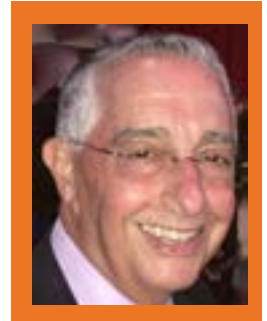


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Marty Lawson, President



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NAORRR INSTALLATION RESPONSE

It is so special to be sharing this moment with all of you tonight. I am truly humbled and honored to assume this leadership role for a group of people who mean so much to me. I want to thank our colleague and friend, Andrea Weiss for her wonderful words of Installation. I wish she would have been able to be present, but a family emergency intervened, and I am so grateful that my dear colleague, classmate and friend, Ron Shapiro could so

beautifully share Andrea's words. I still recall sitting with Andrea in preparation for her becoming a Bat Mitzvah and working through the translation of her *parasha*. Then I had the privilege to stand beneath her huppa, serving as *m'sadeir kiddushin* for her and Alan. She has become one of the great teachers of Tanach, a leader in our beloved HUC-JIR and an exemplar to so many.

Tonight I want to share with all of you, briefly, some of my goals for NAORRR in the coming year. All of us realize how Covid has radically changed our organization. Kudos go to so many people for stepping up to the plate to ensure our ongoing vitality. Julian and Susie Cook, Shelly Harr, Bob Orkand and our Board of Directors did so much to re-envision NAORRR. Our Program Committee was exceptional and deserves our special thanks. Now, under the amazing, caring leadership of our new Executive Vice-Presidents, Gary and Joanie Glickstein, and our Board of Directors, we continue to serve our members, the Reform Movement and the greater Jewish world.

In this new year I hope we can address several issues.

As we all discussed with the leadership of our national Reform organizations, there is still much to be done in the field of rabbinic ethics. I have had some discussions with a number of our female colleagues who remain uncomfortable participating in NAORRR until we create a "safe environment" for them to share their pain and their views with us. I hope you will join with me in creating opportunities to do so. The number of female colleagues eligible for NAORRR is increasing. We need their creativity and Jewish vision for a better world in the years ahead. After attending the CCAR Convention in San Diego, I came to realize that issues of the LGBTQ+ community are very much part of the emerging Reform rabbinate. We must learn from these colleagues how best to address issues of gender fluidity in order to make these colleagues welcome in NAORRR.

NAORRR has another role to play in the Reform Movement. As many of us

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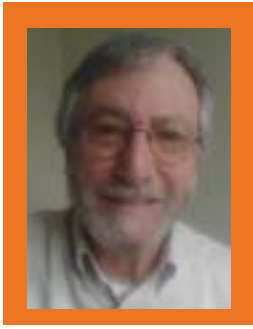
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NAORRR CONVENTION RECAP

Jack Luxenburg, First Vice President

We had a wonderfully successful NAORRR convention in Phoenix, the capstone of a year of outstanding online programming planned by Marty

Lawson and his Program Committee with the support of our NAORRR President (now immediate past president) Bob Orkand, our Executive Director team of Gary and Joanie Glickstein and the members of the NAORRR Board of Directors. Yasher Koach to all! But there is no time to rest on laurels. A new program year has already begun, and I am glad to have the opportunity to match the high bar set by my predecessors as 1st Vice President. Already in February, we had an outstanding and thought-provoking webinar presented by colleagues Rifat Soncino and Richard Agler based on their new book, *A God We Can Believe In*. In March, Rabbi Avi Strausberg of Hadar, will lead a text study from the recently published book of contemporary *midrashim*, *Dirshuni*. The collection is authored by Israeli women noted for their insight and their learning. For April, a program is in formation with the help of Karen Franklin. It will focus on the history, vitality and creativity of the German Jewish community through artifacts and stories.

While we can look forward to a full year of engaging webinars, our next convention is in the planning stages. The evaluations of our Phoenix convention pointed out that NAORRR members have high expectations for the content of the program, for social opportunities and for meaningful engagement as the NAORRR community in the issues of the day that are of concern to us.

To make sure that both our webinars and our convention are well-planned and reflect the interests of all our members, two separate committees have been established. One, the Program Committee, will be responsible for our on-line programming. The other, the Convention Committee, will focus on planning our January 2024 convention in Boca Raton. In this way, both aspects of NAORRR's year-around

program will get the attention and input of strong inclusive committees.

