

We are delighted to inform you that Adat Shalom's Founding Rabbi Sid Schwarz will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College's ("RRC") graduation ceremony on June 2, 2019. The Doctor of Humane Letters is awarded by Reconstructing Judaism and the RRC each year to an individual who has contributed in an outstanding way to Jewish communal and religious life in North America and/or Israel, and has acted in keeping with Reconstructionist ideals. It is the RRC's highest honor for distinguished scholarship and contributions to the North American rabbinate.

With this honor, Rabbi Sid becomes only the second person to receive all three of the RRC's honorary degrees -- Doctor of Divinity, Keter Shem Tov, and Doctor of Humane Letters. (The first "triple crown" recipient was Rabbi David Teutsch, one of our special guests at our upcoming congregational Retreat). Rabbi Sid has informed us that he views the founding of Adat Shalom as one of the singular achievements of his rabbinate, and part of the reason for his receiving the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. He has also reminded us that more Adat Shalomers are welcome to join the many who already plan to attend the graduation ceremony on June 2. (See the attached invitation for more information.)

In addition, there are two additional reasons to attend this year's RRC graduation ceremony -- to celebrate **Bec Richman**, who grew up at Adat Shalom (and whose proud parents are Barb and Charlie), and **Micah Weiss**, who just said farewell to our community last Shabbat after spending the past year as our rabbinic intern, as they graduate from the RRC and become full-fledged Rabbis. If you plan to attend the ceremony, please be sure to send an rsvp by email to graduation@rrc.edu; please also send a note to Rabbis Rachel and Fred and to sarah.wesson@adatshalom.net so we can know who's coming, and perhaps help with carpooling as well.

Please join us, along with Rabbis Fred and Rachel, and Exec. Director Marla, in congratulating Rabbi Sid on receiving the outstanding honor of Doctor of Humane Letters, and Bec and Micah on their receiving the well-deserved title of Rabbi. *Kol Hakavod* to Rabbis Sid, Bec and Micah!