



Please join RAC-NJ for our upcoming civic engagement and congregational team trainings and hear from representatives from across party lines (details below).

In this moment of racial reckoning, profound economic uncertainty, and navigating life in a pandemic, many of us have been reminded of the importance of state, county, and local government, and of the ways in which those leaders' decisions impact our lives.

On November 2, 2021, New Jersey will vote for who will occupy Drumthwacket – our Governor's mansion – and all 120 seats in the New Jersey state legislature. In 2017, New Jersey's most recent gubernatorial election, only 39 percent of registered New Jersey voters cast ballots. We know that we can – and we must – do better in 2021.

We are far more likely to vote if we know who our legislators are and what they're doing to represent us in Trenton. **Please register to join us for our upcoming webinars:**

- Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. ET: Temple Emeth, Teaneck and RAC-NJ in Conversation with Senator Loretta Weinberg. [Register here.](#)
- Feb. 5, noon ET: Temple Emanu-El, Westfield and RAC-NJ in Conversation with Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. [Register here.](#)
- Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. ET: RAC-NJ Strategies for Organizing: Legislator Conversations. [Register here.](#)
- Feb. 18, 7 p.m. ET: RAC-NJ Congregational Team Panel: Imagining the Possibilities with guests from RAC state projects in California, Illinois, and Texas. [Register here.](#)

On Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. ET, please join Temple Emeth of Teaneck and RAC-NJ for a conversation with New Jersey State Senate Majority Leader – and Temple Emeth member – Senator Loretta Weinberg (LD-37) as she prepares to retire after a distinguished career in New Jersey government.

On Friday, February 5 at noon ET, please join Temple Emanu-El of Westfield and RAC-NJ for a conversation with New Jersey General Assembly Minority Leader – and Temple Emanu-El member – Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21) as he discusses the 2021 legislative session.

On Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET, please join us to collectively debrief these legislator conversations, learn practical tips for working with your congregational teams to set up similar conversations with your state legislators, and dive together into the goals and strategy – the *hows* and *whys* – of these conversations as we seek to build RAC-NJ's ability to act for justice, compassion, and wholeness in Trenton, especially as we hone in on RAC-NJ's 2021 racial and economic justice legislative campaign.

Make sure that you also mark your calendar, especially if you and/or your congregation are new to community organizing, for “RAC-NJ Congregational Team Panel: Imagining the Possibilities” on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. ET. Reform Jewish congregational team organizers from RAC-CA, RAC-IL, and RAC-TX will help us imagine what's possible as they share their congregations' organizing stories, practical tips for getting started, and how they've navigated around challenges to their work.

With kindest regards,

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