While it is not possible to include everyone on the committees, each committee can hear from everyone. I want to encourage all members of NAORRR, rabbis and spouses, our “vatikim” and newer members, to share your thoughts, ideas and recommendations with me, with other officers, our Executive Directors or with a member of the Committees. I believe that the more input we receive, the better the committees will be able to provide the year-long online program and the in-person convention that will engage, inspire and maintain the strong sense of community that makes NAORRR so important to us all.

Jack

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FOLLOW THE MISHNAH

Bennett Miller, Second Vice President

I know all of us can quote the famous mishnah from Pirke Avot:

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן פְּרִיְחָיָה אוֹמֵר, עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רֵב, וּקְנֵה לְךָ תּוֹבָר

Joshua Ben Perahiah used to say: *Appoint for thyself a teacher and acquire for thyself a friend.*
(Pirke Avot 1:6)

No doubt throughout our careers we have shared these words with students, congregants, friends. And we certainly know the value of Ben Perahiah's statement. So many of us have students who have also become our friends. We have walked with them on their life's journey, and they have done the same with us. It is part of the richness of a rabbinic career. Few other careers offer such an opportunity for relationship building. My sense is that being someone's RAV and then becoming their friend has been the most meaningful and fulfilling aspect of our calling as rabbis over the course of our lifetime. It is certainly the case for me.

With retirement, the day-to-day connections with congregants and former students decreases or comes to a halt. Successor Rabbis now become the teacher, the Rav, of the community or congregation. Many Rabbis tell me that the hardest part of retirement is the loss of those significant connections and diminishing of ongoing relationships. It takes time for Rabbi emerita or emeritus to find a place within the congregation or even in a new congregation to be able to establish a new rav-friend relationship. For some of us it comes more easily; others find such relationships more challenging to establish.

And in retirement we tend to live a life that is more secluded than before. Few participate in CCAR conventions or URJ meetings, or even boards of rabbis gatherings. As a result, we don't meet up with our Rabbi-to-Rabbi friends. All of this can lead to real loss and loneliness and even affect our physical and emotional health.

But along comes NAORRR. At one time NAORRR meant an annual gathering in January for retired rabbis. Not anymore! NAORRR (of course!) continues to hold our annual convention (this coming January in Boca Raton). It is a wonderful opportunity to study, pray, and play together with friends, colleagues, classmates – so many of whom have shared experiences and shared lives. And (thanks to the pandemic when NAORRR went Zoom-able), now we have monthly gatherings of NAORRR, meetings with scholars, authors, leaders. We learn from them and share with them; and we also spend time schmoozing before and after the programs. These gatherings are opportunities for continued connection. They, too, affect our well-being!

So dear colleagues and friends, appoint for yourself a teacher, a fellow rabbi, and invite that rabbi to join you and us in being part of NAORRR. That rabbi will thank you for the welcome and for your precious friendship. And then, together, sign up for all the wonderful sessions, for the convention too! They will all help lengthen our days, continue to give us spiritual nourishment, and contribute to rich fulfillment for many years to come.

Bennett Miller



NAORRR was blessed to hold its first in-person convention since 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona, January 5-9, 2023. Over 170 of our members joyously schmoozed, learned, ate and drank, conversed, sang, studied and celebrated face to face. In addition, and for the first time, we created a hybrid experience so that our members who were unable to attend in person could participate in six online live sessions. If you wish to view the recordings of these six programs, go to naorrr.org/convention-presentations.

During our plenary session on Sunday morning, I shared the following:

I would like to focus on one issue that has consumed a great deal of my thinking and soul searching since I took this position as Co-Executive Vice President.

In the latest edition of *Sources: A Journal of Jewish Ideas*, Meirav Jones of the Hartman Institute writes: “I am thinking back to a men’s gathering that took place at Habima in Tel Aviv in August 2020, under the title, ‘I Offended Too.’ The gathering was triggered by a shocking case in which a teenage girl was exploited and raped by multiple men... The rally was organized by a man who publicly reflected on his role in rape culture and found his earlier behavior deplorable. He encouraged other men to gather with him to call out their own past behaviors... The event was to be a space in which men came together and publicly declared those behaviors intolerable, and the organizer was the first to speak. In this event, to which 1500 people responded on Facebook, men bore witness to-or dare I say confessed-their own past offenses, and with all eyes on them, in a public space, acknowledged harm they themselves had inflicted. This did not absolve them, but it did contribute to the setting of new standards of behavior that could create safer space and transform culture.”

