM
- Breakout Discussion Groups 4:15 – 5:25 PM
- Share Out & Discuss Next Steps 5:25 – 5:45 PM

Dinner 5:55 – 6:55 PM

Beit Midrash 7:00 – 7:45 PM

Authors of the forthcoming CCAR Press book, *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority*, will each lead sessions on the themes and teachings from their chapter.

Session 3: An Evening of Connection and Hope 7:45 – 9:20 PM

Songs, prayers, and story sharing, led by **Rabbi Ken Chasen**, senior rabbi at Leo Baeck Temple in Los Angeles.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18: WHERE WE WILL BE IN 2030 – THE STORY WE WRITE TOGETHER

Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast will include opportunities for rabbis in states with RAC organizing projects to meet and discuss how learnings from this gathering intersect with their work.

Shacharit 9:00 – 9:30 AM

Session 4: Navigating & Acting During Complex Times 9:45 – 12:30 PM

Rabbi David Stern, senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El Dallas and CCAR president, will share his experiences handling complex politics within his congregation. Participants will break into cohort groups to discuss navigating political diversity and finding ways to act amid differences of opinion within their own congregations.

- Introduction 9:45 – 10:00 AM
- **Session 4, Part 1: Navigating Resistance & Complex Politics 10:00 – 11:15 AM**

Break **11:15 – 11:30 AM**

- **Session 4, Part 2: Choose from 4 breakout options** **11:30 – 12:30 PM**
 - Building Skills to Act in Local Partnership
 - Not Too Small or Too Isolated for Impact: Models of Action for Small and Mid-Sized Congregations
 - How to Hold Difficult Conversations Across Divides
 - Working with and Empowering Youth in your Congregation

Lunch **12:30 – 1:15 PM**

Session 5: Open Space Workshop **1:15 – 2:30 PM**

Rabbi Asher Knight, senior rabbi at Temple Beth El in Charlotte, NC, will lead an open space workshop activity where participants will have the opportunity to discuss, in smaller groups, any topics that were not covered during the gathering.

- Open Space Groups Meet 1:30 – 2:15 PM
- Reflections & Takeaways 2:15 – 2:30 PM

Session 6: Closing **2:30 – 4:00 PM**

Review narrative arc of the gathering, commit to next steps, evaluate the gathering, and share in a moment of inspiration led by **Rabbi Rachel Timoner**, senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn.