

September 11, 2025

Dear Congregant,

I will be visiting Congregation Dor Hadash from November 6-9 to film events and conduct interviews for a documentary film about Reconstructionist Judaism. I have spoken with Rabbi Rothbaum and President Tavakoli and am looking forward to meeting and engaging with your community.

The film will feature visits to several Reconstructionist synagogues nationwide, examining the philosophies and beliefs that underlie the Reconstructionist movement and exploring how these principles have become an integral part of congregants' lives and faith. The completed film will be submitted to film festivals and may receive wider distribution, though that remains to be determined.

I hope to interview congregants who wish to share their stories on camera. I am happy to conduct these interviews one-on-one, with couples, or in small groups. If you are interested in participating or would like to schedule an interview, please contact me at [jsarachan@sjf.edu](mailto:jsarachan@sjf.edu).

For background, I am a professor of media studies and film at St. John Fisher University in Rochester, NY. My spouse and I have been members of our synagogue, Temple Sinai, for over twenty years, where I am an active congregant and recently completed a two-year term as a board Vice President.

I look forward to speaking with you further.

Sincerely,

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