VIEWS אלו ואלו

Rabbi Gary Glickstein

I, too, have been reflecting on my almost 50 years in the Reform rabbinate. What did I say, what did I not say; what did I do, or what did I not do as the Reform rabbinate began to integrate women clergy into our congregations and organizations? Sally Priesand was ordained two years before my class and the next female colleagues were ordained in the following years. My first personal interaction was with Debby Hachen, who served in Westborough, Massachusetts when I was in Worcester in the 1980s. In 1985 my family moved to Miami Beach, Florida. In the early 1990s Gayle Pomerantz came to Miami and eventually came to work with me in a part-time capacity. In retrospect, I realize that I was totally oblivious to the struggles Gayle and Debby and Sally had to go through. I was not a perpetrator, but I was not an active ally either. When I interviewed a female colleague to join our clergy team and she told me how horrendous her experience had been as an assistant to an abusive, disrespectful senior rabbi, I did nothing. When later in my career I interviewed a potential assistant rabbi who had come out as gay, I stood by in silence as a member of the search committee asked intrusive and inappropriate questions. When female colleagues pointed out the discrepancy between their compensation and that of their male colleagues, I was silent, saying nothing, doing nothing.

I have read the ethics reports and listened to the discussions at the CCAR Board, where I represent you, the members of NAORRR, and I am ashamed, deeply, personally ashamed, for myself. So many of us, starting with me, who could have been vocal activists, were not.

The community of the Retired Reform Rabbinate is demographically changing in several ways. In my opinion our highest priority must be to find public moments to listen to our female colleagues and confront the past and the role you and I played by our actions and our silence. We also must find programmatic and organizational ways to work with all our newer retirees and transform NAORRR into

the retired rabbinate of the next decade.

As long as Joanie and I remain in this role, we are committed to proactively working with our leadership and the women clergy of our movement to create an organization that is embracing and supportive of all of our retired colleagues.

Gary Glickstein

Co-Executive Vice President
NAORRR

Norman Lipson
Towanda 1967

Revery

Bright Summer Cincy day
Strangers
Milling about on HUC's front yard
Imposing red brick buildings holding,
yet to be formed,
Memories for a lifetime
Stories to be shared
Torahs to be studied, exams to be taken
Skills to be honed
Jokes, pranks, laughter
Lifetime friendships to be born

What's this? A van towing a trailer
Spewing forth a broken Opel?
What manner of men be these?

_ "Hi y'all...we're from Texas" _

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And our story begins...

In Memory of Jimmy (K.T./Bev) Kessler, ^{z"1}

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NAORRR CONVENTION COMMENTS

Bob Orkand, Immediate Past President



This weekend, which has been so gratifying in so many ways, is for me a triple celebration. I, along with you, celebrate our coming together once again after having had to cancel two conventions due to Covid. And, this weekend celebrates 50 years since I was ordained on June 1, 1973. And, June of 2013 will be the 10th anniversary of my retirement.

As I thought about this triple anniversary, I could not help but look back. I recall a retirement sermon by Rabbi Sid Schwartz in which he recounts that for him, like many Boomers, the Beatles provided the soundtrack to his late teen and young adult years. One song in particular-- "When I'm 64" -- seemed to be about his parents, not about him. Until he retired that is. He learned that Paul McCartney wrote the song in late 1966 when his father, Jim, turned 64, one-year short of the mandatory retirement age in the UK. Here is the key stanza:

*"When I get older, losing my hair, many years from now
Will you still be sending me a Valentine, birthday
greetings, bottle of wine?
If I'd been out to quarter to three, would you lock the
door?
Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm
sixty-four?"*

"Will you still need me?" Indeed. A few weeks after retirement I said to my wife, Joyce, "You know, I don't feel important anymore." I don't remember if she responded, "Of course you're important, dear," though I'm sure she did. Honestly, I wasn't expecting a response because there really wasn't one. What I was experiencing was a feeling of emptiness, a loss of purpose. No one was calling asking for my advice. There were no B'nai mitzvah—today called B'mitzvah—to train, no counseling sessions where I could offer sage advice, no board meetings to attend (wait, that was the good news). In short, no one seemed to need me. So, what comes next, I asked myself.

The most immediate decision about what was to come next was to move out of Westport, CT, where we had lived for 32 years. We moved up to the Boston area to be near grandchildren. We were immediately invited by wonderful colleagues to join their congregations. For the first time in fifty-plus years we could be just congregants—in fact, we could even sit together at services. And, I found many opportunities to teach adults about Judaism and k'vell at their ah-ha moments, the

moments where someone would say, "Why didn't I learn this in religious school?" You know, the religious school that person left when he or she was 13 years old!

