

JOIN US FOR NJC'S 1ST ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE/SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024 AT 7 PM

NJC is an affiliate congregation of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the leading voice of the Reform Movement in Judaism. One of the pillars of the URJ is the Religious Action Center (RAC), the social action/social justice arm of the URJ. Founded in 1961, the RAC has tirelessly pursued social action, including social justice, for the past 63 years. This work has included a pivotal role in the civil rights struggles over the years, as well as effective advocacy for voting rights, free and fair elections, gender equity, reproductive freedom, disability rights and for equal treatment of the LGBTQ+ community.

NJC has its own Social Action Committee, comprised of Rabbi Howard Herman, Roberta ("Rob") Obler, Robert ("Rob") Obler, Bonnie Lechtner, Suzanne Paley, Ina Resnikov, Shelley McCloskey, Gusti Rosenauer, Robin Egdish, Irene Pomerantz, Dick Lechtner and Steve McCloskey. Our Social Action Committee does our small part to advance the RAC's goals of promoting justice and equity for all, with a particular emphasis on those who are often marginalized and disadvantaged. We have a program providing backpacks for foster kids, brought to us by Robin and Len Egdish, we staff an election precinct for all elections in Collier County, we collect food for the food pantry at the Baker Senior Center Naples, we participate in RAC's Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign, focused on voting rights and reproductive freedom, as well as various other projects advancing the goals of the RAC. As you can see, the small congregation with the big heart generously gives of its heart by helping others.

At NJC's Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat on November 1, our featured speaker will be Michele Eiger, the Florida State Organizer for RAC-FL. She will tell us about the importance of social action/social justice, part of the fabric of the URJ, inform us as to how RAC-FL implements its goals and how NJC can help in this important work. I strongly urge you to demonstrate your commitment to social action by caring enough to show up to let Michele Eiger and your fellow NJC members know that you think that it's part of our calling to help others.

Steve McCloskey, Chair, NJC Social Action Committee