

A SHABBAT WITH MOVEMENT PRESIDENT

RABBI DEBORAH WAXMAN

May 11/12

We will be privileged to host Rabbi Deborah Waxman at our synagogue the weekend of May 11/12. Dr. Waxman, a historian of American Judaism, is the president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and of our Movement, Reconstructing Judaism. She has been in the forefront of Jewish innovation both in the larger community, as well as in our own Movement. As noted in my monthly letter, her visit reflects our congregation's active participation in the larger Reconstructionist Movement. Her visit will give us an opportunity to understand the current iteration of our Movement's direction and activities. What follows is a schedule of events.

Friday Night. Deborah will speak in the course of our regularly scheduled evening service, which begins at 8:00 p.m. There will, as always, be time for dialogue immediately following her remarks.

Shabbat Morning.

→9:00 – 10:15. Rabbi Waxman will lead a Torah discussion on the week's portion.

→10:15 – 11:00. We will gather for services.

→11:00 – 11:30. Pot Luck Lunch (please consider enhancing our bagels and . . . with pasta, salads, quiches, vegetable sides, dips, guacamole, and fresh fruit. Please, no nuts or peanuts and no meat.)

→11:30 – 12:45. A panel discussion on Reconstructionism.

Rabbi Waxman will join Rabbi Lee and Solomon Hoffman on a panel to address questions regarding Reconstructionist Judaism. The three panel members represent three generations in our movement. Rabbi Lee, an early graduate of the college ('75), will balance Solomon, who has just been admitted to the college. Rabbi Waxman ('99) will be the generational fulcrum. Congregant member, Hans Grunwald, who has been an active supporter of our Movement, particularly of our camp, will moderate the panel.

→12:45 onward. Time for cake and coffee and conversation.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to spend time to be with President Waxman