What I began to discover in retirement is that young people waste more time than do older people. It is simply a matter of scarcity. When we are young we tend to squander what we have in great quantities; with youth comes the belief that one has all the time in the world to get stuff accomplished. As we age, we become humbled by the realization that the years slip by all too quickly, and that it can all end quite suddenly. The growing number of colleagues in my age cohort who have died is testament to that.

The first question posed to a human in the Bible is when God asks Adam: "Ayeka?" The translation: "Where are you?" is totally inadequate. God surely knows where Adam is. It needs to be translated in street slang: (dialect) "Where you at brother?" It is not a question about location; it is a question like: "What's on your mind?" "What are you thinking about?" God is asking Adam: "What are you going to do with your life now that I'm kicking you out of the Garden." A heavy-duty question, indeed.

What I have discovered is that that heavy-duty question is as relevant in retirement as it was when I was in my twenties. Whereas the answer to that question when I was in my twenties seemed rather urgent, today it feels a bit less so. And so, about a year after I retired a former congregant asked me, "So, what are you doing that is productive?" My answer, which at the time felt a bit flip, was: "Why do I have to be productive? Haven't I earned the right to be less productive or even non-productive?" I wanted to add: For almost 50 years I was obsessed with being productive, at the expense of time with my family, uninterrupted vacations, etc. Was being so productive worth the cost?

I still have not found the answers to my questions about what comes next. In fact, I may never find the answers. And, in retirement, that is okay.

What has made NAORRR so special for me is that I can ask these tough questions with colleagues and friends who are asking the same question themselves. We no longer need to talk about the number of people who show up at services (always exaggerated), or how we're going to

make Zoom and livestreaming work for us, or how to keep kids from leaving our educational programs as soon as they hang their B'mitvah suit or dress in the closet. With NAORRR friends we can keep learning, we can comfortably share thoughts about the rabbinate that only our generation understands, and we can simply enjoy each other's company.

I do want to add a thought about something that has been very much on my mind of late. It is a "what comes next question" that goes to the core of who we are as an organization. If we are honest with ourselves, we will have to admit that for most of NAORRR's history our rabbinic members were all males. Yes, wives and widows were very much an important presence at our gatherings, but we were largely a group of men who got together once a year to tell stories and jokes of the type that felt comfortable to our generation.

And then, something began to change. The number of female colleagues was growing. The "Me Too" movement and other societal changes began to change the way women and men thought about each other and the language we had used when addressing each other. The stories and jokes we used to tell were no longer funny or appropriate. And, within our own Movement, the ethics reports of our institutions revealed the tremendous damage that had been done to our female colleagues by teachers, Movement leaders and, yes, male members of NAORRR.

Friends, the "what comes next" question for our organization must include some serious thought about how our female colleagues can feel comfortable at our conventions and other events. As individuals we have much to think about, including what *t'shuvah* might look like. As an organization, NAORRR has some serious work to do before all our colleagues can truly be full, participating members. I know we are up to the task if we are willing to truly listen and act on what we are being told.

In conclusion I come back to the question with which I began. In many ways, the question in the Paul McCartney lyric: "Will you still need me?" is asked by all of us, at every age. Is there any stage of life when we are not concerned about really being seen? About not being heard? About being needed? No. But as we age, what we most fear—not being needed—begins to move from perception to reality. The most effective response? Live more fully; learn to live with loss; and live into your legacy.

A final story that you all know. In tractate *Taanit* of the Talmud we read the famous story of Honi, the circle drawer. One day he passed by an elderly man who was planting a carob tree. He said to the older man: "Kind sir, are you

aware that it takes about 70 years for a carob tree to bear its fruit? Do you really think that you will be around to enjoy the fruit of your labors?"

The old man replied: "I am well aware of the nature of the carob tree my friend. But just as my parents planted carob trees for me to enjoy, so too am I planting trees for my children."

Many people know this story only up to this point. And it has a nice ending. But the story does not end there. As Sid Schwartz reminds us, the story then moves into a precursor to the Rip Van Winkle story. After the encounter with the older man, Honi has a meal which puts him into a deep sleep. The Talmud says that a rock enfolded him and covered him up for 70 years, the precise amount of time we have been told it takes a carob tree to give fruit. Honi wakes up and sees a man picking carobs from the tree. Honi, unaware of how long he slept, inquires: "Kind sir. Are you the one who planted this tree?"

