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— **Rabbi Aaron D. Panken,**
President HUC-JIR



From establishing Reform institutions and training clergy, to supporting youth around the world, the YES Fund has helped strengthen and grow Reform Judaism for over 100 years.



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YOUTH, EDUCATION,
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WHAT IS YES

The YES (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) Fund represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism. YES Fund grants from WRJ provide Reform Jewish institutions and individuals worldwide with the tools necessary for religious, social, and educational growth.

The YES Fund enhances Jewish life by:

- Educating and supporting Reform and Progressive clergy
- Cultivating women's leadership
- Advocating for social justice
- Providing innovative programming and support for Jewish youth
- Supporting Reform and Progressive Judaism globally



HISTORY OF YES

The YES Fund was named in 1955, but the *tzedakah* roots of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) date to 1913, the year WRJ was founded. Over the past century, the YES Fund has raised millions of dollars through a combination of dedicated campaigns and product sales for projects including: building the dormitory at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati and the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Headquarters in New York, establishing the Jewish Braille Institute (JBI International), founding the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), and helping to create the first URJ camp.

WHO YES HELPS

YOUTH: Through the YES Fund, WRJ founded and continues to support NFTY, as well as Reform camp and Israel programs, where our youth build friendships, establish strong Jewish identities, and develop leadership skills. The YES Fund helped launch the URJ Campaign for Youth Engagement and supports special programs such as NFTY678, which engage and inspire Reform Jewish youth.

EDUCATION: YES Fund grants help train future leaders of Reform Judaism by providing scholarships for students at HUC-JIR's four campuses, Leo Baeck College in London, Geiger College in Germany, and the Machon program in the FSU.

ADVOCACY: The YES Fund annually supports the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) by funding a Legislative Assistant, who advocates for Jewish values and social justice.

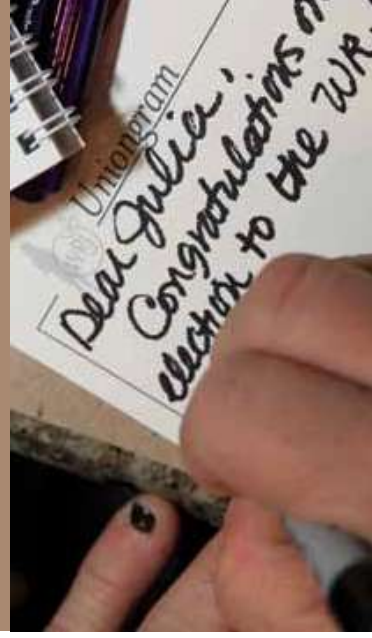
GLOBAL REACH: The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) and its programs around the world receive annual YES Fund support. The Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), and Reform kibbutzim in Israel receive funding for special projects and to continue the struggle for religious pluralism in Israel.

THE WAYS TO SAY YES

With your support, the YES Fund will continue to grow our Reform institutions, fund professional Jewish education, and enrich our youth. Inspired by the past and committed to the future, your gift today builds on our 100-year legacy and keeps Reform Judaism vibrant.

There are numerous ways to support the YES Fund:

- 1. DONATE** directly to the YES Fund to help meet the immediate needs of our grantees.
- 2. SUPPORT** the YES Fund for the future, ensuring the YES Fund endures *l'dor vador* (from generation to generation) by starting a Lifeline.
- 3. SHOP** WRJ to order Uniongrams, note cards, and other products that directly benefit the YES Fund.



For more information about the YES Fund and how you and your sisterhood can help, please visit www.wrj.org or call 212-650-4050.