"No" he replied. "That was my grandfather". The moral of the story: Our lives are given direction by the legacies that we inherit.

And so, out of gratitude to those who planted for us—whether colleagues or friends, congregants who made a difference in our lives, members of our family—let us make a commitment to do some planting of our own in the year to come.

My wish for each of us is to live a mindful life, to age wisely and then to know that the next generation will enjoy the fruit of what we—those of us in this room—have planted.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Marty Lawson, President

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are aware, we are not producing enough rabbis to serve the needs of our Reform congregations and institutions. I hope, in concert with the leadership of HUC-JIR and the CCAR, to develop new ways and venues for those interested in helping to serve communities/congregations/institutions in need of rabbinic leadership. When, this past year, over 80 congregations could not find rabbis to serve them, then we, who have years of experience, need to find ways to assist.

Finally, working with Jack Luxemburg, our new Program First Vice-President and his committee, let us use the amazing gifts we share to bring forward new ideas for our monthly virtual programs. I want to thank again all those who created such a diverse menu of programs this past year: ranging, to name but a few, from the continuing impact of the war in Ukraine, to Jews in baseball; from the great increase in antisemitism to

Getting Good at Getting Older. Please don't be bashful, (not usually a rabbinic characteristic) to bring new ideas to the table. I know that we are all concerned over the extreme rightward shift in the leadership of the State of Israel. I hope that we will seek to help our Progressive Movement in the year ahead. We are of a generation that raised the banner of Social Justice as did our forebears. I hope that together we can continue the struggle for more equity, compassion and fairness in our world. Also, if each of us would reach out to one colleague, a widow or partner of a colleague, and encourage them to join our ranks, just imagine what we can create for our mutual future!

Last, but certainly not least, I want to give my special thanks to my bride of 54 years, Anita. Her love and caring; her compassion and wisdom continue to sustain me and our family every day. I often think that I don't know how she puts up with my *meshugas*, but somehow she is my rock. I love you! So as we move on to 2023 and all the

challenges it will present, we ask the blessing of *HaMakom* - the Source of All to guide us, sustain us and enable us to be there for each other during times of joy and sorrow. Please join me in words of blessing: Debbie Friedman's ^(a''), *Tefilat Haderech*.

May we be blessed as we go on our way
May we be guided in peace
May we be blessed with health and joy
May this be our blessing, amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace
May we be kept in safety and in love
May grace and compassion find their way to every heart
May this be our blessing, amen.

Amen, may this be our blessing, amen.

Marty



Chag Pesach Sameach!

Wishing you all a
blessed Passover.

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NAORRR INSTALLATION

of Rabbi Marty Lawson

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By Rabbi Andrea Weiss

In Sifre Numbers 43 on Numbers 11, the rabbis teach that the divine spirit, like wisdom or candlelight, can be given to others without any diminution of its source. The rabbis compare the laying on of hands used to mark the transfer of leadership to the lighting of a lamp, as one flame lights the next.

Thirty-six years ago, I decided to become a rabbi because my childhood rabbi, Marty Lawson, passed on to me the light of Torah, the light of social justice, the light of sacred leadership. As I approached my college graduation and considered other career options, I thought to myself: “If I can make a difference in people’s lives and be a force for good in the world like Rabbi Lawson, why would I want to do anything else but become a rabbi?”

In Numbers 11, in response to the people’s incessant complaining, Moses breaks down and declares: “I alone cannot bear this people, for they are too heavy for me.” So God instructs Moses to gather seventy elders and bring them to the Tent of Meeting: “I shall come down and speak with you there and I shall hold back some of the spirit (the *ruach*) that is upon you and place it upon them (וְאֶצְלַתִּי מִן־הַרוּחַ אֲשֶׁר עָלֶיךָ וְשָׂמַתִּי עֲלֵיהֶם), and they will bear with you the burden of the people and you will not bear it alone (אֲתָהּ לְבַדְּךָ וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא) (Num. 11:14-17).

Here and in Exodus 18, in *Parashat Yitro*, the Torah teaches us the enduring lesson that even the most capable leaders cannot do everything on their own; even someone of Moshe’s stature should rely on others. When the task at hand is too heavy, we would all do well to listen to Yitro’s advice: “You will wear yourself out...you cannot do it alone (לֹא־תוּכַל עֲשֹׂהוּ לְבַדְּךָ) (Ex. 18:17-18).

That is why, in leadership and in life, we need other people to help us fulfill our potential and accomplish the work we have been called to do. This we know from the very beginning, when God taught the first human being put on earth to tend and till creation: “It is not good to be alone (לֹא־טוֹב הֵיּוֹת הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ) (Gen. 2:18).

Marty, you have been blessed to have your *ezer kenegdo*, your beloved Anita, by your side throughout your rabbinic career. As you become President of NAORRR, you have Executive Vice Presidents Gary and Joanie Glickstein, the Board of

Directors, and the dedicated members of NAORRR to help you advance your agenda. Together, they can help you expand the ways NAORRR involves and inspires all retired Reform rabbis, including increasing numbers of female colleagues, and the ways this important organization can creatively address a shortage in rabbinic leadership in our movement and a pressing need for us all to be *rodfei shalom*, pursuers of peace during this divisive time on our imperiled planet.

In Numbers 11, Moses passes along the mantle of leadership to the elders by transferring his *ruach* to them. But in Numbers 27, when God instructs Moses to appoint Joshua as his successor, the text tells us that Joshua already possesses the *ruach* needed to be Israel's new leader: קַח־לְךָ אֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נוּן אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־רוּחַ בּוֹ (Num. 27:16). So instead, Moses places his *hod* - - his power and his splendor - - on Joshua: וּנְתַתָּה מְהוֹדֶךָ עָלָיו (Num. 27:20). I interpret this passage as teaching us that we bring to positions of leadership our innate gifts along with the skills and qualities that we acquire in school and on the job.

Marty, as you are installed as President of NAORRR, may your *ruach* and your *hod* serve you well so you may serve with honor and distinction. In the ancient words of another passage from the book of Numbers, in this new role and throughout your life, may you always know God's blessing:

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ:
יָאֵר יְהוָה אֶפְנֵי אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנְּנֶךָ:
יֵשָׂא יְהוָה אֶפְנֵי אֵלֶיךָ
וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

And let us say: Amen

Mazal tov!



**Stay tuned for exciting
upcoming programs from NAORRR**

**We have great programs planned for
April and May
(and beyond, of course!)**

Check your email for updates.

GLIMPSES OF THE CONVENTION



Convention photos may also be viewed on the website at this page:

<https://naorrr.org/convention-photos/>

Convention recordings may be viewed on the website at this page:

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ABOUT THESE FUNDS

Hesed/Mitzvah Fund stands ready to help.

While reaching out to several of our members, we have come to realize that many are still unaware of the incredible resource that is the Hesed/Mitzvah Fund of the CCAR and NAORRR.

The Hesed fund provides emergency financial assistance to rabbis and the surviving spouses of deceased colleagues.

This fund is substantial and stands ready to help any of our members and their spouses/partners in time of financial need. The process for application is always open and strictly confidential. Many of us have had difficult times and only got through them with the help of others. Our Hesed/Mitzvah Fund stands ready to help you in your time of need. Please contact hesed@ccarnet.org for more information.

Caring Committee: We are there for you

If you or any of our members you know could use a call from a member of our Caring Committee, please contact either Steve Moss at samoss@aptonline.net or Gary and Joanie Glickstein at naorrrglickstein@gmail.com

It's time to re-join or join for the first time!



Please see facing page for NAORRR Membership Form 



2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAORRR welcomes all CCAR members who are retired or who are 60 or older, their spouses and surviving spouses or partners.

Please complete and PRINT clearly

Date:

Rabbi's name	Ordination: Year ___ <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> J Nickname, if preferred _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Spouse or Partner's name	Ordination: (if rabbi) Year ___ <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> J Nickname, if preferred _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Surviving Spouse's name	Ordination year & campus of deceased spouse: Year ___ <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> NY <input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> J Name of deceased spouse _____	* No dues required
Additional contribution to support Hesed/Mitzvah Fund		\$
Additional contribution to support Convention Assistance Fund		\$
Additional contribution to support NAORRR Re-Imagined		\$
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED <i>(make checks payable in US funds to NAORRR)</i>		\$

Check here if would like to receive your Ohr L'Naorrr newsletter ONLY via an email link.

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Member or surviving spouse email	Member or surviving spouse home phone	Member or surviving spouse cell phone
Spouse or Partner email	Spouse or Partner home phone	Spouse or partner cell phone

Send dues and this form to:

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